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On Saturday, April 30th the Kosciuszko Foundation will hold its 81st Annual Dinner and Ball in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Join us for this unique opportunity to gather with your friends and meet new ones while dining and dancing at one of New York's most prestigious venues.



Each year during the Ball, the Foundation pays tribute to pioneering individuals to recognize their work and achievements in various fields that contribute to promoting Poland abroad. This year, we are very excited to be honoring TV personality and highly successful entrepreneur **Martha (Kostyra) Stewart** who has built her media empire from scratch and promoted Polish cuisine through her TV programs.

The Kosciuszko Foundation will also recognize its generous benefactor, renowned biochemist and researcher **Prof. Piotr Chomczynski**. The Ball will be chaired by **Prof. Waldemar Priebe**, dynamic President of the Texas Chapter of the KF, who has been involved in many initiatives in the field of science that support the Foundation's mission in Poland and the USA. Both Professors are members of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Collegium of Eminent Scientists which honors distinguished scientists of Polish descent in the USA, highlights their achievements and provides a nexus of interaction with scientists in Poland.



*Prof. Piotr Chomczynski
Spirit of the KF
Award*



*Prof. Waldemar Priebe
Amber Ball
Chairman*



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT DR. JOHN S. MICGIEL

Since its founding in 1925, hundreds of people have served as Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation. At present, twenty-nine men and women from various fields of life are Trustees. They are unpaid, and contribute their money, time, and expertise to our efforts. Over the last year the Kosciuszko Foundation welcomed several new Trustees to its Board and elected a new Chairman.

William J. Nareski served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees from April 2012 to November 2015, having previously served as Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Nareski's financial expertise and management skills were and are extremely valuable to the Foundation and we thank him for his service. He is CEO and controlling shareholder of Centorr Vacuum Industries, Inc. in Nashua, NH. He is also President of the Nareski Group, Inc. His distinguished career includes both operational management and corporate development positions. His direct line experience includes engineering, sales, marketing, and finance. He has an M.B.A. from Harvard University and B.S. and M.S. degrees in Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



William Nareski (left) and Alex Storozynski (right)

Alex Storozynski was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation in November 2015. He is President Emeritus of the Kosciuszko Foundation; author of the award winning biography of Thaddeus Kosciuszko, *The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Era of Revolution*, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, a former member of the *New York Daily News* editorial board, founding editor of *amNewYork* and former city editor of the *New York Sun*. He has also been published in the European edition of *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Post*, *Newsday* and other publications. Mr. Storozynski has also served as chairman and vice-chairman of the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union, the largest ethnic

credit union in the United States. In 2015, he was named distinguished scholar and Polish chair of the Central European Institute at Quinnipiac University.



Rachel Jarosh, JD has a distinctive portfolio in law, communications and philanthropic strategy, and finance. As the founder of Isles Strategies, Ms. Jarosh works with mission-driven organizations in the private and public sectors and with philanthropists to advance their vision, scale impact, strengthen leadership, and improve effectiveness. She is a member of the Foundation's Development Committee.

Ms. Jarosh is also the author of a forthcoming book about the displaced people of Poland during World War II, a project which has taken her around the globe to meet and interview members of the Polish diaspora. Her articles, opinion pieces and photojournalism have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Post*, the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Star Tribune* and on CBS affiliate WCCO among other outlets.



Christopher Kolasa, M.D. is a board-certified nephrologist and internist certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine with over two decades of experience. Dr. Kolasa admits patients to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, St. Peter's University Hospital and the University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro. He is Clinical Assistant Professor at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Member of the American Society of Nephrology, American Medical Association, Middlesex County Medical Society; and former Vice President of Medicus, the Polish American Medical Society. Dr. Kolasa is a member of the Foundation's Collegium of Eminent Scientists Committee.



Dr. Wlodek Mandrecki is President, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Scientific Officer of PharmaSeq, Inc. Dr. Mandrecki received a B.S. in physics from the University of Warsaw, Poland, and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Polish Academy of Sciences. Dr. Mandrecki performed his postdoctoral training at the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was at Abbott Laboratories for 12 years, initially

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as a Group Leader and later as an R&D Manager in the Corporate Molecular Biology Department, Pharmaceutical Products Division and Abbott Diagnostics Division. Before founding PharmaSeq, Dr. Mandecki was Director of Molecular Biology at DGI Biotechnologies, a biotech start-up company in Edison, NJ. He is also Adjunct Professor at the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers University at Newark, NJ.

In addition to his accomplishments in the area of gene analysis, he has made important contributions in the area of gene regulation, expression and mutagenesis, protein structure-function, protein design and engineering, phage display and drug discovery. Dr. Mandecki has several patents and patent applications pending. He is the author of over sixty publications in peer reviewed scientific journals and has written several book chapters. Dr. Mandecki is a member of the Foundation's Collegium of Eminent Scientists Committee.



Dr. Henry Sikorski has been with Farmingdale State College (SUNY) for over 25 years having started as an instructor of English. Since that time he progressed to full professor status, Chairperson of the Technical Communications Program, and Director of the Office

of Corporate and Professional Development (OCPD); in 2004 he was promoted to Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and in 2008 became Chief Development Officer. He currently serves as the Corporate Secretary of the Farmingdale College Foundation.

He serves on several boards including: Long Island Forum for Technology (LIFT), Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology (ACIT), and formerly on the New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the National Grand Opera. He is a member of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America.

He holds a B.A. from the University of Miami; M.A. from Hofstra University; and Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship and studied at the University of Warsaw (1979-80) with Professor Zdzislaw Najder while completing his dissertation on Joseph Conrad. Dr. Sikorski is a member of the Foundation's Development Committee.

As KF President, I am honored to work with our Trustees throughout the year on numerous projects and committees, be it art conservation, building renovation, scholarships for Polish and American scholars, Teaching English in Poland, or the various programs organized by our Chapters and our Washington and Warsaw offices. Thank you, Trustees!



WITOLD SULMIRSKI

May 18, 1933 – February 10, 2016

Born in Lwow, Poland Mr. Sulmirski graduated from Cambridge University and spent more than thirty years with the Irving Trust Company (now Bank of New York) with assignments in Beirut, London and Frankfurt. After retiring early in 1989, he remained active in international finance as Chairman of Slovene-owned LBS Bank and of Intercap Investments and founding Chairman of AmerBank, the first foreign-owned bank in Poland.

From 1992 through 1994 he was Executive Director of the American Investment Initiative in Poland which, at the behest of the White House, promoted and facilitated American investment in the country. In Warsaw he served on the supervisory boards of Bank Pekao SA., Bank Gdanski, BIG Bank Gdanski, National Investment Funds "Piastr" and "Octava", BRE Asset Management and of the Privatization Center Foundation, in addition to serving as an advisor of the Foundation for Polish Science.

Mr. Sulmirski joined The Kosciuszko Foundation in 1976. He was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1980 and became its Chairman in 1997. For many years, he was the face of the Kosciuszko Foundation, attending Polish events around the United States and Poland. For over twenty years he also held the position of Treasurer of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America. Witold served on the boards of several international chambers of commerce and was a long-time member on the board of the Middle East Policy Council and Commissioner of the US-EU-Poland Action Commission at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Along with Joseph Gore he was instrumental in setting up the Chair of Polish Studies at Columbia University.

