

Polish Arts Club of Trenton

75th Anniversary Celebrating our Past – Looking Forward To Our Future

1946 – 2021

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Polish Arts Club of Trenton

1946

OUR FOUNDERS

Three Sisters with an Inspiration

Charlotte Bielawski Yess, Loretta Bielawski (Daunis), and Frances Bielawski Potkay

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Met on March 17. 1946 with People of Vision, Energy and Purpose

Venceslaus Bielawski, Helen Jasienski, Stanley Kostrzewa, John Krol, Stella and Edward Krupa, Edward J Krupa, Frank Krupp, Josephine Nyzio, Josephine Odorczyk, Helen Skrobiszewski, Lillian Skrobiszewski, Josephine Sondej, Valeria Wenczel, Lee Wojciechowski, Stefanie and Stanley Winowicz Sr.



Polish Arts Club of Trenton

RESULT

THE POLISH ARTS CLUB OF TRENTON

VISION

Promote Cultural, Academic and Social Activities
That Represent Polish Culture
Provide Moral and Financial Support
Encourage Young Polish Students to pursue Higher Education



Polish Arts Club of Trenton

1946

Elected First Officers

President – Frank Krupp

Vice President Stanley Winowicz, (Sr.)

Secretary, Lee Wojciechowski

Treasurer, Robert Zielinski

Created Constitution and By-Laws

Planned First Polonaise Ball held on Jan.18, 1947



Polish Arts Club of Trenton

1947

1st Polonaise Ball - January 18, 1947

1st Polonaise Queen Emily Porzuc (Sawchak)

1st Scholarship - Hedwig Golembiewski

1947

Hedwig Golembiewski

First Polish Arts Club of Trenton Scholarship Student Awardee



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1947 — Hedwig Golembiewski
Graduated from New Jersey College for Women in June, 1951.
Presently employed as a professional assistant in the department of medicinal chemistry of E. R. Squibb & Sons in New Brunswick, N. J.



1947 First Queen Emily Porzuc (Sawchak) & Her Court

THE FIRST ANNUAL POLONAISE BALL - 1947



THE QUEEN AND HER COURT

First Row, l. to r.: Miss Sophie E. Zduniak, Miss Edna Radaszewski, Miss Mary Kozak, Her Majesty the Queen, Miss Emily Porzu
Miss Loretta M. Bielawski, Miss Evelyn Kovacs, Miss Hela Jasienski; Second row. l. to r.: Mr. Stanley Winowicz, Judge C
daccino of Harrison, N. J., Mr. Frank Krupp, Mr. Bernard Cosnowski, Senator C. Wesley Armstrong, Jr., Mayor Andrew Duc



Polish Arts Club of Trenton Queens

1947 Emily Porzuc (Sawchak)

1948 Lillian S. Mylowe

1949 Frances B. Potkay

1950 Helen A. Kossakowski

1951 Lynne E. Krysa

1952 Stephanie Winowicz

1953 Elizabeth Wenczel

1954 Ann Hoch

1955 Barbara Krogulski Potkay

1956 Betty Strobel

1947-48

Officers of the Polish Arts Club, 1947-48

Frank Krupp, *President*
Charlotte V. Bielawski, *Vice-President*
Valeria A. Wenczel, *Secretary*
Dr. Robert Zielinski, *Treasurer*

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Sally Dorszynski
Frances Z. Bielawski

Welfare
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Stanley Demski
Edmund Potkaj

Historian
Vence M. Bielawski

Honorary Members
Marya Cybis
Boleslaw Cybis

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month in the Stacy Trent Hotel.

1949-50

Officers and Committees

(Seated L to R)

Treasurer Thomas E. Wenczel

Fin. Sec. Frances Z. Bielawski

Vice President Arthur E. Porzuc

(Standing L to R)

Sec. Henry S. Lipinski

President Vence M. Bielawski



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STANDING COMMITTEES

SCHOLARSHIP

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Loretta M. Bielawski
Frank J. Krupp
Alyce R. Schmidt

PUBLICITY

Helen A. Kossakowski, *Chairman*

ENTERTAINMENT

Marie M. Wenczel, *Chairman*
Helen A. Kossakowski
Dr. Stanley J. Kazior

CULTURAL PROGRAM

J. Bron. Schmidt, Jr., *Chairman*
Charlotte B. Yess

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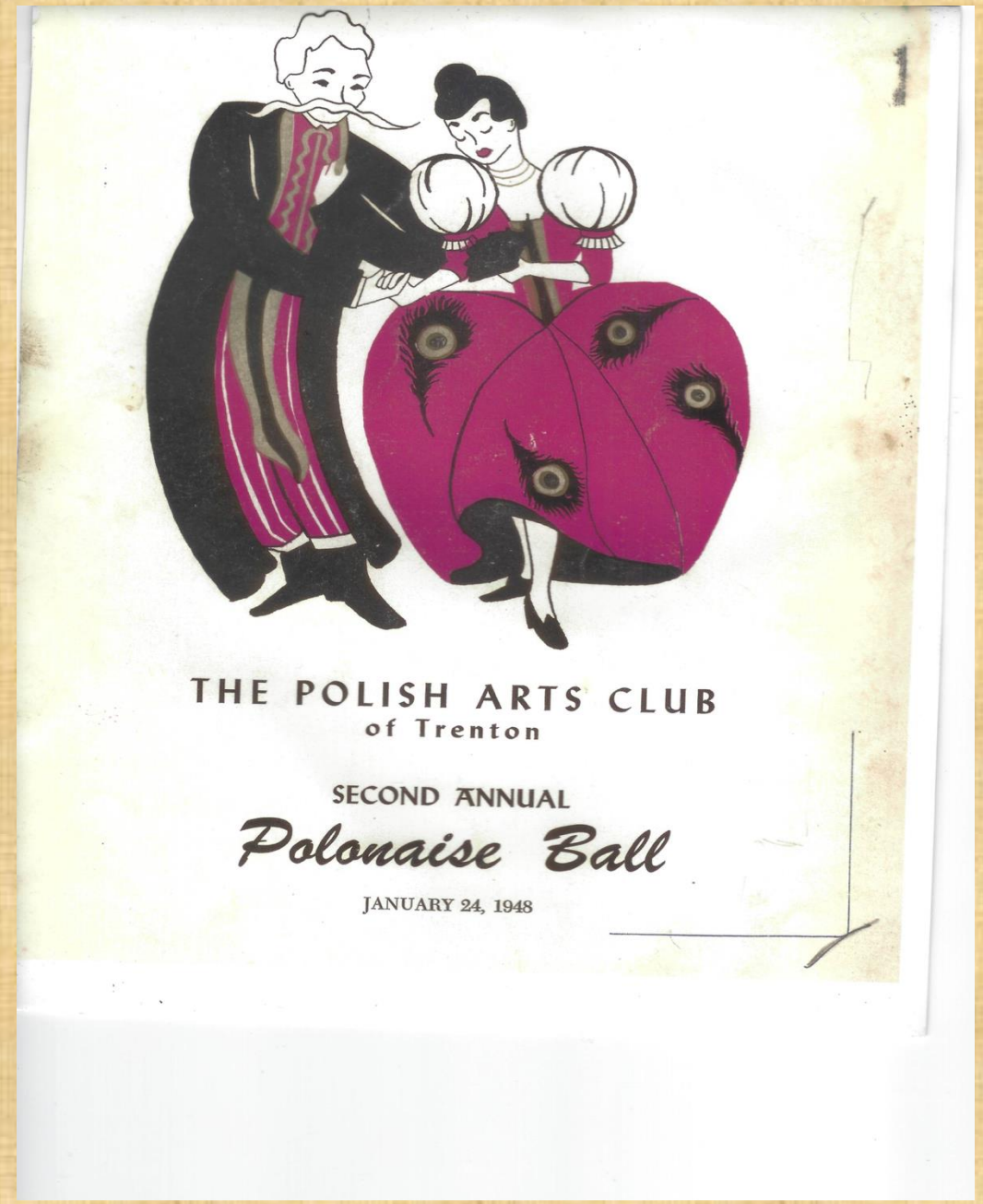
Hela V. Jasienski, *Editor-in-Chief*
Edmund Z. Potkay

1947
First Queen Emily Porzuc (Sawchak)
& Her Court
First Row
Sophie E. Zduniak
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JANUARY 24, 1948

Polonaise Ball Cover



PACT 1948 Queen Lillian S. Mylowe & Her Court



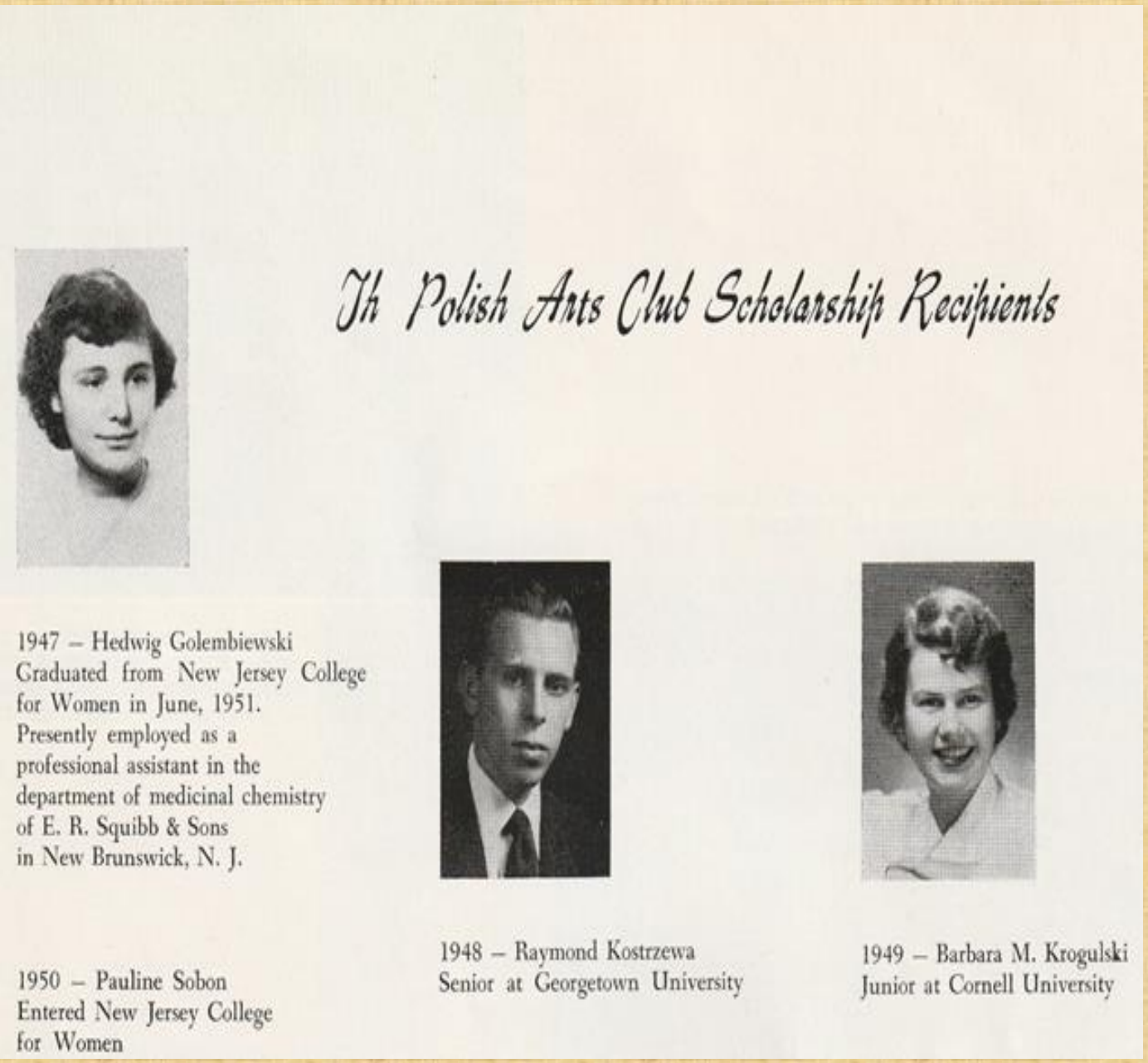
1947, 1948 & 1950

Scholarship Student Awardees

1947 - Hedwig Golembiewski

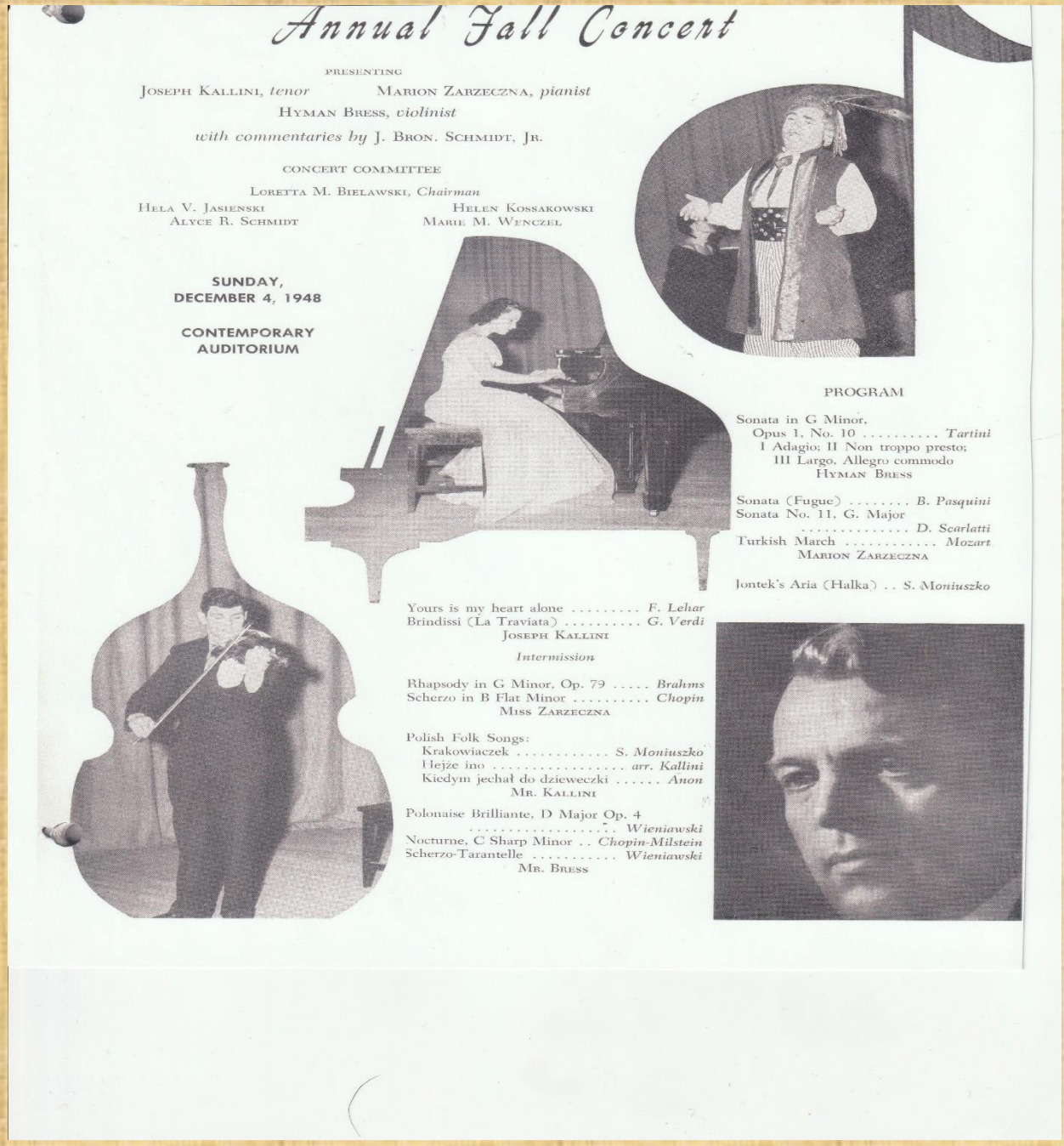
1948 – Raymond Kostrzewa

1949 – Barbara Krogulski



1948

December 4th Spring Concert at the War Memorial Building in Trenton, NJ



Annual Fall Concert

PRESENTING

JOSEPH KALLINI, *tenor* MARION ZARZECZNA, *pianist*

HYMAN BRESS, *violinist*

with commentaries by J. BRON. SCHMIDT, JR.

CONCERT COMMITTEE

LORETTA M. BIELAWSKI, *Chairman*

HELA V. JASIENSKI HELEN KOSSAKOWSKI

ALYCE R. SCHMIDT MARIE M. WENCZEL

SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 4, 1948

CONTEMPORARY
AUDITORIUM

PROGRAM

Sonata in G Minor,
Opus 1, No. 10 ..... *Tartini*
I Adagio; II Non troppo presto;
III Largo, Allegro commodo
HYMAN BRESS

Sonata (Fugue) ..... *B. Pasquini*
Sonata No. 11, G. Major
..... *D. Scarlatti*
Turkish March ..... *Mozart*
MARION ZARZECZNA

Jontek's Aria (Halka) .. *S. Moniuszko*

Yours is my heart alone ..... *F. Lehar*
Brindissi (La Traviata) ..... *G. Verdi*
JOSEPH KALLINI

Intermission

Rhapsody in G Minor, Op. 79 ..... *Brahms*
Scherzo in B Flat Minor ..... *Chopin*
MISS ZARZECZNA

Polish Folk Songs:
Krakowiaczek ..... *S. Moniuszko*
Hejże ino ..... *arr. Kallini*
Kiedym jechał do dzieweczki ..... *Anon*
MR. KALLINI

Polonaise Brilliante, D Major Op. 4
..... *Wieniawski*
Nocturne, C Sharp Minor .. *Chopin-Milstein*
Scherzo-Tarantelle ..... *Wieniawski*
MR. BRESS



April 11, 1948
Spring Concert
War Memorial, Trenton, NJ



Annual Spring Concert

PRESENTING

BLANCHE NOWICKI, *soprano* JAN HOLCMAN, *pianist*
CZESLAWA OZGA, *violinist*
with commentaries by J. BRON. SCHMIDT, JR.

CONCERT COMMITTEE

ARTHUR W. PORZUC, *Chairman*
FRANCES Z. BIELAWSKI SOPHIA E. ZDUNIAK
VALERIA A. BIELAWSKI EDMUND Z. POTKAY
ZYGMUNT LIPINSKI

SUNDAY,
APRIL 11, 1948

WAR MEMORIAL
BUILDING

PROGRAM

Two Sonatas ..... *Scarlatti*
Bourree ..... *Bach*
Cordoba ..... *Albeniz*
JAN HOLCMAN

Prelude (Cycle of Life)
..... *Landon Ronald*
Air de Lia (L'enfant prodigue
..... *Claude Debussy*
BLANCHE NOWICKI

La Precieuse ..... *Couperin*
Air on the G String ..... *Bach*
Rondino ..... *Beethoven-Kriesler*
CZESLAWA OZGA

Intermission

Seguedilla (Carmen) ..... *Georges Bizet*
In the Silence of the Night ..... *Sergei Rachmaninoff*
MISS NOWICKI

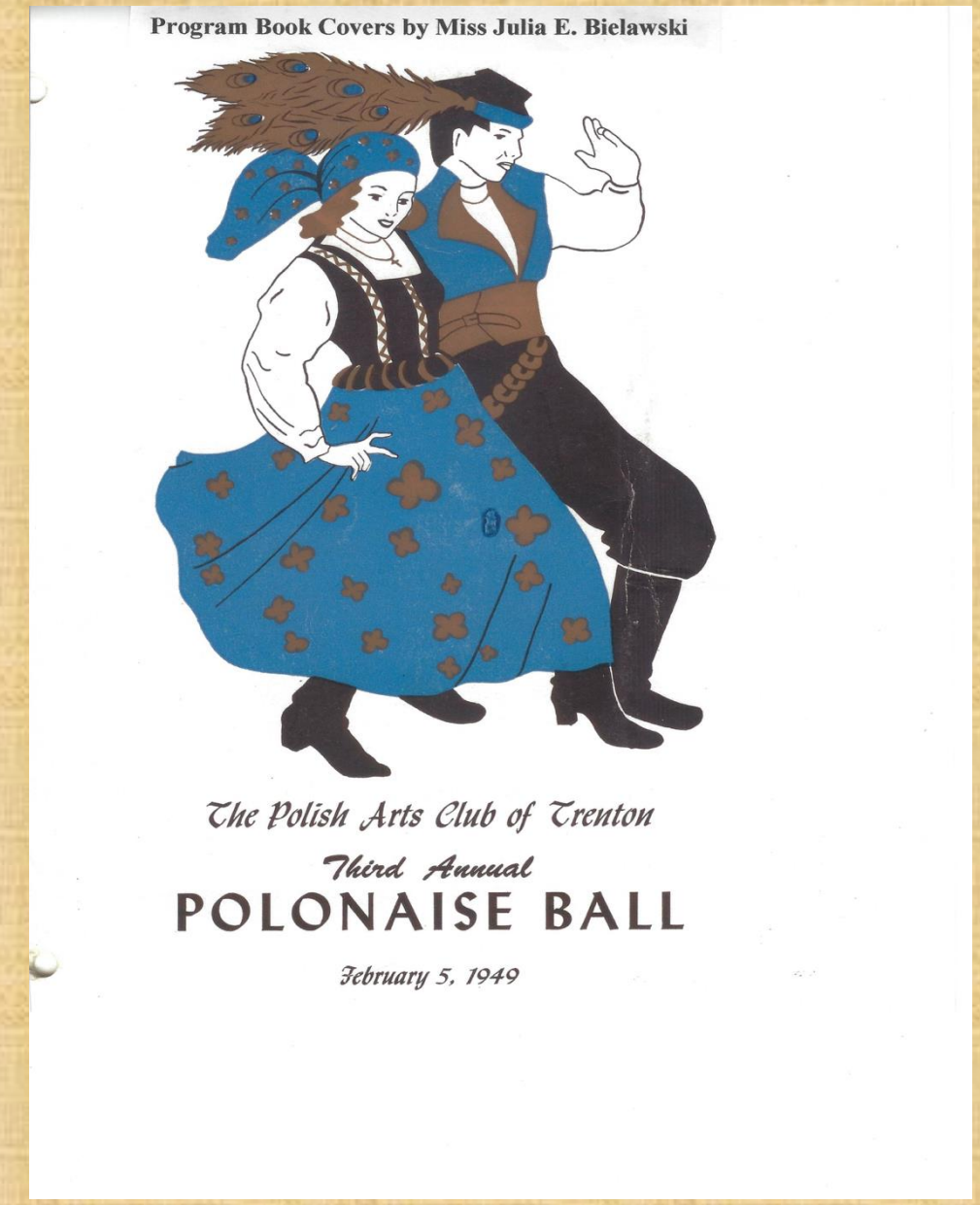
Obertas ..... *Wieniawski*
Menuet ..... *Paderewski*
Melodie ..... *Stojowski*
Mazurka ..... *Zarzycki*
MISS OZGA

Nocturn, No. 2 ..... *Chopin*
Mazurka ..... *Chopin*
Polonaise, A Flat Major ..... *Chopin*
MR. HOLCMAN



February 5, 1949

Polonaise Ball Cover





1949- Queen Frances B. Potkay

Unfortunately, we don't have her picture or the book from 1949 or 1950



1950 Queen Helen Kossakowski & her Court

L to R

Virginia Rasimowicz

Theresa Zdanowitz

Rose Cavalieri

Queen Helen Kossakowski

Elinore Lapinewsky

Dolores Gelek

Florence Wenczel



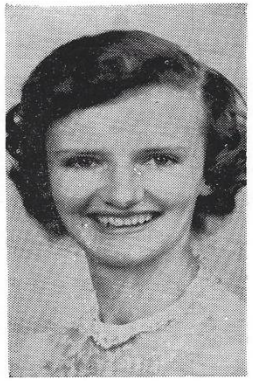


1950

Scholarship Student Awardee

Miss Pauline Sobon

The 1950 Polish Arts Club Scholarship



Miss Pauline Sobon, of 47 Klagg Avenue was selected as the recipient of the $300 annual scholarship award given by the Polish Arts Club of Trenton.

