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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 - 2:30 PM



CHOPINIANA 2025 AND AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL SOCIETY 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The *American Polish Cultural Society* celebrated its **40th Anniversary** and the **32nd Annual Chopiniana** on September 28, 2025. This special event was organized by a committee organized immediately after the passing of Jackie Kolowski, Chopiniana's Chair of 12 years. In less than 2 ½ months, the committee managed to combine the plans for the 40th Anniversary of the Society and this year's presentation of Chopiniana into one of the most successful events we have had this year at the Cultural Center. More than three hundred and thirty guests attended the event!

President of the American Polish Cultural Society/Center, Mr. Ryszard Tarnicki welcomed everyone and dedicated this year's Chopiniana to the memory of Jackie Kolowski. A beautiful memory book commemorating Chopiniana and the 40th Anniversary of the Cultural Society was presented to all participants with congratulatory ads, letters and articles from American Polish businesses, dignitaries, and supporting friends!

The Chopiniana artists were presented by Master of Ceremonies, internationally acclaimed pianist, and professor at Wayne State University, Mr. Kazimierz Brzozowski. *Derek Szlauer, pianist; Joseph Gray, violinist; and Brendan Callies, cellist;* presented an energetic and brilliant program that brought them many standing ovations!!! Red rose bouquets were then presented to the amazing artists by Chairperson, Mrs. Zdzisława Gumul.

(Watch on U-tube POLONIA MICHIGAN AC, Andrzej Chodubski)

Master of Ceremonies of the 40th Anniversary, Mr. Henry S. Gumul welcomed everyone and made introductions. After the invocation by Fr. Witek from Orchard Lake, everyone enjoyed an exceptional dinner highlighted by delicious beef medallions, a new item being introduced by the Center. A most inspirational keynote address was given by Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Richard Walawender Esq. Mr. Gumul also introduced the Committee members and thanked them for their efforts: *Zdzisława E. Gumul, Chairperson; Tomasz Kielar, Co-Chair; Zofia Duniec-Dmuchowski, Danuta Gurne, Zbigniew Martusiewicz, Richard Z. Tarnicki, and Barbara Slominski.*



Voice from the President of American Polish Cultural Society/Center

Dear Members,

I would like to share with you some recent activities that have been going on in our center. In June, we were able to put together a recurring event that everyone could get together on the weekends. The event was called Polish Patio. The Polish Patio had great food and drinks that provided a very warming atmosphere. I would like to continue this event next year when the weather starts to warm up. I would like to thank all the people who participated and worked to make these events very successful.

Another event I would like to discuss is the Polish Day Parade. The event took place on August 23, 2025. The weather this year was amazing as we walked/drove through the streets of Warren. We had cars decorated in Polish flags and a very nicely designed banner. I wanted to thank everyone who was involved and I wanted to especially thank the Polish Day Parade Committee for the invite. We would like to keep this tradition going for years to come.

It is almost time to vote. The time has come to elect a new executive board, board of directors, financial review committee, and events committee. The election will take place on January 18th, 2026. All information is posted online. Please look at our website for specific details.

The board of directors and myself would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026. I would like to invite everyone for our New Year's ball which will have amazing food and wonderful music performed by the band "Mr. System" from Toronto, Canada. Please make your reservations as the event is filling up quickly. Thank you again for another great successful year and let's continue to keep our center growing.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku 2026

Sincerely,

Richard Zdzisław Tarnicki, President



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is once again time to renew your memberships. We have recently sent out membership renewal letters requesting that all the members renew their supporting memberships. If you have not sent in your renewal form, please do as soon as possible.

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We would like to encourage you to change from printed copy to email newsletter. Please send us your request at: management@americanpolishcenter.com

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General membership meeting:

Sunday, November 30, 2025 – 2:30 pm

Please note that the upcoming General Membership Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 30, 2025 at 2:30 pm.