The Sulimirski family has suggested that donations may be made to The Kosciuszko Foundation's Sulimirski Building Fund to honor his memory.

Mr. Sulimirski was a compelling, eminent gentleman, and valued leader in the community. The Board of Trustees, the President and the staff of the Kosciuszko Foundation mourn his passing.

THE Amber Ball

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The Amber Ball is a festive gala affair and major fund-raising event supporting the Foundation's educational and cultural initiatives. Show your support by attending the Ball and placing an ad in our Souvenir Ball Journal. Be a table host by inviting your friends to fill a table of 10. If you would like to share the cost of tickets among your friends, please let us know and we'll supply you with invitation packets for you to share with your guests.

We encourage you also to check our sponsorship opportunities. Table sponsors will receive a tax deductible contribution receipt for their purchase, an ad in the commemorative Ball Journal and recognition by the host during the event.

Additionally, the evening will feature the performance of the Polish American Folk Dance Company, raffle drawings, and dancing to the Gerard Carelli Orchestra.

The proceeds from the event will benefit the Kosciuszko Foundation's operations and support its mission. To learn more about the KF Amber Ball or to purchase tickets, please visit www.thekf.org.

We are grateful for your past support and we look forward to welcoming you at the Waldorf in April.



WHY WE SUPPORT THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

The Kosciuszko Foundation played an important part in my reconnection with my Polish heritage. My father's family emigrated from Poland a generation ago, but my grandparents' early deaths left my father an orphan who knew little of his family or Polish traditions and culture. A long journey to restore these lost connections began in 1991 when I was awarded a Kosciuszko Foundation scholarship to study at the Jagiellonian University. Poland at that time was just beginning its transition to a democracy and market economy. The economic struggles of my new Polish friends, their unbending work ethic, and aspirations to rebuild Poland inspired me to work in corporate finance in order to help efficiently deploy capital in the country's new businesses. Today, I continue to invest in European companies which have built large operations in Poland. It all started with my studies in Kraków 25 years ago.

My wife Jamie and I strongly support the Kosciuszko Foundation's mission to strengthen ties between Poland and the US through education, scholarship funding, and intelligent advocacy. The Foundation awards about USD 1m in scholarships and grants annually, funding students in the US and in Poland. My wife has seen the impact on my life of the Foundation's early scholarship. As a student of the natural sciences, she proposed that we endow a scholarship for women of Polish descent in STEM at the graduate or undergraduate level. This is our way of giving back to the Kosciuszko Foundation and to Poland.

Stephen Kusmierczak

UNESCO HAS DESIGNATED 2017 THE YEAR OF KOSCIUSZKO

200th anniversary of the death of
TADEUSZ KOSCIUSZKO
POLITICAL LEADER (1746-1817)

with the support of Lithuania, Switzerland and the
Kosciuszko Foundation: *The American Center of Polish Culture*

Together with our sister institutions, Kosciuszko Heritage, Inc. in Australia, and the Kosciuszko Mound Committee in Krakow, the Kosciuszko Foundation supported the effort to honor our Polish and American national hero.

UNESCO reports that: “Tadeusz Kosciuszko (1746-1817) lived at the turn of the eighteenth and nineteenth century. In recognition of his activity for the sake of peace, independence and democracy – the equality of people regardless of their skin color or religion – he is considered a national hero in Poland and in the United States. He emphasized the role of both practical and citizen education, so that men and women who regained freedom should be aware of their rights, but also their duties with respect to the freedom and welfare of others.

In Poland, he fought for the freedom and equality of all citizens: peasants, who had to work as slave-like serfs, Jews who were a religious minority, women, who had fewer rights than men, and other people who were not treated equally. He emphasized the importance and role of women in the society Kosciuszko, which at that time was a very cutting-edge approach. He was a precursor of the development of national awareness in its modern sense, encompassing all social strata and groups. In his fight for freedom and independence, he favoured peaceful solutions.

In acknowledgement of his activity for the sake of independence, peace and equality for all, Kosciuszko is a national hero in



Poland and the United States, and an honorary citizen of the French Republic. It is worth emphasizing that all views and ideas which he advocated remain relevant and important today.”

As part of the activities taking place to commemorate the memory of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko on the bicentenary of his death, the Kosciuszko Foundation in cooperation with the Polish American Teachers Association (PATA) and the Polish Supplemental School Association are organizing an interactive website. The “purest son of Liberty” as Thomas Jefferson described him, with a last name that was unpronounceable by General George Washington who nevertheless greatly respected him, has a large number of monuments, poems, geographic locations (mountains, hills, towns, counties,

parks, and so on), and institutions (schools, clubs, associations), named after him all over the world.

We invite pupils to the age of ten from around the world to contribute to a database that will provide a repository of information on our Global Pole who was admired during and after his lifetime in the United States, Poland, Lithuania, Russia, what is now Belarus, and throughout Europe.

A two-sentence description in English will suffice, along with weblinks if possible, and high resolution photographs if available. Contributors will be listed. Kindly forward information by email to GlobalTad@thekf.org. Submissions must be in English, and only one submission per pupil will be published.

DR. MICGIEL VISITS MILWAUKEE

Kosciuszko Foundation President Dr. John Micgiel was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 11th & 12th, 2016. There he spoke to receptive audiences about current developments in Poland, and the work of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Dr. Micgiel's visit came on the invitation of the Polish Studies Committee of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a number of local Polish American organizations, including the Wisconsin Division of the Polish American Congress, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Society of the Polish National Alliance, and the Polish Heritage Alliance of Wisconsin (located in a building built in the style of a Polish manor house, known as the Polish Center of Wisconsin).

On his arrival and throughout his visit Dr. Micgiel was accompanied by Mr. David Rydzewski of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. Mr. Rydzewski was instrumental in the establishment of the KF Wisconsin Study in Poland Scholarship for meritorious students from Wisconsin to study at Jagiellonian University in Krakow each summer.

At the UW-Milwaukee, Dr. Micgiel spoke to students and faculty members in history, political science, international studies, Slavic languages and literature on the subject of "Poland, Ukraine, and Russia-Twenty five years after the end of the Soviet Union". Next he viewed portions of the American Geographical



l-r: Dr. Don Pienkos, KF Fellow (1967-68); Dr. Mark Pienkos, President of the Polish American Congress-Wisconsin Division; Dr. John Micgiel, President of the Kosciuszko Foundation; Mr. David Rydzewski

Societies collection of historic Polish maps located at the UW-Milwaukee library. He then viewed some of the extraordinary Roman Kwasniewski photograph collection of pre World War II Milwaukee Polonia on the invitation of the Libraries Director Ewa Barczak.

After dinner at Milwaukee's Polonez restaurant, Dr. Micgiel moved onto a very warm reception at the Polish Center of Wisconsin, where he spoke about the work of the Kosciuszko Foundation and on "Poland and Polonia Today". There he met a number of Wisconsin's Polonia leaders and supporters of the Foundation, along with Dr. Lidia Filus, President of the Chicago KF chapter. He then toured the Center which is adorned with paintings and other memorabilia celebrating Poland's history, culture, and the life of Thaddeus Kosciuszko.

