



# KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

THE AMERICAN CENTER OF POLISH CULTURE

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2010  
Volume LX, No. 1  
ISSN 1081-2776

### *Inside...*

- 2 Message from the President and Executive Director
- 3 Message from the Chairman
- 4 National Polish Center Joins Forces with the KF
- 5 "Spirit of Polonia" Sculpture Exhibition
- 6 Professor Smialowski Award
- 6 KF 75th Anniversary Dinner and Ball
- 7 New Exchange Program
- 8 Tribute to Warsaw Uprising
- 9 Teaching English in Poland
- 10 Exchange Fellowships and Grants
- 13 Scholarships and Grants for Americans
- 16 The Year Abroad Program in Poland
- 16 Graduate Studies and Research in Poland
- 17 Summer Sessions Awards
- 18 Kosciuszko Foundation Chapters
- 21 Children's Programs at the KF
- 22 Contributors
- 23 Giving to the Kosciuszko Foundation
- 24 Calendar of Events

*the Kosciuszko  
Foundation*

**75<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY  
Dinner and  
Ball

April 24, 2010  
at the  
Waldorf-Astoria



*For full details  
turn to page 6*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALEX STOROZYNSKI

As the President of the Kosciuszko Foundation, I often get unusual requests for money from people who think that the Foundation is sitting on piles of cash, just waiting to be handed out on a whim. That's not the case.

The scholarship endowment governed by the Foundation's Board of Trustees is made up of dozens of separate funds that were designated by donors for specific scholarships. Some of these are earmarked for the humanities, or law school, while others are set aside for journalism, or other subjects. The Foundation must carefully follow the instructions of the benefactor who establishes a scholarship fund. We invest these funds to earn the best return possible, and work to find the right student to match with the right scholarship.

The process for obtaining one of these scholarships is actually quite competitive, and our scholarship committee combs through applications and checks credentials and grades of the students before conferring these awards. Many of the talented students who have received scholarships for the current year are featured in this newsletter.

In 1985, I was one of those students awarded a scholarship, which allowed me to earn my master's in journalism at Columbia University. After that, I attended the Kosciuszko Foundation's summer program in Krakow. I decided to stay in Poland, and received a graduate fellowship by the Polish government to study journalism and political science at the University of Warsaw. This gave me access to the press conferences held by the Communist regime's infamous press spokesman, Jerzy Urban.

But because Poland was then held captive by the Soviet Union, stuck behind the Iron Curtain, the Polish secret police, the SB, began to harass me. They stole my visa, and on several occasions, I was interrogated. Recently, I obtained a copy of my secret dossier, and the conclusion was as follows:

*Alexander Storozyński (A.S.), born August 26, 1961, US citizen, was a doctoral student at the University of Warsaw in 1985. During his stay in the PRL (Polish People's Republic) we conducted three operational interrogations with him, which had negative outcomes. He informed the U.S. embassy about these discussions. During these discussions he came across as arrogant, self-confident, with a critical perception of our version of reality. We have established that he was aware of operational methods used by our special services.*

*A.S., during his stay in the PRL, established and maintained close relationships with some opposition leaders and with their help tried to leave the country with photo negatives, whose content*

*was undeniably anti-PRL. Additionally, in June 1986, during a customs control while crossing the border, it was revealed that he tried to smuggle illegal newsletters out of the country. Having considered all of the activities of A.S. during his stay in the PRL while on scholarship, he was entered into the registry of individuals considered undesirable in the PRL.*

Of course I was critical of the Communist "version of reality" as any sane person would be. Luckily, today, Poland is a country that is flourishing democratically and economically. The battles of World War II and the Cold War are finally over, and Poland is part of NATO and the European Union.

That is why the Kosciuszko Foundation should work to raise funds for new areas of scholarship that will help Polonia in the future. Because of Poland's political dilemmas of the past, most of our scholarship donations went to fund the humanities. Today, 80% of our scholarships are in the humanities, while only 20% are in the sciences.

