Polish Scholarships awarded
By: Marion Winters

Two Louis & Nellie Polish Scholarships for Polish Studies were awarded for 2007 by the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). Committee Chairperson Ursula Brodowicz reported that the Skalny Scholarships Committee, including President Debbie Majka, Ange Iwanczyk and Marion Winters, awarded $1,000 scholarships to two outstanding applicants, Natalia Maska and Sylvia Piezrak.

Natalia Maska

attends the University of Michigan and is pursuing a double major in Cellular and Administrative and Policy. Natalia has maintained an exemplary academic record with University Honors. Bogdana Carpenter, Professor of Polish Comparative Literature, writes that “Natalia thrives on intellectual challenges and often selects ambitious topics for her papers.” Other awards that she has garnered include the Michigan Merit Award and the Gold Presidential Award for her 600 hours of community service. Natalia has been a Polish Girl Scout in the Polish Scouting Organization for eight years and has achievedLeader status. Recently, she took part in the World Polish Scouting Jamboree in Maryland. She has also been a Polish folk dancer for eleven years and is an active member of the University of Michigan Polish Club. President of the Friends of Polish Art, will be presenting the $1,000 check on behalf of the ACPC to Natalia Maska at a club function.

Sylvia Teresa Piezrak

attends the University of Connecticut, NEA’s School of Education and plans to pursue a career in education. Currently, her concentration is in Secondary Education with specialization in English. Academic honors include semesters on the Dean’s List and the New England Scholar Award for two consecutive years. Sylvia has been involved in many areas of the community as a volunteer. Polish course work has included involvement in the creation of two books in the Polish Special Topics course covering three semesters. One book is a collection of twenty biographies written in Polish and English about famous personalities in the Polish community, in which Sylvia assisted with the translation. The other project is a book, created by her Professor Magdalena Szelc-Maysa for beginning speakers of the English language, so which Sylvia contributed translations. This latter book will be used by the Professor with her students in Krakow, Poland. Sylvia is an active member of the Polish Community and has taught Polish folk dancing and songs to children, including teenagers, at a club in Bridgeport.

By: Betsy Cepielik

Polish University Club of Los Angeles Celebrates 60th Anniversary

On June 17 (Father’s Day) the Polish University Club of Los Angeles celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a luncheon banquet. The event was held in the parish hall of the Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church, in Los Angeles. The banquet was preceded by a special mass in the church. The guests then proceeded to the parish hall. Club President Artur Prejna welcomed the guests and invited them to partake in appetizers prepared by the Truty family’s European Deli. Background music was provided by Judi Jetter playing the harp.

Father Bogdan Molenda of the Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church gave the luncheon blessing. A delicious luncheon of chłodnik, beefsteak with mushrooms, chicken de volai, potatoes, beets, and cucumber salad was prepared by cateress extraordinaire Teresia Turek and served by members of the club and the scholarship recipients. A special Polish dessert was prepared by Anna Prejna. Artur Prejna prepared and presented a PUC slide show.

Next it was time for entertainment. Kristin Kozlowski (scholarship recipient) and her partner Nathan Burroughs (professional ballroom dancers) skillfully performed the Santa Maria Tango. Anna Jaroszewicz (another recipient) and her partner Artur Jaroszewicz treated the guests to a very lively Krakowiak. Recipient Greg Ellenbass read his autobiographical sketch. Then it was time for the presentations of ten scholarships, by Dr. Maya Trochimczuk (scholarship chair) and Paul Kaymark (Treasurer). Scholarships were awarded to the following deserving students:

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Anna Jaroszewicz – B.A., Psychology and Economics, University of California, Berkeley

Artur Szczepański – Potasz Scholarship B.A., Economics, Stanford University

Kevan Akrami – Polish Center Scholarship – M.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Michal Uchytmik – PhD, Chemical Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles

Kristin Kozlowski – BA, Business and Accounting, Cal Poly, San Louis Obispo

Jolanta Domaradzka – MSc, Mathematical Finance, University of Southern California

Stan Skimina – MBA, University of Southern California

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Teresa Duda – MA, Media and Journalism, CSUN

Maureen Dragan, recipient of the Potasz Scholarship, and Sylvia Piezrak, recipient of the Braundziszewicz Scholarship, were presented with $1,000 checks at the luncheon. Closing remarks were given by Artur Prejna. Kristin Kozlowski and her partner, Nathan Burroughs, performed a waltz and received their certificates and appreciation.

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Ladies - L. Anna Jaroszewicz, Kristin Kozlowski, Maureen Dragan, Julia Domaradzka

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By: Betsy Cepielik

Welcome to Poznań Part 1

As summer vacation is approaching fast, I would like to broaden your mind with another hot destination that would enable you to come back to the land of your predecessors. This article is intended to encourage you to pack your stuff in order to arrive in the beautiful city of Poznań, the capital of the Great Poland Province (Wielkopolska), which will familiarize you with a great history of Poland, i.e. the inception of the state – the Christianization of Mazovia I, the development of statehood, and the times under Prussian Partition. Poznań is also surrounded by a number of very unique towns that will keep you entertained through your stay in this Great Polish Province. Let’s see what Poznań has to offer for every generation.

Accommodations

Accommodations in Poznań are available whereas they will suit everyone’s taste. Poznań has everything from a five-star Sheraton, to the Old-Town-Square-based hotels, to small but cozy hotels outside the city center which will allow you to drive freely around the Province, to motels, camping sites, and other points of interest. The places vary from those outside to another due to the prestige of the location and the comfort at a hotel (stars designations). You can also choose accommodations in nearby towns outside of the city. Mind you, the price of hotels might increase during the trade fair which takes place at The Poznań International Trade Fair, one of the biggest fairs in the country related to various trades.

Main attractions

Poznań is a vibrant community which vaunts a load of monuments and “must-see” spots. Not only is it regarded around the world as a Prussian city with its fascinating architecture and the history left after the communism, Poznań is also believed to be developing economically, academically, and geographically, having grown to be a target destination of many businesses.

The Old Town Square (Stary Rynek)

This splendid area located in the heart of the city represents the blossom of Poznań, with its gem of Renaissance, City Hall (Ratusz), believed to be “the most beautiful Renaissance building North of the Alps.” Stary Rynek attracts the eyes of tourists as well as the locals who choose it to be their original fun place, where they sit in one of the “ogródeks.” Each day at noon two miniature parades pass by in an anticlockwise manner. Each day at noon two miniature parades pass by in an anticlockwise manner.