Miss Sobon entered New Jersey College for Women where she is majoring in chemistry in preparation for a career as a research chemist. Pauline was twenty-second scholastically in a class of 811 at Trenton Central High School. Some of her extra-curricular activities included: Ass't literary editor of "Laureate"; editor of Press Class; member of Euclidean Society; member of Nat'l. Quill and Scroll; German Club; Philology Club; Experimenter's Club.

Applications for the 1951 Scholarship will be available in April from the college guidance counselors of the high schools.

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1950 -1951

Christmas Caroling

Halloween Party

Costume Winners

Installation Dinner Dance



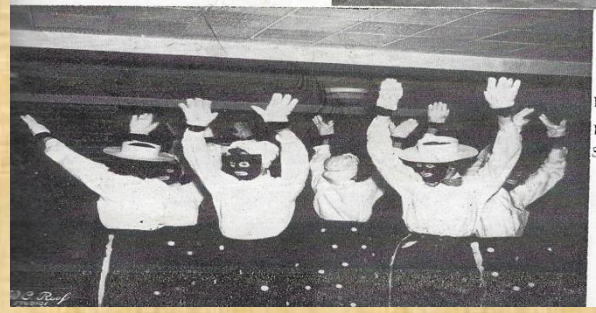
left — Christmas Caroling
right — Halloween Party



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ACTIVITIES



Above — Halloween Costume Party Winners.
Frances Z. Potkay, J. Bron. Schmidt Jr., Helen Henry.

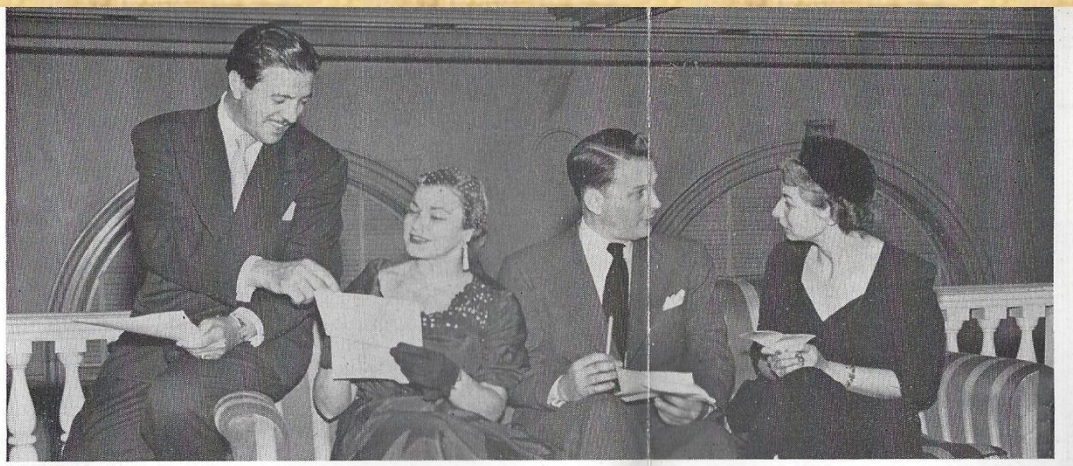
Installation Dinner Dance
Left — Girls Novelty Dance
Right — Girls Chorus Line



1951 Queen Lynne E. Krysa Crowned by 1950 Queen Kossakowski Pre-Ball Activities

MISS HELEN A. KOSSAKOWSKI, 1950 QUEEN, CROWNING THE 1951 POLONAISE QUEEN.





JUDGES COMPARING NOTES ON THEIR CHOICE AT THE RECEPTION — l. to r. — MR. JOSEPH, HAIR STYLIST, "VINCENT AND JOSEPH" SALON; MISS DORIS HACKETT, DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER OF "CHARM CLINIC" TELEVISION STATION WPTZ; MR. PAUL CROSTHWAITE, LANDSCAPE ARTIST; MISS WANDA WDOWKA, INSTRUCTOR, THE TRAPHAGEN SCHOOL OF FASHION.

MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT RECEPTION THE NIGHT PRECEDING THE BALL



1951 Queen Lynne E. Krysa

Her Court

Stephanie Winowicz

Malvina Pulaski

Stella Rojek

Lillian Duncan

Loretta M. Bielawski

MISS HELEN A. KOSSAKOWSKI, 1950 QUEEN, CROWNING THE 1951 POLONAISE QUEEN.



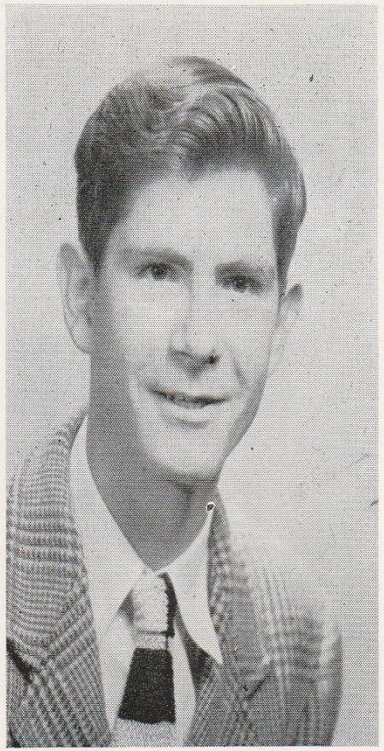


QUEEN LYNNE E. KRYSA AND HER COURT — l. to r. — STEPHANIE WINOWICZ, MALVINA PULASKI, STELLA ROJEK, LILLIAN DUNCAN, LORETTA M. BIELAWSKI. ALYCE R. SCHMIDT WAS ABSENT WHEN PHOTO WAS TAKEN.

1951

Scholarship Student Awardee

Anton Parriski



1951 Scholarship Winner

A tall, shy but determined boy was the winner
of the 1951 Polish Arts Club of Trenton $300 scholarship award.
His name is Anton Parriski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Parriski and
the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Pelnikowski of Cypress Lane, Trenton.
Although Anton, who graduated from Hamilton High School,
was listed seventh in a group of 293 students,
he nevertheless had earned the highest rating of any boy in the senior class.
In addition to his exceptional scholastic record
Anton was very popular among his classmates and teachers.
His school activities included intra-mural sports, debating, dramatics,
managing the varsity baseball team, and acting as home-room librarian.
In addition to the Polish Arts Club of Trenton scholarship,
Anton received the $150 Trenton Times scholarship.
At present the lad is doing very well scholastically
as a freshman at Rutgers University, where he is majoring in languages.

1951

Polish Folk Art Exhibit at St. Hedwig's Youth Center

Polish Folk Art Exhibit

The crowning achievement of 1951 for the Polish Arts Club was the Polish Folk Art Exhibit which took place Sunday, December 2, at St. Hedwig's Youth Center, and the following Sunday at Holy Cross School. Over a thousand persons came to view the exhibit and to partake of the delicious Polish pastries. There was no admission charge nor any refreshment fee, and no contributions were solicited.

On display were articles from the various regions of Poland. There was a traditional Easter table "Święcone," and a typical "Choinka," a Christmas tree with hand-crafted ornaments.

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton is indebted to all those who have loaned these items for exhibition as well as to Mrs. Marya Cybis and Miss Julie E. Bielawski for their help in arranging the items in the exhibit; and to Rt. Rev. Msgr. Martin J. Lipinski and Rev. Francis A. Ka prowicz, pastors of St. Hedwig and Holy Cross Parishes respectively, for donating the use of the auditoriums.

The committee responsible for arranging the exhibit consisted of the following: Marya Cybis, honorary chairman; Stella Krupa, general chairman; Estelle Trocki, Helen Kossakowski, Loretta M. Bielawski, Hela V. Jasienski, Malvina Pulaski, Josephine Nyzio, Vence M. Bielawski, Stanley Winowicz, Henry Lipinski and Edward Zoltanski.

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1951

5th Anniversary

Retrospective (1)

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton, N. J., 1946–50

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton was organized March 17, 1946 by Mrs. Charlotte V. Yess, Miss Loretta M. Bielawski and Mrs. Frances Z. Potkay. The first meeting was held at the Stacy-Trent Hotel, where the idea of such an organization was presented to a very small group of earnest young people. Among those present were: Vence M. Bielawski, Hela V. Jasienski, Stella Krupa, Edward W. Krupa, Frank Krupp, Valeria Bielawski, Stephanie Winowicz and Stanley Winowicz. The aims and purposes of the Club found a response in others and today the roster lists 50 members.

We are proud of our record of accomplishments. We feel that we have contributed culturally and socially to the betterment of our community. We have lent a helping hand, when a helping hand was necessary; we have cooperated when our cooperation was desired.

We take the greatest pride in our scholarship awards. This we consider our greatest achievement, for we have tackled the proposition of giving scholarships, when our treasury had only a two-figure balance. Our solution was the first Polonaise Ball which became a community tradition.

The recipients of our scholarship awards have been: Hedwig Golembiewski, Raymond Kostrzewa, Barbara Krogulski, and Pauline Sobon.

We have held "Open House" for college students with the thought that a common meeting ground was necessary for these young people to discuss their mutual problems and at the same time to familiarize them with our Club.

In the course of the five years of our existence, we have sponsored lectures by persons prominent in the field of the arts and sciences. We were proud to present among others: Alexander Janta, Irena Lorentowicz, Marion Moore Coleman, Stephen P. Mizwa, Arthur Prudden Coleman, James MacCracken.

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1951

5th Anniversary

Retrospective (2)

We have introduced young talent at our concerts and musicales. Marion Zarzeczna, a talented pianist of Trenton, was featured at a concert at the Contemporary Auditorium. Dorothy Miller made her formal singing debut at an Arts Club concert. Others who have appeared on our concert bill were Helena Surowiec, pianist; Joseph Ciewisz, violinist; Joseph Kallini, tenor; Hyman Bress, violinist; Walter Piasecki, cellist; Virginia Fox, flutist; Jan Holcman pianist; Czeslawa Ozga, violinist and Blanche Nowicki, soprano.

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton has revived an old, but very beautiful custom at Christmastide – caroling. This year the Arts Club received requests from many families for the carolers to appear in their homes. As many requests as possible were filled.

The social calendar of our group also includes club parties, outings, etc. all paid for by the members participating.

In our former Polonaise Ball programs we have always set forth for public approval, our future plans.

Our early ambitions have been realized, now we must either go forward or backward, there can be no standing still in today's fast moving world. Our concerts and lectures we plan to continue on the same scale as before. Our scholarships we hope to increase. We would like to grant not one scholarship but possibly one to each high school, and also increase the grant from $300 to $500.

We are also planning an art exhibit of local talent, a concert, and a lecture.

We have enjoyed the cooperation of the community in all our previous efforts, and trust that we will continue to do so in the future. To all we say "Thank You."

1952-53 Officers

L to R

President Eugene Pulaski

Vice President Thomas Wenczel

L to R

Treasurer Loretta Bielawski

Recording Secretary Lynne Eichinger

Financial Secretary Estelle Trocki



1952 – Queen Stephanie Winowicz and her Court



1952
Spring Festival
Sunday April 27th
Assembly Hall – Trenton War Memorial
Arafa Girls Chorus
George Popielarski & Eugenia Olinkiewicz Dance Team
Tatra Mountaineer Group



The Spring Festival

The members of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton pride themselves on presenting to the Trenton community, people of outstanding ability who represent the aspects of Polish culture.
No less successful, both in presentation and attendance, was the Spring Festival program which was held on Sunday, April 27, 1952 in the Assembly Hall of the War Memorial Building. Proceeds of this Festival went into the scholarship's fund.

The Festival, a program of Polish folk song and dances, featured as guest artists the Arfa Girls Chorus, a group of young women of Polish extraction, with Thomas G. McCarthy, conductor George Popielarski and Eugenia Olinkiewicz, young dance team in a medley of Polish dances and the Polish Tatra Mountaineer Group, sponsored by the Polish Tatra Mountaineers, Alliance of America, Group XI, of Passaic, New Jersey, which performed the intricate and seldom seen dances of the Polish mountain regions.
Program commentaries were made by Bernard J. Cosnoski, Director of the Polish radio hour, broadcast over WBUD.

The committee responsible for arranging the Festival included: Miss Estelle A. Trocki, chairman; Miss Loretta M. Bielawski, co-chairman; Mrs. Stella Krupa, Mrs. Agnes Batyi, Mrs. Malvina Pulaski, Mrs. Lynne E. Eichinger, and Miss Mary Krysa.

1952

Scholarship Student Awardee Anthony Peter Kowalski



1952 Scholarship Winner

June of 1952
saw the Polish Arts Club of Trenton
increasing its annual scholarship grant from $300 to $500.
Winner of this $500 scholarship award was Anthony Peter Kowalski,
son of the late Anthony T. Kowalski and Mrs. Mary Kowalski
of 182 Sherman Avenue, Trenton.
Anthony, who graduated from Trenton Catholic Boys' High School,
was listed in his class as third in a group of 151 students.
Despite this high scholastic record, Anthony still managed to maintain
an all-around boy rating with his classmates chiefly due to his activities
on the school's soccer team, the Golden Wave newspaper, and the Cath
Student's Mission Crusade school organization.
At present the lad is attending St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan
where he is preparing himself for priesthood.



1953
Queen Elizabeth Wenczel & Court

Pages Sandra & Juanita Tomaszewski Each Side

L to R

Mary Krysa, Dorothy Kramar Barbara Solon, Joyce Gottfried, Jean Szymanski & Mary Kasica



Queen Elizabeth Wenczel and her Court — l. to r. — Mary Krysa, Dorothy Kramer, Barbara Solon, Joyce Gottfried, Jean Szymanski, Mary Kasica; Pages: Sandra and Juanita Tomaszewski.



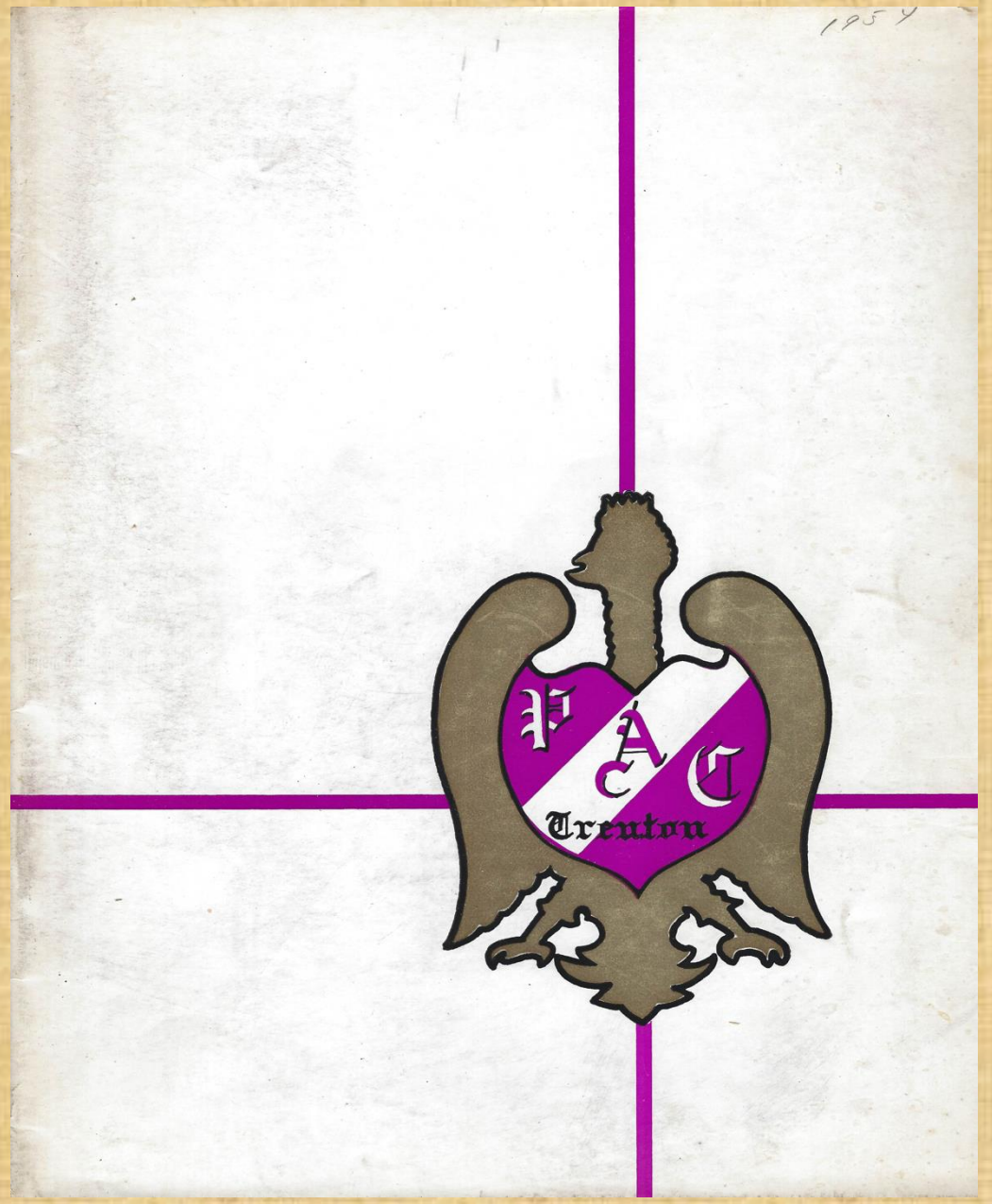
1953

Grand March Opens the Polonaise Balls



February 6, 1954

Polonaise BALL COVER





1954 Literary Contest Winner Veronica Maziarz



Miss Veronica Maziarz

Spring Activities

The spring of 1954 found the Polish Arts Club giving deserved recognition to two young ladies who in separate fields have made notable cultural contributions. A literary contest sponsored by the Club was opened to all high school students in Trenton. Miss Veronica Maziarz of Trenton Central High School carried off first place honors and a $50.00 savings bond.

In April a bus was chartered to attend Marion Zarzeczna's Town Hall debut in New York City. Miss Zarzeczna's piano recital was very well received. She has our best wishes for continued success in her studies abroad this year.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SPLENDID WORK

AND BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 9TH BALL

Trenton Polish Business and Professional Men's Club

1954

Queen
Ann Hoch



Ann Hoch
Queen of the 1954 Polonaise Ball

1954 – Queen Ann Hoch

Pages Dolores Wszolek & Josette Tomaszewski (L&R)



Page Dolores Wszolek, Queen Ann Hoch, and Page Josette Tomaszewski

Her Court Joan Budny, Jeanett Wozniak, Barbara Solan, Florence Kmiec, Lorraine Rasimowicz & Doureen Rouba



Queen Ann Hoch and her Court — l. to r. — Joan Budny, Jeanette Wozniak, Barbara Solon, Queen Ann Hoch, Past Queen Elizabeth Wenczel-O'Grady, Florence Kmiec, Lorraine Rasimowicz, and Doureen Rouba

1954

Club Activities
Christmas Party
Caroling
Charleston Dance, and a “5 Vagabonds” Skit

Club Activities

In addition to presenting a five hundred dollar scholarship award, the Polish Arts Club of Trenton takes pride in its other activities, cultural and social. This spring the club will sponsor a literary contest open to all high school students in Trenton and surrounding area. Three prizes will be offered: a $50.00 savings bond; second prize $25.00 savings bond, and third prize $10.00 in cash.

April will find the group chartering a bus to attend Marion Zarzeczna's Town Hall debut in New York City. When Miss Zarzeczna was presented at a piano recital last fall fall for benefit of her further studies, the club made a sizeable monetary contribution toward this project.

The coming fall season will find the group sponsoring a cultural program which promises to be a “first” in Trenton. Extensive plans are now in progress and the members are filled with anticipation.

Another much enjoyed custom is the annual caroling during the Christmas season. Polish and English carols are included in their repertoire and this caroling has become so popular that the members must turn away many requests each year.

Since “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” the members also have a social side to their activities. Each year in April the annual installation dinner dance is a much planned, and eagerly looked-forward to affair. The men and the women of the club present skits and compete against each other for top honors. Elaborate preparations, and numerous rehearsals go into perfecting these skits. The members make their own costumes, write their own scripts and keep their efforts secret until their presentation.

Picutred are girls who took part in a “Charleston” dance number and a “5 Vagabonds” skit.







1954-55

Seated L to R

Rec. Sec. Loretta Daunis

Fin. Sec. Helen Trocki

Standing L to R

President Edmund Z. Potkay

Josephine Nyzio Recording Secretary

Treasurer Joseph Eichinger

Vice President Witold Kosicki was absent when photo was taken.



Seated l. to r. Loretta Daunis, Recording Secretary; Helen Trocki, Financial Secretary; Standing l. to r. Edm
Z. Potkay, President; Josephine Nyzio, Recording Secretary; and Joseph Eichinger, Treasurer. Vice Presi
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1955 Committees

Polonaise Ball Committee

EUGENE C. PULASKI, *General Chairman*

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE	MARIE WENCZEL, *Chairman*, LORETTA DAUNIS, *Vice Chairman* VALERIA BIELAWSKI JOSEPH EICHINGER STELLA KRUPA ESTELLE LOVICH REGINA MURPHY EDWARD C. YESS, JR.
PATRON COMMITTEE	WITOLD KOSICKI, *Chairman* DELPHINE KOZLOWSKI
PROGRAM COMMITTEE	BARBARA KROGULSKI, JEANETTE WOZNIAK, *Co-Chairmen* VENCE BIELAWSKI LORETTA DAUNIS EDWARD W. KRUPA FRANK LOVICH FRANCES POTKAY THOMAS WENCZEL
PUBLICITY COMMITTEE	EDMUND Z. POTKAY, *Chairman*, HELEN KOSSAKOWSKI, *Vice Chairman*
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Standing Committees

AUDITING	STANLEY WINOWICZ, Chairman; LYNNE EICHINGER, EDWARD C. YESS, JR.
CHIT-CHAT	LORETTA DAUNIS, Editor-in-Chief; HELEN KOSSAKOWSKI, BARBARA KROGULSKI, WITOLD KOSICKI
CONSTITUTION	EUGENE PULASKI, Chairman; VENCE W. BIELAWSKI, EDWARD W. KRUPA, HENRY LIPINSKI, MALVINA PULASKI, ALYCE SCHMIDT, STANLEY WINOWICZ
CULTURAL	LORETTA DAUNIS, Chairman; CHARLOTTE B. YESS, STELLA J. KRUPA, JEANETTE WOZNIAK, HENRY LIPINSKI, ESTELLE LOVICH, JOSEPHINE NYZIO, EUGENE PULASKI, MIECZYSLAW WNUK, WITOLD KOSICKI
ENTERTAINMENT	EDWARD DAUNIS, Chairman; BARBARA KROGULSKI, STELLA KRUPA, FRANCES POTKAY, DR. STANLEY POTKAY, THOMAS WENCZEL, STEPHANIE WINOWICZ, JOSEPH EICHINGER
MEETING PROGRAM	WITOLD KOSICKI, Chairman; REGINA MURPHY, ANN ZAK
MEMBERSHIP	VALERIA BIELAWSKI, Chairman; JOSEPH EICHINGER, HELEN KOSSAKOWSKI, FRANCES POTKAY, HELEN TROCKI
PUBLICITY-HISTORIAN	HELEN KOSSAKOWSKI, Chairman; HELEN CIERESKO, JOSEPH CYWINSKI
SCHOLARSHIP	JEANETTE WOZNIAK, Chairman; LORETTA DAUNIS, WITOLD KOSICKI, HELEN KOSSAKOWSKI, BARBARA KROGULSKI, HENRY LIPINSKI, FRANCES POTKAY, EUGENE PULASKI, STANLEY WINOWICZ
WELFARE	MARIE WENCZEL, Chairman; CHARLOTTE KREMPER, JOSEPHINE NYZIO

1955 – Queen Barbara Rogulski Potkay



1956
10th Anniversary Retrospective
(1)

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton

Retrospection 1946 - 1956

By EDMUND Z. POTKAY

1946

Formation of the Polish Arts Club by Charlotte B. Yess, Loretta B. Daunis, and Frances B. Potkay.