It is my goal to try to balance that ratio and raise funds for more medical and scientific scholarships. We should also work to raise money to help students obtain business degrees, MBAs. In today's world, China's economy is growing much faster than that of Europe or the United States because they are focused on business. As Poles and Polish Americans, we, too, need to focus on the future and help to educate the next generation of Polonia in science and business.

Last year's stock market crash hurt our endowment and our ability to award scholarships, but with the market climbing back up, next year, the Foundation will be able to award more scholarships. Each year, the Kosciuszko Foundation gives away a portion of its endowment. That's what we do. But because of that, it is imperative that we raise money each year to keep this wonderful organization going. In fact, the Foundation must come up with more than \$1 million each year just to pay the operating costs of our headquarters on the Upper East Side and to promote Polish culture and arts.

Our founder, Stephen Mizwa, showed us the importance of leveraging relationships with American institutions, such as Vassar College and Baldwin Locomotive Works. Today the KF must do the same and we need to form partnerships with corporations, universities and other entities to carry out our mission. While it is important that we look to the future when thinking about scholarships, we must also remember the past and acknowledge Polish history and culture. Now that the Kosciuszko Foundation has an office in Washington, D.C., we will look to increase Polonia's interests in our nation's capital.

*continued on page 21*



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN JOSEPH E. GORE, ESQ.

At the November 2009 Annual Board Meeting I was elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees after previously serving as the Foundation's fifth President and Executive Director for nearly 22 years. My association with the Foundation, however, began while still in law school when I joined a group of Polish-Americans, mainly college graduates, who met regularly at the Foundation for both cultural and social activities. It was a "networking group" before that term became fashionable. We called ourselves "Young Members" and as the years went by we became the "Younger Members." It was during those years that I met the Foundation's founder and second President, Dr. Stephen P. Mizwa.

It was not until after Dr. Mizwa's death, January 16, 1971, that I came to realize what a remarkable person he was – literally the embodiment of the American success story. Since the Foundation's membership is constantly in flux, I thought it would be of interest to our membership to learn about the beginnings and our founder, Dr. Stephen P. Mizwa.

A poor peasant boy of 17 leaves his home in Eastern Galicia in what was then part of the Austrian-Hungarian empire with \$10 to his name and arrives in Northampton, Massachusetts to a family of prior immigrants. He immediately starts to learn English and within a span of 11 years he completes his grammar and college preparatory courses and then proceeds to earn degrees from both Amherst and Harvard and along the way is elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He becomes a Professor of Economics at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and while at Drake he becomes inspired by an article written by Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken,



*Dr. Stephen P. Mizwa*

President of Vassar College, about his visits and lectures at several European universities and is impressed by the intellectual atmosphere of one of the oldest, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, founded in 1364. After meeting Dr. MacCracken, Mizwa is encouraged to establish an organization to promote exchanges of scholars, students and culture between the United States and Poland. In 1920 he forms the Polish American Scholarship Committee which, after some difficult fund raising efforts, he is able to award scholarships to 9 Polish students for studies at American universities. In 1925 the Committee is transformed into

a foundation and named in honor of Thaddeus Kosciuszko whose 150th anniversary of his arrival in America to fight in the American Revolutionary war was to take place the following year, 1926. Dr. Mizwa decided that a Living Memorial for the purposes of promoting cultural and educational exchanges between Poland and the United States, the two countries so important in Kosciuszko's life would be a more fitting and proper memorial than erecting another stone or marble monument. The great depression arrives and the Foundation is unable to support a full-time director requiring Dr. Mizwa in 1929 to accept the position of President of Alliance College serving as President until 1932. Thereafter, Dr. Mizwa devotes the rest of his life in making the Kosciuszko Foundation a leading American institution.

