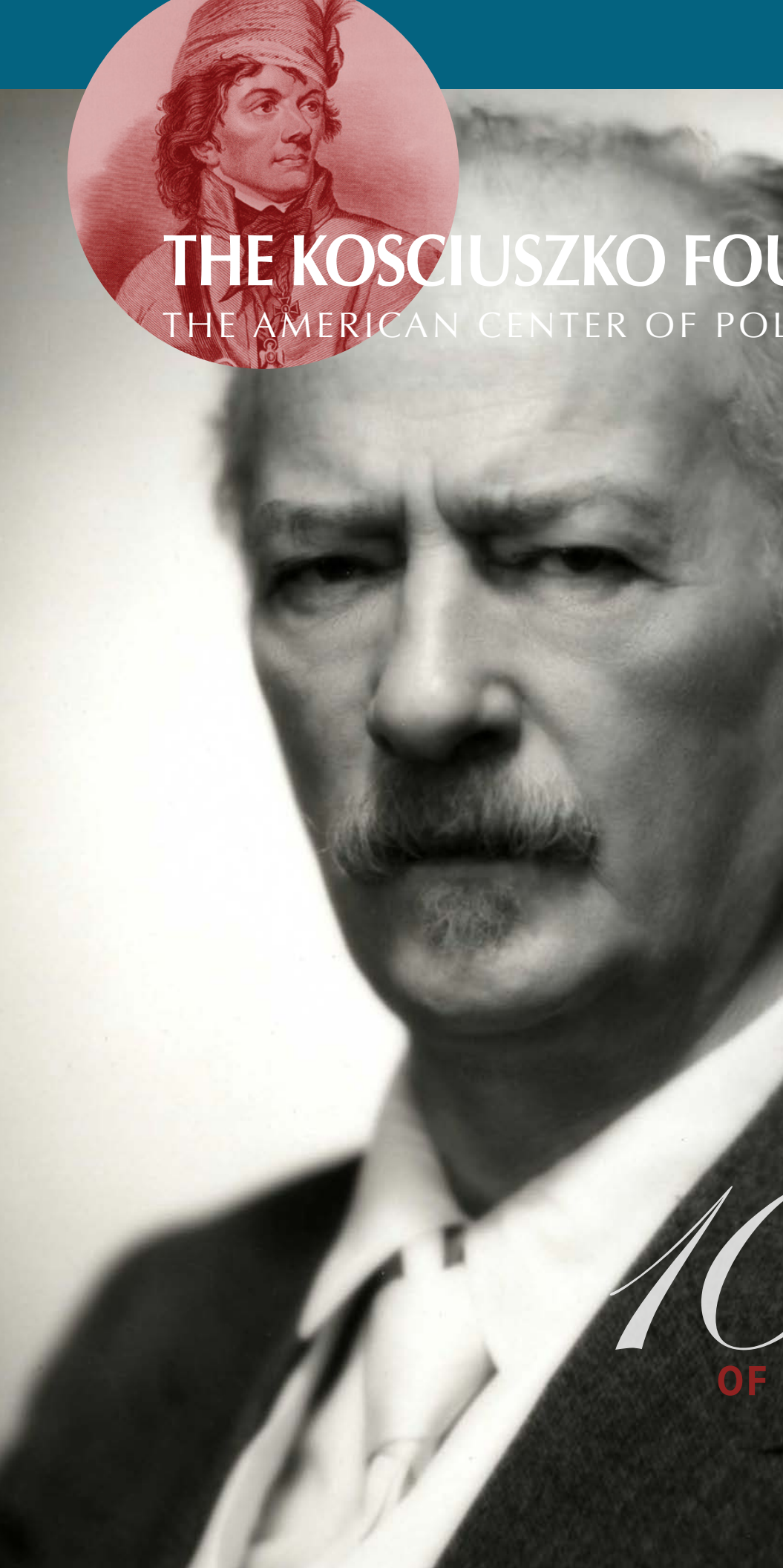




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of experience in design and over 30
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the U.S. He is the co-founder and
President of ABR Builders LLC, which
has become one of New York City's
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various neighborhoods of New York
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companies: High Design Builders LLC,
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In his spare time, Boleslaw realizes
his passion and talent for art. His
sculptures and paintings have
been showcased in group and solo
exhibitions at Art 345 Gallery in East
Harlem, in Greenpoint during the
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as a solo exhibition at Columbia
University – Jerome L. Green Science
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Mr. Ryzinski is also an active
board member of two non-profit
organizations: the Polish American
Business Club (www.pabc.biz) and
the Polish Theater Institute ([www.
polishtheaterinstitute.org](http://www.polishtheaterinstitute.org)).

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Message from the Chairman

by Alex Storozynski

As the Kosciuszko Foundation continues to grow and expand in its 94th year, the brilliance of our founder's vision, to encourage intellectual, artistic and cultural growth among Poles and Polish-Americans, becomes more evident every year.

Stephen Mizwa was often criticized during his life. When scholarships and grants are awarded based on merit, hard work and grades, there will always be joy for those who receive them, but disappointment for those who must try, try, and apply again.

But ultimately hard work pays off, and the success of Kosciuszko Foundation alumni is legendary. Over the years, the Foundation has awarded tens of millions of dollars to scholars and artists.

We can't do any of this without your donations and dues to keep that mission going. And we can promise you that the recipients of our grants will always be those with the most academic merit from the pool of applicants.

In the current review and digitalization of our archives, true gems pop up from time to time: like an original letter signed by Tadeusz Kosciuszko; a letter to the KF from Maria Skłodowska Curie (Madam Curie), photos of Ignacy Paderewski at the first ball, and notes from the 1976 visit by Cardinal Karol Wojtyła (later Pope John Paul II) who said the Foundation's work is "particularly important."

One of the new discoveries from the archives is a letter written by Stephen Mizwa to one of his detractors, a concerned "Citizen" who was denouncing a professor that the Foundation brought from Poland for being radical and not a proper Catholic.

In defense of that professor, Mizwa responded, "You can criticize the Foundation because we are a public institution, regardless of whether you are correct or not... I believe in tolerance."

More importantly, Mizwa stated the Foundation's stands on politics and religion: "Dear Citizen, some accuse the Foundation of not being Catholic, only radical; others accuse it of being too pro-Catholic. But the Foundation is not left wing, right wing, pro-religion, or anti-religion. The Kosciuszko Foundation is only pro-Polish and does good work for Poland. We bring from Poland professors who speak English well, and we don't ask about their social or religious views."

And here's the surprise.

The Professor being attacked by the Citizen, and defended by Mizwa, was the famed Oscar Halecki, the famous historian, social and Catholic



activist, who served as a member of the Polish delegation at the Paris Peace Conference that helped Poland to restore its independence after World War I.

After Germany invaded Poland in 1939, Halecki taught at the Sorbonne in Paris, and was later a professor in America at Vassar, Fordham and Columbia University. He was an outspoken critic of Communism.

Each year, the Polish American Historical Association awards the coveted Halecki Prize, of which I am an appreciative recipient for my biography of Kosciuszko.

The intellectually honest Mizwa wrote to the citizen that he will defend his right to free speech, but that he was not correct in his attack on the famed professor because "Prof. Halecki is an excellent historian and is doing incredible work for Poland at prestigious American universities."

We are proud of our legacy and grants to scholars like Prof. Halecki, and the Kosciuszko Foundation makes new history every day. Recently, Andrzej Duda became the first sitting President of Poland to visit the Foundation.

It was not a meeting about politics or religion. President Duda came to meet with the members of the KF Collegium of Eminent Scientists, which showcases the work, research and technological advancements of Polish scientists. The collegium includes Polish Nobel Prize winners. Several of them are working to cure cancer and other diseases.

So just as Stephen Mizwa defended the Citizen's right to free speech and tolerance, we will continue that legacy, and always work to use merit and academic integrity as our guiding principle in promoting the intellectual, artistic and cultural growth of Poland and Polish Americans. ■

In Service of Poland and Polonia

by Tomasz Pudłocki, Ph.D.

Two visions – two projects and cooperation for almost a century

“In the beginning there was nothing; no building, not even a typewriter or desk space, and no funds. There was only a dream and a few people who believed in it”. In such words, after World War II, Stephen Mizwa, creator and founder of the Kosciuszko Foundation, described the first days of the work to which he devoted his entire life. These words, properly paraphrased, can be related to Poland’s situation in 1914 – nobody believed in its success, thinking that Poland was an internal problem of Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary. Like the astonishing phenomenon of Poland regaining its statehood in 1918, the remarkable success of Mizwa was unprecedented at the time. He managed to gather around him people of science, culture and business who were not only visionaries, but who also had the desire and ability to put their ideas into action.

The beginnings of realizing the vision

The Kosciuszko Foundation, established in 1925 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Tadeusz Kosciuszko’s arrival in America and his joining the struggle for American independence, was intended from the very beginning to connect two countries – Poland and the United States of America.

The Foundation was to act as an intermediary between the two countries, by creating opportunities for Poles and Americans to gain a deeper understanding of one another. It was a complete novelty, and not only in the Polish community abroad. The Enlightenment models were drawn on – due to the lack of funds, it was decided to bet on the best, i.e. the elite of both nations. A scholarship program was created to enable American scholars, scientists and students to come to Poland on a long-term basis,

and Poles to study and become acquainted with the educational system in the USA. During the short period before the outbreak of World War II, over one hundred people participated in the scholarship program – the scale and range of the Foundation’s activities were unrivaled at the time; citizens of no other Eastern European country had such opportunities to learn about the USA. No other country in Eastern Europe was visited by such a great number of Americans as Poland. The Foundation promoted unparalleled forms of patriotism: promoting the best, improving professionalism, involvement in building a civil society, loyalty to both countries and searching for threads of mutual connections.

First challenges and successes

The Foundation cooperated with professionals from both countries to rectify erroneous opinions about Poland in the USA. It also promoted a positive image of Poland based on reliable and verified information rather than information based on propaganda.

In 1929, two of the first scholarship holders, Eric P. Kelly and William J. Rose, were resolving insulting opinions about Poland propagated at American universities by the famous British philosopher, logician and mathematician Bertrand Russell.

Thoughtful and caring governmental support from both countries and from business owners, careful selection of scholarship holders (many who were successful in public life) and Mizwa’s extensive connections at American universities were not in vain. By 1927, he came up with an idea to create a million-dollar endowment fund for the Kosciuszko Foundation: two-thirds were to be given by the Americans, and one-third by the Polish community abroad. A star of the American cinema,



Representatives of the Kosciuszko Foundation, Prof. Stephen Mizwa and Roman Dybowski, PhD., Professor of the Jagiellonian University, during the main celebration in tribute to Pulaski in Washington D.C., October 11, 1929. The Kosciuszko Foundation was one of the most committed institutions of the Polish community abroad to honor Kazimierz Pulaski, another hero of the two continents, in addition to Kosciuszko. US President Herbert Hoover personally attended the celebration.

Gilda Gray (born Marianna Michalska) became personally involved to help. In 1928, the Foundation organized another USA concert tour of the second prime minister of reborn Poland and the great pianist, Ignacy Jan Paderewski. As an expression of his gratitude, the master, treated as one of the symbols of Polish-American friendship, donated a large part of his earnings to the Foundation.

Revision of plans

Unfortunately, the crisis of 1929 shattered Mizwa's big plans. This does not mean, however, that he did not undertake other tasks. At the beginning of the 1930s, the Foundation co-organized summer schools in Poland of Polish culture and language for Americans, raised funds for the construction of dorms in Krakow and Warsaw, and organized an initiative that is a flagship of the Foundation today – annual balls.

During World War II, the Foundation made a huge contribution to the fight for Polish independence by saving Polish scholars, scientists and artists from occupied Europe and creating new working conditions for them in the USA. Such scholars and scientists as Oskar Halecki, Aleksander Turyn, Antoni Zygmund, Wacław Lednicki, Wojciech Świątosławski, Rafał Taubenschlag and Jan Kucharzewski found a safe haven and opportunity to continue their research at American universities. In 1943, great celebrations were organized during which the mathematician and astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was promoted in the USA as a Polish

scholar and not a German one, as intended by the propaganda of Nazi Germany. Albert Einstein, himself, supported Mizwa in these efforts.

A new start in difficult realities

The legacy of Mizwa is openness to new forms of Polish-American cooperation, depending on the needs and changing realities. Mizwa knew that governments and times would change, but investments in bringing new generations of Poles and Americans closer together would allow the continuation of the Foundation's mission. Mizwa believed that the forms of the state may change, but the Polish nation would remain the same. Thus, Polish patriots in the USA were to support their compatriots in Poland, regardless of the changing political realities. Therefore, after 1945, despite the Cold War and the negative image of the United States in the Eastern Bloc countries, the Foundation resumed its work. It continued the scholarship program and joined the initiative of sending thousands of books to destroyed Polish academic libraries. In these difficult years, thanks to the support of the Foundation, such luminaries of Polish science as Jacek Woźniakowski, Przemysław Mroczkowski and Alfred Reszkiewicz conducted their research in America.

Meeting new needs

When, in the 1970s, after the death of Mizwa, a new generation of leaders took over the management of the Foundation, it was given



Stephen Mizwa at his office during the interwar period.



June 1948. Henry Noble MacCracken, the President of the Foundation, his adopted son James MacCracken and John A. Cetnar-Cetnarowski after "Professor Jimmy's return from Poland." Jimmy, a professor, was the first American sent after World War II to communist Poland by the Foundation to support The Jagielonian University (he worked at the University in Krakow in 1946/1947 and 1947/1948).

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new energy. Long-lasting cooperation with the Jagiellonian University was renewed and summer courses of Polish history and culture began to be organized in Krakow. The Foundation managed to bring the famous art historian, prof. Karol Estreicher, to the USA. His lectures were organized at many American universities. Work on an impressive Polish-English dictionary, adapted to new needs and challenges, was another significant project. It was thanks to the Foundation's money that Roman Maciejewski's famous Requiem – a tribute to the victims of World War II – had its premiere in the USA, and the composer Henryk Mikołaj Górecki, widely fêted in the USA, could finish works for the famous Kronos Quartet. Support for interned Solidarity activists, many of whom eventually found themselves in the USA, or material support for Poles at the turn of the 1970s and 1980s, were other initiatives of the Foundation.