On Friday February 12, Dr. Micgiel visited the newly restored Kosciuszko Monument, which had been originally erected in 1905. A few blocks away, he then visited a church built in the early 1900's by newly arrived and 2nd generation Poles. It is the Basilica of St. Josaphat,



David Rydzewski and Dr. Micgiel at the newly restored Kosciuszko Monument in Milwaukee

on whose walls are found Polish religious and patriotic paintings, including a massive mural of Kosciuszko's victory at Raclawice.

Those who met Dr. Micgiel were enthused by his visit, his remarks on Poland and on the unique work done by the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Dr. Micgiel, thank you for your time with us.

*Dr. Don Pienkos,
Chair, UW-Milwaukee
Polish Studies Committee*



Thank you, KRZYSZTOF ROSTEK

The Foundation's headquarters are located in the Van Alen Mansion, one of New York City's architectural treasures. The building, designed by Harry Allan Jacobs was built in 1917 in the most affluent and desirable neighborhood in New York. Its prototype is located in St. James Square in London and was the childhood home of England's late Queen Mother. It became the home of the Kosciuszko Foundation in 1945.

The centennial of its construction is 2017, which is also the bicentennial of Tadeusz Kosciuszko's death. The building is in need of modernization and the Board of Trustees had been examining the building's needs for some time but lacked a robust budget and the expertise to get the ball rolling. Enter Trustee Krzysztof Rostek, a founding principle of Bridge Realty Servicing Group, Inc., which became Belvedere Bridge Enterprises, Inc., a leading construction company in New York City specializing in boutique condominium buildings. As Chairman of the Foundation's Building Committee, Mr. Rostek determined what needed to be done to return and maintain the splendor of the Mansion while modernizing its infrastructure. First on the list of things to do was a refurbished kitchen, which was accomplished in record time – five weeks – and paid for by a generous donation from Mr. Rostek and wife Agnieszka in memory of Jan Rostek, Krzysztof's father.

Next on the punchlist is modernizing the building's ninety-nine year-old heating and cooling system. This is an expensive undertaking, but a necessary one for which we seek donations.



Krzysztof Rostek is co-founder and former President of the Children's Smile Foundation. He is a member of the Polish American Business Club, the Pulaski Association of Business and Professional Men. Inc., the Long Island Board of Realtors, and the Pilsudski Institute. He studied International Business at the Krakow Academy of Economics, and graduated with honors from LaGuardia College.



Celebrating Tadeusz Kosciuszko's birthday on Fat Thursday and inaugurating the new kitchen. Mr. and Mrs. Rostek are in the center



KRYNICA-ZDRÓJ BECOMES HOME TO NEWEST TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND SUMMER CAMP

By Jacqueline Brown-Williams

The excitement of starting a new Teaching English in Poland camp has never grown old. This year, the Kosciuszko Foundation celebrates the Ninety-First Anniversary of its founding and the Twenty-Sixth Anniversary of the *Teaching English in Poland Program*. Throughout these past 26 years, developing and implementing a new English Language/American Culture camp has always been a celebration and a special honour to our TEIP Director Emeritus, Christine B. Kusowski and my mentor and friend Mary Kay Pieski, the current Director. In 2016, the program will open its newest camp in Krynica-Zdrój at the Publiczne Gimnazjum Im. Prof. Dra. Józefa Dietla.

Anna Homa, the Polish Lead Teacher for the camp, describes Krynica-Zdrój as a small rural Polish village inhabited by over eleven thousand people. Often called the „Pearl of Polish Spas,” Krynica-Zdrój is the biggest spa town in Poland. It is located 140 kilometers from Krakow and is also a popular tourist and winter sports destination. Situated in the heart of the Beskidy mountain range, it is one of the largest ski resorts in the south of Poland. Annually, Krynica hosts an International

Economic Forum. It is also home to the Music Festival of Jan Kiepura in August.

This camp is the realization of the dream of many individuals. Mrs. Homa described the origins of the camp in the following way: “The ‘story’ behind the request for the TEIP camp was really simple. The Kosciuszko Foundation camp program was implemented last year in Krakow, and the person who coordinated the program there, Anna Krzemińska-Kaczyńska, was a guest in the town hall in Krynica-Zdrój, where she shared her experiences with TEIP with people working there - Anna Michalik and Magdalena Furmanek-Kopiec. They started searching for more information and asked for the camp in our town. Our school was chosen because of its location - it’s in the town centre, above the Promenade, close to the town hall and other facilities - and because it’s quite well-equipped, it’s big enough and our headmaster is very fond of new ideas and eager to become engaged in different undertakings.”

“When it comes to our school, I think it is the oldest school in our town. It was partly built in 1939 but because of the Second



World War it was not used until the year 1954. Some of the children who will take part in the camp attend our school but there will also be students from other local schools. There will be two groups of maximum 25 children, one from elementary school (ages 11-13) and the other from local junior high schools (ages 13-16).”

The American Staff Leader for the camp in Krynica- Zdrój, Jacqueline Brown-Williams, will lead a team of four American teachers and four American teaching assistants. Mrs. Brown-Williams, a Theatre teacher from western North Carolina, will celebrate her 8th year as a teacher in TEIP. Another teacher, Gwen Spitz, will also be returning as a teacher, having previously

participated at an Arts Enriched TEIP camp in Załęcze Wielkie. Both have worked previously with Dr. Mary Kay Pieski as their American Staff leader. Dr. Pieski is now the Director of the TEIP program. She and Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik, the Assistant Director for TEIP, visited Krynica-Zdrój last summer to meet with the interested parties in forming this newest camp. Drs. Pieski and Wojcik are pleased that the Kosciuszko Foundation is able to offer this unique educational opportunity to the young people of Krynica-Zdrój.

Mrs. Anna Homa, one of four English teachers at the Publiczne Gimnazjum Im. Prof. Dra. Józefa Dietla will be the lead Polish teacher and will be assisted by other English teachers from her school. Magdalena Furmanic-Kopiec, the Deputy Inspector



for Krynica-Zdrój has been very involved in planning the camp from the beginning, as well as Anna Michalik, the Department Director under the Mayor of Krynica-Zdrój, Dr. Dariusz Reško. The American volunteers look forward to experiencing the rich language, culture, and history of Poland and to serving as the inaugural staff of the newest TEIP camp!



‘OLD MASTERS, NEW MASTERS’ EXHIBIT

Wednesday, November 19, 2015

Exhibit showcasing selected work of Maria Hagadus and Alexander Motyl.

Maria Hagadus was born in Lodz, Poland, before World War II, and came to the United States in 1945. The “War Years” through which she lived as a young girl, and the long postwar era of Poland’s political and artistic isolation, deeply affected her artistic sensitivities. Some of her most powerful paintings in this exhibit reflect these influences. Her WORDS are her translations of Polish poetry, and they spur the IMAGES that follow. Maria studied formally at the Fleisher Art School in Philadelphia, and later was both student and teacher with New York artists B. Shirley Carter and Anthony Toney. She founded “Maria Hagadus Studio Gallery” in Bedford Hills, NY, where she introduced young Polish artists, many of whom have since gained international recognition, to the American artistic world. She has exhibited in juried group and one-man shows throughout the world, and her paintings are part of private collections.

Alexander Motyl (b. 1953, New York) studied painting with Leon Goldin in Columbia University in the early 1970s. Motyl’s artwork has been shown in solo and group shows in New York, Philadelphia, Westport, and Toronto and is part of the permanent collection of the Ukrainian Museum in New York and the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Winnipeg. His paintings are on display on the Internet gallery, www.artsicle.com. Motyl paints with acrylics and emphasizes the interplay of form and color in both his abstract and representational paintings.