Officers: Frank Krupp, president; Stanley Winowicz, vice-president; Lee Wojciechowski, secretary; Dr. Robert Zielinski, treasurer.

Lecture—Alexander Janta

Chopin evening—Mrs. Edith Haines Kuester, Misses Cremer and Belinson, guest artists.

Stanley Winowicz reads paper on Henryk Sienkiewicz.

Marion Moore Coleman delivers lecture on Henryk Sienkiewicz.

1947

First Scholarship awarded to Miss Hedwig Golembiewski.

Lecture—Irena Lorentowicz, noted illustrator of children's books.

Lecture—Alexander Jachimowicz, former Polish Consul.

Concert—Dorothy Miller, Helen Surowiec, and Joseph Ciewisz, artists.

First Annual Polonaise Ball — Queen Emily Sawchak; Court of Honor: Sophie Pisanko, Edna Radaszewski, Mary Kasica, Loretta Daunis, Evelyn Sokolowski, Hela Jasienski. Mr. Bernard Cosnowski, Master of Ceremonies.

Officers: Frank Krupp, president; Charlotte B. Yess, vice-president; Valeria Bielawski, secretary; Dr. Robert Zielinski, treasurer.

1948

Scholarship awarded to Raymond Kostrzewa.

Spring Concert—Blanche Nowicki, Jan Holcman, Czeslawa Ozga—artists.

Fall Concert — Joseph Kallini, Marion Zarzeczna, Hyman Bress — artists.

Secured charter.

Officers: Edmund Z. Potkay, president; Arthur W. Porzuc, vice-president; Thomas E. Wenczel, treasurer; Valeria A. Bielawski, secretary; Frances B. Potkay, financial secretary.

Second Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen — Lillian S. Mylowe; Court of Honor: Frances B. Potkay, Loretta B. Daunis, Stephanie Winowicz, Sophia Pisanko, Irene Kilcheski, Helene Sultanowski. Eugene T. Urbaniak, Master of Ceremonies.

1949

Scholarship awarded to Barbara Krogulski Potkay.

Open House for college students.

Chopin Memorial Concert—Walter Piasecki, Virginia Fox, Jan Holcman — artists.

Officers: Vence M. Bielawski, president; Arthur W. Porzuc, vice-president; Thomas E. Wenczel, treasurer; Henry S. Lipinski, secretary; Frances B. Potkay, financial secretary.

Third Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Frances B. Potkay; Court of Honor: Irene Lisiecki, Virginia Murphy, Stephanie Blazejewski, Marie Maliszewski, Florence Kochanowicz, Helen Porzuc. Mr. Eugene T. Urbaniak, Master of Ceremonies.

1950

Scholarship awarded to Pauline Sobon.

Lecture—Stephen P. Mizwa

Lecture—Arthur P. Coleman

Officers: Vence M. Bielawski, president; Helen A. Kossakowski, vice-president; Thomas E. Wenczel, treasurer; Alyce R. Schmidt, secretary; Eugene C. Pulaski, financial secretary.

Fourth Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Helen A. Kossakowski; Court of Honor: Virginia Murphy, Theresa Zdanowicz, Rose Cavalieri, Elinore Lapinewski, Dolores Glek, Florence Kazior. Mr. Eugene T. Urbaniak, Master of Ceremonies.

1951

Scholarship awarded to Anton Parriski.



1956
10th Anniversary Retrospective
(2)

Polish Folk Art Exhibit.
Lecture—James P. MacCracken.
Officers: Eugene C. Pulaski, president; Edmund Z. Potkay, vice-president; Lynne K. Eichinger, secretary; Loretta B. Daunis, financial secretary; Henry S. Lipinski, treasurer.
Fifth Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Lynne Eichinger, Court of Honor: Stephanie Winowicz, Malvina Pulaski, Stella Rojek, Lillian Cetkowski, Loretta Daunis, Alyce Schmidt. Mr. Henry J. Parcinski, Master of Ceremonies.

1952

Scholarship awarded to Anthony Peter Kowalski.
The Spring Festival—Arfa Girls Chorus, George Popielarski and Eugenia Olinkiewicz, Polish Tatra Mountaineer Group — artists.
Officers: Eugene Pulaski, president; Thomas Wenczel, vice-president; Loretta Daunis, treasurer; Lynne Eichinger, recording secretary; Estelle Lovich, financial secretary.
Sixth Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Stephanie Winowicz; Court of Honor: Elizabeth O'Grady, Patricia Wenczel, Marguerite Kazior, Lillian Cetkowski, Virginia Murphy and Eleanor Curtees. Mr. Stanley E. Rutkowski, Master of Ceremonies.

1953

Scholarship awarded to Geraldine J. Bednarski.
Literary Contest—First award $50.00 savings bond to Veronica Maziarz.
Officers: Edmund Z. Potkay, president; Eugene Pulaski, vice-president; Jeanette Rusin, recording secretary; Estelle Lovich, financial secretary; Loretta Daunis, treasurer.
Seventh Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Elizabeth O'Grady; Court of Honor: Mary Krysa, Dorothy Kramer, Barbara Solon, Joyce Gottfried, Jean Szymanski, Mary Kasica. Mr. Chester L. Wenczel, Master of Ceremonies.

1954

Chartered bus to attend Marion Zarzeczna's Town Hall Debut.
Fashion Show.
Officers: Edmund Z. Potkay, president; Witold Kosicki, vice-president; Josephine Nyzio, recording secretary; Loretta Daunis, corresponding secretary; Helen Kmiec, financial secretary; Joseph Eichinger, treasurer.
Eighth Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Ann Hoch; Court of Honor: Joan Budny, Jeanette Rusin, Barbara Solon, Florence Kmiec, Lorraine Rasimowicz and Doreen Rouba. Mr. Joseph S. Tysowski, Master of Ceremonies.

1955

Scholarships awarded to Edward Cywinski and Stephen Minich.
Play—Polish Tatra Mountaineer Group.
Annual Fashion Show
Panel Discussion—"Are Americans of Polish extraction receiving proper political recognition." — Vence Bielawski and Henry Lipinski, speakers.
Program commemorating the 100th anniversary of the death of Adam Mickiewicz —Oskar Halecki, Rt. Rev. Msgr., M. J. Lipinski, Ann Hoch, Eugene Pulaski.
Christmas Program—Exchange of Gifts, Talk on Traditions, Carols and breaking of the "Oplatek" among club members.
Officers: Eugene Pulaski, president; Edward Daunis, vice-president; Josephine Nyzio, secretary; Frances Potkay, corresponding secretary; Joseph Eichinger, treasurer; Frank Lovich, financial secretary.
Ninth Annual Polonaise Ball: Queen—Barbara Krogulski Potkay; Court of Honor: Frances Davis, Virginia Demski, Eileen Pijanowski, Jeanette Rusin. Dr. Henry S. Urbaniak, Master of Ceremonies.

1956

. . . . and this is the evening of our Tenth Anniversary Polonaise Ball.
We have been successful in building a strong and active organization, in promoting young, talented artists, and in giving aid within our means to those entering college. The Polish Arts Club is grateful for both the financial and moral support received from its many friends in the community and asks for their continued support in the future.

1954-55

Summer Activities

Installation Dinner Dance on May 2,at the Extension Tavern. Entertainment included magic act and Harem dancers

June 5 summer formal at the Hopewell Valley Country club Music by Adam Nowicki & his orchestra

August Beach Party at Point Pleasant, NJ

Fall and Winter Activities

Hi-Ho! Come to the Country Club

Fashion show at Hotel Stacey-Trent

Santa Bruno Schmidt at childrens Christmas Party

1955 February Polonaise Ball

Summer Activities

With the coming of summer close at hand, the Club greeting its newly-elected officers at the annual Installation Dinner-Dance held on May 2nd at the Extension Tavern under the chairmanship of Dr. Stanley Potkay. Gene Pulaski officiated as toastmaster while Vence Bielawski installed the officers. Entertainment for the event included a display of magic, as well as a tantalizing harem dance.

Saturday, June 5 was the date of the summer formal which was held at the Hopewell Valley Country Club. Music was furnished by Adam Nowicki and his orchestra.

The group met again in August at a beach party at Point Pleasant, New Jersey where the sun, the sand, and the salt water provided the necessary and delightful background.



HAREM DANCERS



ASSISTANT STEPHANIE WINOWICZ AND MAGICIAN AL BATYI

Fall and Winter Activities

Fall fell and in November the theme song of Club members become, "Hi-Ho! Come to the Country Fair!" The gathering held at the home of Tom and Marie Wenczel found club members displaying amazing versatility in contests of skill varying from catching yellow elephants by the trunk and handling safari guns to doing the Mexican Hat Dance.

Still later in the year the ladies of the group put on an excellent fashion show which was presented to an enthusiastic audience in the Terrace Room of the Hotel Stacy-Trent. The smart dresses and suits which were modelled were very generously provided by Lillian's Dress Shop, the lovely gowns and bridal fashions by Calcese Bridal Shop, and the exquisite furs by the House of Kudra.

The Christmas season bustled with activity of all sorts. The Club feted the little ones at a special party held for the children on December 26. This party, of course, was complete with Santa Claus Bruno Schmidt, goodies, and presents for all. That same evening the adults carried out the charming custom of caroling during the Christmas season.

Finally, it is February and the annual Polonaise Ball is once more on the agenda. Preceding the ball, a great deal of excitement prevails at the reception to select the queen of the ball and her court. Even amid all the festivities, however, the main function of the ball is not forgotten. The purpose is to raise funds for a scholarship to further the education of a worthy and deserving student.

1956 – Last Queen Betty Strobel

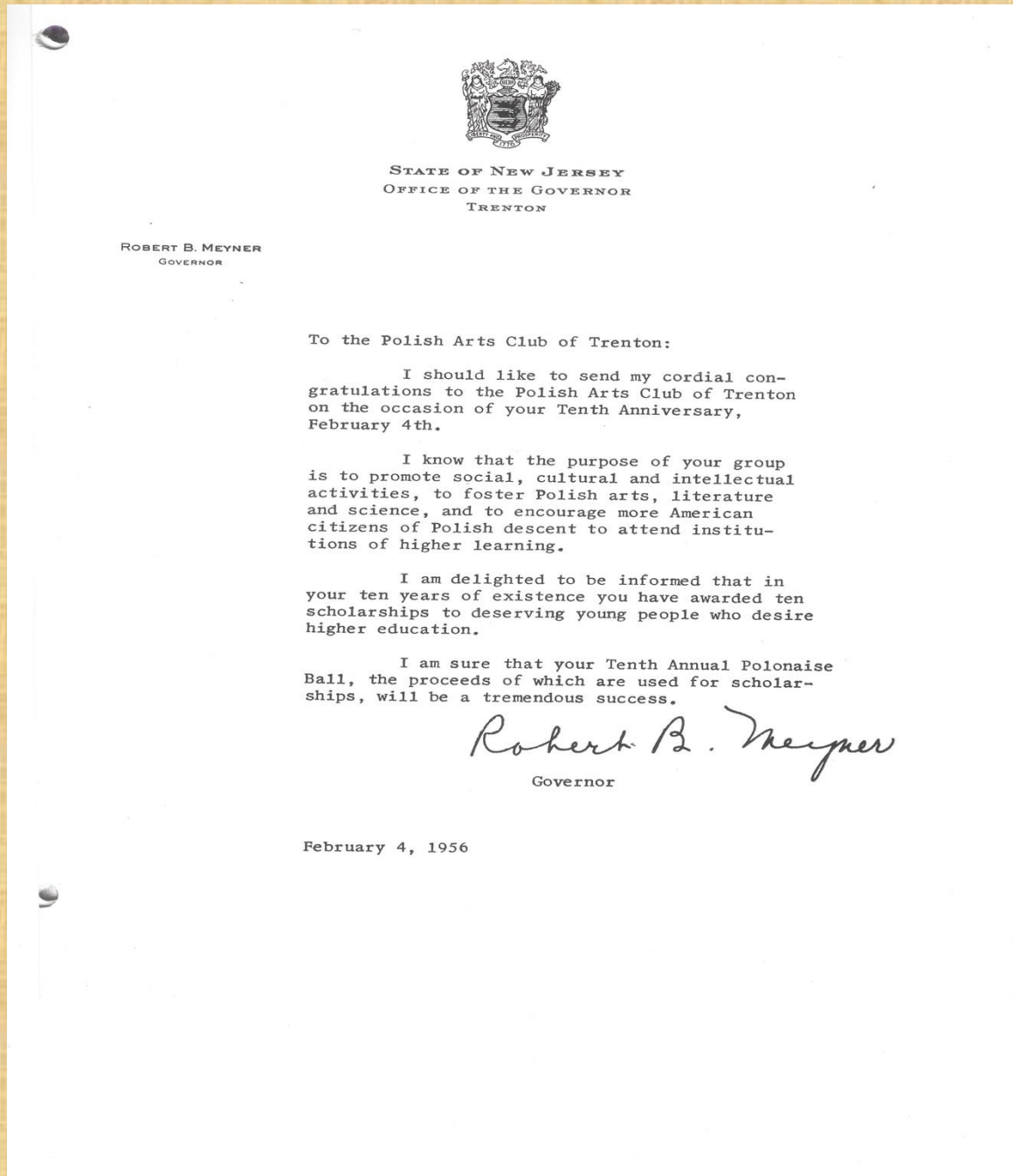
1956 Polonaise Ball Queen



Her Majesty Betty Strobel

1956

Recognition by NJ Governor Meyner 10th Anniversary



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TRENTON

ROBERT B. MEYNER
GOVERNOR

To the Polish Arts Club of Trenton:

I should like to send my cordial congratulations to the Polish Arts Club of Trenton on the occasion of your Tenth Anniversary, February 4th.

I know that the purpose of your group is to promote social, cultural and intellectual activities, to foster Polish arts, literature and science, and to encourage more American citizens of Polish descent to attend institutions of higher learning.

I am delighted to be informed that in your ten years of existence you have awarded ten scholarships to deserving young people who desire higher education.

I am sure that your Tenth Annual Polonaise Ball, the proceeds of which are used for scholarships, will be a tremendous success.

Robert B. Meyner

Governor

February 4, 1956



1956

Trenton Proclamation Honoring Polish Arts Club of Trenton 10th Anniversary

CITY OF TRENTON

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Proclamation

BY THE MAYOR

POLISH ARTS CLUB DAY

WHEREAS, the aims and purposes of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton are to promote social, cultural and intellectual activities and to foster Polish Arts, Literature and Science; and to encourage more American citizens of Polish descent to attend institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, in the past 10 years of existence, the Polish Arts C Club has awarded 10 scholarships - outright gifts - of $500.00 each, a record of which we are extremely proud and which we shall continue for a long time; and

WHEREAS, the club's other activities include concerts, lectures, art exhibits and other cultural activities and the social highlight of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton is the annual Polonaise Ball which features the Crowning of the Queen and her six court attendants; the proceeds of the Ball are for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONAL J. CONNOLLY, Mayor of the City of Trenton do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 4, 1956 as:

"POLISH ARTS CLUB DAY"

and urge all citizens of Trenton to recognize the splendid accomplishments achieved by this active group of young people.

IN WITNESS THEREOF I HEREUNTO set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Trenton to be affixed this 26th day of January 1956.

DONAL J. CONNOLLY, MAYOR

1957 Memorial Dedication To Charlotte Bielawski Yess At The 12th Annual Polonaise Ball



Dedication

The Souvenir Program of the twelfth annual Polonaise Ball is dedicated to the memory of CHARLOTTE BIELAWSKI YESS who was one of the foundresses of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton and who pioneered the moral, cultural, and financial success of the Club which was organized March 17, 1946.

She was selected the first temporary officer, appointed chairman of a committee to survey the needs and to pattern club functions and activities, and later chairman of the first Polonaise Ball which was held January 18, 1947. She introduced the idea of the Souvenir Program to help finance the Scholarship Fund.

In true tradition, she set a precedent by refusing presidency for the year 1947-48 in view of a combined male and female membership. She was, however, unanimously elected vice-president. Thus to this day, a male member presides as president.

Among the many committees which she chaired, one of her most outstanding contributions was the Cultural Program Committee. She was appointed the first chairman of this committee, was reappointed and held membership in it seven years in the twelve years existence of the Club.

Charlotte Bielawski Yess gave of herself the truly beautiful things in life, in which she strongly believed. She met everything and everyone with a friendly smile. An occasional reprimand was accepted by the membership with respect and a kind of tenderness. With intellect and firm determination the Club nutured under her leadership.

She had held membership and had been appointed chairman of almost all the Polonaise Ball and the regular standing committees. With great difficulty we accepted the death of Charlotte Bielawski Yess which came on May 6, 1957 on the evening of a regularly scheduled Club meeting.



Polish Arts Club of Trenton

1957 The Club Discontinued Selecting Queens for the Polonaise Ball to the Traditional

Presentees (Debutantes)

1957

L to R

First Presentees

Miss Joan L. Barelkowski

Miss Joan M. Elenewski

Miss Carol A. Kozlowski

Miss Constance Slowinski

Miss Marion L. Kopec

Miss Virginia M. Demsky



Presentees of "1957"

Left to right: Miss Joan A. Barelkowski, Miss Joan M. Elenewski, Miss Carol A. Kozlowski, Miss Constance Slowinski, Miss Marion L. Kopec, and Miss Virginia M. Demsky

1958-59 Officers & Standing Committiees

President Edward Krupa

Vice President Thomas Wenczel

Cor. Secr. Doreen Rouba

Rec. Secr. Hela Jasienski

Financial Secr. Eugene Potkay

Treasurer Alyce Schmidt



Officers and Standing Committees

President	Edward W. Krupa
Vice-President	Thomas E. Wenczel
Corresponding Secretary	Doreen Rouba
Recording Secretary	Hela Jasienski
Financial Secretary	Eugene Potkay
Treasurer	Alyce Schmidt

Auditing — Joseph Eichinger, Chairman; Edward A. Krupa, Jr.

Constitution — William McDonnell, Chairman; Richard Pulaski, Loretta Daunis, Estelle Lovich, Ted Kossakowski, Barbara Potkay, Joseph Cywinski.

Cultural Program — Josephine Nyzio & Henry Lipinski co-chairmen; Hela Jasienski, Valeria Bielawski, Ann Zak, Carol McDonnell, Frances Potkay, Edward Krupa, Jr., Jane Karpinski, Zygmunt Lipinski, Marie Wenczel, Helen Kossakowski.

Entertainment — Helen Kossakowski, Chairman; Frank Olszowka, Thad Bielawski, Edward A. Krupa, Jr., Thomas Wenczel, Josephine Nyzio, Richard Krupa, Edward Daunis, Vence Bielawski, Eugene Pulaski, Walter Runowicz, Frances Potkay, J. Bruno Schmidt.

Membership — Frances Potkay, Chairman; Lynne Eichinger, Vence Bielawski, Barbara Mydlowski, Stanley Potkay, Edward Yess, Stephanie Winowicz.

Photography — Vence Bielawski, Chairman; Edward Yess, Eugene Pulaski.

Publicity — Edmund Potkay, Chairman; Joseph Eichinger, William McDonnell, Alyce Schmidt, Helen Kossakowski, Frances Potkay, Edward Daunis, Vence Bielawski.

Scholarship — Edward Daunis, Chairman; Eugene Potkay, Stella Krupa, Stanley Winowicz, Alyce Schmidt, Josephine Nyzio, Zygmunt Lipinski.

Welfare — Loretta Daunis, Chairman; Frank Lovich, Malvina Pulaski.

Chit-Chat — Loretta Daunis, Chairman; Hela Jasienski, Doreen Rouba, Helen Kossakowski.[28]



1958

Activities & Events

Edmund Z. Potkay Appointed to the Judge position in Lawrence TWP

Formal Dinner Dance & Skits
Summer Luau
Halloween Party
Christmas Caroling
Planning the '59 Polonaise Ball

Polish Arts Club Activities

Having made the final analysis of the success of the past Polonaise Ball of 1958, the members of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton settled down, once again, to a full year of work and enjoyment as well.

Combining the leadership of the senior members and the enthusiasm, cooperation, and sincerety of the new members, ideas and plans became realities.

Each committee worked cooperatively with its chairman. The Membership Committee lost little time in investigating possibilities of adding new names to the club roster. The Cultural Program Committee re-capitulated the plans of previous years and scheduled an excellent program of activities of cultural interest, beginning with the fall of 1958 and extending into spring of 1959. In keeping with the times, the program was opened with a speaker on Guided Missiles. The Welfare Committee conscientiously carried on its work of benevolence. The Entertainment Committee must have been taking messages from a missile in orbit since they did such an outstanding job this year. (And no one came to see our leader-either). The Auditing Committee with its annual call of duty, figuratively speaking, completed its job of financial statistics. The Constitution Committee kept its fatherly eye on all functions and procedures in its capacity of interpreting provisions of the constitution and by-laws of the club. The Photography Committee was always on hand to record pictorically the numerous functions of the club. The Committee of the Chit-Chat (club newsheet) dutifully informed the immediate membership of all club activities. The Publicity Committee in turn amplified club functions by way of newspapers and radio.

Among the many heartbreaks of a growing organization there are just as many blessings. Among the blessings, we pride ourselves in the fact that one of our members, namely Edmund Z. Potkay, was appointed to hold the position of Judge in Lawrence Township. A testimonial dinner, was held in his honor.

One of the outstanding events of the year is the annual Scholarship Award, which this year was presented to a fine young man, Robert A. Dembinski.

June brought many happy moments during the Summer Formal Dinner-Dance. Skits prepared separately by the male and female members brought hilarious response from the guests present.

The summer months mean a business meeting recess but the Entertainment Committee worked on. A beach party was planned — a luau — coconut trees and other props, a professional dancer, Polynesian food, and a very large crowd. The day and evening were all too short.