The Foundation today

After 1989, a breakthrough year for Europe, the Foundation was recognizable in Poland and America, not only thanks to its extensive scholarship programs, but also to annual English language schools organized in various places in Poland for children and youth. Thanks to cyclical piano and vocal competitions, the Foundation promotes not only the traditions of Polish music, but also young talent many of whom are prominent celebrities today in the circles of worldwide music culture such as the world-famous pianist and conductor Murray Perahia. Thanks to the involvement of President Alex Storożyński, the Foundation was one of the first to actively join the campaign against using the term

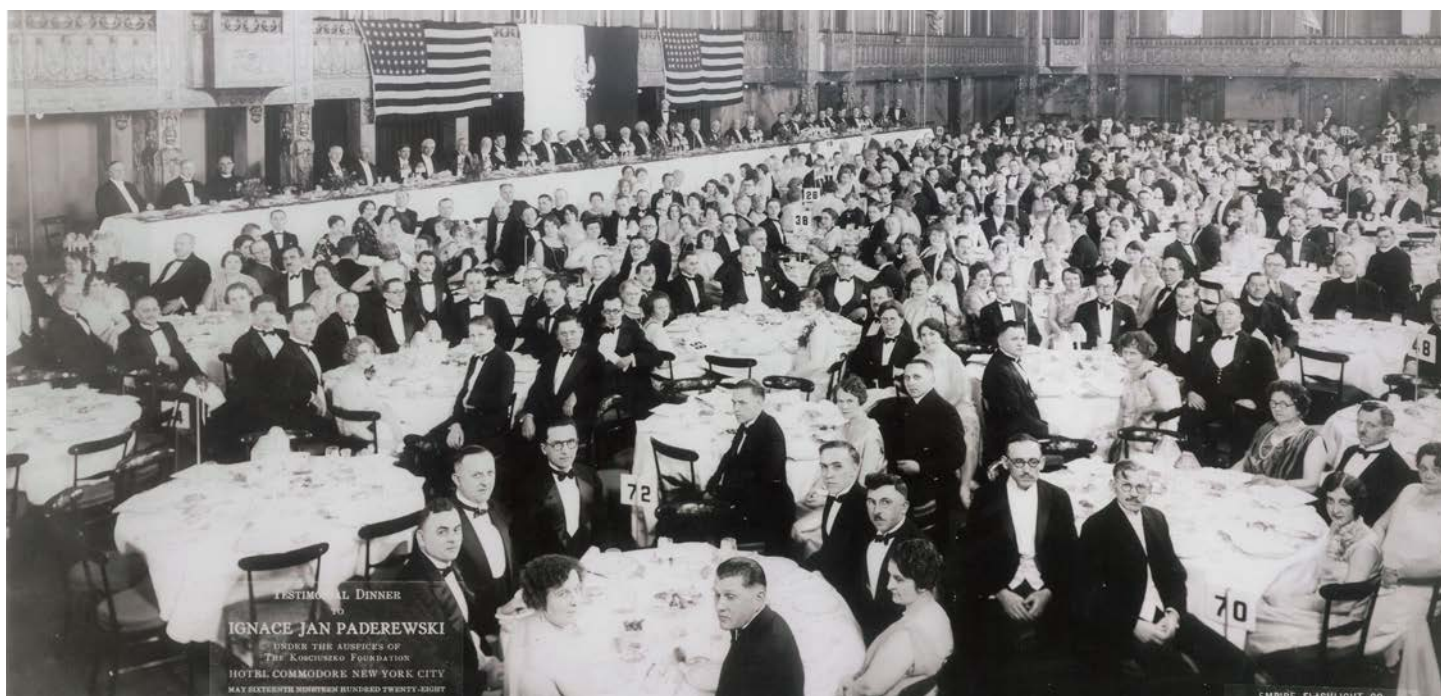
“Polish concentration camps,” thus returning to the roots of its existence, i.e. fighting for the good name of Poland in the Anglo-Saxon world.

Of course, the Foundation is not just about huge projects. Supporting individual scholar and scientist's research, book publishing, lectures in various fields, concerts and cultural events are the Foundation's daily activities. Thanks to them, the Foundation is still a living center of Polish-American life – not only in New York, but also in many other places in the USA and in Poland, i.e. wherever there are local branches and people fulfilling the Foundation's mission in local conditions.

As Poland has changed over the last hundred years, the Kosciuszko Foundation has also been meeting the new expectations and the new challenges of the changing reality for almost as long. That being said, this is one of the best forms of work that Poland can count on in the USA. ■



Tomasz Pudłocki, Ph.D. Associate Professor at the Institute of History, Jagiellonian University, Krakow (Poland). Specializes in the history of Galicia from the socio-cultural point of view, as well as the history of women and intellectual history. His latest book was published on Polish-British intellectual connections in the interwar period (*"Ambasadorzy idei. Wkład intelektualistów w promowanie pozytywnego wizerunku Polski w Wielkiej Brytanii w latach 1918-1939,"* Historia Jagellonica: Kraków 2015). Member of the Commission on History of Women (Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw), the Commission on History of Science (Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences in Krakow). The Kosciuszko Foundation Grantee (2012-2013, 2017-2018), Fulbright Scholar and a visiting Professor at Daemen College, Amherst, NY Visiting Professor (2015/2016), Grantee of the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education for young scholar (2013-2016).



May 16, 1928, Testimonial dinner to Ignacy Jan Paderewski organized by the Kosciuszko Foundation at the Hotel Commodore, NYC

83rd Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball



Dariusz Ossowski of Onvelo Poland, Agnieszka Jackowski, and Wojciech "Voytek" Jackowski the 2018 Ball Chairman and the President of the Polish American Business Club.



Olek Krupa with Andrzej Rojek, KF Trustee.



Master of Ceremonies Tom Rosicki.

83rd ANNUAL FUNDRAISING *Dinner and Ball*

Thank You for Celebrating with Us 100 Years of Poland's Independence!!

We would like to extend our BIG THANK YOU to this years honorees, presenters, sponsors, supporters and everyone who attended the Kosciuszko Foundation 83rd Annual Fundraising Dinner & Ball on Saturday, April 28th, 2018, at the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel in New York City.

The Ball was attended by over 400 guests. It was a great fun with fantastic music, delicious food, dazzling artistic performance, impressive stories and a great collection of raffle prizes. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the planning and running the evening, to all the wonderful entertainment and people who provided their services. We are very grateful to every single one of you for your work and support!



Artur Szymanski, KF Trustee with wife Wioletta.



NAC Chairma Andre Zlotnicki and John Senko.

*Polish American Folk Dance Company performing
waltz from the movie "Nights and Days."*





Pioneer Award recipient **Krzysztof Wodiczko** with **Ewa Harabasz** and **Marek Skulimowski**, President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation.



Katarzyna Joanna Sperczynska.



Karolina Mania, PhD, KF Fellowship recipient with her father Professor **Andrzej Mania**, former KF scholarship recipient.

Save the Date

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84th Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball

Saturday, April 27th, 2019 at the Plaza Hotel, New York

For more information please call 212-734-2130 or email development@thekf.org

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The Wos Family From left: **Wanda Wos**, Ambassador **Aldona Wos**, **Adriana Wos-Mysliwiec**



Krzysztof Rostek, KF Trustee with wife **Agnieszka**.



Darek Barcikowski an honorary Consul of Poland in Hartford, CT with **Beata Drzazga**.



Agnieszka Skulimowska with **Grazyna Czetwertynska, Ph.D.**, President, KF Poland.

The Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition



In 1955 the Kosciuszko Foundation initiated an award meant to honor special friends of the Foundation who have significantly contributed to our mission of promoting cultural and intellectual exchanges between Poland and the United States.

Called the Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition, the bronze medal was designed in 1955 by the Polish sculptor Tadeusz Sowinski. It features a bas-relief bust portrait of Tadeusz Kosciuszko dressed as an American military hero with the distinguished Order of the Cincinnati pinned to his chest. Encircling the portrait are the famous words of Thomas Jefferson: "He was as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known." On the reverse of the medal, bordered by the lamp of knowledge and wheat of internal inspiration we find the text: "The Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition for Distinguished Service to Polish and American Culture."

Generally awarded during the Foundation's Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball, it is not awarded annually. The first award was made to Henry Noble MacCracken for his efforts in establishing the Kosciuszko Foundation. Some others who have received the award were Eric P. Kelly, Artur Rubenstein, Oscar Halecki, Wacław Lednicki, Kazimierz Wierzyński, Lawrence L. Thomas and Francis J. Whitfield, the editors of the first Kosciuszko Foundation Dictionary, Leopold Stokowski, Maria Kuncewicz, Arthur and Marion Coleman, Robert Goldstand, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jerzy Kozłowski, Archbishop Wysoly, Edward Pinkowski, Ryszard Kapuściński, Marta Eggerth, President Lech Wałęsa, Rafał Olbiński, Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Professor Frank Wilczek, Wojciech Inglot, Justyna Kowalczyk, Juliusz Machulski and Martha Stewart.

The 2018 Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition has been awarded to Stanley G. Wojcicki Professor Emeritus of Physics and former chair of the Physics Department at Stanford University in California.

In 2010, he retired following a distinguished 44-year teaching and research career in the Department of Physics. Professor Wojcicki's work at the forefront of experimental particle physics has contributed to a deeper understanding of the evolution and structure of the universe.

For the last 15 years of his career, Professor Wojcicki has focused on understanding the properties of subatomic particles called neutrinos. Despite their huge numbers, neutrinos are difficult to detect because they rarely interact with other particles they can pass through Earth as if it were an empty space. Neutrinos have no electric charge, and they are much smaller than other subatomic particles such as the electron.



Professor Stanley Wojcicki accepting Medal of Recognition award from Marek Skulimowski, the President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

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They are important because they play a key role in the reactions that power the sun and the stars.

Wojcicki was the founder and original spokesperson for the international consortium known as MINOS (Main Injector Neutrino Oscillation Search). Professor Wojcicki has studied how invisible neutrinos oscillate or switch from one type or 'flavor' to another as they zip around the universe. In the MINOS experiment, trillions of neutrinos produced at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) near Chicago are shot in a former iron mine.

A native of Poland, Professor Wojcicki fled his homeland in 1949. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Harvard in 1957 and a doctorate at the University of California at Berkeley in 1961. Before joining Stanford, he held positions at Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley and at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. During his long career, he was a regular visiting scientist at Fermilab and served as an advisor to several agencies and laboratories in the United States and abroad. At Stanford,

he chaired the Department of Physics twice. A dedicated teacher, he inspired thousands of students to be passionate about science.

Professor Wojcicki has received many honors, including being elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society in 1971 and receiving the Dean's Distinguished Teaching Award in 1979. Most recently, he was awarded the 2011 Pontecorvo Prize for his "outstanding contribution to research on neutrinos" and the 2015 W.K.H. Panofsky Prize for "experiments probing the flavor structure of quarks and leptons." In 2014 he was elected Foreign Member of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Stanley Wojcicki is the husband of fellow educator Esther Wojcicki, whom he met at UC Berkeley. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube, Google's first office was started in her home. Janet Wojcicki, Anne Wojcicki, founder of the genetic testing company 23andMe. In 2010, his daughter Susan and her then-husband, Google co-founder Sergey Brin, endowed a \$2.5 million chair in experimental physics at Stanford in her father's name. ■



Alex Storozynski, Chairman of the Board of the Kosciuszko Foundation, **Esther Wojcicki**, **Professor Stanley Wojcicki** and **Marek Skulimowski**, President and the Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation.



Hanna Chroboczek-Kelker, Ph.D., KF Trustee with **Esther Wojcicki** and **Professor Stanley Wojcicki**.

U.S. Embassy and Kosciuszko Foundation Announce New Exchange Award to Celebrate Polish-U.S. History

courtesy of the U.S. Embassy in Poland



On May 17, 2018 U.S. Ambassador to Poland Paul Jones hosted a reception at his residence in Warsaw to honor the work of the New York-based Kosciuszko Foundation in promoting closer ties between the United States and Poland. Together with Marek Skulimowski, the President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation, Ambassador Jones personally recognized the 40 new Kosciuszko Foundation Fellows recently selected to pursue research in the United States during the 2018-19 academic year. Those Fellows will conduct research for 3-6 months in the sciences, humanities, arts, and Polish studies. Hailing from all over Poland, the scholars will conduct their research with partner institutions across the United States, including – but not limited to – Stanford University, the University of Virginia, Yale, Hunter College, the University of Texas, Princeton, St. Joseph’s University, and the University of California at Davis. Addressing the newly selected grantees, Ambassador Jones called their “breadth of knowledge and expertise inspiring.”

During the reception, Ambassador Jones and Marek Skulimowski also announced a “Centennial Award” in honor of the centennial of

the establishment of diplomatic relations between Poland and the United States in 1919. This new exchange grant from the Kosciuszko Foundation – to be generously funded by the Polish company “Collegia” – will be offered during the 2019-20 application cycle to a committed researcher who is eager to enrich and share their expertise in the field of Polish-U.S. relations over the last century. The best candidates for “Centennial Award” will be scientists and Ph.D. candidates researching important moments of Polish-U.S. history after Poland regained its independence in 1918. Their research will be presented for publication after its completion and presented to audiences in Poland and/or the United States in order to increase mutual understanding of Poland and America’s shared history. The announcement of the new award will be included in the annual call for nominations of the Kosciuszko Foundation this fall. Ambassador Jones thanked Marek Skulimowski and the Kosciuszko Foundation board members for offering this new award, remarking that “Your work, your energy, and your commitment to promoting closer people-to people relations is pivotal to creating a bright future together.” ■

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Dr. Grazyna Czetwertynska, President KF Poland, Ambassador Paul Jones and Marek Skulimowski, President of The Kosciuszko Foundation, with a scholarship recipient.



Ambassador Paul Johns with a scholarship recipient and wife Catherine.



Michal Mrozek, KF Trustee with scholarships recipients.