KF MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 2, 2015



We brought our Holiday spirit to the Kosciuszko Foundation as we sang Polish and American Carols over glasses of wine and traditional Polish cuisine with our Donors, Members and those who actively support and contribute to the Kosciuszko Foundation.



A VISIT WITH ŚWIĘTY MIKOŁAJ/SANTA

Saturday, December 5, 2015



Polish American Teachers Association had the great pleasure to greet Święty Mikołaj/Santa at the Kosciuszko Foundation. 50 very well behaved kids sang Christmas Carols and made traditional Polish Christmas decorations, waiting for Święty Mikołaj/Santa, who for years has been very generous to us.



ALEXANDER MOTYL'S 'VOVOCHKA'

Friday, February 26, 2016



Book reading by writer, painter and professor at Rutgers University – Alexander Motyl.

Nominated for the Pushcart Prize in 2008 and 2013, he is the author of seven novels, *Whiskey Priest*, *Who Killed Andrei Warhol*, *Flippancy*, *The Jew Who Was Ukrainian*, *My Orchidia*, *Sweet Snow*, and *Fall River*, and a collection of poems, *Vanishing Points*. *Vovochka: The True Confessions of Vladimir Putin's Best Friend and Confidant* is the fictional story of "Vovochka Putin" and his intimate friend—a KGB agent with the same nickname. The two Vovochkas recruit informers in Berlin's gay bars, spy on East German dissidents, survive the trauma of the Soviet Union's collapse, fight American, Ukrainian, Jewish, and Estonian "fascists," and plot to restore Russia's power and glory. As their mindset assumes increasingly bizarre forms, "Vovochka Putin" experiences bouts of self-doubt that culminate in a weeklong cure in North Korea. A savagely satirical novel, *Vovochka* is also a terrifyingly plausible account of a Russian president's evolution from a minor KGB agent in East Germany to the self-styled Savior and warmongering leader of a paranoid state.



KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION AND POLISH MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO POLAND 2015/2016

GRADUATE – POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND PROGRAM 2015/2016

The Kosciuszko Foundation's domestic scholarships and scholarships administered on behalf of other organizations for the 2015-2016 academic year were presented in the Fall 2015 Newsletter. When it went to print, we had not yet received confirmation from our partners in the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education of our proposed candidates. We present them below.

ROSSMILLER, ELIZABETH of Arlington, VA – doctoral student majoring in International Relations, American University, Washington, DC. To investigate the interaction between collective memories and reparations laws targeting martial law-era abuses. Research will be conducted with Dr. Hab. Piotr Kwiatkowski, Dr. Marcin Napiórkowski, and Dr. Joanna Wawrzyniak, Institute of Polish Culture, Jagiellonian University, Cracow. *5 months – \$1,500*

WELLE, MITCHELL of Eau Claire, WI – graduate student majoring in Philosophy, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. To continue studies in the Methodology of Science, Department of Philosophy with dr hab. Agnieszka Lekka-Kowalik, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. *5 months – \$1,500*

WENZ, MICHAEL of Bloomingdale, IL – Associate Professor of Economics, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL. To measure the socioeconomic impacts of casino gambling in Poland. Research will be conducted with Prof. Zbysgniew Kryszk at the Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw. *5 months – \$1,500*



The Kosciuszko Foundation, awarding scholarships in Poland and the USA since 1925. At the University of Warsaw, members of the scholarship committee from left to right: Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus, Dr. Ewa Radwanska, Marian A. Kornilowicz, KF President Prof. John Micgiel, Dr. Hanna Kelker, Prof. Piotr Wilczek

WOJCIECHOWSKI, AMALIA of Claranston Hills, IL – graduate student majoring in History of Art, Bryn Mawr University, Bryn Mawr, PA. To research the role of Catholicism, art and nationality in the work of the Młoda Polska and the maintenance of Polish identity. Research will be conducted with Prof. Irena Kossowska, Department of Art History, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun. *9 months – \$2,700*

CORRECTIONS

We would like to acknowledge and apologize for errors made in the Fall 2015 Newsletter in regards to fellowship grant recipients. The following contains accurate information in regards to the grantee's name, field of research and affiliated university.



OGONOWSKA-SŁODOWNIK, ANNA, Assistant at the Jozef Pilsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw: four month fellowship to conduct research on exoskeleton and aquatic exercise impact on sitting balance in individuals with chronic motor incomplete spinal cord injury at the University of Maryland School of Medicine with Dr. Paula Richley Geigle.



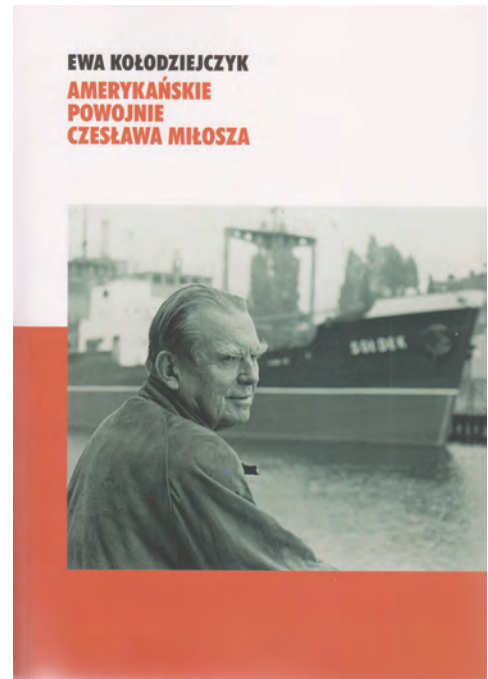
GERAS, ANTONINA, Ph.D. Candidate at the Warsaw University of Technology, Institute of Electronic Systems: Two month grant to develop a carbon isotope sensor platform that measures $^{13}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C}$ in methane at the Rice University with Professor Frank Tittel.

FORMER KF GRANTEE ACHIEVEMENT



Ewa Kołodziejczyk, Author of "Amerykańskie powojnie Czesława Miłosza"

The Kosciuszko Foundation is pleased to acknowledge the accomplishment of former fellowship recipient, Dr. Ewa Kołodziejczyk, winner of the prestigious Literary Award of Radom in the Popular Science literature category for her publication, *Amerykańskie powojnie Czesława Miłosza*. The book was published by one of Poland's most prestigious publishers, The Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and received favorable reviews by literary scholars Prof. Józef Olejniczak and Prof. Zdzisław Łapiński. Dr. Kołodziejczyk attributes her success to the three-month KF Fellowship at Columbia University, under the supervision of Dr. John Micgiel, where she conducted research on the American themes in Czesław Miłosz's work as a Polish diplomat in Washington, DC. between 1945 and 1953.



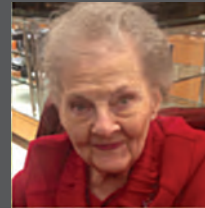
IN MEMORIAM



PAULINE BARBARA DUTTON

Pauline Dutton of Kinderhook, NY and Canaan, CT passed away on January 10 at the age of 90. Born in New York City, she was the adored wife of the late Ben Joseph Dutton, an inspirational and devoted mother to Deborah Dutton Minton and Pamela Barbara Dutton and grandmother of Sebastian Frugone and Alexandra Frugone. She was imbued with great dignity and genuine goodness. Her enthusiasm for life, love of family, spiritedness and spontaneity touched us all. The Kosciuszko Foundation lost one of its cherished longtime members; Condolences to the bereaved family.