While Dr. Mizwa had a nucleus group of advisors consisting of Dr. MacCracken, Mr. Samuel Vauclain, President of the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia and Mr. Willis H. Booth, Vice President of the Guaranty Trust Company, it was Dr. Mizwa's efforts, sacrifice and total devotion that today we have a lasting bridge of understanding between Poland and the United States. And it is thanks to him that thousands of Polish American students and Polish scholars and academics have been assisted in achieving their educational ambitions. Dr. MacCracken became the Foundation's first President serving 25 years; Mr. Samuel Vauclain lent his name and prestige to the new foundation (and became its first major donor in 1927 of \$25,500) and as Chairman of the Finance Committee he was able to raise from Americans of non-Polish descent nearly \$44,000, an enormous sum at that time; Willis H. Booth served as the first Treasurer from 1925 to 1942 and managed the investment portfolio (when there was one). Lest we forget, Dr. Mizwa was fortunate to have an understanding and supportive wife, Katherine, and two children, Helen and Tad.

It was a singular honor to have been able to continue the mission begun in 1925 and, hopefully, to have added to the prior accomplishments. I am pleased that the mission continues under the able leadership of the sixth President and Executive Director, Mr. Alex Storozynski.



*Visit by the First Lady of Poland Maria Kaczynska at the Kosciuszko Foundation: l-r: Helen Mary M. Tyszka, Board Member; Joseph E. Gore, Esq., Chairman; Maria Kaczynska, First Lady of Poland; Alex Storozynski, President and Executive Director; Teresa Sulimirski.*

# NATIONAL POLISH CENTER

JOINS FORCES WITH THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION AND BECOMES THE KF'S BASE OF OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Kosciuszko Foundation and the National Polish Center in Washington, D.C., have joined forces to help promote Polish culture in the United States. To do so, the NPC dissolved in January and became the Washington Office of The Kosciuszko Foundation.

President and Executive Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation, Alex Storozyński, said, "This is an exciting alliance that expands the Polish community's presence in our nation's capital. We want all Polish-Americans to think of this as their headquarters in Washington, D.C. and we invite members of the U.S. Congress and all branches of government to visit our office at 2025 O Street in Washington, D.C. to learn about Polish contributions to life, liberty and culture in America."

NPC Chair Patricia Koproński said, "For years, the National Polish Center and the Kosciuszko Foundation have had the same goal, to promote Polish culture, science and scholarship in America. With the economies of scale, this marriage makes perfect sense, and together, we become stronger and can do even more to educate future generations of Polish scholars and leaders."

The Chairman of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Board of Trustees, Joseph E. Gore, Esq. said, "By joining forces with our organization, NPC members become part of a rich heritage that dates back to 1925. The Kosciuszko Foundation has promoted Polish culture in America for 85 years, and given fellowships to numerous doctors, attorneys, artists, professors, and people such as the economist Leszek Balcerowicz whose 'shock therapy' policies helped turn Poland into the fastest growing economy in Europe."



As part of the merger, two new trustees from the NPC were added to the Kosciuszko Foundation Board:

Al Koproński, a businessman, activist, philanthropist and real estate broker, who loves baseball and all things Polish. He has sent huge shipments of baseball equipment to Poland and is National Vice President of the Polish National Youth Baseball Foundation. Mr. Koproński and his wife Patricia Koproński devoted years of service to the NPC which was also known as The American Center of Polish Culture, Inc.

Dr. Julian Kulski, FAIA, is a renowned international architect, a war hero, a distinguished professor and author of award winning book and DVD *Legacy of the White Eagle*, a story of teenagers fighting for Poland's freedom and independence.

Mr. Storozyński said "The Kosciuszko Foundation also is indebted to the international law firm White & Case LLP who did excellent work representing the Foundation in this transaction on a pro bono basis. The White & Case LLP team included Petr Polasek, Hansel T. Pham, Maury

J. Mechanick and Marisa R. Bassett in Washington, D.C. and Meredith J. Beuchaw in New York. White & Case LLP also has represented our interests in Warsaw, Poland."

*The Kosciuszko Foundation Inc., The American Center of Polish Culture* solicits funds throughout the United States and Poland and is now registered as a corporation licensed to perform charitable solicitation and designated a tax exempt corporation in the District of Columbia.