Beata Milewska, US Embassy and Jolanta Ambrosewicz-Jacobs Ph.D., KF scholarship recipient.

Kosciuszko Foundation Supports FameLab 2018 Competition in Poland

FameLab is a competition for physicists, engineers, biotechnologists and other scientists carrying out research in exact science, natural science, medicine, agriculture or engineering. Their task is to present their scientific research to the jury and the audience in the most attractive and understandable manner. Scientific correctness, the ability to explain complex scientific problems and charisma are what counts here. Each participant has only 3 minutes to present the chosen topic. In their speech they may use any props, as long as they can carry them on the stage and operate them without any help from others. The rules of the competition forbid the assistance of multimedia aids.

The Polish edition of FameLab, is organized by British Council - Poland and the Copernicus Science Center with the support of the Kosciuszko Foundation. The foundation sponsored a special prize, a 3-month scholarship in the United States (equivalent of 9 thousand dollars). The

scholarship was awarded to Paulina Jedrak. The final was held at the Copernicus Science Center in Warsaw on May 19th 2018.

Paulina Jedrak is a Ph.D. student at the University of Gdańsk where she is working on molecular mechanisms underlying mitochondrial defects in Huntington disease. Since the beginning of her scientific career, she has been highly interested in neuroscience with the emphasis on neurodegeneration. In parallel to the laboratory work, she is also enthusiastic about the popularization of science to a wide audience.

During the FameLab final round, she was talking about the aging of humans and the role of the specific DNA fragments called telomeres in this process. Despite the lack of protein coding information, telomeres are essential for our cells because they protect the DNA against shortening after cell cycle. Some of the cells for instance, a cancer cell lines, have an ability to grow without limits due to the presence of telomerase, the enzyme responsible for the telomeres regeneration. ■



Top: **Marek Skulimowski**, President and the Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation and **Grazyna Czetwertynska**, PhD, President of the Kosciuszko Foundation - Poland with competition participants.



Right: Presentation by scholarship recipient **Paulina Jedrak**.

Paulina Jedrak, **Marek Skulimowski**, and **Grazyna Czetwertynska**, PhD.

Polish Science and Innovation



Polish Science & Innovation meetup attendees with **Tomasz Kierul** the Kosciuszko Foundation Director of Development.

In today's terms, our Founder, Stephan Miezwa, would be considered an entrepreneur. After only 15 years in the US & minimal english, he was able to create the Kosciuszko Foundation. Stephan's mission for the KF was to build cultural bridges between Poland, Polonia and the United States. Throughout the years, initiatives such as Teaching English In Poland & Holocaust Studies, have continued the mission and enhanced the foundation's vision.

With the support of our members & the Collegium of Eminent Scientists, the Foundation was able to spearhead a new initiative, beginning Spring 2018, focusing on Life Science. The foundation has teamed up with three organizations that promote Polish Innovation. Additionally, we have received official support from the Polish Embassy in Washington DC & The Polish Investment and Trade Agency to promote future programs in the United States.

Our inaugural gathering took place on May 22nd, 2018. We proudly hosted the first Polish Science & Innovation: Meetup NYC at the Kosciuszko Foundation where we promoted Scientists and early stage companies "StartUps" with founders of Polish origin. The evening consisted of empowering speeches & pitch presentations, where founders had a chance to entice an investor for financial backing.

The night began with a speech by our keynote speaker, CEO of Poland Innovative, Slawomir Olejnik. Poland Innovative serves as an early stage incubator for Polish startups in Poland aiming at creating international leaders in business and innovation.

The night continued with Radoslaw Zwierz from Polonium Foundation, where he stressed the importance of unlocking the potential of Polish scientific diaspora.

"Polonium's mission is to change the Poland's brain drain into brain circulation by creating a world-wide community of Polish researchers abroad, fostering research collaboration between them and with Polish science and economy. " — Radoslaw Zwierz.

As part of the event's agenda, Polonium gathered notable Polish scientists in the United States including Gerard Wysocki, Mateusz Marianski, Krzysztof Geras as well as Rafal Wiewiora, who gave presentations about their research accomplishments followed by a Q&A session with the attentive audience.

The evening was followed with a series of Pitches by eager entrepreneurs who either have a Polish heritage or are currently



Włodzimierz Mandecki, Ph.D, President and CSO of PharmaSeq. Inc., Wojciech Trocewicz and Consul Sabina Klimek.



Marta Legutko, David Zajac, Jerzy Sokol.

Left: Anna Barbacka, Ph.D. CEO/Founder, MindMics.

intertwined with the Polish marketplace. Our jury consisted of distinguished members of the Polish-American community, namely: Hanna Kelker, Zbigniew Darzynkiewicz, Wlodek Mandecki, Consul Sabina Klimek, Maciej Oldziej and Slawomir Olejnik. Because of the quick thinking audience and expert presentations, the competition at times resembled an episode of “Shark Tank.” Our runner up StartUps were; 3rd place- MindMics, Dr. Anna Barnacka’s, focusing on producing smart earbuds for the management of personal health & in 2nd place- Explain

Everything, a Wroclaw-based interactive company with a collaborative whiteboard platform where people share and learn without boundaries. Our winner was QSM Diagnostics with their concept of point-of-care diagnostics for identification of bacterial infections. Our grand prize was sponsored by LOT Airlines & Poland Innovative Foundation.

Our evening concluded with a networking reception, where our participants could candidly reflect on the evening’s speakers over a

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Radosław Zwierz Ph.D. Polonium Foundation Board Member.



Edgar Goluch, PhD, founder & President of the QSM Diagnostics and grand prize winner.



Karolina Mania, PhD, KF Fellowship recipient at the networking reception.

glass of wine. The night would not have been a success without the overwhelming outpour of both Polish and American attendees. The Kosciuszko Foundation plans to continue such events in order to show the world capabilities of Polish ingenuity now, and in the future.

"The Science & Innovation; Meetup NYC is a testament of a united Polonia collaborating to emphasize the importance and highlight the Polish innovation and scientific communities. Founder of Innovate Poland, my mission is to broaden the scope of Poland's entrepreneurial ecosystem. It was my distinct pleasure to have participated in the

event and am ecstatic for what the future holds for the Polish-American community. " — Maciej Oldziej, Innovate Poland, Boston, MA

The first MeetUp was quickly followed by a network meeting organized by the KF in Boston, MA on June 5th, 2018 during the International BIO Convention. It was an extremely successful evening, connecting biotech companies from Poland while in the United States. In addition, it was an opportunity for the Foundation's President and Executive Director to present the mission of the KF during Poland's presentation at the Conference. ■

Programs in Service of Poland and Polonia

Over the years the Kosciuszko Foundation has been engaged in offering practical programs to both Poles and Polish-Americans from traveling, to volunteering, to learning opportunities. As the world is changing and our members express different needs the Foundation is able to address them with a variety of programs. We encourage you to get involved in those programs, support them with your financial contribution, offer your feedback and share your ideas.

Some of those programs, that are run by our dedicated volunteers and staff of the Foundation, include:

THE TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND, LANGUAGE IMMERSION PROGRAM

Since 1991, the Teaching English in Poland program has been attracting American volunteers of various ethnic backgrounds to staff English immersion summer camps in Poland. The primary goals of the TEIP program are to enhance the Polish students' English language conversational skills and to introduce the young people to the culture and traditions of the United States. In addition, the program exposes the students to the application of the democratic process and to the essentials of volunteerism and entrepreneurship.

THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The National Advisory Council is dedicated to the support of the purposes, objectives, and programs of the Kosciuszko Foundation. The Council serves in advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees and cooperates in and supports the programs of the Foundation.

THE PRO ARTE LEAGUE

The Pro Arte League of the Kosciuszko Foundation was organized in 1970 by a group of women, members of the Foundation to help beautify and preserve the Foundation House in New York City. Annual fundraising events organized by the League generate significant donations to the Foundation. The League welcomes any woman Foundation member interested in volunteering some time to its mission.

POLISH AMERICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The Polish American Teachers Association (PATA) was formed in 1973 to raise Polish ethnic consciousness within the teaching profession. PATA brings together colleagues who identify with their Polish heritage; teaches about the history and culture of Poland and the roles and contributions of the Poles in America; and engages in dissemination accurate information about Poles, Poland, and the Polish experience in America. PATA's relationship with the Kosciuszko Foundation began in the late 1970's.



Improvised steel drum band of NAC members during DC Gala.



Awards presentation to the winners in the essay contest on Thadeus Kosciuszko that had been organized by the Polish American Teachers Association, KF affiliate organization.

Eugenia and Jerzy Jan Piórkowski Fellowship

by Krystyna J. Piórkowska

The life history of Eugenia nee Drongis and Jerzy Jan Piórkowski is very much the history of Poland's rebirth in 1918 and loss of freedom in 1939. It continued in exile, as they were political emigres who would not accept a Communist government.

Both were born in the part of Poland controlled by the Russians. My Mother was born in Wilejka Powiatowa, in Russia, and my Father was born in the Kingdom of Poland, ruled by Russia. My mother's family, the Rodziewicz's and Iwaszkiewicz's had engaged in the Uprisings of the 19th century, and in each generation, there was someone sent into exile in Siberia. On my maternal side, I am the first generation, since 1793, to be born and live my life in freedom. My Father's family lived in Warsaw, where my grandfather was a tailor.

When my mother was a child, "underground" classes conducted in Polish were held in her family home. Despite being orphaned at an early age, she completed the 'duża Matura' (only 5% of women did at the time) and then attended a teacher's seminary and taught in a bilingual government school in Postawy. My Father attended the well-known Szkoła Górskiego (Szkoła Św. Wojciecha) and then went on to study at GSH (Warsaw School of Economics) while also working.

My Parents did not know each other when the war started. She lived in Pinsk, which was occupied by the Soviets, and was working in the

Telecommunications department at the Post Office. Because the Polish military telegraphic system collapsed, messages were sent through the Post Office, and staff had to take an oath binding them to secrecy. She then agitated after the Evening Masses, encouraging people to vote NO in the referendum on incorporation into the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic. Because of this she was arrested and charged with treason. A trial was held in Moscow (in absentia) where she was sentenced to the Tiernikovsky Lager, an enormous complex of almost forty camps near Penza.

Jerzy Jan Piórkowski was a reserve officer and as such he was called to active duty in the last days of August. He left Warsaw, never to see it again until 1974. His unit retreated to Lithuania, where they were interned near Wilno. When the Germans and Soviets exchanged control of the Baltic States, the officers from the group, were sent from Lithuania to Kozielsk, as the second transport and thus are known as Kozielsk II. The officers who were brought to Kozielsk in July 1940 discovered messages scratched into the walls – listing dates and numbers – with the notation: direction unknown. Therefore, they were aware of the fact that Polish prisoners had been held there earlier. They were removed by the NKVD and not taken to any other camp. They realized that they could not return to Poland by the Communists, nor could they serve in Berling's Army.

Tatiszczewo - right after joining Polish Army in Russia.

Jerzy J. Piorkowski is 4th from right in the first standing row – Eugenia Piorkowski is standing right behind him, the only woman in the picture.



Eugenia and Jerzy Jan Piórkowski Fellowship

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Both Jerzy Jan and Eugenia were among the first to join Anders' Army in Tatiszczewo, and met sometime during those early weeks and shortly they fell. Since she was educated, she was assigned to serve as a nurse, and saved his life when he fell ill with Typhus and Meningitis – in Kermine, the “Valley of Death”. As an officer, Jerzy Jan had to request permission to marry, which was granted and the ceremony took place on July 3, 1943 in Quizil Ribat, near Al Sulamaniah, in Iraq. Instead of flowers there were a couple of small palm-like plants near the tent. Afterwards they continued to serve in the II Corps through Palestine, Egypt and the Italian campaign. When the Italian Campaign ended, the Army was transferred to England. There they confirmed their decision not to return to a Communist Poland, controlled by the Soviet Union, and they applied for a US Visa. It took 8 years, and in the interim, they emigrated to Canada as ‘landed emigrants’.

When they came to Canada, they were 45 years old and they didn't speak English with fluency. Getting one's degree recognized there or in the US, when their documents had been destroyed was nigh unto impossible and meant that they were forced into physical labor.

We moved to New York City in June of 1955 – taking the train from Toronto - and I started elementary school. Their expectations were that

I would not fail in any way – not easy to fulfill when you don't speak the language. A dizzying year in First Grade.

Jerzy Jan and Eugenia believed in education, and bi or even tri-lingualism. They always pointed to Maria Skłodowska-Curie as a great hero. They believed that women should get degrees in Sciences or Math. I disappointed them when I chose a different path.

However, their expectations, and particularly Jerzy Jan's stated belief that I could achieve anything a man could – allowed me to develop my own business and become successful in it, in addition to working for a Fortune 200 company. It is also what has encouraged me to conduct my research in a previously unstudied area – the English-speaking witnesses to Katyn.

Their belief in a free Poland and in the need for education is why I decided to honor their memory by funding the Eugenia and Jerzy Jan Piórkowski Fellowship for Post-Doctoral Studies for Women in STEM Studies. It is my hope and belief that this will allow for major discoveries to be made by Polish scientists working in Poland.

As a former Kosciuszko Foundation post-graduate studies awardee, I am particularly pleased to close this circle – by helping the organization that helped me – and help Poland to help the world. ■

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Jerzy J. Piórkowski's ID issued by County Office for Warsaw District.



From left: Gloria Goldenberg Esq., Krystyna Piórkowska, and Marek Skulimowski, President and the Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation.



Eugenia Piórkowski's ID issued by Polish Army in Russia.

The Carroll Skinner-Skurzynski Scholarship Fund

Carroll X Skurzynski or Carroll Skinner as he was referred to on stage was a life long musician and performer. Born in East Baltimore, Maryland in 1934, Mr. Skurzynski began playing music at a young age. By nine, he was playing the accordion. His career was launched at an early age when he began playing in local taverns in his home city. In high school he started his own band and played both the saxophone and accordion. After graduating from the Polytechnic Institute in 1952 and from the Peabody Conservatory with a degree in theory and education in 1960, he was drafted into the military and spent two years playing in the 3rd Army Band at Fort McPherson, Ga. After he moved to Los Angeles and began working full time in music.