IN MEMORIAM



ALICE L. PYKA

Alice L. Pyka (nee Lewandowska) of Washington Township, formerly of Bayonne, NJ, died on February 17, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Zygmunt Pyka. Devoted mother of Michelle (Misia) Laskowski, Anita Marek, Ian Bogus (Natasha), Aleks (Sherri), loving grandmother of Kasia, Danek, Stefan Laskowski, Stasia and Adam Marek, and Brad Pyka. Mrs. Pyka was a longtime member of the Kosciuszko Foundation and a frequent visitor, had served as Patroness of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Ball, and was involved with numerous charitable organizations. The Foundation mourns her passing.

WASHINGTON DC CHAPTER

The Kosciuszko Foundation often gets feedback from members and event participants. Some lobby for programs that suit individual taste, others are appreciative of what we offer. Our Washington Center has received a number of comments on our programming there.



“Probably the event that I most enjoyed in 2015 at the Foundation’s DC Center was the Dorota Piotrowska Quartet on October 3, part of the Polish Jazz series. Dorota is an amazing drummer and played with three other outstanding American musicians for a packed house in DC, including at least one number, “Lost in Translation,” that she composed. The playing didn’t need any translation! It was a splendid evening for me not just because of the fabulous music and the warm atmosphere, but also because I was able to take my 14-year-old grandson Julian – who is an aspiring percussionist – to hear the group play. We got to sit right up close to Dorota and her drum set. I have never seen Julian so attentive to anything. What a great evening! I hope there will be many more spirited evenings like that in 2016”.

– Dr. William Gilcher



“The Kosciuszko Foundation Washington, D.C. Center is a unique place in the US Capital performing an outstanding job in spreading interesting information about Poland. The Center is maintained in a beautiful way and all events are organized with great taste and elegance; and provide information on very diversified topics of Polish life and

culture. They enrich participants’ knowledge about Polish history, economy and politics, like the Polish Day and many others.

The Center promotes Polish opera and classical music and provides superb musical entertainment by excellent Polish artists and singers, like Kupinski Guitar Duo and others. Polish jazz and jazz musicians, like Dorota Piotrowska and Sarnecki, are also often invited to perform at the Center.

Polish literature and poetry evenings with outstanding actors and singers are very well attended. Events promoting various Polish industries, like Polish brewery and other alcohol producers, offering a unique chance of tasting different flavors of Polish beer and hard liquor, otherwise unavailable in US, are very popular. Last but not least, the traditional Paczki event on Fat Thursday provides interesting (and tasty) information about Polish religious and social customs”.

– Bozena Sarnecka Crouch



“My wife Eli and I wanted to drop you this note to thank you for the lovely Valentine’s Day event at the KF. It was a delightful way to spend the evening – the music, the food, the ambience but mostly just the joyful presence and warmth of everyone at the event made for a wonderful evening, even on a very cold blustery night. We may have told you that our other alternative for the evening was the more formal event at my Cosmos Club just two blocks away, but we were so happy we decided to join you, instead. We were delighted and recognize and appreciate so much the immense effort that you and your helpers put into it to make it a memorable evening. It made us realize how much we

benefit throughout the year from our association with the KF. The many musical events and food events are always attractive and worthwhile. We have brought our adult children along so that they can see for themselves and learn more about their heritage and we try the recipes. The Holiday events are also so important for us – Christmas and Easter especially.

But perhaps the most important for me is the contact with my heritage. There is now no one left in my family with the connection to Poland so KF is especially valuable to me. Meeting and hearing some of the greats of our era, Julian Kulski and General Rowny, in particular. I have read their books and written about them to my relatives. I have made their books mandatory reading in our family. Please keep up the good work; we will look forward to being with you often in the future.”

– Alan E. Pisarski

“The excitement of my favorite moments sweeps through me as I emerge from behind the corner of O Street. As my eyes perceive the Polish flag, waving colorfully in the air in front of a beautiful historic building, I feel as if its dance is a happy invitation, just for me, to explore that which lies within the door below it. ...I know that ringing the bell is unnecessary, because passing through this portal is like coming home... eagerly running up the stairs to the familiar voices of family, -‘Hello Basiu, is that you there?’ When I see her, I am far from disappointed, as the matron of the house she is always a smiling, warm, charming and welcoming site. She is, without doubt, the ‘Lady of the house’.



A House, which for a small group of Poles in DC, has become a comfortable home... A home, which, though far away from the homes of our childhoods, still manages to ease the feeling of homesickness we all endure. This is a home, which returns a little piece of Poland to our hearts. It is a place where, regardless of our political, historical, or economical views and beliefs, we all feel a closeness of a family. Some of us are remarkably close, while some are more like distant cousins. But we are always a real community that enjoys the events and activities we share here.

Every event at the Washington Kosciuszko Foundation is entertaining and unique. On some evenings, even the painting of Kosciuszko seems to be humming along with Chopin’s waltzes and mazurkas. On other

occasions, when the lights are dim and candelabras with brightly burning candles whisper love charms, my mind gets filled with words of the great Polish poets. I love these magical moments, when time seems to stand still, and the Polish Muse touches both our hearts and souls”.

– Barbara Puchala



My husband Zbyszek and I love coming to the Kosciuszko Foundation on O St, in Washington D.C., which we consider a cultural treasure. Basia is such a gracious hostess and the programs never disappoint, ranging from the traditional to the avant-garde, highlighting Polish arts and traditions. The annual fundraising events have been exhibits of elegance and style, and a chance to meet the glitterati, like Agnieszka Holland, but also to connect with old friends and make other new friends as well. To my amazement, some of the new friends we made have turned out to be fellow alumni from my undergraduate studies...way back... (so here’s a special shout out to all RPI alumni!)-



– Dr. Edwarda Buda-Określak



CHRIS SYCHLOVY

CHICAGO CHAPTER

On October 28, 2015 the Chapter celebrated Kosciuszko's Name Day. On this occasion, our Chapter honored Dr. Joanna Rudnicka for her leadership and dedication to Chicago's Polish Community. The event took place in the Polish Museum of America (PMA) in Chicago. The program included a presentation on the *Collection of the Polish Museum of America on its 80th Anniversary* by Halina Misterka, Head Archivist, PMA and Teresa Sromek, Archivist and Librarian, PMA. The musical part of the program included a performance by young pianist Daniel Szefer.



Many members participated in several events organized by the Consulate General of Poland in Chicago such as a meeting with Dr. Maria Siemionow (a discussion on ethical issues and challenges associated with face transplantations) on October 26, a meeting with Polish movie director Krzysztof Zanussi on September 11, 2015, a Christmas party on December 2, 2015, a meeting with Rafał Olbiński, Polish painter, designer and writer on February 12, 2016, and events organized by the Polish Museum of America like the exhibit of the art of Nikifor Krynicki.

The Chapter started cooperation with the Kosciuszko Park Advisory Council and Dr. Anna Kordylewska, Vice President of the Chapter attended the Council's meeting on December 3, 2015.