Then came fall and a Country Fair was planned in September. It was a record day for rain but nothing could dampen the spirits of the members and their guests-particularly, the hoola-hoop contest.

All the goblins gathered for a Hallowe'en Party in October. Some costumes looked so authentic it was difficult to believe they weren't creatures from outer space.

In an untiring effort the members worked on and in November a formal dinner-dance was planned — November Nocturne. It was one of the most beautiful moonlit evenings — it was a delightful affair.

The cold, crisp weather, echoes of Christmas Carols here and there, packages, wrappings, and goodies were an excellent prelude to a formal Christmas Party held for members and their guests. The setting was formal, traditional and beatuiful. The spirit of Christmas reached every heart indeed.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas," as the story goes, but it was the night after Christmas that the members gathered with lantern, hardy voices, and frost-nipped noses to spread Christmas cheer. Caroling is a special "Christmas Card" personally delivered to the homes of the members.

No sooner were the houses swept clean of pine needles — no sooner did the New Year ring out the old — the Polonaise Ball Committee of 1959 was at the drawing board going over its final blueprints. Tonight, these prints are being read.

With every task there is some gain — and sometimes loss. Sadly, we mention the passing in June, of Mrs. Maria Cybis, a Pole by birth — a renowned sculptor here in America and abroad — an Honorary Member of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton. Many hours of her valuable time were given to us in guidance, as a friend and an artist.

At this time we again extend our sympathy to those members of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton whose parents have passed away during 1958.

Signed,

– The Spotter



1958

Robert Anthony Dembinski Scholarship Student Awardee

Scholarship Recipient of 1958



ROBERT ANTHONY DEMBINSKI,

son of Mr. & Mrs. Julian Dembinski

of 318 Marshall Avenue is attending Rutgers University where he is majoring in mathematics.

He is a graduate of Hamilton High School.

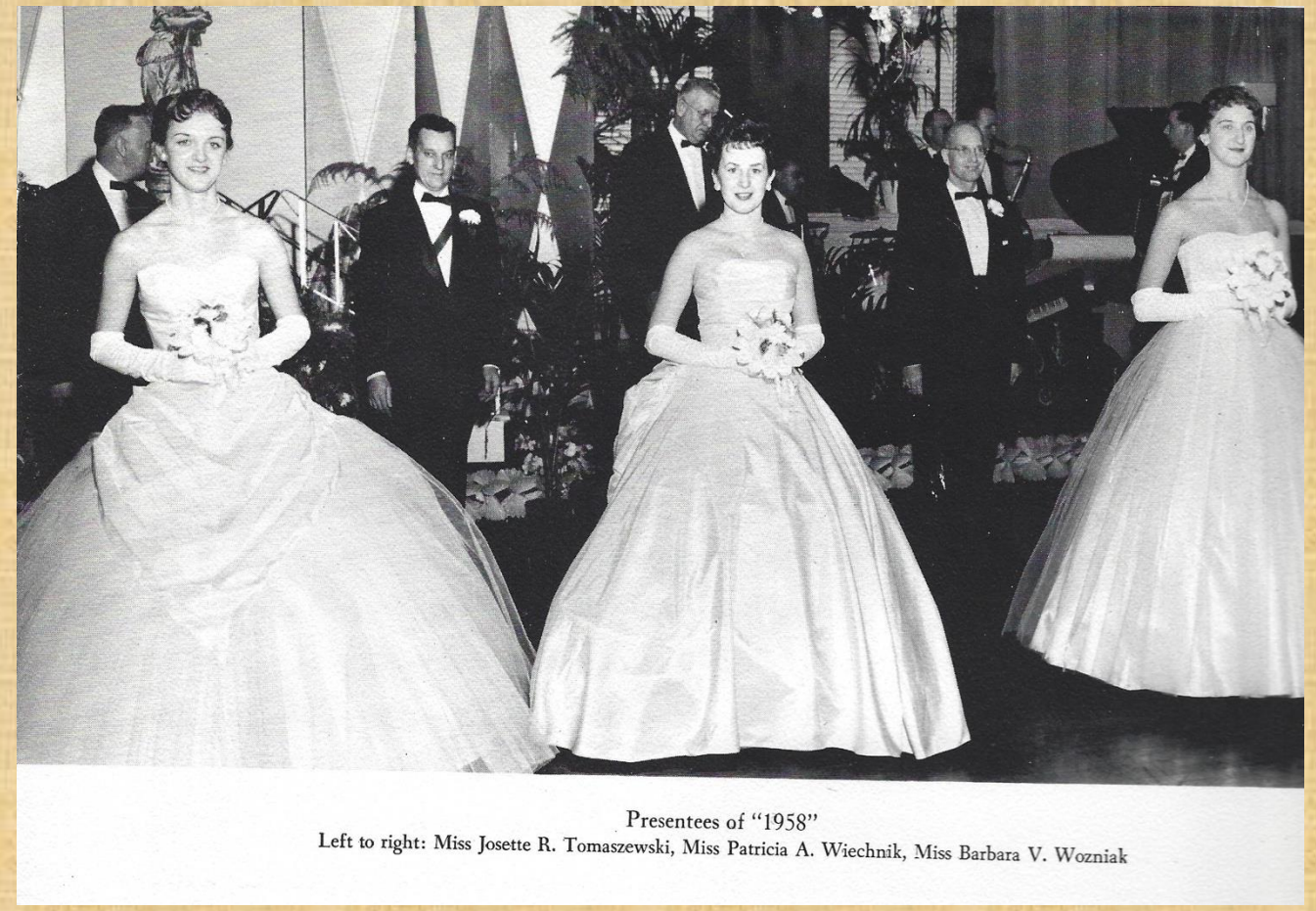
Presently, he holds membership in the Newman Club.

1958 Presentees

Josette R. Tomazewski

Patricia A Wiechnik

Barbara V. Wozniak



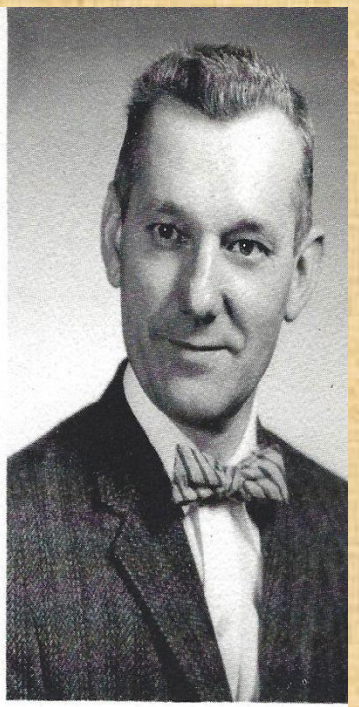
Presentees of "1958"
Left to right: Miss Josette R. Tomaszewski, Miss Patricia A. Wiechnik, Miss Barbara V. Wozniak



1959

President Edward Krupa Message

Message from the President



It is a privelege and a pleasure to welcome you to the Polonaise Ball.

The Committees and Chairman Thomas Wenczel have put forth every effort to make this, the Thirteenth Annual Ball, as memorable a one as those in the past. The music, the setting, indeed the general atmosphere we hope will please you and measure up to the standards set by other Polonaise Balls in the past.

The Proceeds of the Ball, as in all previous Polonaise Balls will go into the Scholarship Fund to help yet another boy or girl toward a higher education.

I would like to thank all the guests present this evening and all those who have in any way contributed to the success of this Ball; to the program advertisers, the patrons and to my fellow members of the Polish Arts Club through whose efforts this evening is possible.

Thank you and Welcome.

Edward W. Krupa

1967 Presentees

L to R

Susan Krol

Christine Yess

Diane Gronikowski

Mary Ann Krzewinski

Teresa Wiater

Halina Markiewicz



Presentees of 1967

Left to right: Susan Krol, Christine Yess, Diane Gronikowski, Mary Ann Krzewinski, Teresa Wiater and Halina Markiewicz.

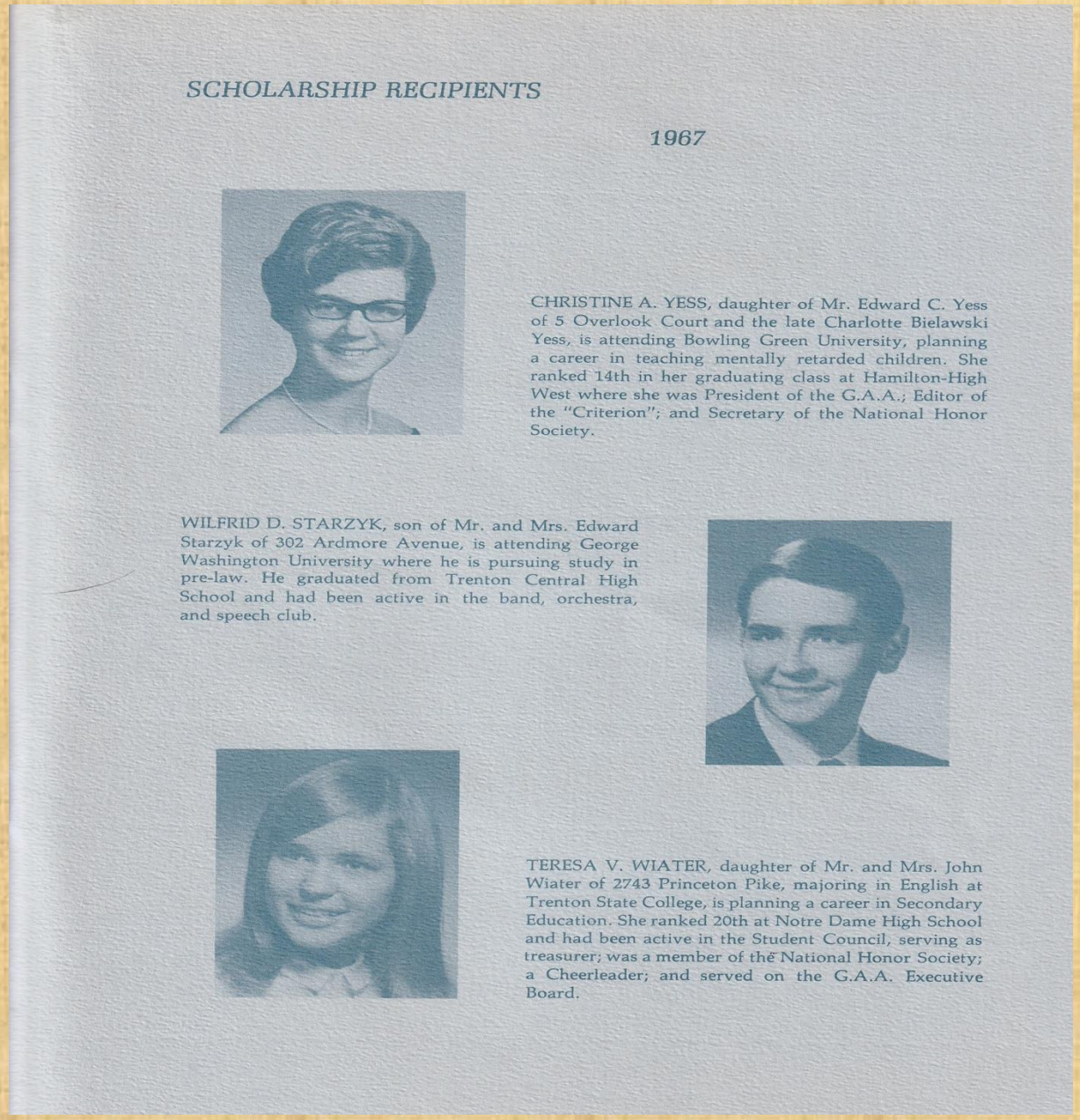
1967

Scholarship Student Awardees

Christine Yess

Wilfrid D. Starzyk

Teresa Wiater



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

1967

CHRISTINE A. YESS, daughter of Mr. Edward C. Yess of 5 Overlook Court and the late Charlotte Bielawski Yess, is attending Bowling Green University, planning a career in teaching mentally retarded children. She ranked 14th in her graduating class at Hamilton-High West where she was President of the G.A.A.; Editor of the "Criterion"; and Secretary of the National Honor Society.

WILFRID D. STARZYK, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Starzyk of 302 Ardmore Avenue, is attending George Washington University where he is pursuing study in pre-law. He graduated from Trenton Central High School and had been active in the band, orchestra, and speech club.

TERESA V. WIATER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiater of 2743 Princeton Pike, majoring in English at Trenton State College, is planning a career in Secondary Education. She ranked 20th at Notre Dame High School and had been active in the Student Council, serving as treasurer; was a member of the National Honor Society; a Cheerleader; and served on the G.A.A. Executive Board.

1968 Officers & Committees

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Back row left to right: Wieslaw Siekanowicz, *Financial Secretary;* A. Thad Bielawski, *President;* John Kuprian, *Treasurer;* Seated left to right; Loretta Daunis, *Recording Secretary;* Marie Wenczel, Corresponding *Secretary;* Absent from photo, Alyce Schmidt, *Vice President.*

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February 3, 1968

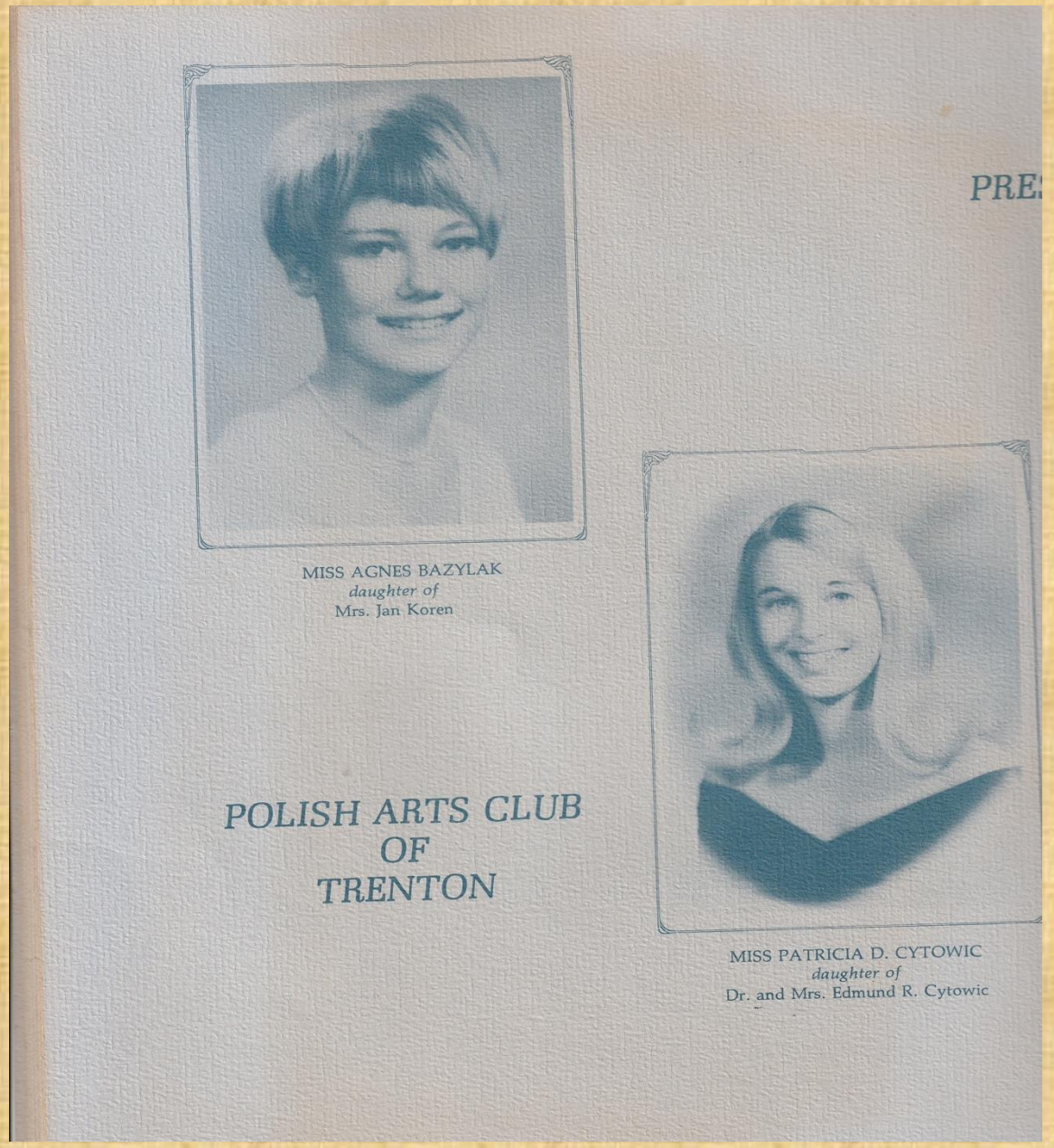
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1968
Presentees

Miss Agnes Bazylak

Miss Patricia D. Cytowic



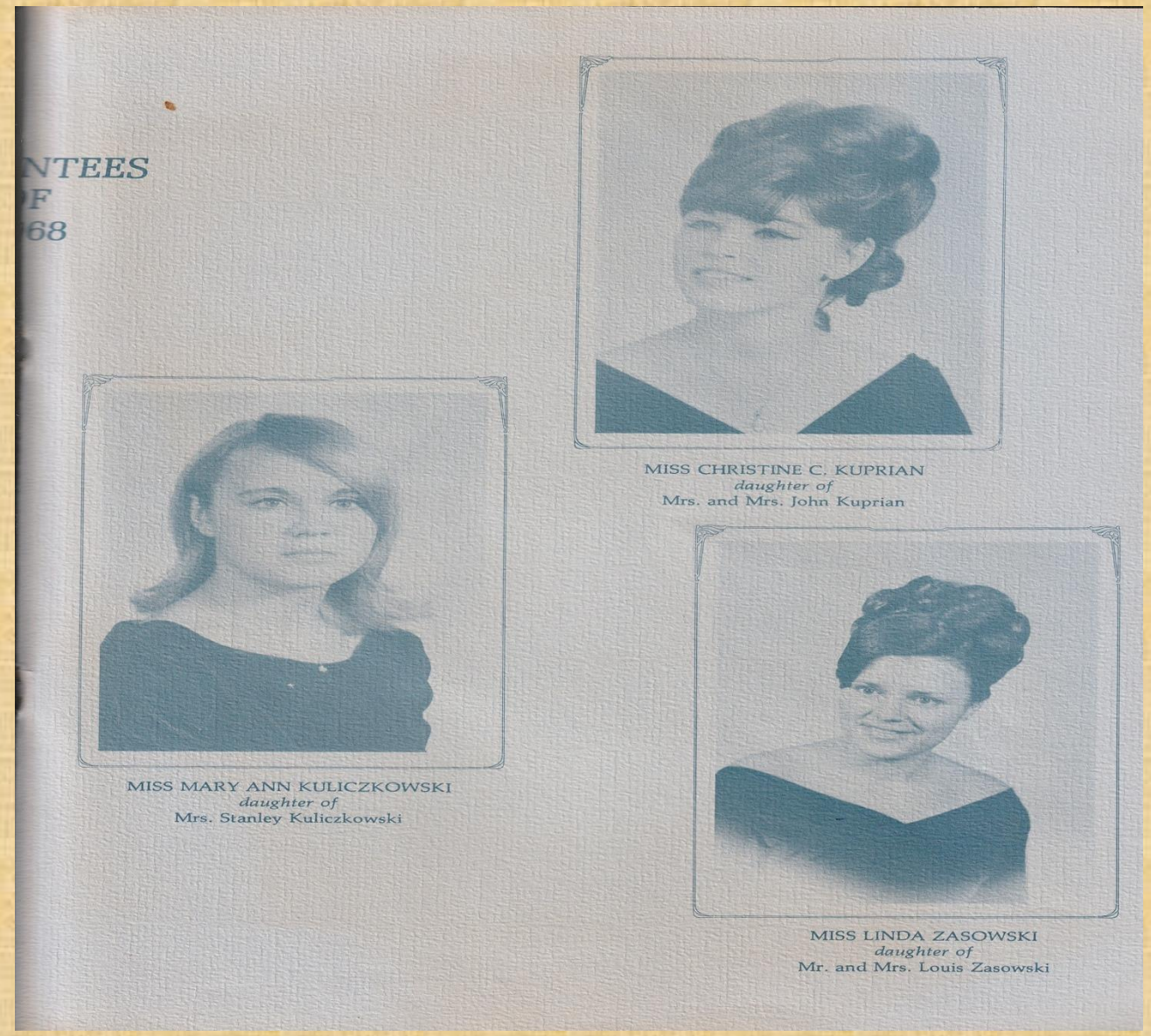


1968 Presentees

Miss Mary Ann Kuliczkowski

Miss Christine C. Kuprian

Miss Linda Zasowski



1970 Presentees

L to R

Miss Mary Eleanor Yess

Miss Jane Karen Bielawski

Miss Suzanne Staszkiewicz

Miss Danielle Alicia Stoy

Miss Kathleen Kozlowski

Miss Patricia Hetzel



1970 Scholarship Student Awardees

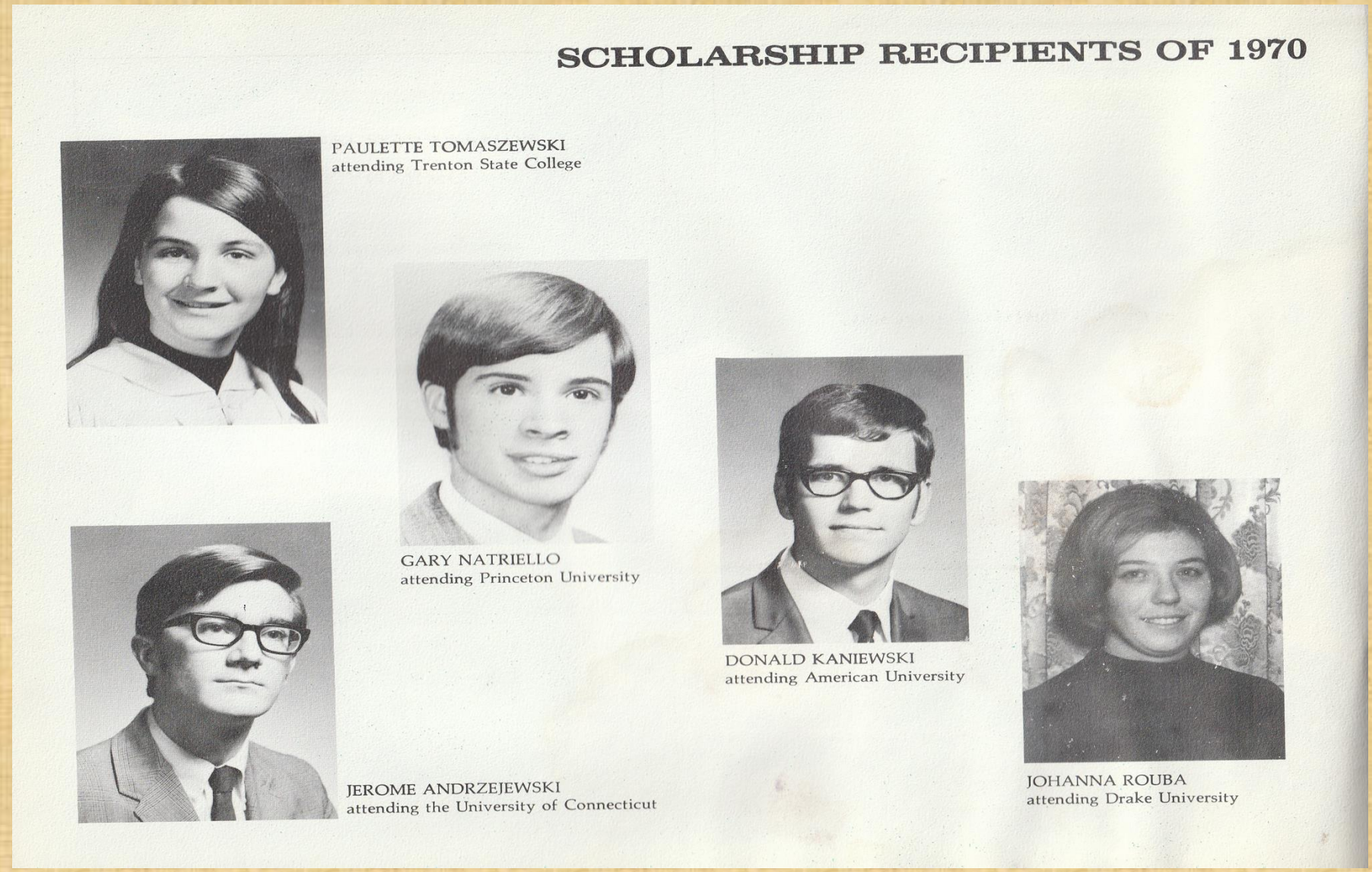
Paulette Tomaszewski

Jerome Andrzejewski

Gary Narteillo

Donald Kaniewski

Johanna Rouba





1971

Proclamation By NJ Governor William Cahill

25th Anniversary of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the aims and purposes of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton are to promote social, cultural and intellectual activities and to foster Polish Arts, Literature and Sciences and to encourage more American citizens of Polish descent to attend institutions of higher learning; and

WHEREAS, in the past twenty-five years of existence the Polish Arts Club has awarded 42 scholarships -- outright grants -- beginning with a $300 stipend in 1947 which has increased to the sum of $3,000 scholarship awards annually, a record of which we are extremely proud and which we shall continue for a long time; and

WHEREAS, the club's other activities includes, concerts, lectures, art exhibits and other cultural activities and the social highlight of the 25th Annual Polonaise Ball features the official debut of daughters of local citizens into society; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds of the ball are for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM T. CAHILL, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

FEBRUARY 6, 1971

as

POLISH ARTS CLUB OF TRENTON DAY

in New Jersey.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this 25th day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one, and in the Independence of the United States the one hundred and ninety-fifth.