In 1960, he joined Frank Sinatra Jr. and for three years toured all over the world but mostly resided in Las Vegas. When he was not on stage, Carroll Skinner was known for his sense of humor and bright personality. After a decade out West, Mr. Skurzynski returned to his home city and began teaching music in the Baltimore County School System. He continued to perform and played piano for the Zim Zemarel Orchestra. Along with several band members, Mr. Skurzynski performed in the movie, Avalon. He eventually retired from teaching but music remained his passion until his death in December of 2002.

The Carroll Skinner- Skurzynski Scholarship Fund established by Patricia Skurzynski, the sister of Carroll Skinner, will be awarded annually to any Polish citizen or a United States citizen of Polish descent for undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate studies in the fields of music. ■

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**Carroll X. Skurzynski,
former resident, musician**



in the Baltimore County School system. His musical career included accompanying Frank Sinatra, Jr. and playing with the Zim Zemarel Orchestra.

Although he moved to Pikesville in later years, he lived in East Baltimore for the first 26 years of his life, and returned frequently, at one point to live in the area for six more years.

He was a member of the National Musicians Union and the Baltimore County School Association.

He is survived by his sister, Patricia Skurzynski. Other relatives, including his parents, Anna and John Skurzynski, and an aunt, Eleanor Clindienst, are deceased.

Carroll X. Skurzynski, a former resident of the area, died on December 16 of complications from cancer. He was 68 years old.

Born in East Baltimore, Skurzynski was a professional musician, known in the business as "Carroll Skinner," and an educator.

Volunteer at The Kosciuszko Foundation

The Kosciuszko Foundation is eager to hear from college, graduate students and community members. There are several ways for volunteers to help the Foundation. Please see descriptions of our volunteer opportunities below:

KF Annual Dinner & Ball and Other Fundraising Events:

Help with preparations for the Ball and/or other fundraising events hosted throughout the year. Responsibilities include helping with promotional activities, identifying and reaching out to donors, setting up events, greeting and assisting guests, selling raffle tickets, providing general event monitoring, and more.

Cultural and Special Events:

The Foundation holds many cultural and special events each year. Volunteer job responsibilities include event set-up, registration, greeting and directing guests and other miscellaneous tasks.

Office Help:

The Foundation needs volunteers to answer phones, help with archive digitization, mailings, data entry and other administrative tasks to assist full-time staff members.

Creative Support:

The Foundation could use any of your special skills and talents, such as photography, graphic design, writing, etc. for a variety of organizational activities.

Research:

Help us and prospective foundation, corporate & individual donors.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Kosciuszko Foundation, please contact us via email development@thekf.org or by phone 212-734-2130.

Thank you for your interest in volunteer opportunities with the Kosciuszko Foundation!

Message from the Development

by Tomasz Kierul.

At the entrance to the KF headquarters in NYC, there are listings of the founding and initial members of the Foundation, who almost a 100 years ago believed in Mierzwa's idea and supported him with a financial donation. Those names carry our heritage, our legacy and many fantastic personal stories of care, perseverance, achievement, love for the country or Polish culture and more importantly of keeping the community strong.

Over the years the Foundation has relied on support from many individuals, families, and businesses to carry out its mission. The most important work, promoting Polish culture in the US, does not happen in isolation. Each and every day, we are amazed by stories from members who are proud of the work being done by the Foundation.

Maria from New Jersey has been a member of the foundation "as long as she remembers." In fact, her father's name is listed on the mentioned before listing by the main entrance to the KF's headquarters. *"With my daughter and her family, we have been actively participating in*



many concerts at the Foundation, especially, we love attending the Annual Ball in NYC to celebrate the many programs and efforts of the foundation, as we understand it will not happen without the support from individuals like ourselves. We feel to be an integral part of this work."

Aleks from Chicago, who now lives & works in New York, has been a member for 12 years says that the Foundation gives her "a feeling of belonging to something bigger and having an opportunity to give back to the community."

Piotr from Boston, MA says "I am a member of the KF due to its support of Polish innovators in the US market, those who as we like to say, think outside of the box and change the world."

Those are only a few voices that we share here. But we would love to hear your Kosciuszko Foundation stories. Good or bad. Our team at the Foundation counts on your honesty, generosity, and care so that we can provide you with the best possible programs and services. Please become a member, invite others to do the same and please stay in touch. ■



Listings of the founding and initial members of the Foundation at the entrance to the Kosciuszko Foundation Headquarters



Far Right: Main entrance to the Kosciuszko Foundation building

Right: The plaque commemorating gift made by the Pro Arte League

Sincere Thanks to Our Volunteers



Adam Binek

I am originally from Gdansk, Poland and I am a business major at the University of the West of Scotland. During the study abroad program, I worked as an intern for Mercer Educational Opportunity Center in Macon, Georgia. This summer, I participate in the Bard College Globalization and International Affairs Program (BGIA) in New York City, volunteer at the Kosciuszko Foundation and I have an internship at the English Speaking Union. In the future, I hope to pursue a career as an investment banker.



Joanna Iwanicka

I am an attorney-at-law. I hold an M.A. from the University of Warsaw and graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration. After passing bar examination in 2016, I was admitted to the list of attorneys of the District Bar Association in Warsaw. As a volunteer in the Kościuszko Foundation I was recently involved in organizing the Polish Science & Innovation NYC Meetup, event that gathered creative young Poles working in different professional fields from across the entire US.



Kinga Komorowska

I was born in Warsaw, Poland but for the past 25 years New York City has been my second home. I hold an AAS degree in Business Management, BA degree in International Criminal Justice/Forensic Psychology, and MA degree in Criminal Justice, Criminology and Deviance. I also have an extensive experience in the Real Estate and the Estate Management. I love to read, spend time with my husband, and volunteer with the Kosciuszko Foundation!



Karolina Kositorny

My name is Karolina Kositorny. I am a sophomore at Hunter College, pursuing a major in accounting. I volunteer at the Kosciuszko Foundation in order to gain valuable work experience, familiarize myself with professional office environment, and support Polish culture in NYC. My interests are literature, travel, and arts. As a hobby, I enjoy drawing and painting. I am also a huge music lover and in my spare time, I relish hanging out with my friends and family.



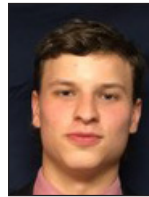
Kaja Kuczynska

I am the founder of a firm focused on helping clients improve their operations, processes, and strategic planning for future growth. With a background in finance and manufacturing, I have worked with clients ranging from Start Ups to Publicly Traded corporations. Having built a successful startup, I work closely with other start up entrepreneurs, especially female founder teams. I am currently focusing on driving more venture capital funds towards female-founded companies as well as improving the way the financial industry looks at female investment.



Dominika Orwat-Oblizajek

I recently graduated from Long Island University with major in business marketing. In Poland, I studied management and business law at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. I was awarded the SUSTMAN - Entrepreneurship in Sustainable Development and Manufacturing - scholarship by the European Union. During that time, I continued to broaden my knowledge of foreign economies and cultures by studying Modern Asian Languages and Literature. I am an avid traveler and active volunteer of The Kosciuszko Foundation.



Bernard Witek

I am an Economics major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a plan to pursue a degree in Real Estate or Finance. I am also on the Division I UNC varsity fencing team and in 2016, I captured the Division III Men's Sabre National Championship. This summer, I will be training for NCAA fencing season and will begin working for Marcus & Millichap in Downtown Brooklyn. The Kosciuszko Foundation has given me the opportunity to actively preserve Polish culture and to engage with successful, like-minded Polish-Americans.



A Brief History of the National Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation

by Andre Zlotnicki, NAC Chairman

The Kosciuszko Foundation Board of Trustees had established the Council as a means of serving in an advisory capacity for the Board. Their duties include, furthering the mission of the Foundation, advising the Trustees about projects and issues as they relate to the Foundation, both in the short and long term, and assisting with the establishment and supervision of local chapters. For several years, the Council's membership was drawn from the local membership ranks of the Foundation. To expand the scope of the Council's activities the Presidents of local KF Chapters were automatically admitted to the Council (ex-officio) for the duration of their term as Chapter Presidents. The Board of Trustees can only appoint new members to the Council upon approval.

KF Chairman Witold Sulimirski and President Joseph Gore appointed Mrs. Mildred H. Tyszka as President Pro Tempore and charged her with the task of re-activating the Council to support the mission and programs of the Foundation and Trustee initiatives, with a special emphasis on fundraising. Mrs. Tyszka's work included structuring, program establishment, fundraising, chapter additions/revivals and new membership appointments. Her successor was Mr. Charles Pydych. An investment banker in New York, who had an interesting beginning with the Foundation. His boss at the bank was an accomplished violinist who invited him to attend her recital, that took place at the KF Headquarters. Mr. Pydych was so impressed with the musical performance and the KF mansion's architecture and artwork that he became involved and still sits on the Council today. Mark Peszko, Esq., took over as Chairperson after Mr. Pydych.

Mr. Pydych joined by Andre Zlotnicki and several others became founding members of the Philadelphia Chapter in 1995. Andre Zlotnicki helped secure an estate donated by the Toscik family. The donation

was a townhome located on Elfreth's Alley (the oldest inhabited street in the country), and it served as the Philadelphia Chapter headquarters for a period of time. Andre Zlotnicki became a member of the Council in the mid nineteen-nineties and subsequently the Council Chairperson following the advancement of Mr. Peszko to the Board of Trustees.

In the end of 2002, the Council undertook the task of writing By-Laws for the Geographical Chapters and the National Advisory Council, an effort spearheaded by Ms. Helen Mary M. Tyszka, Vice Chairperson of the Council at the time and Christine Kicinski, Chair of the By-Laws Committee. They were approved by the KF Trustees in 2004.

The Council promoted Chapter engagement through separate Chapter Presidents' meetings. Since Presidents have local duties and logistical issues, separate meetings sponsored by the Council were organized to address management, fiscal reporting and membership growth. On one occasion a weekend retreat was held with the Chapter Presidents at the KF in New York, attended by the KF headquarters staff. On other occasions Chapter Presidents met with the Council Chairperson in the morning and with the Council in the afternoon. In the past, Council members and the KF Trustees attended „off-site” meetings in the following localities: Denver, hosted by the Rocky Mountain Chapter, the Houston Space Center, hosted by the Texas Chapter, Buffalo, hosted by the Western New York Chapter, Philadelphia, hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter and in Chicago, hosted by the Chicago Chapter.

The Council took an active role in forming new Chapters and helping to rescue ailing Chapters through coaching new leadership and sharing experiences of other chapters. Most recently the Council and its Chairperson were involved in the formation of the Washington, DC Chapter, reviving the Pittsburgh Chapter and supporting the revival of the Ohio Chapter.



Members of the NAC at the DC Gala event.

A Brief History of the National Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation

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During the tenure of Chairperson Andre Zlotnicki, the Council instituted annual meetings in Washington DC. The purpose of these meetings was to support the nascent DC Chapter and to give Council members the opportunity to attend the Annual DC Gala and the opportunity to meet personally with the KF Presidents and the KF Chairmen of the Board.

The National Advisory Council has several standing committees such as Education, Program Exchange, Membership and By-Laws. Each committee attracts members interested in its range of activities. In the last several years Chairperson Zlotnicki formed an ad-hoc Media Relations & Publicity Committee devoted to exploration of expanding possibilities of the Internet, digitalization, low cost video production, etc. NAC members Dr. Witold Kawecki and Dr. Mary Kay Pieski contributed to the endeavor. The Council has also served as the initial phase of participation for future trustees, for example Helen Mary Tyszk, Mark Peszko, and Dr. Donald Musialko

The Council also cultivates its members, for example Dr. Teresa Wojcik, who received a Jagiellonian University scholarship in 1995 and who is now a tenured professor at Villanova University and a member of the Council's Education Committee.

The National Advisory Council is currently composed of 25 members from throughout the United States. The membership term is for three years with reelection permitted. Prior membership in the Kosciuszko Foundation is required.

Finally, Council members that form a stable, dedicated and generous group of people are serving on committees beyond the duties of the National Advisory Council such as the Debutante Council, Ball Organizing Committee, Pro Arte League and Polish American Teachers Association, contributing significant financial resources to the Foundation every single year. ■

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Left to right **M.K. Pieski PhD NAC, Ambassador Piotr Wilczek PhD, T. Wojcik PhD NAC, J. Roman, A. Zlotnicki NAC Chair, M. Kornilowicz, Esq., KF Trustee.**



Ewa Radwanska MD, KF Trustee with her husband and Andre Zlotnicki NAC Chair with his wife.

The Chicago Chapter Report

by Prof. Lidia Filus, Chicago Chapter President



April 13, 2018, promotion of the book by Monika Jablonska "Wind from Heaven: John Paul II: The Poet Who Became Pope" celebration of the 40th Anniversary of John Paul II Pontificate. Minister Anna Maria Anders was a special guest at the event.

The Chapter's Annual Meeting took place on May 11, 2017 in the residence of Dr. Kornelia Krol. In artistic program two soloist of Lira Ensemble, Ewa Kowcz-Fair (soprano) and Anna Mazur (alt) performed music of Mieczyslaw Karłowicz and Stanislaw Moniuszko, accompanied by Marek Rachelski (piano).

Chapter supported the Lincolnwood Chamber Orchestra (LCO) and Chicago Chopin Society performance a "Polish-American Friendship Concert" at the Taste of Polonia Festival. The concert took place on September 2, 2017 at the Copernicus Center in Chicago to honor the 200th Anniversary of the death of American Revolutionary War hero Thaddeus Kosciuszko. The LCO performed classical and patriotic works by Chopin, Sousa, Kosciuszko, Vieuxtemps, and Kurpinski and the world premiere of "Suite for Heroes" by Jaroslaw Golembiowski. Philip Simmons conducted, along with guest artists Violetta Todorova, violin, Justine Izewski, soprano, David Maller, trumpet and Władysław Byrdy as a narrator. On September 17, 2017 the Chicago Chapter met with Marek Skulimowski, KF President and Executive Director. Members participated and actively supported the Women in Science Conference, that was dedicated to Maria Skłodowska Curie in celebration of her 150th birthday. The conference took place at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) in Chicago on September 18-19, 2017.