Doctors Anna and Leszek Kordylewski have been awarded symbolic "Maszkaronek"-prize in recognition of their decades long support of the Chicago Friends of Cracow Society. "Maszkaronek", referring to the famous icon of Cracow, is a new distinction established on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Society, which goes to the most prominent activists in the field of Science, Art and Polish Culture.



In January 2016 Dr. Lukasz Nyk from Warsaw completed his KF 6 month research fellowship in oncological urology at the University of Chicago Medical Center, under the direction of Prof. Arieh Shalhav. He joined that group in their research projects and acquired valuable experience in robotic surgery.

On February 11, 2016 a group of members participated in the meeting with Dr. John Micgiel, President of the Kosciuszko Foundation at the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin, Wisconsin. The event was supported by the Polish American Congress Wisconsin Division, the Milwaukee Society of the PNA, the Polish Women's Cultural Club of Wisconsin (Polanki) and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Polish Studies Committee.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The Philadelphia Chapter of The Kosciuszko Foundation ended the year 2015 with a new president, Jolanta Roman, and an expanded, enthusiastic new Board and Executive Committee to which she continues to recruit new members. One of the Chapter's most important goals is to build bridges among the various Polish organizations across Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware Valley so as to pool creative and intellectual talents and maximize exposure of the vibrant Philadelphia Polonia.

The Chapter kicked into high gear with its Christmas celebration in early December at the Associated Polish Home which was attended by over 150 people. The highlights of the evening included a performance of *Tajemnice Ordonki* (Secrets of Ordonka), a play about the life and career of famous Hanna Ordonówna, a Polish singer, dancer, actress and patriot. The two-person play starred Polish actresses Maria Nowotarska and Agata Pilitowska and the organizing committee provided English subtitles for non-Polish speaking attendees. Following the play and dinner, guests shared *opłatek* and sang carols.



Organizers and guests at the KF Philadelphia Chapter Christmas Dinner Theater. From left: Romuald A Roman, Miron Wolnicki, Marian Kornilowicz with his daughter, Yolanta Roman, President of the KF Philadelphia Chapter, Marcia Geary and Agata Pilitowska - an actress from the Ordonka Mysteries play

The coming year marks another productive and exciting time for the Chapter. In February the Chapter helped to promote a lecture at the Associated Polish Home on the American career of Thaddeus Kosciuszko presented by James S. Pula, a well-known historian and respected scholar from Purdue University. Our future plans include partnering with Philadelphia's Franklin Institute on an initiative entitled BRIDGING URBAN AMERICA, a documentary film honoring Ralph Modjeski to coincide with the 90th anniversary of the Ben Franklin Bridge in July. Modjeski is considered "America's greatest bridge builder" and was the chief engineer for Philadelphia's Ben Franklin Bridge, among many others across the U.S.

Plans are also underway to organize a Polish Jazz Concert at the University of Pennsylvania or Woodmere Art Museum featuring musicians Adam Makowicz and Kristof Medina. The Chapter is also exploring the possibility of an exhibition on Jerzy Giedroyc and the literary journal *Kultura* marking the 70th anniversary of the foundation of The Literary Institute (*Institut Literacki*) in Paris. Under Giedroyc's leadership *Kultura* played a major role in Poland's reconciliation with Ukraine, Belarus, and Lithuania and no other publication was as instrumental in bringing democracy back to Poland.

Members of the new board and executive committee include: Miron Wolnicki -1st vice president, Peter Obst- 2nd vice president, Marcia Geary-Wolnicki – Treasurer, Wanda Mohr – Recording Secretary, Vincent Respond – Corresponding Secretary, Margaret Zaleska – Social Media Administrator, Marie Hejnosz, Dorothy Koteski, Peter Obst, Maria Werner-Wasik, Teresa G. Wojcik, Charles Pydych Monica Polowy-Winter and Andre Zlotnicki.

Wanda K. Mohr, Philadelphia Chapter Secretary

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

True to the mission of the Kosciuszko Foundation, the New England Chapter sponsored a variety of events that inform, engage and promote Polish arts and culture in the region. From film to politics to the etudes of Chopin, the New England Chapter continually works to bring pride and knowledge of Poland to those of Polish descent and to others in our community a general appreciation of the contributions of a country that symbolizes perseverance and an indomitable love of freedom.

Highlights of the Year:

In October 2015 KF/New England presented the 14th annual Polish Film Festival at Elms College. This year the Kosciuszko Foundation/New England Chapter formed an alliance with Elms College. We now present our films within course study in various departments of the college, *Bogowie* was part of the curriculum for the nursing students, *Ida* for the social work and religion departments; *Jack Strong* and *A Trip to Nowhere* for history students. The public is invited free of charge. Preceding the films a faculty member introduced the film and offered comments. Following the films students, faculty and attendees had the opportunity to discuss the films over refreshments served in the atrium of the Alumnae Library.

October is also Polish Heritage Month—a time to celebrate tradition—and the New England Chapter did so with its *Imieniny* gathering to toast and honor the name day of Tadeusz Kosciuszko. Held at the Polish Center for Discovery and Learning on October 23rd, attendees saluted the legacy of the namesake of our organization with music, champagne and Polish delicacies in a surrounding that showcases historical memorabilia and artifacts helping to preserve the legacy of all things Polish. The highlight of the evening was a performance by the daughter of KF/NE director Francine Jasinski Hayward, Teresa Hayward, jazz vocalist, with pianist Charles Savage and bassist Leo Catricala.



The XVII Kosciuszko Award Ceremony and Concert will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016 at Mount Holyoke College. The gala luncheon celebrates the accomplishments of students and graduate students who have received scholarships from the Kosciuszko Foundation and are of Polish descent, or who are studying in disciplines related to Poland or Eastern Europe. Also honored will be grant recipients from Poland doing research at universities in New England. Jennifer Brzezinski 2015 recipient of the KF/NE Irena Sendler Award at Elms College will also be recognized. This year we are also welcoming those teachers and teaching assistants who participated in the Teaching English In Poland. We are delighted that Dr. John Micgiel, President and Executive Director of the KF, will address the guests and present the certificates to the recipients.

A special highlight of the ceremony is the recognition of the Distinguished Polish-American of the Year. For 2016, the KF/New England is pleased to bestow this award to Carl S. Stoy, Jr., Vice President of the New England Chapter. The day will conclude with a solo piano concert presented by Edith Widayani, Laureate of the 2014 Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition.

On February 6 Claire Huangci, the Laureate of the 2006 Kosciuszko Foundation Chopin Piano Competition was a soloist with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The following day, Sunday the 7th, she presented a program featuring Chopin and Scarlatti at the Polish Center for members of the KF/NE Board of Directors and their friends. She played on a grand piano on which Sylvia Zaremba at the age of five took her first lessons with Genevieve Topor. The piano was donated to the Polish Center by the Topor family.

IN MEMORIAM



STANISLAW WELLISZ

Columbia Economist Who Aided Poland's Revival

Stanislaw H. Wellisz, a Polish-born economist and longtime Columbia University professor who helped guide his native country's transition from communism to capitalism, died in New York on Feb. 28 after a long illness. He was 90.

Prof. Wellisz specialized in development economics, a field that satisfied his fascination with world cultures and his deep desire to help the poor. But it was to Poland that he devoted most of his intellectual energy throughout his career. He returned to his native country time and again, twice serving as a visiting professor and sending his two sons to summer camps there. He often said his desire to rebuild postwar Poland motivated him to study economics.

