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2006 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



left to right: Paul Bortner, Michal Krasel, Dominika Szymanski, Angelika Osowski, Christopher Borowski, and Melissa Kalinowski

Springtime and Polish Heritage Association ~ We All Know What That Means!!

By Gordon Creamer

On Sunday, May 21st, 2006, our organization celebrated its thirty-second annual scholarship grants program. This year, as in years past, our Scholarship Committee had the rewarding yet challenging task of selecting students from local secondary schools, colleges and universities who were the most deserving of Polish Heritage's Scholarship Awards. The competition continues to increase each year with regard to the number and caliber of students who apply, which contributes to the overall pride and excitement that we share in recognizing them with such distinction.

With significant delight, Polish Heritage was able to provide six deserving students with both financial support and a year-long membership in our beloved Association. The following recipients and prizes were awarded during our ceremony:

Earl L. Carey, Jr. Memorial Scholarship ~ Melissa Ann Kalinowski
Laura Goralski Memorial Scholarship ~ Dominika Eliza Szymanski
Polish Heritage Association Scholarship ~ Michal Krasel
Robert P. Pula Memorial Scholarship ~ Angelika Maria Osowski
Dr. Josephine Wtulich Memorial Scholarship ~ Christopher Phillip Borowski
Dr. Kenneth & Nancy Williams Scholarship ~ Paul Andrew Bortner

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Melissa Kalinowski will be a sophomore this Fall at Villa Julie College, where she is majoring in Forensic Science, Dominika Szymanski, will be attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County pursuing a degree in pediatric nursing, Michal Krasel, a junior at the University of Maryland College Park is majoring in Aerospace Engineering, Angelika Osowski plans on pursuing a major in nursing with a minor in art while attending Towson University, Christopher Borowski will be pursuing a Political Science degree at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and Paul Bortner, will be attending Bucknell University working towards a degree in engineering.

Our ceremony commenced with the singing of both the American and Polish National Anthems by Pat Bruchalski and opening remarks by our President, Victoria Leshinskie. Following the invocation, we presented our scholarship winners with a certificate and membership in our association. After the ceremony a delicious meal was shared by all in attendance, thanks to the creative and skillful efforts of our Hospitality Committee.

This year's Scholarship Committee included Thomas Hollowak, Chair, Gordon Creamer, Robin Majeski, John Mealey, and Stacia Solinsky. As members of this committee, they were eager to be involved with such a process that recognizes distinguished, Polish youth for their academic, volunteer, and extracurricular efforts as well as financial need.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

PHA has awarded over 150 scholarships and we want to bring our members up-to-date on what some of our past recipients are doing today. We encourage former scholarship winners, their families or friends to contact President Vicky Leshinskie [410-962-8611 or Vleshinskie@anes.umm.edu] and tell us what you are doing now.

Mark S. Bialek - was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 2006 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen by William Cardinal Keeler.

Elizabeth Borowsky - is pursuing a Master's of Music degree with a cognate in Psychology at Indiana University.

John Paul Gustin - has completed his course work and now doing research in breast cancer at the Park Lab at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Upon completing my research, I will receive my Ph.D. in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

Francis J. Rutkowski - is an antiques dealer at Connoisseurs Connection, 869 North Howard Street in Baltimore.

Kenneth W. Skrzysz - is a member of Actors' Equity Association and the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers. He is currently works with Clear Space Productions in Rehoboth, DE.

SEPTEMBER MUSICAL PROGRAM

To end our summer hiatus the organization begins its monthly meetings on Sunday, September 17 meeting with a concert given by Dariusz Skoraczewski who is the Assistant Principal Cellist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra



The program will feature the works of Beethoven, Janacek, Chopin and Penderecki and will begin following the business meeting at 4:00 p.m in the Undercroft at Holy Rosary Church, 408 South Chester Street.

POLISH – JEWISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Father Richard speaking to the group, prior to their departure, about Polish Catholicism.



The American participants tour Polonia before beginning the trip.