On October 27, 2017 the Chapter celebrated Kosciuszko's Name's Day. On this occasion, our Chapter honored Dr. Kornelia Karol for her leadership and dedication to Chicago's Polish Community. The event took place at the Polish Museum of America in Chicago and the program included Kosciuszko Bicentennial Exhibit and

entertainment by Cracow Duo. Chapter also actively joined with other Polonia organizations in celebrating and supporting many projects of Polish interest, especially those that celebrated the Kosciuszko Year and the Polish-American Heritage Month in October. Among them were: Heritage Banquet of Polish American Congress, Illinois Division, Kosciuszko Bicentennial Exhibit in PMA, a Kosciuszko Essay Competition. We co-sponsored a Polish American Heritage celebration at NEIU on November 3, 2017 which was also dedicated to Tadeusz Kosciuszko.

On December 17, 2017 the Chapter co-sponsored a "Christmas Spectacular 2017" concert of the Chicago Chopin Society and LCO which took place at the Copernicus Center. An International sing-along for the whole family, concert included excerpts from the Messiah and traditional carols sung in English, Polish, and Czech. Featured soloists were mezzosoprano Edita Randova (Prague), soprano Justine Izewski, and six-year-old vocalist Penelope Simmons. Also, in December, Chapter's Vice-President Dr. Anna Kordylewska represented our Chapter at Christmas around the World event organized by Cook County Treasurer, Maria Pappas in Chicago.

In January 2018, Chapter supported an exhibition about the life and achievements of international language Esperanto founder Ludwik Lajzer Zamenhof. Curated by the Esperanto Society of Chicago (ESC), the exhibition was on display in the Ronald Williams Library at NEIU and was concluded with a seminar "Language Barriers" presented by ESC President Leszek Kordylewski on January 18 in the Language Laboratory. The event was co-sponsored by the Department of

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Top: Opening night of Women in Science Conference in Sept. 2017.

Left: Chapter Annual meeting on May 11, 2017 in residence of Dr. Kornelia Krol.

Below: Kosciuszko's Name's Day October 2017.



World Languages and Cultures (WL&C) and the Polish and European Academic Center for Exchange & Research (PEACER).

On February 6, 2018, also in cooperation with WL&C and PEACER at NEIU, the Chapter organized a Kosciuszko Foundation lecture titled "The century of Polish White Cross: The idea of medical help for Polish soldiers created in America," by Dr. Magdalena Grassmann, Museum of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy, Medical University from Bialystok, Poland.

In March two members from the Chapter: Ewa Radwanska and Lidia Filus participated in Warsaw in interviews of applicants for KF fellowships from Poland to the United States.

On April 5, 2018 Chapter participated in promotion of the book "Pomagajac kobietom i matce naturze" by Dr. Ewa Radwanska, KF Trustee. The Annual Chapter meeting took place on April 12, 2018 at NEIU. The meeting was followed by a lecture "Holocaust Commemoration in Poland Now" by Tomasz Lysak an applied linguist whose work focuses on representations of the Holocaust in relation to trauma studies and psychoanalysis, University of Warsaw, Poland. The lecture was co-sponsored by the Department of World Languages and Cultures, the Department of Linguistics, and PEACER at NEIU.

Results of the election: Lidia Filus, President; Anna Kordylewska, Vice President; Jolanta Pawlikowska, Secretary; Witold J. Pawlikowski, Treasurer; Maria Zakrzewska, Member; Czeslawa Kolak, Member; Ex Officio: Ewa Radwanska – K.F. Trustee, Joanna Rudnicka – Past President.

On April 13, 2018 Chapter participated in a lecture of Anna Wojciuk (Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw, Poland), based on her recent book "Empires of Knowledge in International Relations: Education and Science as Sources of Power for the State." Wojciuk's book offers the first systematic account of how education and science have become sources of power for the states in international relations and what factors have affected this development. The event was hosted by the Department of Political Science, and PEACER at NEIU. On the same day the Chapter participated in a promotion of the book by Monika Jablonska "Wind from Heaven: John Paul II: The Poet Who Became Pope" in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of John Paul II Pontificate. Minister Anna Maria Anders was a special guest at the event.

For more information about our events please refer the links on our KF Chicago Chapter website www.thekf.org or email us at I-filus@neiu.edu. ■

The New England Chapter Report

by Carolyn Topor, Chapter President



Elzbieta Swiercz, the NE Chapter board member, with University of Massachusetts Professor **Robert Rotstein** and his wife.



Stephen Jablonski, New England Chapter Director, **Teresa Struziak Sherman**, the 2018 Distinguished Polish-American, and **Carolyn Topor**, the New England Chapter President.



Rafal Blechacz and **Carolyn Topor**, the New England Chapter President.

During October, 2017, The New England Chapter and the Elms College presented the 16th Annual Polish Film Festival. On Wednesday evenings, a series of films was presented. A total of five films was screened and these included; Marie Curie: The Courage of Knowledge, In Search of Chopin, Polish Squadron 303, Moje Córkę Krowy (These Daughters of Mine) and Powidoki (Afterimage). The event was a success with large audiences in attendance, particularly the film regarding Marie Curie which was shown twice.

An event was held to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Death of Tadeusz Kosciuszko. On Sunday, October 15th a classical music recital was held that featured numerous artists. The program included, Polonaise (Kosciuszko), 2 nocturnes and 24 Preludes with titles (Chopin). The event concluded with passed hors d'oeuvres, champagne and szarlotka.

In early April members of the Chapter attended a recital by Rafal Blechacz at Union College. Following his performance the pianist graciously mingled with our members. It was a splendid night!

The Chapter's 18th Annual Awards Gala was held on Sunday, April 22 at Mount Holyoke College. Tomasz Kierul, Director of Development KF, presented scholarship recipients with certificates. Teresa Struziak Sherman was the recipient of the Chapter's 2018 Distinguished Polish American Award. She was recognized for her outstanding contributions as an educator and community leader and for her dedication to the Polish-American community locally and nationally. Among the 130 guests was Frank Spula, President PNA and PAC, from Chicago, Illinois. Following the luncheon Kinga Augustyn, violinist, performed a program of music by Polish composers. The Irene Sandler Award was presented to graduating Elms College senior, Bevin Edwards. ■

The Ohio Chapter Report

by Kathleen J. Farkas, Ph.D.

During the last 12 months, the Ohio Chapter built the membership of the Advisory Committee and hosted three successful events in the Cleveland area. Our goals for the coming year are to increase the membership of the Ohio Chapter through Polish - American scholarship and cultural events. The Advisory Committee has representatives from four universities in Northeast Ohio, as well as people who are active leaders in various other educational and cultural organizations including the John Paul II Polish American Cultural Center and the Polish Studies Initiative at Cleveland State University. We work hard to further extend the influence of the Kosciuszko Foundation programs in northeastern Ohio as well as to add to the opportunities to highlight Polish-American scholarship, arts and social initiatives.

Our first event was the 3rd International Symposium on Modern Polish Society, "More Than a Woman: A Discussion on the Spectrum of Feminism in Poland." This event marked the third symposium held at the Polish American Cultural Center to talk about social issues in contemporary Poland. This year's symposium was organized by the Ohio Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation with the cooperation of Cleveland State University Polish Studies Initiative and the Polish-

American Cultural Center. The speakers included Dr. Joanna Trzeciak Huss, Dr. Tomasz Kowalczyk, Dr. Richard Romaniuk, Dr. Kathleen Farkas and Ms. Agata Wojno.

Based upon the success of the International Symposium, our second event "Lunch and Learn Talk" at Case Western Reserve University featured Dr. Trzeciak Huss, who presented a scholarly lecture entitled "Moje Dziewuchy - My Girls: The Spectrum of Feminism in Poland."

Our largest community event was the 2018 Symposium of the Ohio Chapter of the Kościuszko Foundation that featured two speakers from the Jagiellonian University, Professor Anna-Maria Orla-Bukowska, who spoke on "Jews and Jewishness in Post-communist Poland: Past Steps Forward, Present Steps Backward" and Dr. Tomasz Pudłocki, who delivered a lecture entitled "Ghosts of the Past, Challenges of the Future: Contemporary Polish-Ukrainian Dilemmas." Held at Case Western Reserve University, this event drew a large audience from the university and from the Ukrainian and Polish communities in Cleveland.

We look forward to the challenges of growing our chapter and to involving more individuals and organizations to partner with us. For more information please contact us at kathleen.farkas@case.edu ■



Above: **Joanna Trzeciak Huss, PhD** and **Kathleen Farkas, PhD** at the Kosciuszko Foundation Lunch and Learn.

Left: **Tomasz Pudłocki, PhD** and **Anna-Maria Orla-Bukowska, PhD** at Case Western Reserve University 2018.

The Philadelphia Chapter Report

by Sylwia Czajkowska, Chapter Secretary

Year 2017 marked 200th anniversary of Tadeusz Kosciuszko's death. The Philadelphia Chapter commemorated it by scheduling an event at the Museum of the American Revolution (September 2017). Professor Gary Nash, an expert on the American Revolution and the author of "Friends of Liberty: Thomas Jefferson, Tadeusz Kosciuszko and Agrippa Hull" gave a lecture about Tadeusz Kosciuszko. More than 200 guests attended the free public lecture followed by a reception.

In preparation for the event, our board members contributed to writing five articles related to Thadeus Kosciuszko and Poland. These were published in major Philadelphia newspapers: Philadelphia Inquirer, Chestnut Hill Local, and Society Hill Gazette.

Thorough the year we continued with organizing Polish Cultural Salons (initiated in April of 2016). The Polish Cultural Salons promoting our culture are inspired by the famous Thursday Dinners of King Stanislaw Poniatowski. Our Salons take place in the private homes of KF Philly members and friends. These included:

- **"Summer Afternoon with Music"** — A presentation by Paul Krzywicki about lives and contributions of Polish musicians to the Philadelphia Philharmonic and the Curtis School of Music. The



presentation was followed by concert by singer Gosia Julia Maj, a Polish soulful jazz singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist.

- **"Celebration of the 250th Jubilee of Polish National Theatre in Warsaw"** — A presentation by Mr. Andrzej Jozef Dabrowski, a Polish theatre director and script writer, publicist, and journalist who highlighted various premieres that took place on The National Theatre's stages in the last 250 years.

- **"National Poetry Month"** — Poetry readings included works of Stanisław Barańczak, Jan Kochanowski, Wisława Szymborska, Czesław Miłosz and Zbigniew Herbert. The salon showcased a young Polish violinist, Ania Filochowska, a rising star in the world of classical music.

The Philadelphia Chapter continues communicating with its members on a regular basis via quarterly distribution of the Quo Vadis Newsletter.

Volunteers for the Kosciuszko House provided assistance to National Park Services (NPS) in scheduling tours after regular hours. Last year we welcomed: Poland's Ambassador to the United States Professor Piotr Wilczek (August 2017), and the Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Maciej Golubiewski (November 2017).

Students from the Polish School at Our Lady of Czestochowa and St. Casimir Parish in Brooklyn, NY (April 2018).



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Cooperation with the Citizen Democracy International (CDI) allowed us to partake in CDI's student exchange program. Our chapter played a significant role in organizing visits to explore the Kosciuszko House for two groups from Torun, Poland (March 2018). First group included students from High School # 1 in Torun and Science Leadership Academy in Philadelphia, and the second group had representation from Torun High School #4 (named after Tadeusz Kosciuszko) and their host students from Northeast High School.

We were happy to welcome at the Kosciuszko House students from the Polish School at Our Lady of Czestochowa & St. Casimir parish in Brooklyn, NY (April 2018). In summary, more than 150 students were able to tour the Kosciuszko House during the off-season.

KF Philadelphia Chapter continues to offer Tomaszkievicz-Florio and Mr. Raymond Wyszynski scholarships for the summer program at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. Cooperation with the Jagiellonian Law Society was established and will be continued to the benefit of the whole Polish community in the Philadelphia region.

We are continuing our tradition of organizing an Annual Christmas Celebration. Our members enjoyed a Musical Drama "Good Evening Monsieur Chopin" that was presented by the Polish Theatre in Toronto

starring Maria Nowotarska, and Agata Pilitowska (December 2017). The 2018 event is scheduled for December.

At the Annual General Membership Meeting (June 2018) the newly elected Chapter's Executive Committee and Board Members were introduced.

Executive Committee:

President: Marcia Geary-Wolnicki

Vice Presidents: Margaret Zaleska & Miron Wolnicki

Treasurer: Hanna Wewiora

Secretary: Sylwia Czajkowska

Directors: Andre Zlotnicki & Peter Obst

Board Members:

Ela Bochenek, Elizabeth Gosek, Bozena Korczak, Yolanta Roman, Maria Werner-Wasik, and Elizabeth Zechenter.

We trust that you will agree, that with the upcoming Centennial Anniversary of Poland's Independence, we have excellent momentum for another productive year.

For more details on any of these highlights please refer the links to our KF Philadelphia Chapter website www.thekf.org or contact us at thekfphiladelphia@gmail.com. ■

The Polish Cultural Salon presentation "Celebration of the 250th Jubilee of Polish National Theatre in Warsaw" by Mr. Andrzej Jozef Dabrowski, took place in the private home of KF Philly member.



*Tour of the Kosciuszko House with Poland's Ambassador to the United States Professor **Piotr Wilczek**.*



*Musical Drama "Good Evening Monsieur Chopin" presented by the Polish Theatre in Toronto starring **Maria Nowotarska**, and **Agata Pilitowska**.*

The Pittsburgh Chapter Report

by Mary Lou Ellena, Chapter President

The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation has had a busy year. Most recently we lost our beloved President Emeritus, John Bartus, who died on March 27, 2018. His wisdom and counsel will be sorely missed. Our Vice President Emeritus and Board Member Ted Michalik who would have been 99 this year died on May 15, 2018.