When Poland threw off Soviet-backed communist rule in 1989, Prof. Wellisz returned to serve as an advisor to the new Solidarity-led government, working with Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz on a program of economic "shock therapy" to end government controlled prices, limit industrial subsidies and open the economy to foreign trade. While causing high unemployment at first, the plan laid the foundations for years of strong growth that made Poland one of the most successful post-Soviet economies.

From 1992 to 1997, Prof. Wellisz taught at the University of Warsaw, overhauling the economics curriculum and helping to train a generation of post-communist economists who would later move into important roles in government, academia and business, helping solidify Poland's success. He raised three million dollars from U.S. foundations to fund programs that provided research opportunities for Ph.D. students, professional advice from colleagues to the Polish government, and a twinning program between Columbia Universities' Economics Department and the Faculty of Economic Sciences at Warsaw University. His efforts earned him an honorary doctorate from the university as well as the Order of Poland's Rebirth (Polonia Restituta), the nation's highest civilian honor.

Mr. Wellisz was born in Warsaw on March 28, 1925, into a family of wealthy industrialists whose interests in railroad-locomotive construction, munitions and steel powered Poland's industrial development following independence in 1918. His family fled Poland as German and Soviet troops invaded in 1939, and his father, Leopold Wellisz, served as an advisor to the Polish government-in-exile on plans for postwar reconstruction, which he would never be able to carry out because of the communist takeover of Eastern Europe.

The family, which included an older brother and a sister who are no longer living, settled in New York City, where Mr. Wellisz attended Trinity School. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he also earned a PhD after spending two years in the U.K. as a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Cambridge.

He was the author of three books, including "The Economies of the Soviet Bloc," published in 1964, as well as numerous academic articles. At the time of his death, he was working on a book about the economics of the state with former Columbia colleague Ronald Findlay, a frequent collaborator. As chairman of Columbia's renowned economics department in 1977-82, Mr. Wellisz lured luminaries such as Jagdish Bhagwati, a specialist in international trade, to its faculty.

Mr. Wellisz was fluent in French, Italian and English as well as his native Polish, and his intellectual interests ranged from anthropology and literature through art and architecture. He was a charming storyteller who loved to regale guests with quirky tales of obscure happenings in distant lands, and he compiled a huge collection of slides from his travels in Asia and Africa. He was an avid skier and outdoorsman who loved nothing better than mushroom hunting in Vermont's Green Mountains or canoeing in the Adirondacks.

In 1955 Mr. Wellisz was married to a fellow Polish immigrant, the former Isabel Gajewska, who has since died. He is survived by his two sons from that marriage, Tadeusz and Christopher; a nephew, Michael Temmer; and four grandchildren. His remains will be laid to rest at the Lutheran cemetery in Warsaw. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Joseph's Indian School, PO Box 300, Chamberlain, SD 57328.

Professor Wellisz and his family were long-time members of the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish-American community in New York City. He was a gentle soul, and a diligent intellectual who brought people together. We mourn his passing.

GIVING TO THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION: HOW TO FULFILL YOUR WISHES THROUGH A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Much of the financial strength of the Kosciuszko Foundation has come through the years from its members and friends who provided for the Foundation in their wills. It is easy to insert a charitable bequest into your will when it is written or as a revision. You may also add a bequest through a codicil – a separate document that provides an amendment to your existing will. Regardless of the size of your estate or of your bequest, the full value of your gift may be deductible for federal estate tax purposes.



Here are ways you can support the Kosciuszko Foundation through your will:

A **specific bequest** is a gift of a specific dollar amount or a particular piece of property. For example, “I bequeath [dollar amount or description of property] to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.”

A **residuary bequest** is a gift of all or part of the property remaining in your estate after debts, expenses and specific bequests have been paid. For example, “I give, bequeath and devise [all, or ___% of] the rest, residue and remainder of the property, both real and personal, wherever situated, which I may own or be entitled to at my death, to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.” The Kosciuszko Foundation encourages gifts by residuary bequest. If your gift is stated as a percentage, this method automatically adjusts the size of your bequest according to your current financial position. This gives you flexibility and peace of mind that your bequest will not be larger or smaller than you had intended, in the event of unexpected changes in the size of your estate. Residuary bequests are also beneficial for the Foundation. People are often surprised by how much their assets can grow over time – and by how large an ultimate gift they are able to make to support the Foundation’s mission.

A **contingent bequest** is a gift that takes effect only if the primary beneficiary or beneficiaries of the bequest should

predecease you. For example, “If neither my husband nor any descendant of mine survive me, then I give, bequeath and devise all the rest, residue and remainder of the property, both real and personal, wherever situated, which I may own or be entitled to at my death, to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.”

Perhaps the most effective asset to bequeath is the **reminder of your retirement plans**, such as pension funds or IRAs. When left to someone other than your spouse, they can be subject to income and estate taxes – both of which combined could erode up to 63% of the remaining benefits! If bequeathed to the Foundation, these funds would escape both income and estate taxes, and reduce your taxable estate.

How will the Kosciuszko Foundation use my gift?

An **unrestricted bequest** is the simplest and most immediately beneficial kind of bequest to the Kosciuszko Foundation. The amount received through an unrestricted bequest can be used at the discretion of the Foundation’s Trustees and administration for its most important needs. Your will may read, “I give, bequeath and devise [dollar amount, description of property or portion of residuary estate] to The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc. for its general purposes.” A **restricted bequest** provides cash or property to be used by the Foundation for a specific Foundation program or named scholarship fund. If you are considering a restricted bequest, please call the Foundation’s Development Office at 212-734-2130 and we will be happy to talk to you about your wishes and provide you with a personal outline of funding requirements and possibilities.

Whichever method you choose, remember that your gifts may take many forms and serve many purposes, including honoring the memory of someone you love.

MATCHING GIFT PLAN

Fortune 500 companies and many other corporations have matching gifts programs as part of their Employee Benefits Package. As stipulated by the Matching Gift Plan, the corporation will match any gift or gifts made by an employee to a non-profit organization of his/her choice.

Why not ask your company if such a program exists, and if so, perhaps your contribution to the Kosciuszko Foundation could be doubled.

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SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS 2016

JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, KRAKOW
JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN





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Language courses are available from two to eight weeks for non-intensive, intensive, and highly intensive programs. Classes begin in July and late July. Class size is limited to approximately 10 students affording each student personalized attention. Applicants may register for classes that range from 5 to 8 hours of instruction daily. All intensity levels meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Intensive and Highly Intensive programs meet for additional classes focused on oral practice from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays. In addition to the hours listed for PL and PLI, students in the Highly Intensive program also meet one-on-one with a tutor. Students in the PLH program choose the topic of each day's tutoring session. Tutoring is held between 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or 4:00- 4:45 p.m. daily, except Wednesdays. Students will be placed in language groups based on a placement exam which is given at the start of the program. Each program also includes lectures on Polish history, culture, literature, music, the Polish economy and important contemporary issues.