The Polish - Jewish Exchange DUTY Program was a huge success. The students from America and Israel traveled to Poland where they were joined by students from Poland then toured Poland. Then the Americans and Israel youth flew to Israel where they toured the Holy Land before the Polish and Jewish American youth All returned safely to the USA on July 14.



“This trip changed my outlook on life. I now feel so much more connected to my ancestry.” - Andrew Rybczynski

The exchange of historical and cultural heritage in the students ancestral countries created lasting friendships. The participants promise to continue their dialogue.



The entire group pose with Brother Simon outside of Jasna Gora Monastery.



“I really feel that I’ve strengthened my faith on this trip by visiting the places you read about in the Bible... This trip was a great opportunity to meet people my age in different countries and tour their countries with them. ... I had so much fun and I

wouldn’t trade the experience for anything else in the world.” - Amanda Glinowiecki



The Golden Temple on the Mount of Olives

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“I must be driving my family crazy... I just can’t stop talking about the trip.... Several times a day I will find myself smiling because of a certain song or familiar phrase takes me back.” - Mary Jordan



“The participants...found that we had so many similarities, that we clicked in a matter of hours. It made me realize that the people in the world have so much in common. It was an exhilarating experience that I will remember and continue to share with others.” - Emma Rybczynski



“DUTY, for me, was more than a trip - it was and experience. I was able to note the differences between our communities, but also more importantly, acknowledge the similarities between our histories, ambitions, and viewpoints.” - Jasmine Dyba



“Every single moment of the trip and all the lessons learned are memories that will remain with me my entire life. I am so happy to have made such

strong friendships with, not only our Maryland group, but with Polish and Israeli teens, in such a short time.” - Stasi Tomaszewski



TOOTING OUR HORN



M. Albert Figinski successfully argued that the “Early Voting Law” passed by the General Assembly was unconstitutional. The Maryland Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling.

Senator Barbara A. Mikulski was joined by Polish Ambassador Janusz Reiter to discuss the Senate’s unanimous passage of her amendment that would extend the U.S. Visa Waiver program to Poland. The provision, a bipartisan effort was accepted on May 25, as part of the Senate’s immigration legislation.



courtesy of Sen. Mikulski

On July 18, at the Polish Embassy in Washington, General/Ambassador Edward Rowny (retired) provided a glowing introduction for Deputy Chief of Mission Dr. Boguslaw Winid who is departing for Poland after his tour of service. The farewell gathering was organized by the American Center of Polish Culture and Polish Library in Washington. Richard Poremski covered the event for the *Polish American Journal*.

Edward B. Rybczynski, a Korean War Veteran, was named Catholic War Veteran of the year at the organization’s convention, May 16-18, held in Ocean City. Ed was honored for providing more than 50 years of dedicated service to Church, Veterans Affairs, Civic and Community projects and programs.

BIRTHS

Katerina Eleni, daughter of Leslie and Emmanuel Kaminaris, as well as granddaughter of Fred Kaminski, was born on May 21. Kate weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was twenty inches long.



Eliza Shiraz MacLea, daughter of John and Beth Mealey was born on June 5. Eliza weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was twenty-one inches long.



courtesy of Richard Poremski

left to right: Dr. Boguslaw Winid, his wife Beata and General Rowny

Tom Rybczynski has been named he Top Agent for the Second Quarter in 2006 for the Fells Point Office of Coldwell Banker. Tom has been a realtor in East Baltimore for over twenty-six years.

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Stanley Wtulich

Thank You!

“Letters to Dorothy”

by Stanislaw Rembski

“Letters to Dorothy” is composed of love letters written by Rembski to his wife, Dorothy, over several years.

The book includes reproductions of drawings by Rembski made in New York in the 1920s.

The letters were typed on an ancient electric typewriter, including many typos. Rembski knew Dorothy wouldn't mind and she didn't. Some of the typos were left in the book to make it authentic.

**Send \$10.00 check or money order to-
Friends of Rembski
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Proceeds from the sale of “Letters to Dorothy” will used to fund an art scholarship in her name.

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