William T. Cahill
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Paul Sheppard
Secretary of State

1971

25th Anniversary

1946-71

Retrospective (1)

retrospection — 1946-1971

The idea of a Polish cultural, intellectual and social organization was conceived by Charlotte Bielawski Yess, Loretta Bielawski Daunis and Frances Bielawski Potkay, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Albin Bielawski which came into fruition when on March 17, 1946, the Polish Arts Club of Trenton held its first meeting at the Stacy-Trent Hotel. The first officers to be elected by the Club were Frank Krupp- president, Stanley J. Winowicz- vice-president, Secretary-Lee Wojciechowski, Program Chairman- Charlotte Bielawski, Treasurer, Dr. Robert Zielinski and Publicity Chairman, Edward W. Krupa who is the General Chairman of the 25th Annual Polonaise Ball.

At the first meeting of the Club plans were formulated to give moral and financial support to students of Polish extraction by means of awarding scholarships. Also, it was planned to further the historical, cultural and intellectual presentation our Polish-American heritage. To raise the necessary money for these endeavors and primarily the Scholarship Fund, the first annual Polonaise Ball was born and held on Saturday evening, January 18, 1947 at the Stacy Trent Hotel. The feature of the Ball was the selection of a Queen and six attendants by judges for the first 10 years and in 1957, the Club initiated the presentation of daughters of families of Polish ancestry to the public.

Since its inception, the Polish Arts Club has held many success-















1971

1946-71

Retrospective

(2)













ful cultural, social and historical programs — lectures, art exhibits, Polish Folk Art, donations of hundreds of volumes of Polish literature to local schools, libraries and schools, Christmas carolling and other activities too numerous to mention.

But the most important aspect of the Polish Arts Club's program, was the announcement in 1947 that an annual scholarship award of $300.000 would be presented to a student of Polish descent. In 25 years of our Club's existence, the scholarship grants has been increased from $300.000 to $3,000.00 and 42 scholarship winners have taken advantage of these scholarship stipends. We as members of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton have been happy and proud to serve in this capacity of aiding our Polish youth to attain their scholastic objectives and we believe that our aims and purposes could not have been effectuated without the financial aid of the Polish-American friends of the Polish Arts Club and by their attendance at our annual Polonaise Balls which have been completely sold out, year after year.

We, the members of the Polish Arts Club, look forward in helping future students by financially assisting them through college. There is no better way of expressing our satisfaction and pride in the performances of our past scholarship winners, who have already enriched our society, than by listing the names of the past 42 scholarship winners in this program book.





1971 Presentees

Miss Juliann Rose Dawidowski

Miss Catherine Mary Taranowicz

Deborah Mary Wenczel

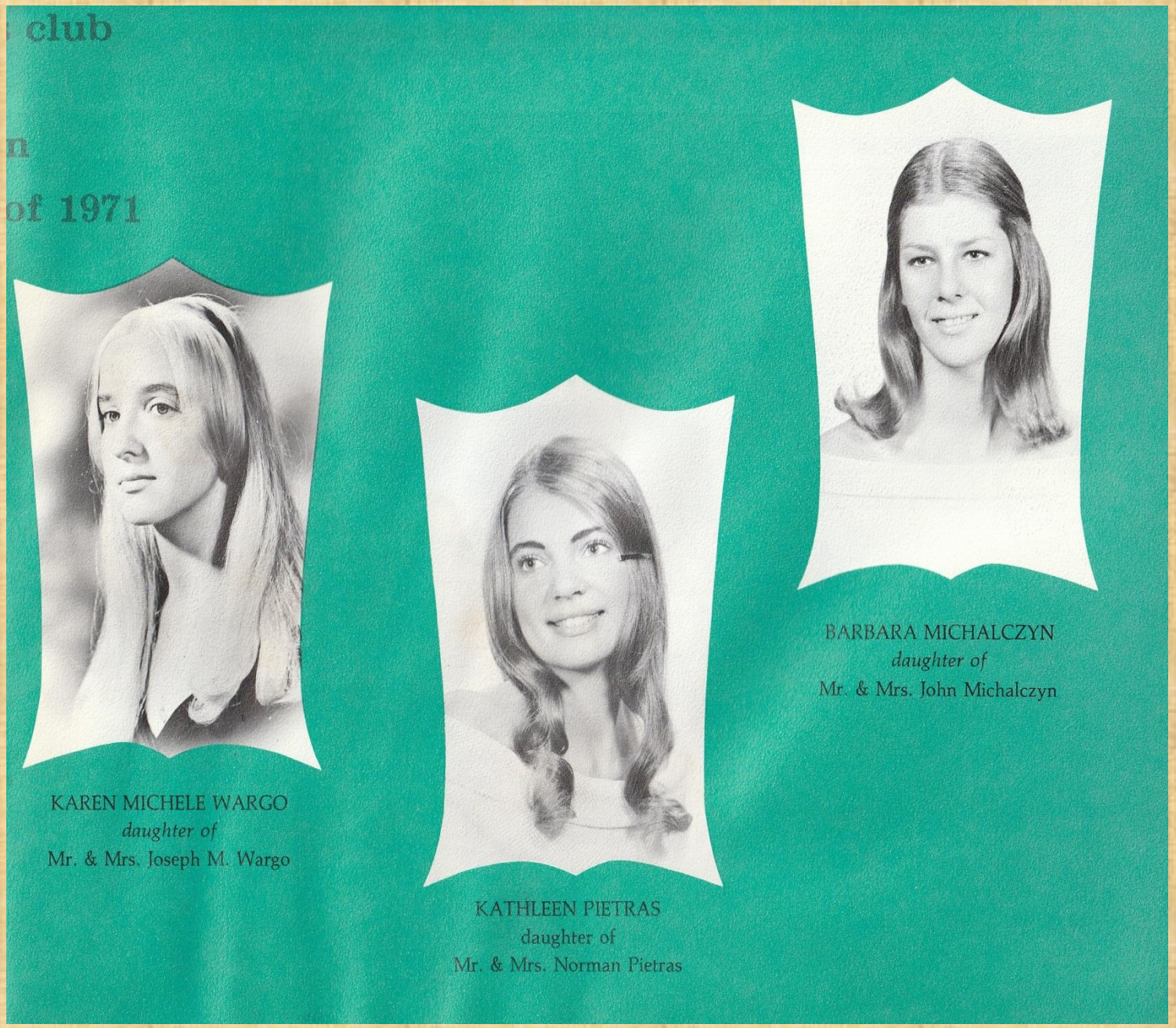


1971 Presentees

Miss Karen Michele Wargo

Kathleen Pietras

Barbara Michalczyn



1972 Presentees

Miss Deborah Borden

Miss Jamie Di Memmo

Miss Bernadette Folmer

Miss Melanie Piekielniak

Miss Nancy Faras

Miss Trish De Gasperis



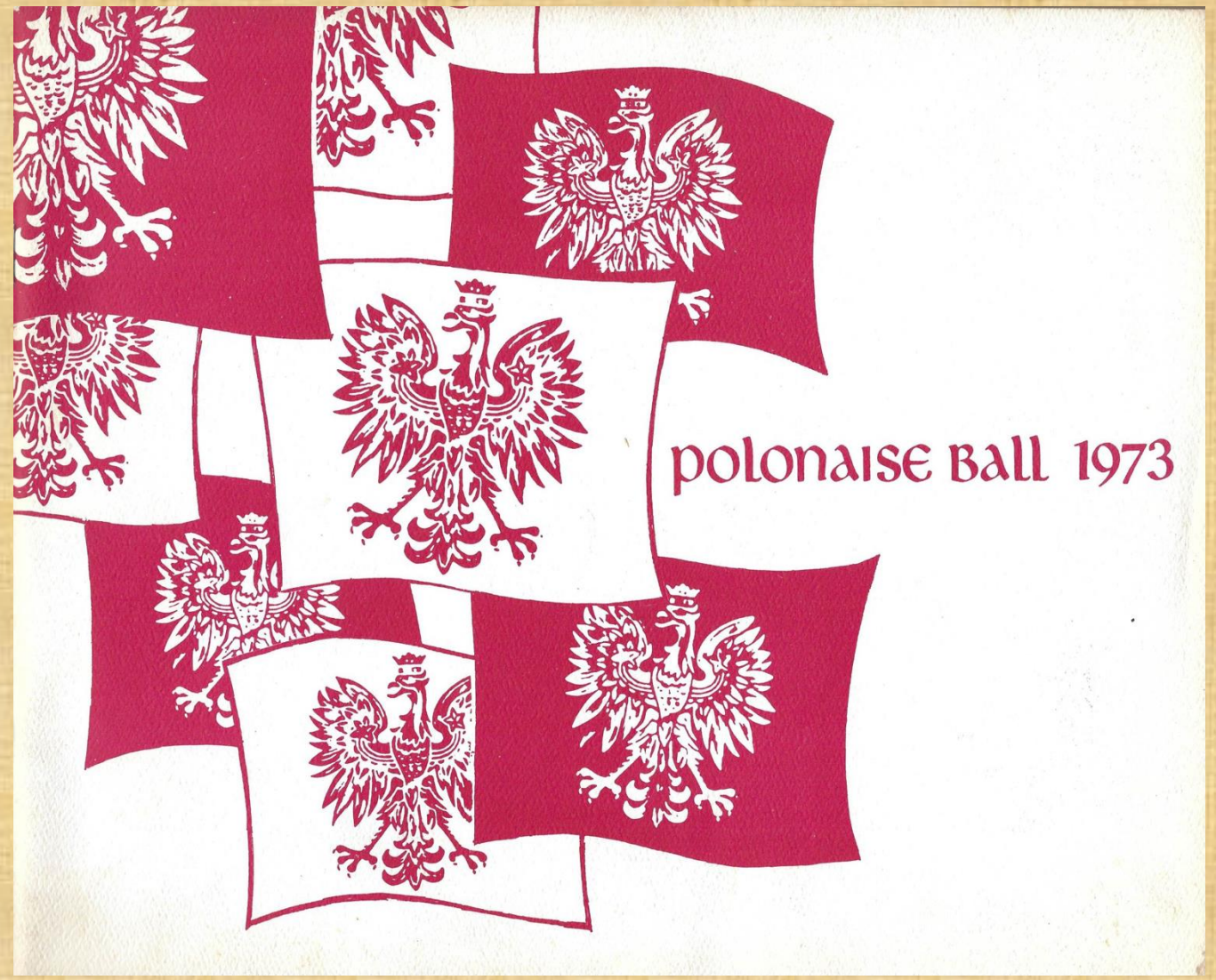
PRESENTEES OF 1972

Left to right:

Deborah Borden, Jamie Di Memmo, Bernadette Folmer, Melanie Piekielniak, Nancy Faras and Trish De Gasperis

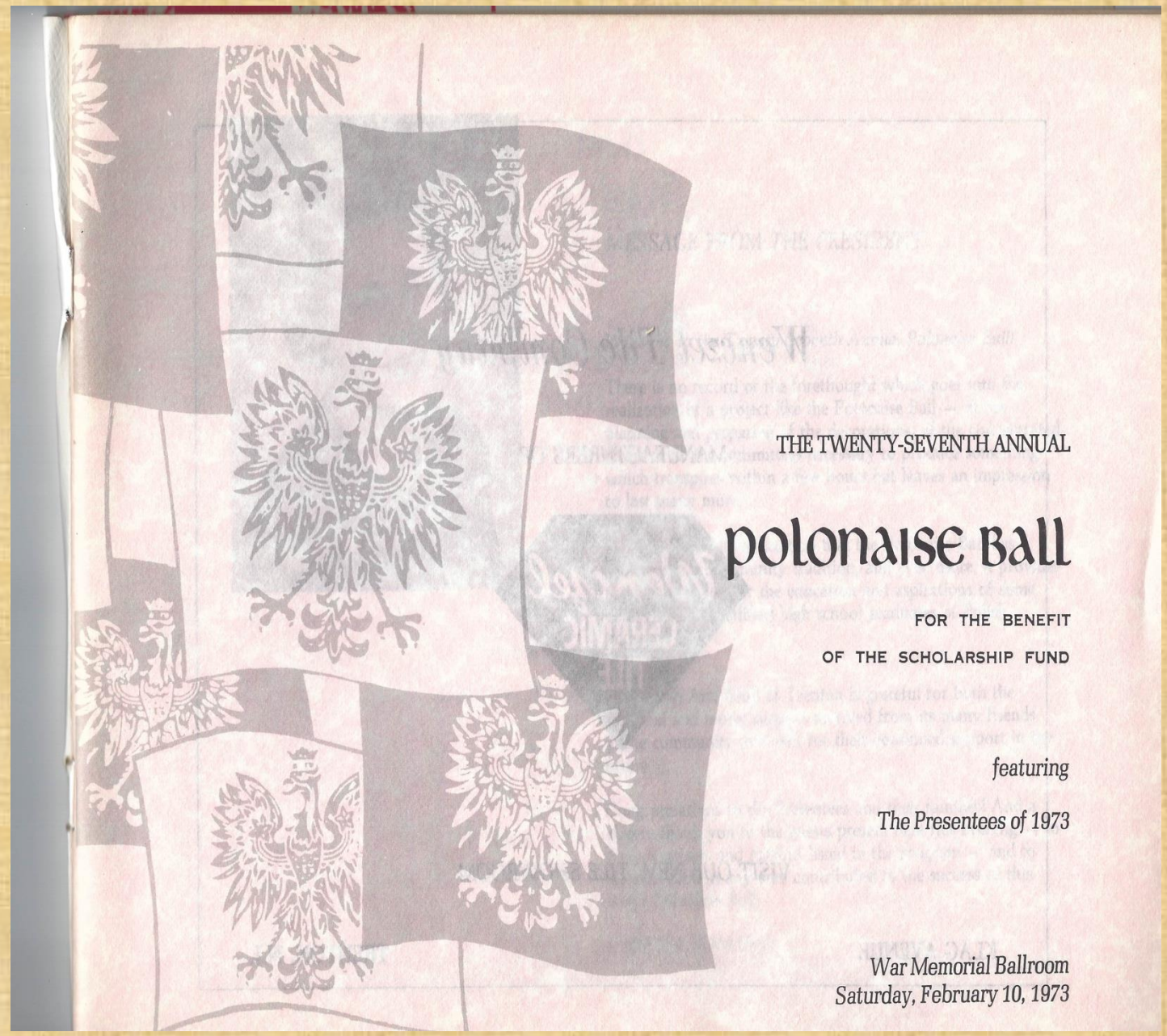
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Polonaise BALL Cover



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BALL COVER



1973-1974

President
Loretta B. Daunis
27th Ball Message



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Twenty-Seventh Annual Polonaise Ball!

There is no record of the forethought which goes into the realization of a project like the Polonaise Ball – of the planning and preparing of the decorations, of the concentrated effort of all the committees necessary to produce something which transpires within a few hours but leaves an impression to last many more.

Our reward is the realization that the Polonaise Ball has grown into a community tradition, and even more, it provides the means to further the education and aspirations of some deserving and qualified high school graduates of Polish ancestry.

1973 Presentees

Miss Paula Arcioni
Miss Jill Bielawski
Miss Laurel Daunis
Miss Jacalyn O'Donnell
Miss Patricia Fornal
Miss Patricia Simon

PRESENTEES OF *1973*



Left to right: Paula Arcioni, Jill Bielawski, Laurel Daunis, Jacalyn O'Donnell, Patricia Fornal, Patricia Simon.

1973 Scholarship Student Awardees

Top L to R

Richard Szmauz

Marianne Salewski

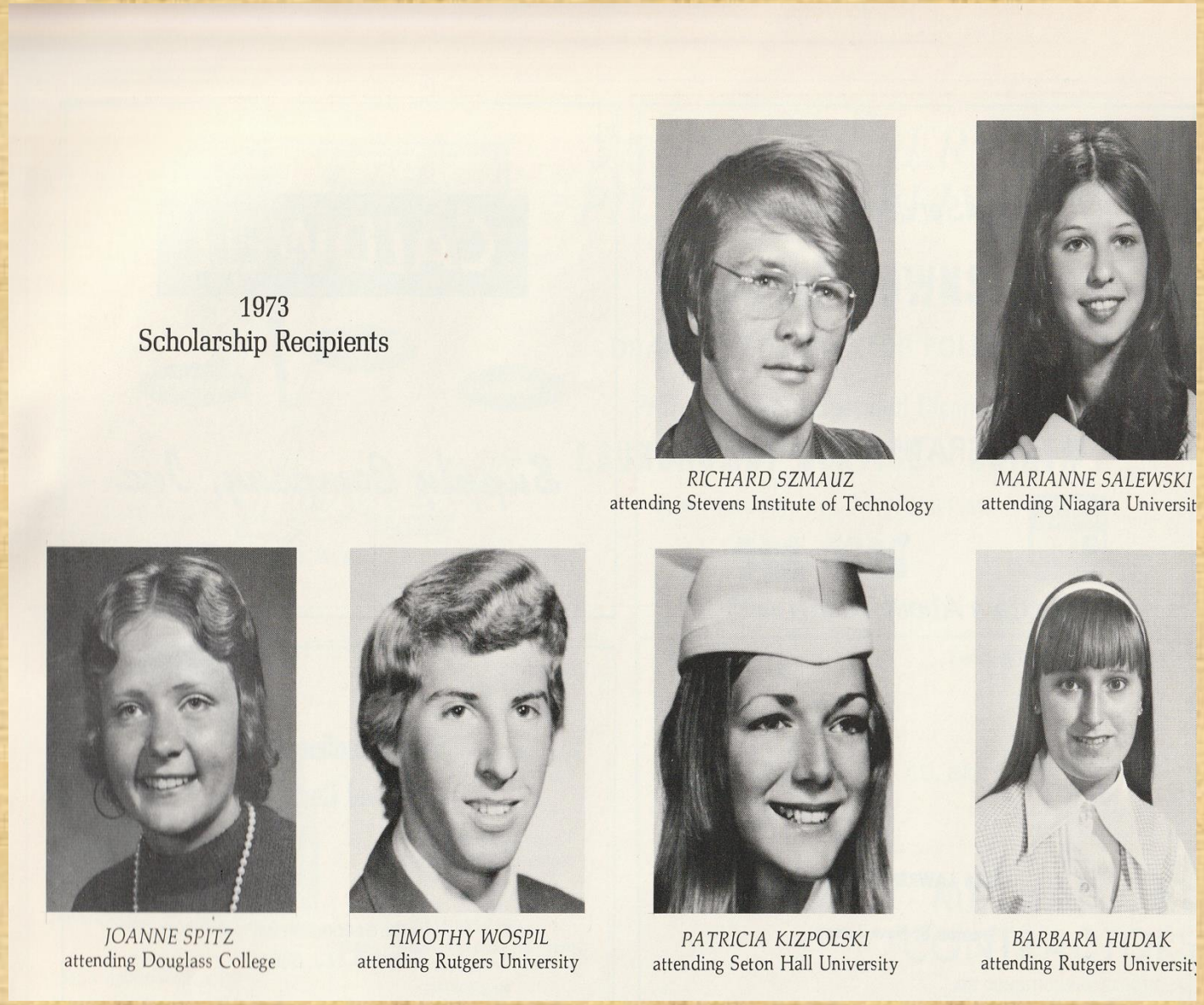
Bottom L to R

Joanne Spitz

Timothy Wospil

Paticia Kizpolski

Barbara Hudak



1973

Activities



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1973

Recognizing Nicholas Copernicus's 500th Birthday

Nicholas Copernicus, 500 years

THE POLISH ARTS Club of Trenton this year honors the 500th birthday of Nicholas Copernicus (MIKOLAJ KOPERNIK).

February 22, 1473 In Torun, Poland saw the birth of the man who became the "Father of Modern Astronomy" with the publication of his book "De Revolutionibus Orbium Coelestium" at his death May 24, 1543.

Nicholas Copernicus was a man of many gifts and much accomplishment. He was a churchman, a painter and poet, a physician and lawyer, an economist, a statesman and a scientist: a churchman by vocation, an artist for relaxation, a physician and lawyer by training, an economist almost by accident, a statesman by necessity — and a scientist by the Grace of God and by sheer love of the truth for the sake of truth.

Copernicus was born in the flourishing merchant city of Torun on the banks of the Vistula River. About his infancy and childhood we know practically nothing, except that when he was ten years old when his father died. His mother's brother, who became Bishop of Varmia in Polish Russia, took a fatherly interest in his nephew, watching over him carefully and smoothing his path.

At the age of eighteen he entered the University of Krakow, where he studied liberal arts for several years. Returning home he was sent to Italy where he spent the next decade at various Italian universities. His uncle procured his appointment as a canon. This church office carried an assured income for life.