Duration	Arrive and Return	Program Fees
2 weeks	July 3 - 16 July 24 - Aug 6	PL \$800 - 50 hrs; 2 credits PLI \$960 - 66 hrs; 2 credits PLH \$1,120 - 74 hrs; 3 credits
3 weeks	July 3 - 23 July 24 - Aug 13	PL \$1,130 - 75 hrs; 3 credits PLI \$1,350 - 100 hrs; 4 credits PLH \$1,595 - 112 hrs; 4 credits
4 weeks	July 3 - 30 July 24 - Aug 20	PL \$1,430 - 100 hrs; 4 credits PLI \$1,710 - 132 hrs; 5 credits PLH \$2,030 - 148 hrs; 6 credits
5 weeks	July 3 - Aug 6 July 24 - Aug 27	PL \$1,705 - 125 hrs; 5 credits PLI \$2,025 - 165 hrs; 6 credits PLH \$2,425 - 185 hrs; 7 credits
6 weeks	July 3 - Aug 13	PL \$1,950 - 150 hrs; 6 credits PLI \$2,315 - 200 hrs; 8 credits PLH \$2,795 - 224 hrs; 9 credits
7 weeks	July 3 - Aug 20	PL \$2,185 - 175 hrs; 7 credits PLI \$2,575 - 232 hrs; 9 credits PLH \$3,075 - 260 hrs; 10 credits
8 weeks	July 3 - Aug 27	PL \$2,395 - 200 hrs; 8 credits PLI \$2,810 - 264 hrs; 10 credits PLH \$3,385 - 296 hrs; 11 credits

Deadline: Wednesday, May 18th

Registration fee: \$95

PL - non-intensive language classes
25 hours per week

PLI - intensive language classes
33 hours per week

PLH - highly intensive classes
37 hours per week

Single rooms at the dormitory cost
an additional \$10 per night

For application forms, admission,
flights to Poland, housing and
sightseeing trips please visit:
www.thekf.org/programs/study



JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY - KRAKOW

Two, three-, and four-week programs dedicated to the study of Polish language, history and culture are available at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Each program consists of morning language classes from Monday through Friday, afternoon lectures, and sightseeing trips on weekends. A Jagiellonian University Polish Language Certificate is awarded to all students who pass their final language exams and meet attendance requirements. Students who have intermediate or advanced language skills may take the State Certification Exam of Polish as a Foreign Language. The exam is recognized as the test of Polish language proficiency worldwide.

Session A*	July 1 - Dormitory check-in	Prog. Fee: \$1,925
4 week program	July 2 - Opening Ceremonies	Registration: \$95
20 days of classes	July 22 - Transfer to Szczawnica	Single Rm: \$200
28 days total	July 29 - Return to U.S.	

*Students will spend three weeks in Krakow + one week in Szczawnica. Bus transfer is provided from Krakow to Szczawnica and back.

Session B	July 1 - Dormitory check-in	Prog. Fee: \$1,250
3 week program	July 2 - Opening Ceremonies	Registration: \$95
15 days of classes	July 22 - Return to U.S.	Single Rm: \$200
21 days total		

Session C	July 1 - Dormitory check-in	Prog. Fee: \$770
2 week program	July 2 - Opening Ceremonies	Registration: \$95
10 days of classes	July 15 - Return to U.S.	Single Rm: \$130
14 days total		

Session D	Aug. 2 - Dormitory check-in	Prog. Fee: \$950
2 week program	Aug. 3 - Opening Ceremonies	Registration: \$95
10 days of classes	Aug. 16 - Return to U.S.	Single Rm: \$130
14 days total		

Deadline: Wednesday, May 18th

For application forms, admission, scholarship information, flights to Poland and sightseeing please visit: www.thekf.org/programs/study



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SUMMER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Admission and Eligibility: Programs are open to high school graduates who are at least 18 by the first day of their chosen program. Adults who have an interest in Polish studies may also apply.

Language Classes: Beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels are available. A placement test is given at the start of each session. Prior language instruction is not required.

Credit: Undergraduate credit is available. We provide you with a Credit Approval Form and help you navigate the credit approval process.

Flights to Poland: Participants are responsible for flight arrangements to Poland. If you would like to join other program participants on flights to Poland, please contact PAT TOURS at 1 (800) 388-0988 for information and to make reservations.

Tomaszkowicz-Florio, Frances E. Wyszynski and Wisonsin Study in Poland Scholarships are available for programs at the Jagiellonian University. Additional forms and supporting materials are required for scholarship consideration. Scholarships deadline date is April 15th, 2016.

Additional Program Information: Complete information on our programs and application materials may be found on our website.

The Kosciuszko Foundation provides support to applicants by providing students with informational mailings prior to the start of the program. Each student receives a list of other program participants and their contact information before they leave for Poland. The KF Summer Sessions office helps students with advice regarding transcripts of credit and other questions prior to and after the program. As a service to its participants, a Kosciuszko Foundation staff person conducts an orientation session in Poland.

All students are required to complete a Health Form, submit passport size photos for an ID card, provide proof of health insurance and sign the Rules and Regulations Form as part of the application process.

Detailed information is available at www.thekf.org/programs/study

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Saturday, March 12 at 7:00 pm

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JAZZ AND BLUES EVENING WITH NOE SOCHA AND FRIENDS

Performance by **Noe Socha** (guitar and harmonica), **Eric Finland** (piano) and **Noel Simone Wippler** (voice). Noe is a rising blues star. He graduated from Berklee College of Music on a full tuition scholarship, he received many awards including the "Jimi Hendrix Award" for the college's leading guitarist and the "Billboard Magazine Endowed Scholarship" presented to the college's top student.

Noe Socha: "I'm very excited and honored to perform at the Kosciuszko Foundation concert on March 12th. I was born in Italy, but my dad is Polish, and I visited Poland a couple of times. I don't speak the language, but I feel influenced by the culture. I've spent some time listening to *Breakout* and my dad has translated some of their songs. When I play I like to improvise music on the spot and interact with the audience. I did that when I performed for the Polish community in Greenpoint in 2013, and we all had a great time. During the event I'd like to showcase some of my original music and my talented friends that are sharing the stage with me. We'll be playing some blues, jazz, and a couple of popular classics. Eric and I have been really close friends since college. I heard Noel for the first time at a jam, The Sweethearts Jam Slam, at Swing 46, and I was really impressed with her vocal range and her personality on stage."



Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 4:00PM

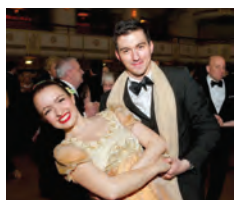
Tickets \$10 per child, free for adults accompanied by child.

Tickets available at www.TheKF.org and by calling (212) 734-2130 during regular business hours.

"KOCHAM CZYTAĆ – KLUB KSIĄŻKI DZIECIĘCEJ I COŚ WIĘCEJ!"

The Kosciuszko Foundation in cooperation with Fundacja Dobra Polska Szkoła invite all kids to a first of its kind book reading event. We will be **reading**

in Polish to two groups of kids, 5-8 and 9-12 followed by short arts and crafts workshops. Limited seats. Groups not larger than 15 kids.



Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 7:00PM

THE AMBER BALL

Please come, raise a glass and help us raise new funds for more scholarships in the year to follow. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 30, 2016** and join us for this special event of the year. The Ball is a unique opportunity to gather with close friends and make new ones while dining and dancing at the splendid **Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.**



Sunday, May 8, 2016 at 3:00PM

MASTER & STUDENT – MUSIC MEETS ART

A showcase of talented youth with their masters. Program will include recital and art exhibit.



Events are subject to change: Call the KF to confirm and get details. All presentations at the KF House.

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