At a luncheon in the fall, we honored Val Pawlos as the outstanding Polonian for 2017. Val Pawlos is a retired employee of the City of Pittsburgh Water Authority. He is deeply involved in the Polish Community and Polish organizations. Currently, he serves as a National Business Director for the Polish National Alliance, and he has been the President of West End Pulaski Society for the last thirty years. He has held numerous positions in the Polish National Alliance including National Fraternal Director, National Sports Director and Secretary of Council #145 of Pittsburgh in District 8.

Mr. Pawlos' heritage began with his grandfather in a small village near Lublin, Poland. He now has two grandsons who are 5th generation Polish Nation Alliance members. His family is his most important asset including his wife Janet, daughter Erin (Eric), his son Michael (Emily) and two grandsons, Marino and Robert. His father instilled Polish traditions to his six sons long ago, all of whom still practice them to this day. As a leader in the Polish community he instills the importance of Polish heritage and traditions.

Currently, we are planning our Outstanding Polonian Luncheon for 2018 to be held on October 6, honoring Dr. Thaddeus B. Massalski, Professor Emeritus, Department of Materials Science and Engineering at Carnegie Mellon, who worked with the Polish resistance during the II World War. All are invited to attend our luncheon.

The Kosciuszko Foundation in conjunction with the Global Engagement Program of La Roche College, Pittsburgh and the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh will host Dr. Seth Jones, CSIS, author of "A Covert Action: Reagan, the CIA, and the Cold War Struggle in Poland" about Solidarity and Lech Walesa. He will discuss his book at La Roche College, our partner college, later this year. This program is free and open to the public.

Later this year, the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation will have an information table at the annual Polish Day at Kennywood Amusement Park in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. Also this year, Michel Scholtes from Chicago, currently living in Warsaw, Poland, will present a program on researching Polish genealogy. This program will be free and open to the public.

Currently, the Pittsburgh Chapter is focusing on expanding the board of directors, increasing membership and enhancing programs that are open to the public at large.

To find out more about our programs please visit our website at www.thekf.org or contact us at mlew2929@gmail.com ■



The 66th
Kosciuszko
Foundation

Chopin

Piano Competition

March 29-31, 2019
New York City

www.kfchopin.org

Application Deadline: January 1, 2019

The Western New York Chapter Report

by Raymond Dziedzic, Chapter President

UNESCO declared the 2017-2018 calendar year the “International Year of Thaddeus Kosciuszko”. To help celebrate The Western New York Chapter organized a series of events that would allow us to share our culture and history with our community.

The celebrations began July 2017; we honored Polish senator and secretary of state Anna Maria Anders. The meeting took place at the prestigious Buffalo Club and entailed gifting Anders with two posters that credited Kosciuszko’s contributions in the American Revolutionary War as well as his “Last Will and Testament” that would grant emancipation and education for Thomas Jefferson’s slaves. Senator Anders promised the display of these posters in the Polish Embassy in Washington D.C.

Our Chapter also participated in the unveiling of the traveling display that commemorates Anders Army following the June 22, 1941 Nazi invasion of the former Soviet Union. The Army earned their rightful place in history through their heroic trek from Siberia to Iran and eventually into Western Europe. We were joined by Stanislaw and Antonina Markot, both Veterans of the Free Polish Army and true War Heroes. Mrs. Markot drove ammunition trucks to supply the Polish Forces at the Battle of Monte Casino, while her husband Mr. Markot served in the Infantry division following the June 1944 invasion of France. We are blessed to still have them among us and thank them for their heroism.

On July 16, 2017 we had the honor of hosting Kosciuszko Foundation President and Executive Director Marek Skulimowski. The breakfast was hosted at Buffalo’s Millennium Hotel and pertained to relevant issues regarding both the Foundation and our Chapter. This meeting was to help us not only grow but, remain a strong force in Western New York.

Following this meeting, we had the honor of participating in Western New York’s Pulaski Heritage Parade. The Western New York Chapter leaders rode atop a sleek convertible emblazoned with a Chapter Banner. Our passenger was Hon. Ann T. Mikoll, NYS Supreme Court Appellate Division Justice (retired) a founding member of our Chapter, who was adorned in a beautiful Polish shawl.



Senator **Anna M. Anders** and **Raymond Dziedzic**,
the Western New York Chapter President.

“International Year Of Thaddeus Kosciuszko” continued with an event in Buffalo’s History Museum. It was held on October 9, 2017 and included a welcoming reception during which our guests and attendees were treated to a variety of delectable Polish kanapki (sandwiches). The chapter hosted dignitaries ranging from Consul General and Mrs. Maciej Golubiewski, KF Director of Development Tomasz Kierul and a representative of the Erie County (NY) Legislature. Here a resolution was presented declaring the remainder of 2017 as the Year of Kosciuszko in all of Erie County. Later that evening we hosted, Dr. James S. Pula, a renowned historian, author and scholar.

He delivered a dynamic multi-media program on Kosciuszko’s works and deeds here in America and “as true a son of Liberty” upon his return to his beloved Poland. Dr. Pula’s presentation was met with a standing ovation.

Christmas is a special time in our culture, and Polish customs entail a traditional Wigilia. The event was hosted by Buffalo’s Chopin Singing Society, which performed a series of kolędy (Christmas songs). There was also a traditional midnight mass or Pasterka at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church. To finish out the year we organized a traditional Sylwester that benefitted Buffalo’s Saturday Polish School.

The 2018-year has been filled with numerous events. The first being our Dingus Day celebration that has become widely recognized in Western New York and around the United States.

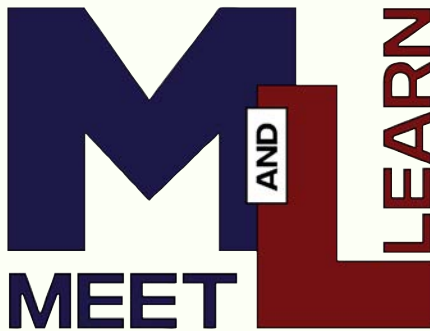
Later this year we will be hosting a Welcome Reception for Roman Catholic Bishop Ricard Malone who will establish a new residence in the Former Felician Sisters Convent at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish (October 7, 2018) as Buffalo’s Bishop’s Residence is being sold.

The Grand Gala and Bal Polonez that will help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Re-establishment of Polish Independence will be on October 28, 2018. Our chapter is excited to host an event that recognizes the importance of our history.

Time permitting, we will attempt to organize our own educational program commemorating Poland’s November 11, 1918 rebirth. For more information please contact us at ry.dziedzic@yahoo.com. ■

MEET and LEARN

a new educational and networking event series for young professionals



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Professionals*

The Kosciuszko Foundation in partnership with Dorothy Lata (Dor Lata On Camera Image Consulting) launch MEET and LEARN. The program is designed for current and former KF Scholarship recipients as well as other professionals (25-45 years of age) of all fields and all ethnical background. MEET and LEARN offers a unique opportunity to make new connections, find new businesses and meet other professionals while gaining a valuable insight from invited guest speakers: business coaches and leadership development professionals. More information: www.thekf.org/events

October 17, 2018 6:30

THE POWER OF FIRST IMPRESSION

guest speaker: **Dor Lata**



As the Creative Director of Bloomberg TV, Dor was responsible for the Global Beauty and Image Operation for Talent On Air. This included Creative, Makeup and Hair teams globally. Dor established and managed the International Beauty and Image operations within the Bloomberg global network (EU, HK, Asia, Middle, South and North America, United Arab Emirates, and

Abu Dhabi) working on the on camera image for Michael Bloomberg, Warren Buffett, Bill Gates, Charlie Rose, Placido Domingo, Bruce Jenner, Roger Moore, Linda Evans, Kevin Bacon and many of the international Bloomberg TV anchors and reporters.

December 5, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

BUILDING YOUR SIGNATURE STYLE AND PRESENCE

guest speaker: **Andrew Bergin**

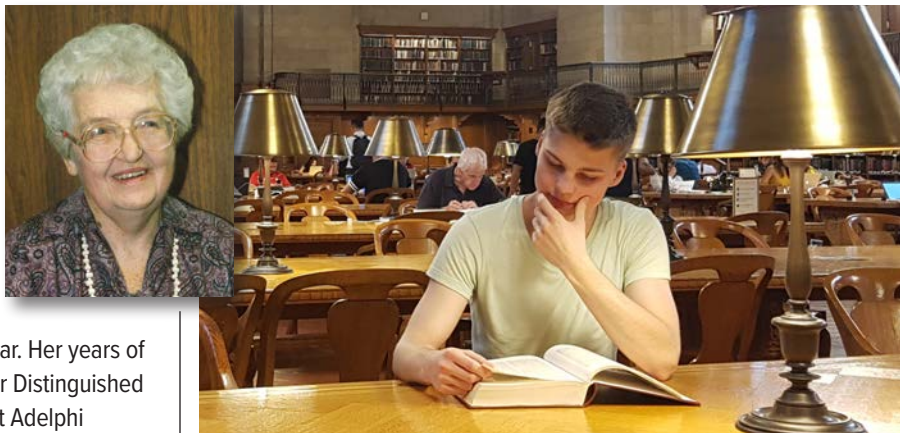


Andy Bergin launched Speaking Virtually in 2008 following a 28-year career as an equity sales trader, training manager, leadership development professional, and business presentation coach. He has coached over 3000 leaders, executives and salespeople around the world, from the CEO level down, on almost every communication task in the business world. He has coached at 70 client companies including leading investment banks, insurance companies, private banks, hedge funds and firms in private equity, asset management, consulting, wealth advisory, real estate investment, oil exploration, media and the non-for-profit world.

Tomasz Kukla - 2018 Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarship Recipient

The Foundation awards gifted students from Rakszawa, Poland as a part of the Sophie Wojciechowski Endowment Fund. Rakszawa is the birthplace of the Kosciuszko Foundation founder Stephen Mizwa.

Sophie Wojciechowski worked tirelessly during her life for the causes of immigrants and refugees. In addition to her work with the Polish government in exile during World War II, she was involved with numerous programs to assist émigrés and their families after the war. Her years of dedication resulted in her receiving the Émigré Award for Distinguished Leadership from the Institute for Families and Children at Adelphi University in 1992. It was at this time that the Foundation announced the creation of the Sophie Wojciechowski Scholarship program. ■



Tomasz Kukla at The Rose Main Reading Room, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building New York Public Library, July 2018.

2018 – 2019 Exchange Fellowships and Grants

Polish Citizens Conducting Advanced Study, Research and/or Teaching in the United States

During its Semi-Annual Meeting the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation approves funding for the Foundation's Exchange Program to the U.S. In May 2018, the Board allocated \$447,000 for 40 gifted individuals from Poland as recipients of the Foundation's Fellowships and Grants for the 2018/2019 academic year.

Between March 12th and March 21st 2018 members of the U.S. Advisory Committee together with members of the Polish Academic Commission participated in personal interview sessions held at the University of Warsaw's in Warsaw, Poland.

Members of the Academic Advisory Committee for the 2018/2019 Advanced Research/Study Program for Polish Citizens:

Mirosław Brys, Ph.D., Adjunct Associate Professor of Neurology NYU School of Medicine in New York, Associate Medical Director, Neurology Discovery & Development – Biogen in Cambridge, MA;

Hanna Chroboczek Kelker, Ph.D., Former research Assistant Professor, Departments of Microbiology and Medicine, New York University School of Medicine (retired), Member of Center for AIDS Research at NYU, Member of the Board of Directors of PIASA;

Grazyna Czetwertynska, Ph.D, Kolegium Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, and President, Kosciuszko Foundation Poland;

Lidia Filus, Ph.D, Professor of Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, USA;

Wlodek Manddecki, Ph.D., Chairman & President, PharmaSeq Inc., Adjunct Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers University at Newark, NJ;

Ewa Radwanska, M.D. Ph.D., Professor at Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL;

Marek Skulimowski, President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation;

Members of the Polish Academic Commission for the 2018/2019 Advanced Research/Study Program for Polish Citizens:

Wojciech Brzozowski, Ph.D, Faculty of Law & Administration, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Prof. Joanna Choinska-Mika, Institute of History, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Ewa Haman, Ph.D, Faculty of Psychology, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Prof. Maria Poprzęcka, Insitute of History, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Katarzyna Sadkowska, Ph.D, Kolegium Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Prof. Bohdan Szklarski, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Lukasz Tymiecki, Ph.D, Department of Chemistry at University of Warsaw, Poland;

Jakub Urbanik, Ph.D, Institute of History of Law, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Andrzej Waskiewicz, Ph.D, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Marek Wecowski, Ph.D, Institute of History, University of Warsaw, Poland;

Prof. Krzysztof Wójtowicz, Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw, Poland;

All interviews were conducted in English, thereby evaluating the English proficiency of the candidates. Each interview lasted approximately 30 minutes, including Committee discussions prior to and after each session. Following the interviews, the candidates were ranked from the highest score down (10-0). Discussions at the end of each interview created a basis for evaluating the overall excellence taking into consideration the following factors: candidate's qualifications and accomplishments, importance of the project, written proposal, site of acceptance and overall impression of an applicant's presentation. The Committee had an opportunity to review files of all candidates beforehand in order to evaluate the merit of the candidates' research proposals, their clarity and seriousness of purpose, and the persuasiveness of their arguments for conducting research in the United States.



HUMANITIES:



Ambrosewicz-Jacobs Jolanta
Ph.D. in Humanities -
Liberal Arts at Jagiellonian
University; Ph.D. Habilitation
Cultural Studies at University
of Silesia; Associate
Professor at Jagiellonian

University; 4-months fellowship to conduct a research to seek an answer to the question why, so many years after the Holocaust, many countries still have not come to terms with the Holocaust. The study will emphasize the connection between education, social action and current historical narratives, concepts of collective memory, national identities and historical politics in the USA and in the wider world; with Prof. Deena Aranoff at Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA and Prof. Gabriel Finder at the Jewish Studies Program, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.