Obtaining a leave of absence to continue his studies at famous Italian universities, he spent ten fruitful years. Medicine and law were his studies, but his first love, the study of the heavens, started at Bologna in 1497; and from that time forth he remained a persistent watcher of the skies. He had evidently already made something of a reputation as an astronomer, for in the jubilee year of 1500 he was invited to deliver a lecture at Rome before a large audience of students and specialists in the science. He also earned a diploma as Doctor of Both Laws, that is both canon law and civil law. Copernicus made the long trip home to take up his duties as a canon.

During an invasion of Teutonic Knights in 1520 an acute fiscal crisis arose. He formulated some theoretical principles and practical suggestions for dealing with a depreciated currency. This established his reputation as an economist.

Now sixty, he concerned himself with the perplexing problem of correcting the calendar. Lengths of the year and month and the motions of the sun and moon had not been adequately measured. He addressed himself to a close study of these topics. The Gregorian calendar, instituted in 1582, was to a considerable extent based upon his computations and conclusions.

For fourteen hundred years civilized men had been content with Ptolemy's Stellar Universe in which an unmoving earth was the main center round which all the heavenly bodies moved in circles. Natural knowledge had seemed to be fixed and final and science had languished and slept in a prison of authority.

With the publication of the great book of Copernicus the long spell was broken, science awoke and the mind of man renewed the onward march of free inquiry to which we can neither see nor imagine any end.

This Polish scholar found time, through two score years of a busy life, to make observations of the movements of the heavens, which convinced him that the Ptolemaic hypothesis was not in accord with the facts. This was a brave act in view of the acceptance of the Ptolemaic hypothesis by the learned world for fourteen centuries. From the summits of the towers of Heilsberg, Allenstein, and Frauenburg, Copernicus scanned the heavens with the aid of the crude instruments of his time, with observational results that were amazingly accurate when we consider his elementary equipment. Friend of scientist, of prelate, and of Pope, Copernicus lectured in Rome, was consulted regarding the reform of the calendar by the Fathers of the Council of the Lateran; and in the final event was persuaded by Cardinal Schonberg, by the Bishop of Culm, and by other learned men of the time, to release his epoch-making manuscript for publication. He dedicated his book to the reigning Pope Paul III, one of the greatest friends of learning in the history of the Papacy.

No other man has so widely influenced the thought of the world as did Copernicus. All that we know or believe of the relative importance of things in nature is enlightened by his revelation of our eath's place in the physical universe. He would stand as a great man in history if we knew him only as an economist, a canon lawyer and a wise administrator; but as the discoverer of the solar system he reaches into every informed mind every day.

The Copernicus telescope of Princeton University, the largest orbiting in space, is today collecting data. The telescope offers guidance on stars fainter than anticipated with accuracies never before obtained from a space telescope. The successful performance of the Copernicus telescope opens a new field of research.

So the name of this Polish scientific genius is carried into space today and tomorrow beyond the stars.

Irene Blohm

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Polonaise Ball Book Cover

Regional Dress top Row L to R

Hucuł

Krupie

Wilno

Kraków

Bottom Row L to R

Lublin

Sieradz

Łowicz

Kujawy



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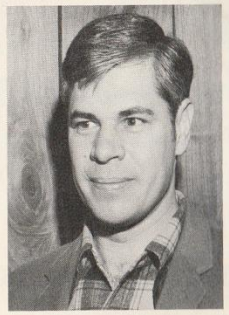

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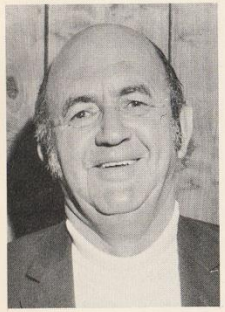

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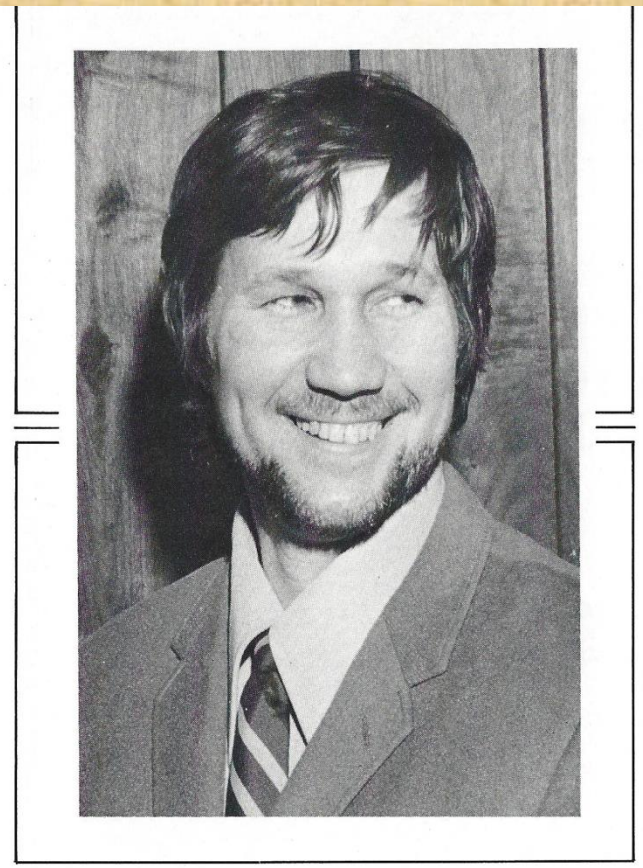
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AUDITING: Eugene Potkay, *Chairman*
HISTORIAN: Mary Runowicz, *Chairman*
NEWSLETTER: Marie Wenczel, *Chairman;* Hank Marczak
SCHOLARSHIP: Pat Simon, *Chairman;* Ed Siatkowski, Tom Wenczel, Fran Potkay, Vence Bielawski, Irene Blohm, Karen Przybylinski and Bill Blohm
CONSTITUTION: Edmund Potkay, *Chairman*
WELFARE: Stephanie Winowicz, *Chairman;* Phillis Musick



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President Edward A. Krupa's Message



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another evening at the Polonaise Ball is upon us. A full year of planning and work by a small group of dedicated people of Polish descent has brought this 28th Polonaise Ball to fruition.

Without the generosity of you who have purchased tickets or subscribed as advertisers or patrons in our souvenir album, this evening could not be possible. All the monies realized from the Ball are used for scholarships for aspiring young women or men of Polish extraction.

Congratulations to our lovely Presentees and their parents who help maintain the Presentee tradition.

We, of the Polish Arts Club have done everything in our power to ensure that you will have a good time. See you again next year!

Sincerely,

Edward A. Krupa

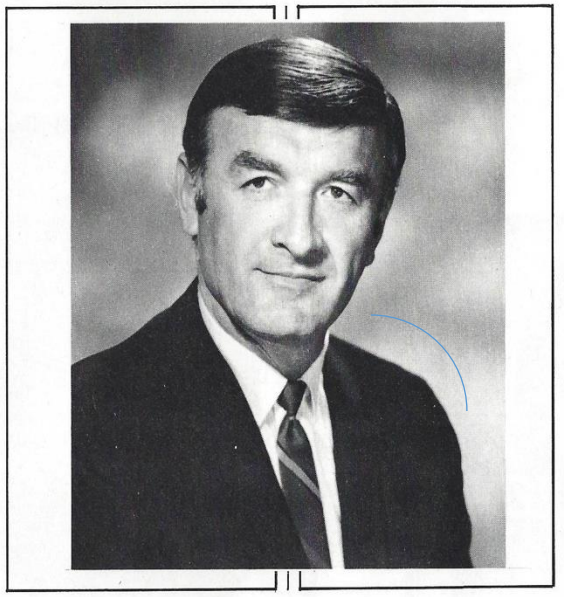
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Polonaise Ball Master of Ceremonies

Leon Fornal

&

Program of Events



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Leon Fornal

Educated in Trenton Schools
Attended Evening Classes Rider College
Member Musicians Local 62
Leader of a Musical Group
Past Chairman of the Kaminski Polka Festival
Coordinator of Ethnic Programming at the N.J. State Fair
Disc Jockey Radio Station WTTM
Served on the Board of the TPAD's
Member of the Mayor's Advisory Board of the Trenton Civic Center
Marine Corp Veteran
Presently the Assistant Superintendent of the Mercer County Mosquito Commission
Member of Radio & Television Broadcast Technicians Local 1241

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Saturday February 9, 1974

7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Cocktails in Reception Room
Receiving Line Greeting of Guests by Presentees and Members

9:00 p.m.

Formal Opening of the Polonaise Ball

Polonaise led by the Chairman of the Ball, Eugene Potkay and the President Edward Krupa, Jr.
Chopin's Polonaise in A Flat — Adam Nowicki and Orchestra

Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies Leon Fornal, by Eugene Potkay

Introduction of the Presentees of 1974
Honor Guards — Henry Marczak — Henry Simon

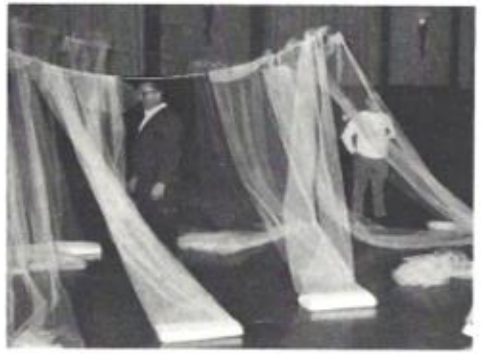
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Music by Adam Nowicki and his Orchestra
and
The Separations



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Its Hard Work But Its Worth It



Rome wasn't built in one day.



But my union card expired.



Tennis anyone?

Some hard work like this . . .



Butterflies are free.



Poor butterfly!



Hurry, the ladder is a little shaky.



Ring-around-the-Rosie.



Up, Up and away.



Not bad work if you can get it.



Stitch one, purl two.



How does your garden grow?



Perfect Walt.



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Will Give You This



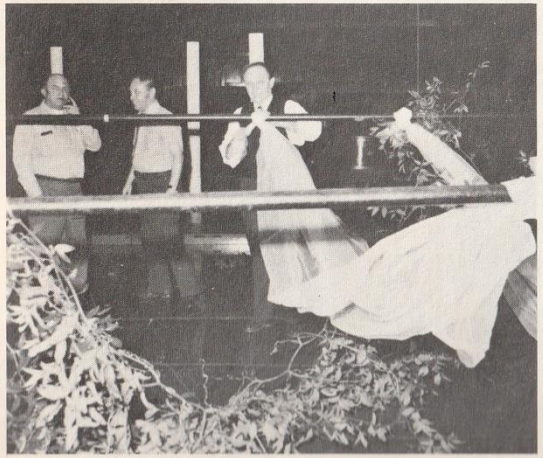
But with a Ladder
I'm eight feet tall.



I think its poison ivy.

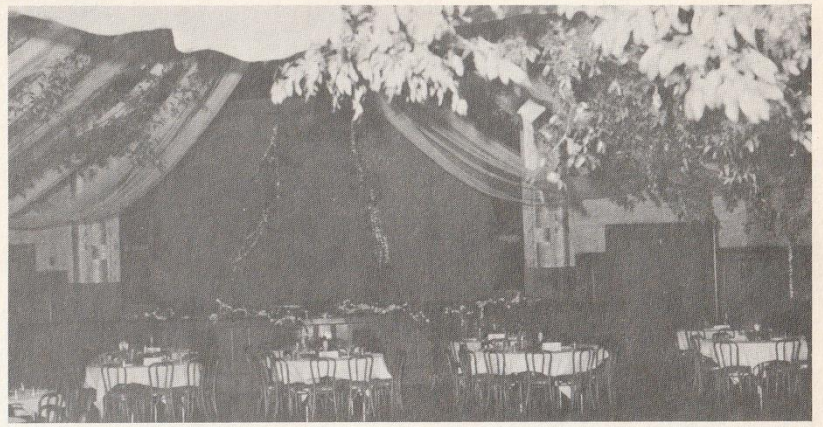


After the ball is over.



Just a little higher Ed.

. . . will give you this







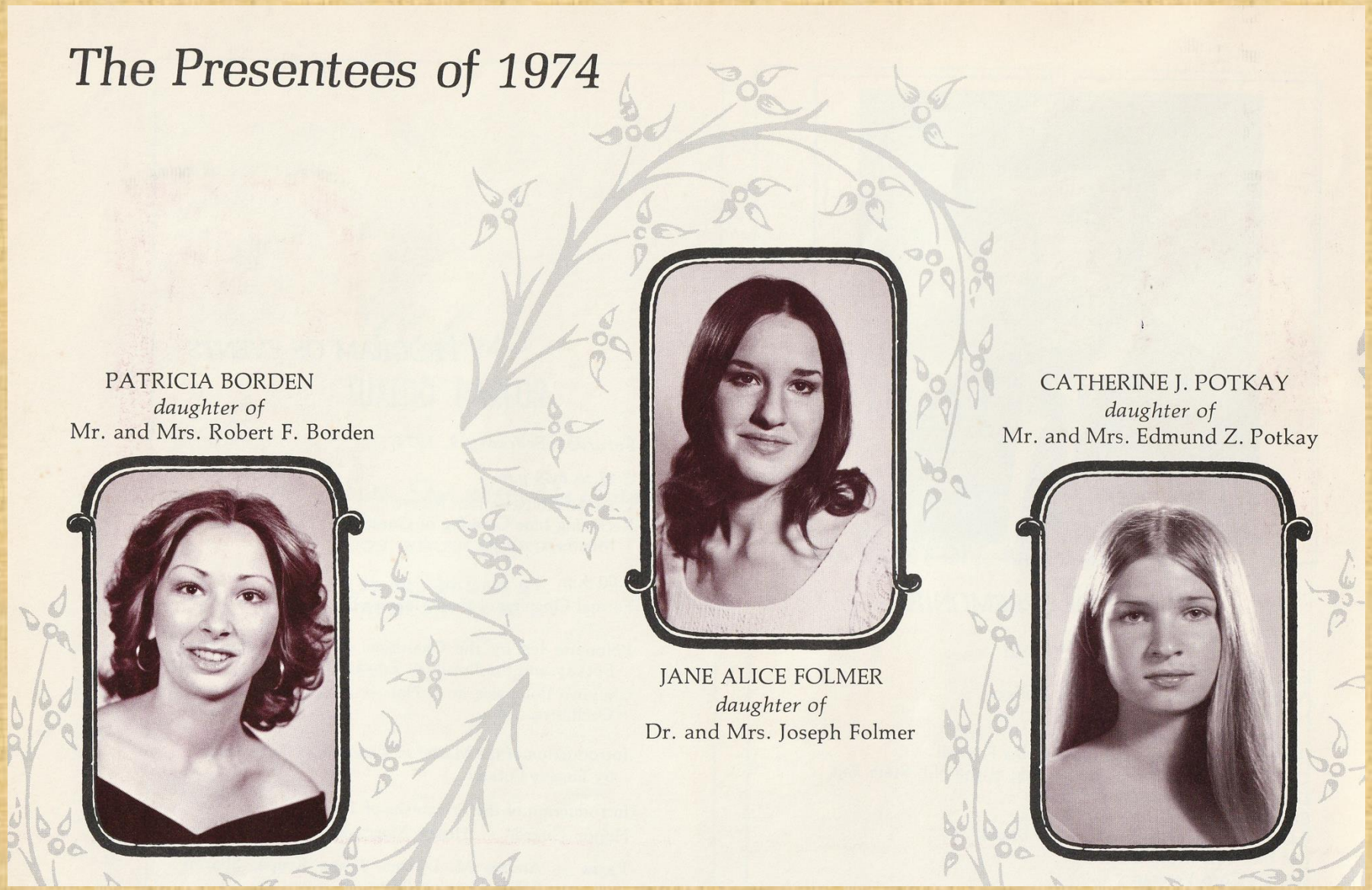




Miss Patricia Borden

Miss Jane Alice Folmer

Miss Catherine J. Potkay





1974 Presentees

Miss Maryann E. Sikorski

Miss Suzan Tysowski

Miss Cynthia Wereski



1975 Presentees

Barbara Meskill

Katherine Marczak

Deborah Wilk

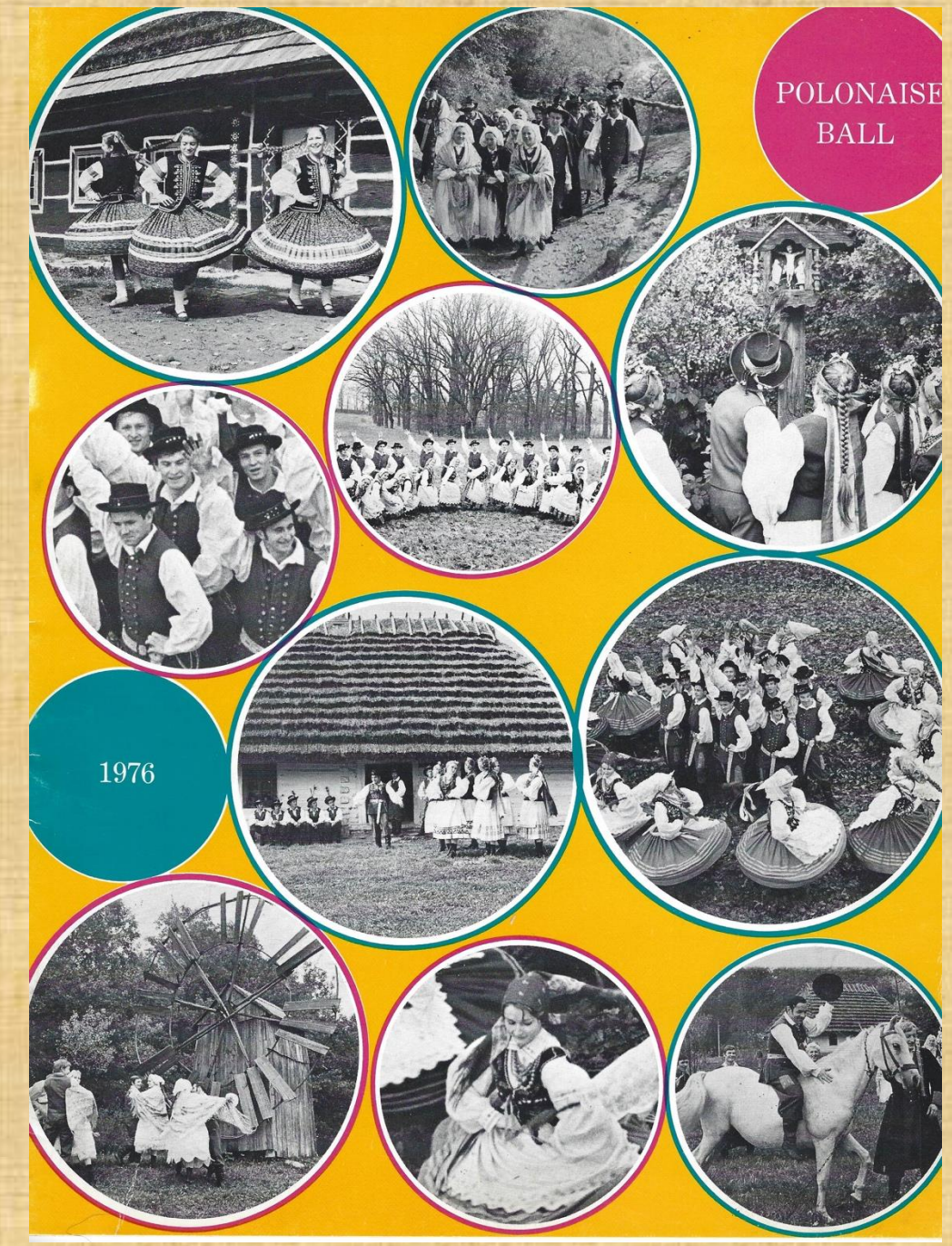
Teresa Ossowski

Tanya Kapla

Marilyn Ossowski



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Stella Bielawski Krupa Chair of the Polonaise Ball & Committees



General Chairman — Stella J. Krupa

POLONAISE BALL COMMITTEES

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Tom Wenczel, Henry Marczak, Ed Krupa Sr., Vence Bielawski, Eleanor Krupa, Fran Potkay, Gil Luggosy, Dr. Stan Potkay, Stanley Winowicz, Fred Doolittle, Walt Musick, Ed Yess, Paul Bosse, Stanley Dziakiewicz, Dr. Raymond Turek, Ted Porczynski, Walter Runowicz, William Blohm

Reservations — Ed Daunis

Presentees — Stephanie Winowicz, Chairman
Valeria Bielawski, Co-Chairman

Patrons — Barbara Knecht, Chairman
Barbara Potkay, Irene Blohm, Lee Luggosy, Phyllis Musick, Bonnie Porczynski, Agnes Pharo

Arrangements — Pat Simon

Decorations & Lighting — Marie Wenczel, Chairman; Loretta Daunis, Co-Chairman
Ed Siatkowski, Vera Doolittle, Mary Runowicz, Eleanor Krupa, Josephine Marczak, Fabienne Cywinski, Eleanor Siatkowski, John Wiechnik, Paul Bosse, Walter Runowicz

Program — Ed Krupa, Jr., Thad Bielawski, Stan Krupa

Refreshments — Ed Cywinski, Chairman
Ed Krupa, Jr., Ed Kondash, Stanley Krupa, Henry Simon, Thomas Wiechnik, Ed Siatkowski

Public Relations — Edmund Z. Potkay

Music Chairman — Henry Marczak



1976 Presentees

Andrea M. Daunis
Michelle Kondash
Eileen M. Krupa
Rose M. Pokorski
Monica L. Pukala
Carol Rogers



Andrea M. Daunis
and
Mr. Edward J. Daunis



Michelle Kondash
and
Mr. Edward F. Kondash



Eileen M. Krupa
and
Stanley R. Krupa



Rose M. Pokorski
and
Mr. Joseph Alba



Monica L. Pukala
and
Mr. John S. Pukala



Carol A. Rogers
and
Mr. John W. Rogers

1976 Pulaski Article

POLISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
(GENERALS TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO AND AND KAZIMIERZ PULASKI)

THE American Revolution in XVIII century, which resulted in establishing the first independent nation in the world, The United States of America, claimed the attention of two Polish patriots: Tadeusz Kosciuszko and Kazimierz Pulaski.

Both of them had taken part in another revolution on the other side of the globe: Insurrection in Poland, trying to liberate their country from Russian and German aggression. Their heroic efforts were unsuccessful.

They came separately to America to join the colonies fighting for their independence from England. Both proved themselves not only as excellent soldiers but as outstanding leaders in the fight for independence and freedom.



Kosciuszko, a very capable artillery officer and engineer, was first recognized when General Washington, stationed at that time at a "camp above Trenton," first heard about Kosciuszko and mentioned his name in his letter of December 20, 1776 written to General Putnam.

At this time skillful persons were needed to fortify the city. Under Putnam's orders Kosciuszko began to erect new defensive works at Red Bank on the New Jersey shore of the Delaware River which were named Fort Mercer. It was he who drew the plans and directed the laying of the foundations of this fort during the winter of 1776-7.

In the beginning of February 1777, General Horatio Gates succeeded Putnam in command of the city.

A warm friendship developed between the new commander and the young Polish engineer.

On March 25th Gates was ordered by Congress to take command of Fort Ticonderoga. He invited Kosciuszko to go with him as engineer. He sent Kosciuszko to Ticonderoga early in May with orders "to examine and report the condition of that fortress."

Kosciuszko distinguished himself with General Gates' Army near Saratoga, New York, where he was largely responsible for the strategic position taken at the battle on Bemis Heights. His choice of battlefields and his erection of fortifications contributed greatly to this victory.