Zapraszamy na walne zebranie członkowskie w niedzielę, 30 listopada 2025 r. o godz. 2:30 po południu.

SPECIAL THANKS:

- ❑ To **Rose & Ralph Boyle, Diane Cartwright, Michael Gawronski, Anna & Stanisław Łopacki, Henrietta Nowakowski, Piotr Synowiec, Margaret Szymanski, Dennis & Joyce Urbanczyk** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society Scholarship Fund;
- ❑ To **Jacqueline Kolowski** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society Scholarship Fund in memory of Kazimiera Ruchala;
- ❑ To **Zdzisława & Henry Gumul, Barbara Lemecha, Polish Day Parade Committee** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society Scholarship Fund in memory of Jacqueline Kolowski;
- ❑ To **Zbigniew Martusiewicz** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society Marcia Lewandowski Fund;
- ❑ To **Anton Pliska, and Polish National Alliance Council 122** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society;
- ❑ To **Anthony Glaza** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society in memory of John Kozłowski;
- ❑ To **Benny Stubenrauch, Larry & Bev Steplitus, Tom & Nancy Platsko** for donation to American Polish Cultural Society in memory of John Tata;
- ❑ To all individuals that have volunteered their help in the last few months and to the wonderful ladies of our library (open on Wednesdays): **Bronisława Berent, Barbara Budkowski and Anna Uliasz.**
Serdecznie wszystkim dziękujemy!

Welcome to Our New Members!

Lifetime Members: Robert Paul Bielat, Emily Buras, Kristin M. Cowden, Norman Dziadzio, Erik Kafarski, Donald Kaliszczak, Andrzej Osika, Jean Tien, Artur Wyszyński, Dr. Irena Zalewska

Supporting Members: Kamil Foryś, Gabriela Hanna, Teresa Kobus, Katarzyna Lacki, Aneta Luzinski, Halina Ptasinska, Danuta Salem, Barbara Van Hulle, Lucyna Węgrzyn, Roza M. Woloch

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As a surprising ending to the celebration, the young "Orkiestra Dęta" directed by Mr. Antoni Mączka, entertained guests with enthusiastic Polish folk music and singing. Many happy guests commented that never in the history of Chopiniana did this event end with such a flurry of dancing and singing! Perhaps this was the beginning of more surprises to come!

CC. Zdzisława E. Gumul,
Corresponding Secretary of the American Polish Cultural Society/Center



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American Polish Cultural Society Proudly Presents Scholarships Recipients for 2025

On Wednesday, August 6, 2025, The American Polish Cultural Society held its annual Scholarship Award Ceremony where two exceptional students were presented with this year scholarships.



The scholarships were awarded to Maya G. Pelshaw and Karol Andrzejewski. Maya Pelshaw is a student at the University of Dayton, majoring in Sustainability and Spanish.

Karol Andrzejewski is a student at Central Michigan University pursuing a career in Product Design Engineering Technology.



Richard Tarnicki, President of APCS, made opening remarks emphasizing the importance of education and that we should take pride in the remarkable accomplishments of these students who will be playing important leadership roles in their respective fields. They will undoubtedly continue their participation in Polonian activities.

Barbara Lemecha, Scholarship Committee member recapped that our grant was established decades ago to recognize outstanding full-time Polish American students, to encourage them to strive for excellence in their academic endeavors. In addition, she added that this was the second year of a newly established Scholarship Fund in memory of our founding member Marcia Lewandowski. The idea of establishing this fund originated with APCS board member Zbyszek Martusiewicz. This year Maya Pelshaw was the recipient of the Marcia Lewandowski Fund.



As a part of their application each student was asked to write an essay titled how to "Keep Polish Heritage Alive". Maya wrote a beautiful testimonial to her parents and Marcia Lewandowski, her dance teacher, who taught her how to appreciate her Polish roots even more than her parents had already.