Drąg Wojciech

Ph.D. in Literary Studies
at University of Wrocław;
Associate Professor at
University of Wrocław;
3-months fellowship to
examine the most important

works of literary collage created by three contemporary American authors - Lance Olsen, Steve Tomasula and David Shields. College, due to its structure is best suited to address and represent the twenty-first-century experience of crisis and disconnection on the personal, sociopolitical and esthetic levels; with Lance Olsen, University of Utah; Steve Tomasula, University of Notre Dame; David Banash, Western Illinois University; David Shields, University of Washington and Merritt Moseley, University of North Carolina at Asheville, NC.



Gońda Marcin

Ph.D. in Sociology at
University of Łódź;
Assistant Professor at
University of Warsaw;
3-months fellowship to
analyze transnational and

intergenerational process of (re)construction of the homeland's image by Polish diaspora in Cleveland and its implication for collective identity negotiations. The study will research how post-communist Poland appears in the diasporic imagination on two levels: individual

and institutional using mixed-method study that covers desktop research of literature on diaspora-homeland relations, sixteen autobiographical narrative interviews with two generations of Poles in Cleveland, and eight, in-depth interviews with the key members of Cleveland's Polish community, so that institutional aspect of Poland's reception will be analysed; with Professor Mary Patrice Erdmans at Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH.



Kijania-Placek Katarzyna

Ph.D. in Philosophy at
Jagiellonian University;
Ph.D. Habilitation Philosophy
at Jagiellonian University;
Professor at Jagiellonian
University; 3 months

fellowship to develop a polysemous theory of singular terms, which allows for preserving referential intuitions concerning default, normal uses of those expressions while, at the same time, it recognizes the possibility of their non-referential uses; with Professor Michael Devitt at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, NY.



Kolinek-Siechowicz Karolina

Ph.D. Candidate, Faculty
of Arts Liberates University
of Warsaw; 3 months grant
to verify if there is a way to
find early music's popularity
not only in the attractive

way of its modern presentation but also in its theoretical assumptions, especially those formulated at the end of a renaissance and to compare early music's reception in Poland and in US while participating in the concerts and interviewing musicians; with Professor Anna Maria Busse Berger at Department of Music, University of California, Davis, CA.



Kot Malgorzata

Ph.D. Student, Sociology
at The Graduate School
for Social Research, IFIS
PAN Warsaw; 3 months
grant to explore how queer
mothering is constructed

by female couples raising a child in Poland. Specific geopolitical, cultural and social

background of Poland, being 'in-between' East and West is taken into consideration in the study of mothering practices, strategies, and experiences; with prof. Margaret Homans at Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies at Yale University, New Haven, CT; Marcia Inhorn and Prof. Sarah E. Chinn at Hunter College New York, NY.



Księżopolska Irena

Ph.D. in English Literature,
Comparative Literature
at University of Warsaw;
Assistant Professor, Deputy
Dean, Head of English &
Chinese Program at Vistula

University Warsaw; 3 months fellowship to research Ian McEwan's texts, aiming to combine the textual analysis of major and most recent works of the writer with a research into the archival materials of the Harry Ransom Center, UT, which would provide an understanding of his creative process and context; with Prof. Julia L. Mickenberg, Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies, The University of Texas, Austin, TX.



Luczak Ewa

Ph.D. in American Literature,
University of Warsaw; Ph.D.
Habilitation in American
Literature, University of
Warsaw; Professor at
University of Warsaw;

4-months fellowship to conduct a research in the early film and journal archives available at UC Irvine in Southern California in order to complete a book project on anti-eugenic satire in the first three decades of the twentieth century; with Prof. David T. Goldberg, Humanities Research Institute, Irvine, CA.



Łuszczkiewicz Antonina

Ph.D. Student / Cultural
Studies at Jagiellonian
University; 3 months grant
to analyze project, entitled
"Five Principles of Peaceful
Coexistence in China-India-

U.S. Relations" and the role of the United States in the Chinese-Indian Five Principles discourse. Inquiry will be made whether China and India tried to implement the Five Principles in their relations with the U.S., and

how the U.S. responded to the Five Principles and their role in Chinese-Indian diplomatic discourse; with Scott O'Bryan, Associate Professor, Chair of the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Indiana University; Michael Brose, Wang Fei-hsien, Rebecca Manning at Indiana University and Vandana Asthana, Associate Professor, Department of Government, Eastern Washington University, Cheney.



Makowska Marta

Ph.D. in Sociology at Polish Academy of Science, Assistant Professor - Warsaw University of Life Sciences; 3 months fellowship to identify articles about the

U.S. Physician Payments Sunshine Act's impact upon physicians' attitudes towards cooperation with the pharmaceutical industry, and prepare a systematic review of them in order to summarize the effects of the Act; with George Sillup and Anthony DelConte, MD at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA



Mazurkiewicz Anna

Ph.D. in History at University of Gdansk, Academic Teacher (Adjunct) at University of Gdansk; 4 months teaching fellowship to teach two courses on

Polish history and on the Polish-American experience at the VSU and to investigate the archives located in the region, conducting preliminary queries for two projects (personal-book project and one for the team working on an edition of primary sources); with John P. Dunn, David Williams, Chris Meyers at Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA.



Placek Tomasz

Ph.D. Habilitation in Philosophy at Jagiellonian University; Professor at Jagiellonian University; 3 months fellowship to investigate topological

properties of indeterministic evolutions, in particular, the regions of passage between isomorphic initial segments and their non-isomorphic alternative continuations; with Professor Achille Varzi at Columbia University, New York, NY.



Przybylska Anna

Ph.D. in Political Sciences at University of Warsaw; Assistant Professor, Head of Research Centre - University of Warsaw; 5 months fellowship to examine

the hypotheses concerning the impact of technology on expressing emotions, and the relevance of emotions to social inclusion in communication processes. The results will have an impact on the design of ICT tools used for public deliberations; with Prof. James Fishkin and Prof. Alice Siu at Center for Deliberative Democracy, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.



Stobiecka Monika

Ph.D. Student Artes Liberales Department at University of Warsaw; 3 months grant to conduct a research on the digital turn in archaeological museums. Planned to

critically examine the creative potential of digital and cyber media in museums and ask new research questions that concern epistemology and ontology of archaeological objects and their copies/representations; with Ian Hodder and Michael Shanks at Stanford Archaeology Center, Stanford, CA.



Szałek Piotr

Ph.D. in Philosophy at Catholic University of Lublin; Assistant Professor at Catholic University of Lublin; 3 months fellowship to research the history of

early modern philosophy of mind, intellectual history and history of science and concerns early modern theories of intentionality. The proposed research project will attempt to demonstrate that there was no gap between late medieval scholasticism and Brentano, and that the problem played a vital role in philosophy from Descartes to Kant. The research will culminate in the first monograph on this topic; with Professor Daniel Garber, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, and Professor Alison Simmons Harvard University Cambridge, MA.



Szkopiński Łukasz

Ph.D. in French Language and Literature at Université Paris Sorbonne; Assistant Professor at University of Lodz; 3 months research on the life and work of

Alexandrine-Sophie de Bawr (1773-1860) as well as the political, social and cultural climate of the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th c. in France at the Yale University Library. A particular emphasis will be made on the English translations of Madame de Bawr's works as well as on the way her life and books were represented in the American press and literary world; with Prof. Pierre Saint-Amand at Yale University, New Haven, CT.



Zabrocka-Śliwka Monika

Ph.D. in Student Linguistics with specialization in translation at Pedagogical University of Cracow; 4 months grant to research audio description as an

educational tool, aimed to enhance both sighted and blind children's socio-linguistic and cognitive skills and abilities, and the possibility of using AD as a teaching tool in working with sighted children with intellectual and psycho-emotional handicaps. Tests will be conducted with children suffering from various disorders to determine if an adequately constructed AD track may significantly increase the attention of those children, to what extent it can enhance their learning process and if AD has a potential to influence their language and increase their communicative skills; with Christina Reuterskiöld, at the New York University, New York, NY; Anastasia Giannakidou, University of Chicago, IL, and Anna Papafragou, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.



SCIENCES:



Bola Łukasz

Ph.D. Cognitive neuroscience at the Jagiellonian University; 3 months grant to research the role of the auditory cortex in the brain of deaf people. I expect that,

following deafness, auditory areas preserve their typical, functional specialization for temporal processing despite being recruited for the tactile and visual input – a result that will provide important insight into principles that guide large-scale neuroplasticity in the brain; with Prof. Alfonso Caramazza, at Cognitive Neuropsychology Laboratory, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.



Godziszewski Michał

Ph.D. Student Philosophy (Logic) at University of Warsaw; Ph.D. Student Mathematics at Polish Academy of Sciences; 3 months grant to conduct

interdisciplinary research in mathematical logic, foundations of mathematics, and philosophy of science and to investigate properties of satisfaction classes and other interpretations of the truth predicate in the multiverses of models of set theory; with Itay Neeman and Donald A. Martin at Department of Mathematics, and Sean Walsh Department of Philosophy, University of California, Los Angeles, CA; and Penelope Maddy, Logic & Philosophy of Science University of California, Irvine, CA.



Gorski Jędrzej

Ph.D. Student Mechanical Engineering at Wrocław University of Science and Technology; 5 months grant to conduct research on “FREon Decay Experiment” (FREDE)

aiming at providing a better understanding of how chlorofluorocarbon compounds disintegrate in contact with UV radiation present in Earth's atmosphere under high and low altitude conditions. Creation of this flying laboratory provides fresh perspective in the area of ozone depletion process, climate change, stratospheric in-situ measurements, and machine design for extreme conditions; with Artur Chmielewski, Project Manager of

the US Rosetta Project, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory managed by California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA.



Hapka Michał

Ph.D. Chemistry at University of Warsaw; Adjunct Assistant Professor at University of Warsaw; 4 months fellowship to develop an ab initio

quantum chemistry method capable of describing materials which exhibit high-temperature superconductivity. The proposed method will be applicable to real systems, such as organic crystals, where the connection between the structure and superconducting properties will be established; with Dominika Zgid, Department of Chemistry, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.



Jaworska Aleksandra

Ph.D. Chemistry at Jagiellonian University - 2015; Postdoc at University of Warsaw; 5 months fellowship to study application of surface

enhanced Raman spectroscopy combined with solid-phase microextraction to optimize nanosensor for detection of DNA mutation in melanoma as an alternative for presently used methods. Optimization of the flow system enabling DNA hybridization and detection of specific mutation in ssDNA would be a step towards the non-invasive diagnostics and monitoring of treatment efficacy; with Professor Marc D. Porter, USTAR Professor, Director Nano Institute of Utah, Director, Center for NanoBioSensors at the University of Utah Department of Chemistry, College of Science, Salt Lake City, UT.



Kizling Michał

Ph.D. Student Biochemistry at University of Warsaw; 3 months grant to research the development of synthetic systems based on gold clusters and proteins that

mimic biological systems, temporary formed complexes of enzymes of a metabolic pathway that catalyze consecutive reactions. Our idea is to mimic the natural metabolic pathway of glucose oxidation and utilize it for enzymatic

fuel cell design; with Prof. Shelley Minteer at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.



Kotkowiak Mateusz

Ph.D. Student Materials Science and Engineering at Poznań University of Technology; 4 months grant to investigate the tribological properties of nanocrystalline

aluminium in order to understand how the microstructure change at the sliding contact. Results of the studies will allow to improve the wear resistance of this material; with Izabela Szlufarska and Harvey D. Spangler Professor of Engineering, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, University of Wisconsin - Madison College of Engineering, Madison, WI.



Lorkowski Jan

Ph.D. Student Chemistry at Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań; 4 months grant to prepare highly active ruthenium catalysts bearing Cyclic carbenes ligands for

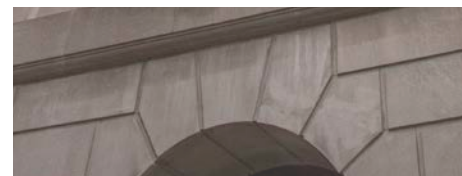
sustainable synthesis of linear alpha olefins; with Prof. Guy Bertrand at Department of Chemistry, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA.



Morasiewicz Piotr

Ph.D. Medicine at Wrocław Medical University; Assistant Professor at Wrocław Medical University; 3 months fellowship to conduct study on two research-

scientific plans and better know clinically the reconstruction of complex limb deformities in children. The research will focus on the biomechanical evaluation of new construction solutions in Ilizarov external fixators and the use of 3D printing in the treatment of complex, multi-plane limb deformities; with Prof Dror Paley MD Ph.D. - the Director of the Paley Orthopedic & Spine Institute at St. Mary's Medical Center, West Palm Beach, FL.



**Piskunowicz Maciej**

Ph.D. Nuclear Medicine and Radiology at Medical University of Gdansk; Ph.D. Habilitation Radiology at Medical University of Gdansk; Associate Professor,

Radiologist at Medical University of Gdansk; 3 months fellowship to comprehensively determine the vascularization pattern of solid tumors which will help to decrease the radiation burden in computed tomography imaging and a number of the sedation procedures in magnetic resonance imaging in the management of children with solid tumors; with Prof. Kassa Darge at Department of Radiology, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

**Szejko Natalia**

Ph.D. Student at Medical University of Warsaw; 3 months grant to conduct longitudinal follow-up clinical and neuroimaging study in Gilles de la Tourette

Syndrome (GTS), to examine predictors of adulthood outcome in children with GTS and to compare brain development between remitted and persistent cases of TS and healthy controls across adolescence; with Michael Howard Bloch, MD, M.S. Associate Professor, Yale Child Study Center, New Haven, CT.

**Ślebarski Andrzej**

Ph.D. Physics at University of Silesia; Ph.D. Habilitation Physics at University of Silesia; Professor at University of Silesia; 3 months fellowship to study

strongly correlated electron phenomena in novel d- and f-electron materials. These phenomena include superconductivity, magnetism, and effects arising from their interplay, heavy fermion behavior, non-Fermi liquid behavior and quantum criticality; with M. Brian Maple, Distinguished Professor of Physics and Bernd T. Matthias Chair at Department of Physics, University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA.