One of the Revolutionary poets, Joel Barlow, mentions Kosciuszko in his description of the Battle of Saratoga.

"But on the centre swells the heaviest charge,
The squares develop and the lines enlarge.
Here Kosciuszko's mantling works conceal'd
His batteries mute, but soon to scour the field."

One of Colonel Kosciuszko's great achievements was the fortifications at West Point. On March 5, 1778 he was assigned by Washington to be chief engineer in the construction of the West Point fortifications on the Highlands. He succeeded the French Colonel de la Radiere, who had failed completely in his task.

Later Colonel Kosciuszko became an adjutant to General Washington.

As a reward for his services, the United States in 1783 granted him American citizenship, annual pension with landed estates, the rank of Brigadier General and the thanks of Congress.

Kazimierz Pulaski learned of the American cause through Benjamin Franklin in France. He sailed for America, arriving in July 1777 with a letter of recommendation from Franklin to General Washington.

He joined George Washington's forces and distinguished himself at the Battle of Brandywine when, commanding a small squadron of cavalry, he shielded the retreating American Army from a flank attack by an enormous British Army under General Howe. His heroic act of courage led to eventual American victory.

On September 16, 1778 Congress appointed him a Brigadier General in charge of cavalry (he was named later "Father of American Cavalry") with permission to form his own brigade.

The winter of 1777-8 he spent in Trenton recruiting soldiers from Pennsylvania and Virginia. "New Jersey Gazette," published in Trenton April 23, 1778, had articles urging young men of any nationality to enlist in General Pulaski's Army. He organized and financed mostly with his own money an independent corps of 68 cavalrymen and 200 light infantrymen. By October 6, 1779 his army, known as "Pulaski's Legion," had over 300 soldiers.

As commander of his legion, he fought in Valley Forge, Egg Harbor, Charlestown, Germantown, and Savannah, where he was killed at the age of 32.

At the Battle of Savannah, October 9, 1779, while leading his cavalry, French dragoons and infantry into the fray shouting "Forward, brothers," Pulaski was hit by an enemy bullet in the groin. He was taken aboard the American ship WASP while the American army retreated to Charlestown. Pulaski died on the ship and was buried at sea from the WASP.

The WASP arrived at Charlestown with her flag at half-mast. Here a symbolic funeral was held. His shroud was borne by three American and three French high ranking officers, followed by his horse



bearing his uniform and army equipment. Colonel Howard, Army Chaplain and Pulaski's friend, delivered the eulogy. General Pulaski was the highest rank of foreign descent to give his life for American independence.

It was in Trenton the day before Christmas Eve in 1777 when Kosciuszko and Pulaski met for the first time. General Pulaski was here to carry out his plan of organizing his Legion. Colonel Kosciuszko heard about Pulaski's presence in Trenton and came here to make his acquaintance while on his way to Fort Ticonderoga. It was a very touching moment when these two Polish soldiers in exile shook hands on American soil.

Polish people are known for their hospitality and the Christmas Eve Polish Holiday wouldn't be forgotten by any Pole no matter where he was. Pulaski wanted to greet his guest with a traditional Polish Christmas Eve Supper. Fortunately, his friend Maciej Rogowski and his adjutant Karol Pluta, who sold his gold watch to get the money, had already made preparations to surprise their beloved General.

The bare hut was beautifully decorated with branches of pine, yew and cedar. In the middle sat the table covered with a snowy white tablecloth shining in candlelight. A sheaf of hay stood in the corner of the room as a symbol of Polish harvest and, best of all, there was a white waffle on a plate to be broken later in an exchange of wishes ceremony.

Shaking from joy and excitement, Pulaski broke one piece in two and, giving one to Kosciuszko, said: When you are back in Poland at Christmas Eve, remember me in Trenton. They all then broke the waffle and greeted each other in their solemn act of spiritual contemplation. This beautiful ritual was followed by the traditional supper.

The Polish supper without meat was cooked by an American negro soldier who was trying his best to prepare the traditional Polish meal. The fish with saffron and cabbage tasted delicious and two new friends, Kosciuszko and Pulaski, sat half the night talking about their lost country, family and friends.

It was quite late when they remembered one more Polish custom of drawing a piece of hay from the sheaf in the corner to predict their future. American hay contains all kinds of grasses and plants. Pulaski took a little black branch with a dried unknown flower while Kosciuszko found a fresh sprig with laurel leaves. Pulaski then commented: For you, laurels, Tadeusz, and for myself something black, maybe death. The future proved how true these predictions were . . .

We have to pay tribute not only to Pulaski and Kosciuszko and to many other Polish soldiers who gave their lives fighting for American freedom, but also to those who by writing, speaking and enormous work contributed to the foundation of the United States of America.

There is a spiritual relationship between the United States and Poland. The spirit of democracy and love of freedom, both personal and political, is reflected in the history of both nations.

— Irena Maria Blohm

1996

Polonaise Ball Cover 50th Anniversary





1999 The Scholarship Donor Special Benefactors Irena and Lubomir J. Zabliski Memorial Fund

January 1999 - The Club received a bequest from the estate of Lubomir J. Zabilski.

The sole condition in his last Will and Testament was that the gift: "Be used as a Scholarship Fund in the Memory of Irene R. and Lubomir J. Zabliski".

With principal and interest, the final amount of the gift was $148,977.01

It remains a principle source of funds by which the club has awarded approximately $390,000 in scholarships to over 350 students of Polish descent.

2002 Scholarship Student Awardees

2002



Picture by Joe Maculaitis



2002

Christmas Party Caroling

Karol Nawarynski on the Accordion

Eleanor Napiorkowski

Donna Chmara

& Mikołaj Kaczmarek (Anna Maculaitis' father)

Leading the Carols

Picture by Joe Maculaitis



2003

“Welcome to Polish Day”

PACT Members Sponsor Polish Cultural Activities at Chapin School in Princeton



AA4 The Times, Wednesday, February 26, 2003

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOLS

Chapin School celebrates culture of Pola

Witamy Polski Dzień

The theme for the seventh annual international cultural day at Chapin School of Princeton is expressed in a “Welcome T Day” sign.

2006

April 8

Trenton Times Announcing Loretta Daunis to Receive Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit from Polish President Lech Kaczynski

TRENTON TIMES APRIL 8, 2006



Staff photo by Martin Griff

Loretta Bielawski Daunis sits by a painting done by her daughter, Laurel. Daunis will be honored at the Polonaise Ball April 29 for her dedication to Polish culture.

Medal honors a champion of Polish culture

By DONNA McARDLE
Special to The Times

TRENTON — Sixty years ago, when Lawrence resident Loretta Bielawski Daunis was 21, she and two friends started the Polish Arts Club of Trenton.

The fledgling club, founded to promote Polish culture in the community, took root in its early meetings at the Stacy Trent Hotel where it grew in popularity with many immigrant and first-generation members.

Second- and third-generation family members have continued the tradition, swelling the club's membership to more than 100.

As it celebrates its 60th anniversary, the club will honor Daunis as the sole remaining founder. One of the year's celebratory high points will be the annual Polonaise Ball April 29 at the Trenton Country Club. In addition to presenting its annual scholarship awards, the club will honor Daunis with the Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit, an award designated by the president of Poland.

S. Paul Bosse, a club officer, handled the documentation involved in seeking the award. As a previous recipient for his work with the American Council for Polish Culture, he knows the pride and honor that comes with the medal.

"I am so proud for her," he said. "I would not have done all this work for her if she didn't deserve it."

Poland's Consul General for New York City, Krzysztof W. Kasprzyk, will present Daunis the silver medal overlaid with a gold eagle on behalf of Poland's President Lech Kaczynski.

"I am immensely proud to be receiving this award," Daunis said. "The time when we were organizing the club was one of the most exciting times in my life."

Daunis has always been keenly aware of her heritage. Her father, Albin Stanislaw Bielawski, immigrated to Brooklyn in 1909 and began publishing Polish-language newspapers. He moved to Trenton in 1927, founding the White Eagle Printing Co. Inc. which published a Polish-language papers for Trenton and Camden. He was an organizer and former president of the Broad Street Park Civic Association, a member of the Mercer County Park Commission for 20 years and a longtime member of the Trenton Business and Professional Men's Club.

His daughter followed his lead, editing "The Wayside Willow," a book of Polish poetry and prose, and writing a social column in the Polish newspaper Przyjaciel Wolnsei.

After serving the Polish Arts Club as president,

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treasurer and secretary, she is chairwoman of the club's scholarship committee.

"There are a few thousand Polish residents in the Trenton area," Bosse said. "The Polish Arts Club has done a lot of wonderful things, including sponsoring educational plays for grade schools, and focusing on famous names in history like the astronomer Copernicus who was born in Poland. We also promote books by Polish authors."

This year's $1,000 scholarship will go to about 25 students, Bosse said.

"I think that the club has been reactivated over the past few years because people want to promote their culture," Daunis said. "And people want to get together to help young people and give these scholarships to give them a start in life. It shows pride in your heritage."

Bosse said it was because of that enthusiasm and decades of hard work that Daunis deserved this honor.

"This is not an easy award to get," he said. "But she has done so many wonderful things on her own and by being active with her father in the community.

"The presentation of this medal is a rare occasion where a Polish-American is recognized for his or her contributions in sharing the Polish culture in the wider American community."

Daunis is still corporate secretary at White Eagle Printing, as well as secretary of Rider University Retirees Association.

2006

Loretta Daunis Receives the Cavalier's Cross of the Order of Merit from Polish President Lech Kaczynski (not present)

Escorted by Sgt. Karol Nawarynski & Lt. Stanley Joe Winowicz, Jr.



2007

Pope John Paul II Photo Exhibit at St. Ann's R.C. Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ

Seated L to R

Donna Chmara & Monsignor Gartland (Pastor)

Standing L to R

Dr. Chester & Eileen Kulak

Chris & Bill Muszynski

Paul Bosse





2007

Monsignor Arnister

Leads Donna Chmara Brożen Bienkowska

Anna Maculaitis & Others in Christmas Carols at the Wigilia Party at Julien's Bisro in Trenton, NJ

(Pictures by Tomek Masłowski

of MALA POLSKA)





2008

Polonaise Ball Honorees

Bożena Bienkowska

and

Karol Nawarynski



Bienkowska and Nawarynski To Be Honored

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton will honor two individuals who have donated their time and talent to serve the needs of Polish immigrants, Polish Americans, and the community at large. The awards will be presented during the annual Polonaise Ball on April 26 at the Trenton Country Club on Sullivan Way, Trenton, New Jersey.

Bozena Bienkowska is the owner of Pomerania Tax and Travel Services on 926 Brunswick Avenue in Trenton. While running a successful business, she has devoted herself to helping recent immigrants. She assists with translations in government offices, hospitals, and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. She helps with registration of children in school and attendance at parents' nights. She has helped pregnant women who are without family support to make doctors visits and during labor. With a request from local police, Bozena received domestic violence training. She is part of the response teach when incidents occur and provides translation and counseling to the individual involved.

Karol Nawarynski is a son of immigrants who were deported from Poland for slave labor on a farm in Germany during World War II. Karol has done much to rejuvenate the Polish Arts Club of Trenton, which serves the Polish American community through its fund raising during the year and award of scholarships to young people who will attend institutions of higher learning. Karol has expanded membership, renewed participation in the Pulaski Day Parade, organized a bus tour of Polish Philadelphia, featured interesting speakers at monthly meetings, and showcased a traveling Polish culture exhibit.

For more information about the Polonaise Ball, please contact Christine Muszynski at (609) 448-6393.

SOURCE:
THE POST EAGLE
APRIL 23, 2008

2008

PACT Participated at 400th Anniversary Recognition of First Polish Immigrants Landing in Jamestown, Virginia



2009

Honoree Stephanie B. Winowicz

One of the Original Group that Founded the Club & Former Polonaise Queen



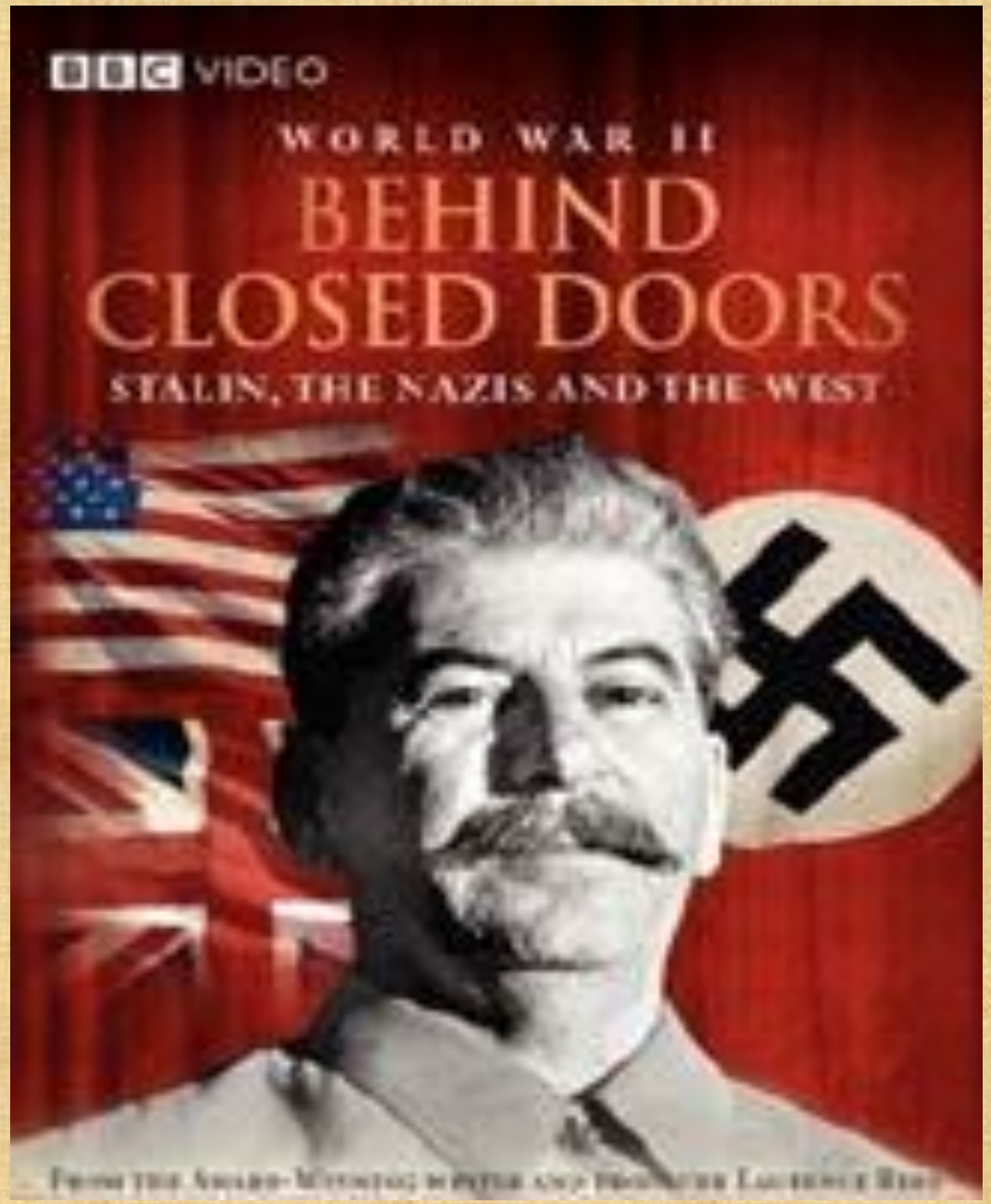
2009

Scholarship Student Awardees



2010 October 24

Behind Closed Doors Program at Mercer County Program at Mercer County Community College



2010 Polish Arts Club of Trenton

Behind Closed Doors Film Event

The Polish Arts Club of Trenton was honored to have Dr. Professor Marek Konarzewski from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington DC as their guest speaker. Dr. Konarzewski provided further insight to the Laurence Rees film "Behind Closed Doors" held on October 24, 2010. The event was attended by 250 people at the Mercer County Conference Center. Selected portions of the film were shown along with superb commentary from Dr. Konarzewski. Opening remarks were offered by Dr. Patricia C. Donohue, President of Mercer County Community College Dr. Konarzewski also answered questions from the audience. Light refreshments were served afterward along with a wonderful display table guarded by a Polish Soldier, Krzystof J. Czuj. The Polish Arts Club applauds the audience for their interest and suport. The Polish Arts Club is very grateful to the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) for a grant & the Embassy of the Republic of Poland assistance which made this in part possible. We also thank the following donors for their support: Leonardo's II Restaurant, Pulaski Meats at the Trenton Farmers Market and Paul Bosse. The committee was co-chaired by Donna Chmara and William Muszynski.

2010

President Karol Nawarynski and Dr. Professor Marek Konarzewski from the Polish Embassy





2010

BCD

Pre-Conference Dinner With Dr. Professor Marek Konarzewski



2010

Members Enjoy Good Food & Company at Pre-Conference BCD Reception





2010
October 24

BCD Polish Soldier Kzystof J. Czuj & Karol Nawarynski at PACT BCD Table



2010

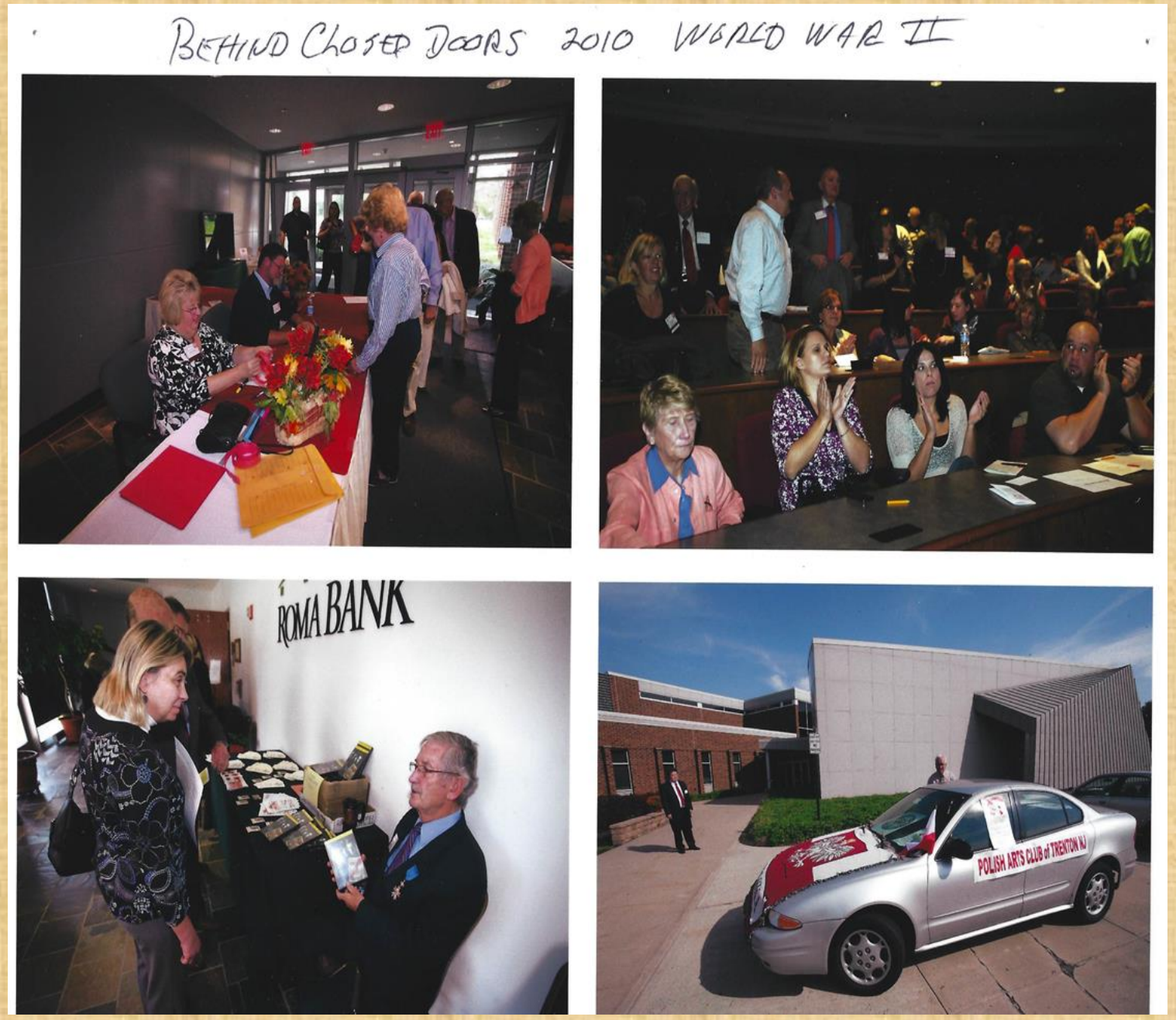
Behind Closed Doors at MCCC

Linda Everett Registration (top left)

Audience (top right)

Discussion (bottom left)

Vehicle Outside the Venue (bottom right)



2010

Dr. Professor Marek Konarzewski

Providing Further Insight to Selected Laurence Rees Film Clips "Behind Closed Doors"





2010
BCD

Full House at Mercer County Community College

Over 300



2010 Club Members At The BCD Event



2010

Post BCD Celebration at Leonado's II

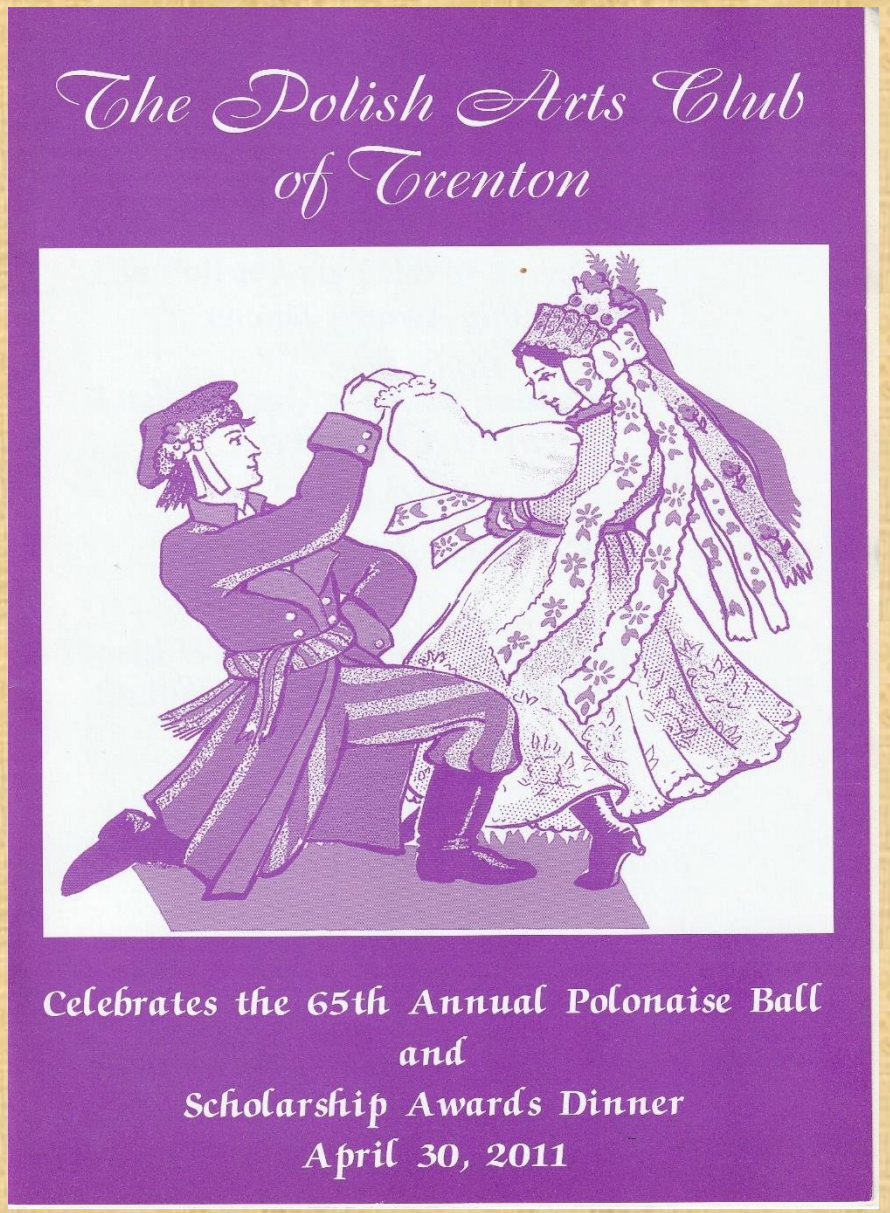


2011

Polonaise

Ball

Cover





2011

Wigilia at Leonardo's II





2011

Honorees
Donna Chmara
& Henry
Talarsky



2011

Members Marching In Philadelphia Pulaski Day Parade



2011

President (Sargent) Karol Nawarynski & Members Marching in the Pulaski Day Parade