The Foundation is named after Thaddeus Kosciuszko, the Polish General who devised the winning strategy for the U.S. Continental Army at the Battle of Saratoga, the turning point of the American Revolution. Kosciuszko also drafted the plans for West Point that Benedict Arnold tried to sell to the British and suggested that the Fortress be used as a Military Academy. After the revolution, Kosciuszko presented his salary from the U.S. Army, \$17,000, to Thomas Jefferson with the instructions that the money be used to purchase black slaves and free them. Kosciuszko then returned to Europe where he started a revolution to end serfdom and liberate burghers, peasants and Jews.

The KF works to strengthen the relations between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific and cultural exchanges. It holds annual competitions such as the prestigious Chopin competition, and awards up to one million dollars per year in scholarships.

Its major fundraiser of the year takes place on the last Saturday in April, this year on the 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Waldorf=Astoria Hotel on Park Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in New York City.



*Jan Ignacy Paderewski*

# THE "SPIRIT OF POLONIA" SCULPTURE EXHIBITION



*General Tadeusz Kosciuszko*



*Adam Mickiewicz*



*King Jan III Sobieski*



**The Kosciuszko Foundation** is hosting an exhibit by master sculptor Tracy H. Sugg at the Kosciuszko Foundation at 15 East 65th Street. The unveiling of this exhibition took place on Friday, November 13, 2009 and will be open to the public.

Tracy Sugg, who has created several monuments in Mississippi, at West Point and numerous sculptures in private collections, unveiled a series of life-size portrait busts of notable Polish heroes and

heroines throughout history. In addition to the thirteen portrait busts, there are two full-figure maquettes and a high relief sculpture panel.

Tracy's attention to historic research and her innate ability to capture the sparkle of life that animates each portrait make this exhibit an introspective experience in viewing the soul of Poland.

Her works can be purchased at the Kosciuszko Foundation and include: Pope John Paul II, Fryderyk Chopin, Adam Mickiewicz, Marie Sklodowska Curie, Jadwiga Andegawenska, Mikolaj Kopernik, *Copernicus*, Gen. Casimir Pulaski, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, Emilija Plater, Helena Modjeska, Henryk Sienkiewicz, and King Jan III Sobieski.

*A portion of the proceeds from the sale of these sculptures of Polish heroes will go to support the Kosciuszko Foundation which grants scholarships to Poles and Polish Americans.*



*Casimir Pulaski*



*Pope John Paul II*



*Emilija Plater*



*Maria Sklodowska Curie*



*Fryderyk Chopin*



*Mikolaj Kopernik*



*Saint Jadwiga  
Queen of Poland*



*Henryk Sienkiewicz*



*Helena Modjeska*

# 2009 PROFESSOR MICHAL SMIALOWSKI AWARD

The Academic Advisory Committee of the 2009 Professor Michal Smialowski Award selected as its recipient Dr. Halina Krawiec, AGH University of Science and Technology in Krakow, Department of Electrochemistry, Corrosion and Applied Surface Science. Her doctoral thesis in the field of Electrochemistry was the basis for this prestigious recognition.

The Professor Michael Smialowski Award is given annually to a Polish citizen for a distinguished publication in the field of Material Science. The Award was established at the Kosciuszko Foundation in 1991 by Professor Susan Smialowski in memory of her late husband, a highly recognized authority in the world of Material Science, founder of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw and its Director in the years of 1960-1973. The selection of the recipient of the annual award is made by the Foundation based on recommendations of the Academic Advisory Committee which is comprised of several Polish academicians, all experts in the field of Material Science.

The award ceremonies are held by the Foundation in its office during the annual Exchange Program personal interview sessions held in March. The 2009 ceremony was hosted by Mr. Alex Storozyński, President and Executive Director of the Foundation, who presented the winner with a certificate and a Foundation check for \$2,000. Present at the ceremony were the representatives of the Institute of Physical Chemistry, Polish Academy of Science.



*Above (L-R) Professor Ellina Lunarska, Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences; Mr. Alex Storozyński, President and Executive Director, The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc. in New York City; Award Recipient, Dr. Halina Krawiec, AGH, University of Science and Technology in Krakow; Professor Janusz Flis of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences; and Professor Tadeusz Zakroczyński of the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Polish Academy of Sciences.*

On Saturday, April 24, 2010 the Kosciuszko Foundation will present its 75th Annual Dinner and Diamond Jubilee Ball at the Grand Ballroom of New York's Waldorf=Astoria.