**Trylska Joanna**

Ph.D. Physics at University of Warsaw; Ph.D. Habilitation Physics at University of Warsaw; Professor at University of Warsaw; 5 months fellowship to analyze

aminoglycoside antibiotics primarily target bacterial ribosomal RNA. Using molecular modeling and computer simulations to characterize and compare the interactions of aminoglycosides with their bacterial and human targets, to explain the reasons for their toxicity to human cells, and to propose derivatives that are less toxic to human membranes and do not induce bacterial resistance; with Prof. J. Andrew McCammon and Joseph E. Mayer, Chair of Theoretical Chemistry; Distinguished Professor of Chemistry & Biochemistry; Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology; Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Fellow, San Diego Supercomputer Center at University of California San Diego, La Jolla, CA.

**Walczak Marek**

Ph.D. Student Astronomy at University of Warsaw; 3 months grant to analyze the data from the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) experiment at the Large Hadron Collider

(LHC) at CERN collected during lead-lead collisions. A final result of the analysis will be a measurement of the cross-section for the process of the ultra-peripheral photoproduction of the upsilon particle; with Prof. Daniel Tapia Takaki at Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

**Was Halina**

Ph.D. Biology and Biochemistry at Jagiellonian University; Ph.D. Habilitation Student Biology at Nencki Institute of Experimental Biology; Senior Assistant

at Military Institute of Medicine; 4 months fellowship to conduct research focused on the role of components of the Senescence-Associated Secretory Phenotype (SASP) in proliferative recovery from senescence; with Professor David A. Gewirtz, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA.

**Wylęgała Adam**

Ph.D. Medical Biology at Medical University of Silesia; Researcher at Medical University of Silesia; 5 months fellowship to conduct research on

mechanisms involved in pathogenesis of Fuchs endothelial corneal dystrophy (FECD). Research on molecular mechanisms regulating NCDPC cellular differentiation and function, particularly within the setting of limbal stem cell deficiency in course of FECD; with Professor Ula Jurkunus, MD at Schepens Eye Research Institute, Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Boston, MA.

**Zdżalik-Bielecka Daria**

Ph.D. Biology at University of Warsaw; Researcher at International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw; 4 months fellowship to conduct study

on TNIK, a serine/threonine kinase that has been implicated in diverse signaling pathways (JNK, NF- κ B and Wnt/ β -catenin), however, its contributions to cell function remain unclear. The proposed project for the first time will provide novel data about the role of TNIK in the biology of the centrosome and Golgi apparatus; with Karen Oegema, Ph.D. Member, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research and Professor at University of California San Diego, La Jolla CA.



ARTS:



Niwelinska Monika

Ph.D. Fine Arts at Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow; Assistant Professor at Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow; 5 months fellowship to examine relations

between phenomena of light sensitivity, perception, and memory processes. The overall goal of the project is realization of the work of art and development of the concept of the entropic image through broad range of experiments which will allow me to explore potentially new areas of application of photosensitive materials in visual arts and in science; with Professor Cornelia McSheehy, Head of Acting Department, Professor Henry Ferreira, Printmaking Department, Professor Sheri Wills, Film/Animation/Video Department, Gwen Farrelly, Director RISD Global, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI; Professor Claire Pentecost, Professor Robert

Clarke-Davis, Professor Jan Tichy, Department of Photography, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, CHICAGO, IL; Kurt Riesselmann and Georgia Schwender, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory - Fermilab, Batavia IL.



Uniejewska Ewa

Ph.D. Cultural Studies at SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw; 4 months grant to study theory and history of acting, with a special

emphasis on the transmission of Stanislavski's System into the American ground and its transformation into its American version, The Method, how the American theatre and movie culture is rooted in the European traditions and to identify the factors which enabled American practitioners to transform and adapt these traditions so the style of acting they established has come to be identified as quintessentially and uniquely American; with Sharon Marie Carnicke; Victoria KraneThe Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute in West Hollywood, CA; and David Bridel Dean at The University of Southern California, School of Dramatic Arts, Los Angeles, CA.

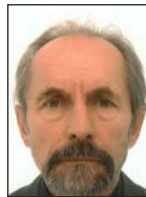
LAW & ECONOMICS:



Brodowicz Dominika

Ph.D. Economics at Warsaw School of Economics; Ph.D. Built Environment, Real Estate at Dublin Institute of Technology; Assistant Professor at Warsaw School

of Economics; 4 months fellowship to conduct the research is to identify, analyze and compare cases of selected US East Coast cities implementing green strategies, with a particular focus on biophilia. The proposed work will enable development of quantitative metrics and quantitative characteristics describing such cities; with Professor Timothy Beatley, University of Virginia School of Architecture, Charlottesville, VA.



Lasocik Zbigniew

Ph.D. Law / Criminology at University of Warsaw; Ph.D. Habilitation Law/ Criminology at University of Warsaw; Professor at University of Warsaw; 5

months fellowship to conduct comparative research on systems to combat human trafficking in Poland and in the US and to discuss effectiveness of such systems. This will be based on the assumption that human trafficking is part of a society's culture and that the way the system is structured depends very much on the legal culture; with Maria Haberfeld, Ph.D., at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY.



Menkes Marcin

Ph.D. Economics at Warsaw School of Economics; Ph.D. Law at Jagiellonian University; Ph.D. Habilitation Law at Jagiellonian University; Assistant

Professor at Warsaw School of Economics; 4 months fellowship to research the fact that in the age of postmodernity western societies lost the sense of individual security, which caused the rise of populism and questioning of international economic cooperation. Fostering economic cooperation while stabilising social moods is to embrace a holistic approach to law; with Prof. Zachary Clopton and Mrs Liz Flint, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY.

POLISH STUDIES:



Andryszak Grzegorz

M.A. Computer Science at The Koszalin University of Technology; Postgraduate Course ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Systems Internal Auditor

at The Koszalin University of Technology;

IT Technician, Archivist, Branch Manager at State Archive in Koszalin; 6 months grant to conduct project to document the history of Poland and Poles in America; with Dr. Bozena Leven Executive Director at The Collage of New Jersey at The Polish Institute of Arts and Science of America (PIASA) in New York, NY.



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Past Cultural Events at the Kosciuszko Foundation Winter/Spring 2018



Top: Master & Student – Music meets Art – an art exhibit and music performances by young artists.



Left: Paderewski and World Politics a lecture by **Marek Zebrowski**, Director of USC Polish Music Center.

Below: An Author's Evening with **Monika Jablonska** presenting her most recent book: *Wind from Heaven. John Paul II: The Poet Who Became the Pope*.



Past Cultural Events

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*A piano recital by Prof. **Mirosław Herbowski** as part of New York Conservatory of Music 20th anniversary celebration.*



Skoczylas. Polish Woodcut – a special exhibit presented in partnership with the Consulate General of Poland in NY, Mariusz Kazana Foundation, the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Poland and PSFCU.



*Author's evening with **Romuald "Aldek" Roman**.*



Canzoni e Concerti – a concert of the Baroque Chamber Music from Poland by the students from the Juilliard School.



*Donna – a concert by the Metropolitan Opera Singers: **Edyta Kulczak**, mezzo-soprano and **Disella Larusdottir**, soprano; **Tadeusz Domanowski**, piano.*



*March 1968 in Poland. 50 Years – A panel presentation by Prof. **Andrzej Żbikowski** (University of Warsaw), **Natalia Aleksyńska**, Ph.D (Touro College), **Anna Frajlich**, Ph.D (Columbia University), **Irena Grudzińska-Gross** Ph.D. (Princeton University) and **Andrzej Krakowski** Ph.D (CUNY).*



*Pola Negri: Life of a Star - a screening of the documentary film and discussion with film director **Mariusz Kotowski** led by **Andrzej Krakowski**, Ph.D.*

Past Cultural Events



Winners' concert of the Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Competition for Young Pianists in Washington, D.C.

A jazz concert by "Walk Away" and a photo exhibit "Faces of Music" by **Andrzej Tysko**.



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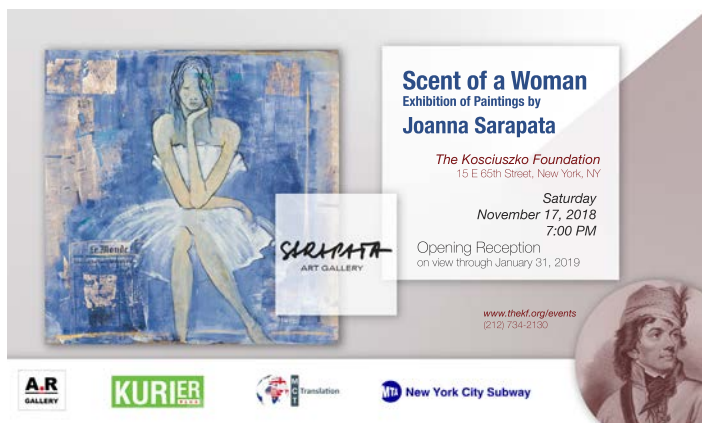
October 4, 7:30 p.m.

A CONCERT BY MONIKA KRAJEWSKA, mezzo-soprano and **YELENA KURDINA**, piano. Combined with an exhibit by Maria Majka Nowak



November 17, 7:00 p.m.

Opening of the special **EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS** by **JOANNA SARAPATA**



Joanna Sarapata

In 1986 she graduated from L'ecole Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Since 1987 her paintings have been exhibited in France, where she worked and lived for 20 years. She has been showcased in Spain, Monaco, Germany, USA, Switzerland and since 1998 in Poland. In 1996 she won the first prize in the poster competition organized by the Paris Opera. Among admirers of her work are such prominent personalities as Jose Carreras, Plácido Domingo, Elton John, Patricia Picasso, John Rait, Scott Bromley (Studio 54 architect), and many others.

January 8, 7:30

A PIANO RECITAL BY ROMAN MARKOWICZ



Roman Markowicz

A Polish-born pianist, music critic, and educator. He began his musical education in Warsaw, and after his family emigrated to the United States, he entered the Manhattan School of Music on full-tuition scholarship. Upon graduation in 1972 he was presented with a coveted Harold Bauer Award. Two years later, he received his Master of Music Degree in piano from The Juilliard School. Mr.

Markowicz enjoys a career as a soloist, chamber player and collaborative musician. He also has been contributing to several publications including *Nowy Dziennik* (The Polish Daily News), and *Ruch Muzyczny*, and the Polish Music Information Center at: www.polmic.pl

January 23

A MEETING WITH PROFESSOR KRZYSZTOF MATYJASZEWSKI



of Carnegie Mellon University as part of the Kosciuszko Foundation Collegium of Eminent Scientists Events' Series

February 19, 7:30 p.m.

UNKNOWN POLISH OSCAR WINNERS a lecture by Prof. Andrzej Krakowski of CCNY



Poland admits to having eight Oscar winners, yet is silent about the remaining 28 ones. Thirty-six artists born in the territory of the present or pre-partitioned Poland have won over 60 Oscars in total. The prize itself is an idea of our compatriot. So what caused us to celebrate some winners and omit others? The Foundation will be hosting an informative event that will bring these artists into light.

In celebration of Poland's Independence, **The Kosciuszko Foundation** is proud to be a lead sponsor of the North American premiere of **Voices of The Mountains**, a spectacular musical project presented by the Teatr Wielki - Polish National Opera.

Wednesday, November 14th, 2018 — 8:00 PM

Stern Auditorium, Carnegie Hall | 57th Street and Seventh Ave., New York, NY 10019



Smoczyński, the Atom String Quartet, Jan Młynarski, Michał Barański and the Neo String Quartet.

Conducted by Jerzy Maksymiuk

Concept Waldemar Dąbrowski, Janusz Olejniczak, Jolanta Trykacz

Music director Janusz Olejniczak

Music arranged by Jan Smoczyński

Executive producer and project coordinator 2T Vision Promotion sp. z o.o.

Featuring:

Janusz Olejniczak – *piano*

Jan Smoczyński – *keyboard instruments*

Jan Młynarski – *drums*

Michał Barański – *double-bass*

Voices of the Mountains is a project showcasing the presence of Polish highland culture, traditions, and landscapes throughout the music of four renowned Polish composers: Wojciech Kilar, Karol Szymanowski, Henryk Mikołaj Górecki, and Mieczysław Karłowicz. The concert brings together three great Polish music personalities: Janusz Olejniczak, awe-inspiring classical pianist, Sebastian Karpiel-Bułecka, a remarkable vocalist of the young generation, and Jerzy Maksymiuk, a premier Polish conductor, who are going to treat the audience to a fusion of Polish highland music, drum & bass and jazz.

The concert will present a thrilling program of classical pieces tinged with traditional folk music of the Polish highlands enriched with the sound of drum&bass and jazz. Written by Karol Szymanowski, Henryk Mikołaj Górecki and Wojciech Kilar.

The music will be performed by a star-studded lineup featuring Poland's world-class charismatic conductor Jerzy Maksymiuk, awe-inspiring Polish pianist Janusz Olejniczak, brilliant folk singer-songwriter Sebastian Karpiel-Bułecka, and exciting representatives of the Polish jazz and contemporary classical music scene: Jan

■ Sebastian Karpiel Bułecka's Highland Quartet:

Sebastian Karpiel Bułecka – *vocals, violin, highland bagpipes, shepherd instruments*
Bartłomiej Kudasiak – *violin, viola*
Wojciech Topa – *violin*
Józef Chyc – *highland bass*

■ Atom String Quartet:

Dawid Lubowicz – *violin*

Mateusz Smoczyński – *violin*
Michał Zaborski – *viola*
Krzysztof Lenczowski – *cello*

■ NEO String Quartet:

Karolina Piątkowska-Nowicka – *violin*
Paweł Kapica – *violin*
Michał Markiewicz – *viola*
Krzysztof Pawłowski – *cello*

Financed by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage of Poland as part of the NIEPODLEGLA program for 2017–2021, through the grant program Cultural Bridges (Kulturalne Pomosty) of the Adam Mickiewicz Institute (Instytut Adama Mickiewicza). The concert's North American premiere is sponsored by The Kosciuszko Foundation and Ms. Krystyna Piórkowska. The official carrier of the concert is LOT Polish Airlines.

Tickets will be available for sale from early September at Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall • carnegiehall.org • Carnegie Charge 212-247-7800 • Box Office at 57th and Seventh Ave, New York City. ■



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