2011
Club Participates in Polish Night at Trenton Thunder Baseball Game Organized by Michael Dobrowolski





2011

Bill Muszynski & John Bogdan Proudly holding Flags for the Playing of Polish & American Anthems at Trenton Thunder Game





2011

Fred Brodzinski & Friends Watching The game



2011

L to R

Bill Muszynski

Paul Bosse

Carl Nawarynski

Fred Brodzinski & Daniel



2012

L to R

President Karol Nawarynski

Honoree Lynne Faridy

Bożena Bienkowska

Vice President Donna Chmara

Honoree James Faridy

(Pictures by Tomek Masłowski

of MALA POLSKA)





2012

President Nawarynski and Vice President Donna Chmara Present Plaque to Eleanor Napiorkowska (middle) for Her Service to the Club



(Pictures by Tomek Masłowski of MALA POLSKA



2012

Good Company, Good Friends & Good Time At the Polonaise Ball



(Pictures by Tomek Masłowski
of MALA POLSKA

2012

Student Scholarship Awardees

Pictures by Tomek Masłowski of MALA POLSKA



2012

Attendees at the Ball



(Pictures by Tomek Masłowski
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March 6, 2012

Certificate of Honor

From Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders



County of Mercer
New Jersey
Board of Chosen Freeholders

Certificate of Honor

Presented
to
The Polish Arts Club of Trenton
for
Outstanding Community Service

In recognition of outstanding service to the community, this award is being presented to ***The Polish Arts Club of Trenton,*** *for its dedication to preserving Polish culture in Mercer County.*

On behalf of the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders, it is an honor and privilege to extend this certificate as a sincere expression of appreciation to The Polish Arts Club of Trenton, an organization that has a long and outstanding reputation of promoting Polish cultural and social activities in Mercer County. The Polish Arts of Club of Trenton provides an outlet of moral support for Polish Americans residing in Mercer County and places a strong emphasis on educating their youth to preserve Poland's rich cultural heritage. Each year, the Polish Arts Club of Trenton helps young Polish Americans pursue a higher education by awarding thousands of dollars in scholarships to ten different students of Polish descent. The Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders does hereby honor The Polish Arts Club of Trenton, on this March 6, 2012, and is proud to have this organization in Mercer County.

Sponsored By:

Lucylle R.S. Walter, Chair
John A. Cimino, Vice Chair
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2012 Club Participates Polish Night at Trenton Thunder Baseball Game

Organized by Michael Dobrowolski





2012

Liam (on mound) & Erin (next) O'Brien Throwing Out Ceremonial Pitch





2012

Hanna Krupa Grand-daughter of Member Stella Krupa Leads the Trenton Thunder Crowd in the Polish & American Anthyms



2012

Ryder University Presentation

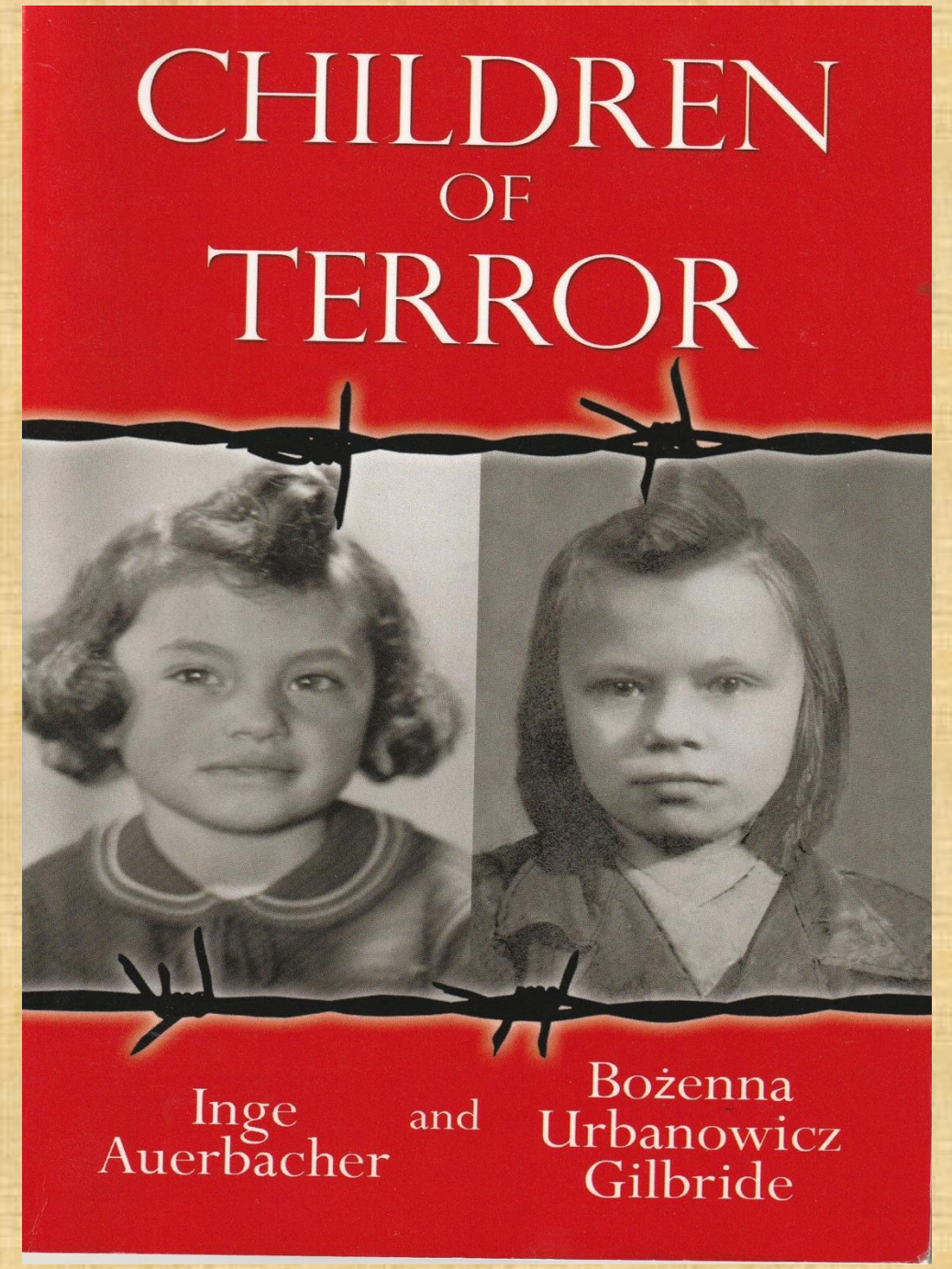
Filmmakers Dr. Shawn P. Kildea & Gina Grosso

Inge Auerbacher, Polish Catholic

&

Urbanowicz Gilbride, German Jew

commented and answered questions after the viewing of the film. (Based on 2009 Book by the same name)



2013

Scholarship Student Awardees With President John Bogdan



2014
October

Professor Barbara Bochenek (right) from Krakow University – Addresses Club on WWII 1939 German Invasion of Poland Bea (left) Maciołek Translates





2014

Members Gather Around Honoree Krystyna Nadurska Podraza

& Her Husband Eugene



2014

PKM Dancers Leading Honoree Krystina Nadurska Podraza and Members in Polonaise





2014

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT Awardees





2014

Polish School “Ogniwo” Joins With PACT Marching in the Pulaski Day Parade



2014

Members of Młodzieowy Choir ST. HEGWIG PARISH Leading the Wigilia Caroling



2015

Honoree Andrzej Pityński His Wife & Son

(center)





2015

Honoree Andrzej Pityński Presents His Sculpture Book to David & Marilyn Jose at Polonaise Ball



2015

Honoree Andrzej Pityński Presents Kirk & Linda Everett With a Copy Of His Sculpture Book At the Ball



2015 Scholarship Student Awardees

2015





2015

Ready To March In the Pulaski Day Parade





2015

Marchers in the Parade

Everyone Loves a Parade



2015

Our Friends from the Trenton P&S FCU





2016

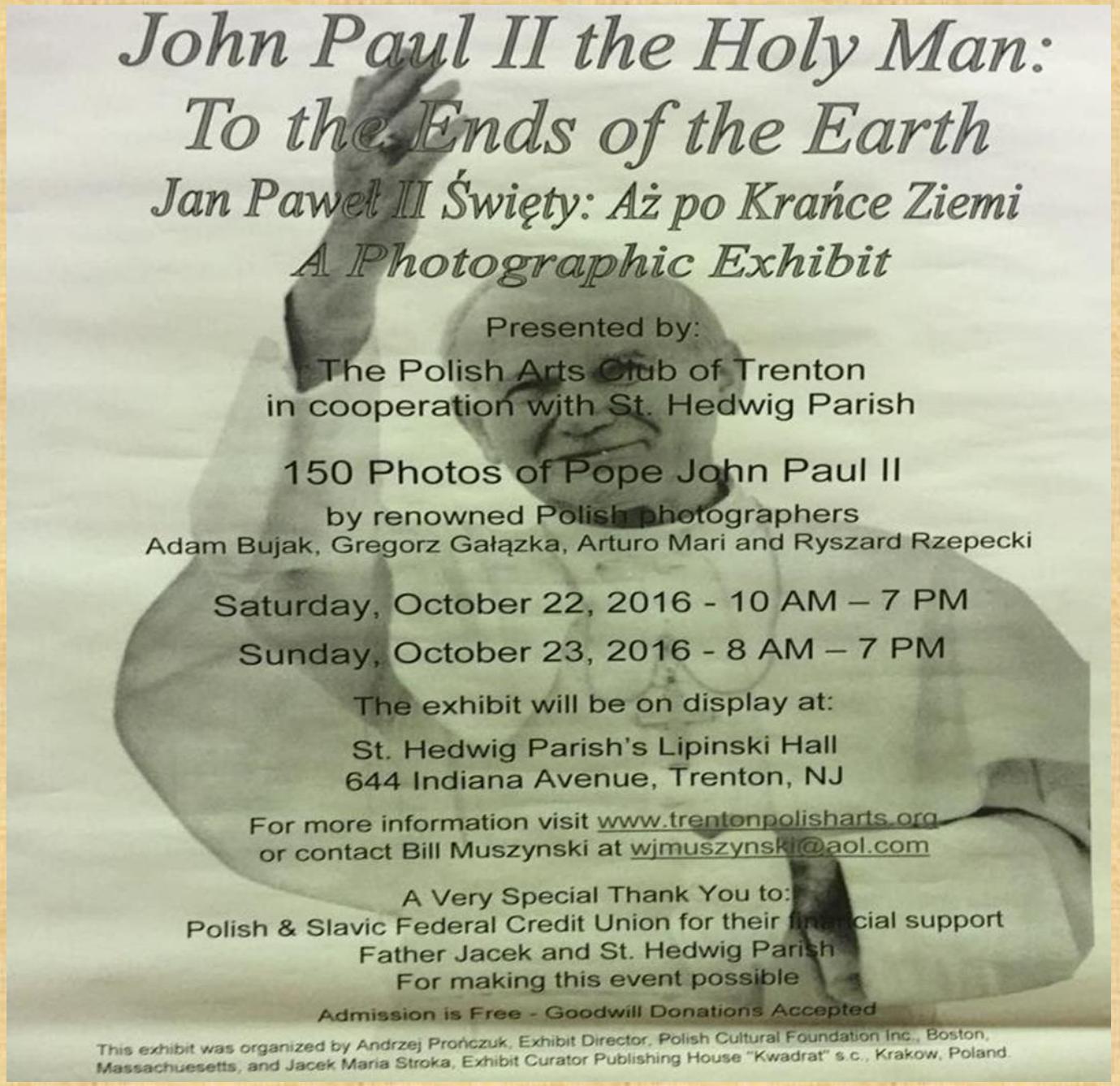
Vice President Henryk Nalepa Presents Honoree Walter J. Kramarz with Plaque





2016

PACT Pope John Paul II Photo Exhibit at Lipinski Hall, St Hedwig RC Parish (Trenton)



2016

October 22/24

Father Jacek Labinski with Club Members at Lipinski Hall, St Hedwig RC Parish



2016 Exhibit Ready to Receive Visitors





2016

St. Hedwig Polish School Students & Principal Visit the Exhibit



2016

Visitor at the Pope John Paul II Photo Exhibit Admiring the Pictures



2016

Club Members at PACT's Pope John Paul II Photo Exhibit



2017

Vice President Henryk Nalepa Presents Polonaise Ball Honoree Peter Obst with Plaque





2017

PKM Performing Dancing in Tradition Dress of Honoree Peter Obst's Home Region in Poland



2017

PKM Performing a Traditional Dance



2017 Scholarship Student Awardees

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With Co-chairs Linda Everett and Christine Muszynski



2017

PKM Lead the Polonaise with Honoree Peter Obst with Other Members & Guests



2018

Honoree Stanley Joe Winowicz, Jr. Receives Plaque from President John R. Bogdan



2018

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT Awardees



2018

At the November Meeting, Dr. Barbara Bochenek from Krakow Presents the Story of Poland's Freedom Fighters "Cursed Soldiers" – so Named by the Russian Occupiers of Poland after WW II



2018

St. Hedwig R.C. Parish Pastor Rev. Father Jacek Labinski gives Invocation & Blessing at Club's Wigilia



2019

Honoree
Marilyn Fontes Jose
(at the mike)
&
Donna Chmara



2019

Scholarship Student Awardees



2019

Scholarship Student Weronika Tyminska is also a PKM Dancers



2019

PKM Dancers Congratulate Weronika



2019

PKM on the Staircase at The Trenton Country Club



2020

Debbie Majka

Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland for Southeastern Pennsylvania Addresses the Club at its March 2nd Meeting the Last in Person Meeting for the Next Year & a Half due to Covid 19





2020

PACT Host's Pysanki Demonstration Conducted By Local Artist Leona Law At PROSPECT HEIGHTS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY Firehouse in Ewing, NJ



2020

Leona Law Provides Basic Instructions To Members & Friends



2020

Everyone Decorating Their Eggs for Easter



2020

Marilyn Jose and Lynne Faridy Get Hands on Training from Leona Law





2020

NOT BAD FOR BEGINNERS





2020 The Covid-19 Pandemic Hits

The Pysanki Demonstration was the last PACT event held event before the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic resulted in state and federal mandates shutdown all external events Including schools, churches, businesses, restaurants, etc. Masks, work-at-home & ”virtual” meetings, classes and became the norm for the next 18 mos. PACT Meetings were held via ZOOM Technology until November 2021. The 2020 Polonaise Luncheon & the Wigilia Celebration was cancelled. The Constitution & By-laws were amended to provide or a President to be elected to a third term, and to allow for elections at a meeting where members could vote in person or via ZOOM.

PACT Awarded 13 Student Scholars with a $1500 scholarship.

2020

Scholarship

Student

Awardees

(Four Students Did not Submit Graduation Pictures)





In Late 2021 The Covid-19 Pandemic Began to Ease

In late 2021 and early 2022 the Pandemic began to ease-up resulting in the lifting or modification of some of the mandates. The annual Polonaise Scholarship Awards and Honoree Luncheon was held in August 8, 2021. The Club held meetings in person and ZOOM in October & November 2021, and the 2021 Wigilia Party at Leonardo's II. We resumed in person meetings in February 2022, held a Pysanki Demonstration Program in March.

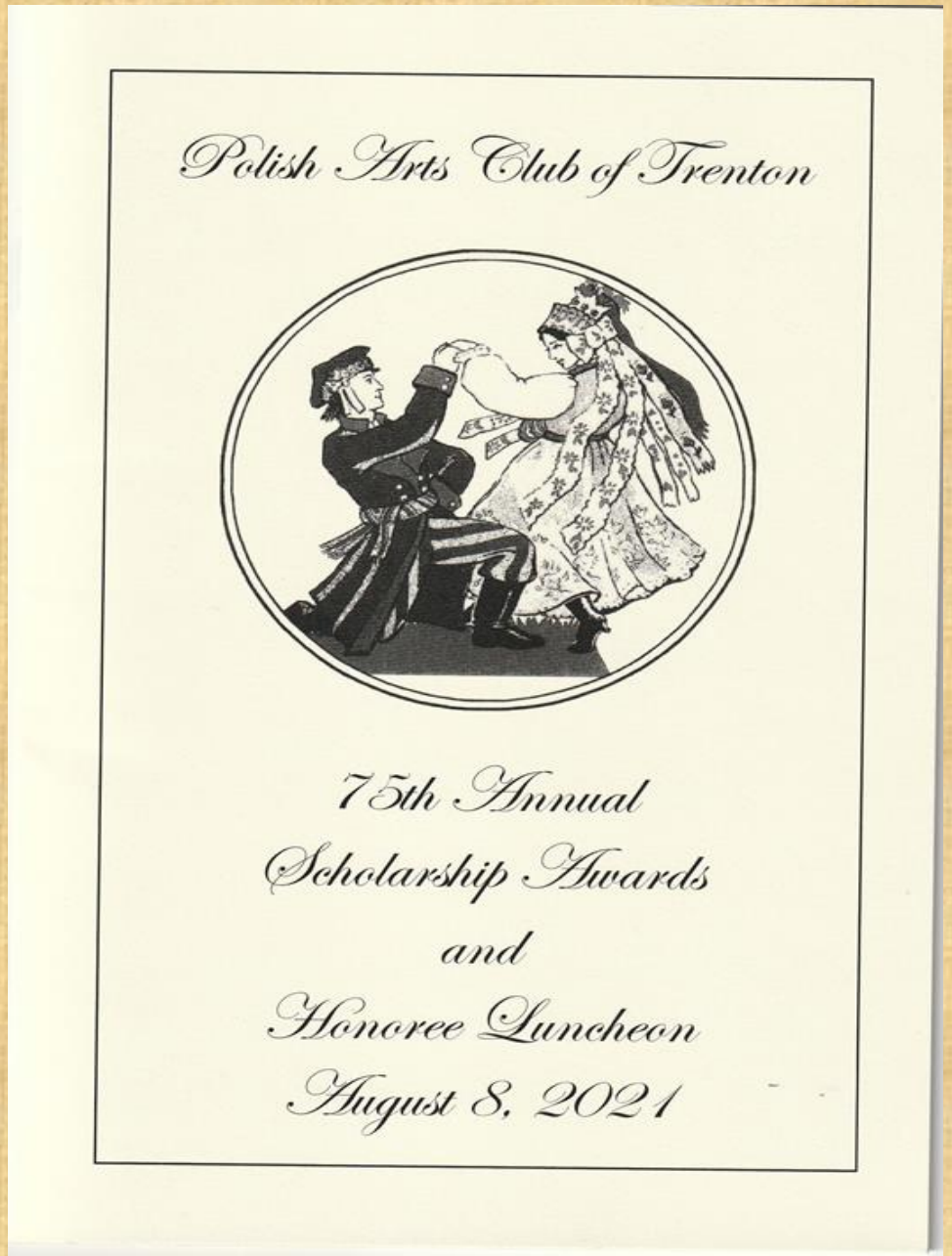
On April 24, 2022, we held our 76th Polonaise Scholarship Awards and Honoree Luncheon was held at the Trenton Country Club. At the Luncheon, we celebrated our 75th Anniversary, awarded student scholarships & honored Deborah Majka, the Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland for Southeastern Pennsylvania.

2021

Polonaise

Luncheon

Cover



2021

Honorees
Gil Lugossy
&
Helen (Lee) Lugossy
(posthumously)



2021

Honoree Gil Lugossy (center) with Peter Obst (left) and John Bogdan (Right)



2021

PKM Dancers at August Luncheon



2021

Scholarship Student Awardees



2021

Nativity Scene at Leonardo's II



2021 Wigilia

Welcome By President Donna Chmara & Committee Chair Susan Brozena



2021 Wigilia

Raffle Prizes Donated by Members to Make the Season Bright



2021 Wigilia at Leonardo's II

Members Enjoying The Borsh, Caroling & Friends

Left

Donna Chmara

Richard Palazzi

Denise Gauvin-Tharney

Right

David Jose



2021 Wigilia

Left row

Christine Muszynski, Rev. Jacek Labinski, Bill Muszynski, Anna & Carolina Maculaitis

Right row

Dorothy & Deacon Barry Zadworny, & Joe Maculaitis



Consulate General Adrian Kubicki Congratulatory Letter on Club's 75th Anniversary

Consulate General
of the Republic of Poland
in New York

New York, April 13th 2022

Donna Chmura
President
Polish Arts Club of Trenton
22 Beechcroft Dr.
Hightstown, NJ. 08520-2229

Dear Madam President,

Allow me to begin by thanking you for your kind invitation to attend 75th Anniversary celebration of Polish Arts Club of Trenton on April 24th, 2022. Sadly, due to previous engagements, it will not be possible for myself to attend this event. Nevertheless, on this cheerful occasion, I would like to congratulate and thank you for taking the initiative to promote Polish culture for almost eight decades.

Since 1945, The Polish Arts Club of Trenton has been a leader in providing scholarships opportunities and promoting Polish arts, subsequently becoming a well know vibrant platform to popularize uncounted cultural, academic and social activities. I truly admire your abiding interest in propagating Polish cultural inheritance and invaluable willingness to continue your Polish legacy for seventy-five beautiful years.

I am fully convinced that Polish Arts Club of Trenton will carry out its successful mission for many more years to come, serving the Polish-American community in New Jersey.

Yours,

Adrian Kubicki
Consul General

233 Madison Avenue
(Jan Karski Corner)
New York, N.Y. 10016

HAPPY 75 ANNIVERSARY – STO LAT!!!!!

The Best is yet to Come!

The Next Generation

Sabrina (right) & Brigid (left) Alderman

Show the

Spirit & Energy

to carry on the Vision

& Mission of the Founders of the Polish Arts Club of Trenton