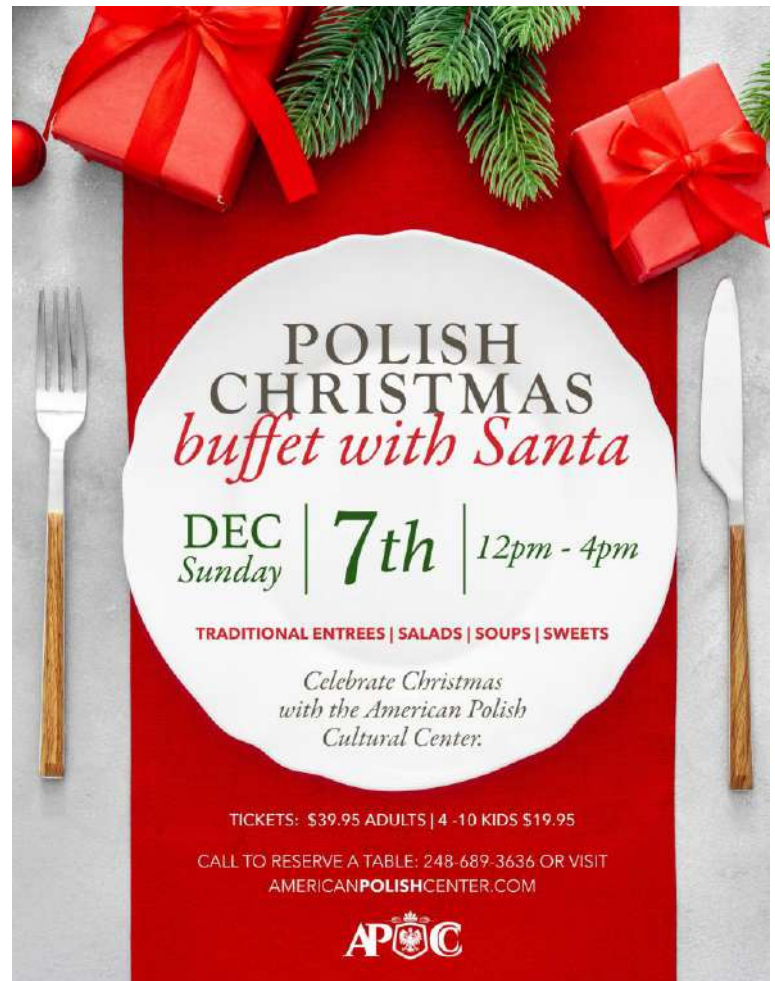
Karol earned the remarkable Seal of Biliteracy, which is an internationally recognized achievement demonstrating truly exceptionable proficiency in 2 languages.

In his essay, he wrote, "Polish Heritage isn't just heritage, it is a way of life. I've been on this wave."

The APCS Scholarship Program depends on contributions from our members who want to ensure the continuing success of this program. We are encouraging everyone to contribute to this worthy cause. Please make the checks to APCS/ Scholarship Fund and mail to 2975 E. Maple Rd. Troy, MI 48083

The APCS Scholarship Committee pictured above, from left, Grażyna Galeczka, Andrzej Osika, Karol Andrzejewski, Maya Pelshaw, Ludwik Chrobak, Richard Tarnicki, Grażyna Tarnicki, Frank Dmuchowski & Barbara Lemecha

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American Polish Cultural Society 2026 Elections



This year marks a very important election cycle for the **American Polish Cultural Society (APCS)**, with elections scheduled for the 2026 term.

We are actively seeking dedicated individuals for the **APCS Director** role. Serving on the Board is a two-year commitment, requiring directors to meet monthly to discuss critical decisions regarding the future of APCS and the American Polish Cultural Center (APCC).

Key Requirements:

- You must have been a paid member in good standing for the last two years.
- The deadline for nominations is **December 18th, 2025**.
- All necessary submission forms are available on our official website.

If you are interested in a leadership role or know a qualified member who is, please ensure nominations are submitted before the deadline!

Elections 2026

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