Chairpersons Joseph E. Gore, Esq. and Mrs. Eugenia F. Gore will be hosts of the evening. Music and dancing will be provided once again by the Hank Lane Revue and a colorful dance presentation will be performed by The Polish American Folk Dance Company.

The debutantes being presented at the ball are: Ms. Mikhaela Ackerman, daughter of Mrs. Mary Lynn Ackerman, Ms. Diana Marie Grutzmacher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Patricia Grutzmacher, Ms. Natasha Brook Polewac, daughter of Ms. Dawn Polewac, Ms. Adria Wyszynski and Ms. Rachel Wyszynski, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond and Cynthia Wyszynski, Ms. Alexandra Zachowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt and Lucia Zachowski.

This year's Debutante Patroness is Mrs. Patricia (Patti) Rutkoske McCune of Fort Worth, Texas. Ms. Juliana Fazio serves as Honorary Debutante Chairwoman for this year's event. Ms. Dawn Polowac continues on as Debutante Chairwoman.

A long time favorite, The Fanfare Squadron of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy joins us, as well as the color guard and debutante escorts from Kings Point Military Academy.

This year's Medal of Recognition awardees are Nobel Peace Prize Laureate President Lech Walesa, Award Winning Artist Rafal Olbinski, and Pioneering Plastic Surgeon Dr. Maria Siemionow.

This is the Kosciuszko Foundation's main fundraiser each year which enables us to continue our mission of promoting education and cultural relations between the United States and Poland, increasing American awareness of Polish culture and history.

Come join us for a magnificent evening filled with music, wonderful food and charming company. Tickets can still be purchased through our website: [www.TheKF.org](http://www.TheKF.org) or by calling our office at (212) 734-2130.

This is a Black Tie event.



# KF PARTNERS IN NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

During the course of 2009, the Kosciuszko Foundation participated as a cooperating partner in a pilot exchange program for American and Polish high school students under the aegis of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The **U.S. – Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Leadership Program** was established in 2008 by Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) in commemoration of the 90th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Poland. It was inaugurated in 2009.

The **U.S.-Poland Parliamentary Youth Leadership Exchange Program** is a four-week program for 15 Polish and 15 American high school students that focuses on leadership and civics education, on the development of mutual understanding and respect, and on promoting enduring ties between the United States and Poland. A teacher from each participating school accompanies the students.

Fifteen American high school students and two teachers from Chicago and Des Moines, IA were matched with fifteen Polish students and two teachers from Nowy Sacz and Gdansk. The Polish students and their chaperones came to the U.S. in early February '09 for three weeks. They spent the first two weeks living and going to classes with their American counterparts. They also met and interned with local government officials and observed and participated in community service programs. Their third week was centered on a trip to Washington, D.C. for civics education workshops and visits to places and monuments important in U.S. history and government.



*American students from Des Moines and Chicago with Polish Solidarity Leader and Prime Minister Janusz Onyszkiewicz (center), Bernadette O'Keefe, PATA (third from left, front row) and Anna Utecht, KF (second from right, front row)*

The American contingent arrived in Poland in early June. The students were met and taken to their host's homes in Nowy Sacz and Gdansk where they spent two weeks living, studying, observing and participating in Polish communities. The Kosciuszko Foundation hosted the Americans in Warsaw during their third week for a series of civics education workshops presented by prominent Poles and provided visitations to places of cultural and historical importance that paralleled the Polish students' experiences in Washington, D.C. The Foundation was also responsible for arranging accommodations and meals for the Americans.

In late June, all thirty Polish and American students and their four chaperones were reunited in Krakow for the program's fourth week to participate in a one-week leadership and community service



*American students and teachers with Agata Wolska Mariacki Church curator in Cracow in front of Witt Stwoszcz altar.*

training camp organized by the Foundation. The focus of this camp was to bring the students together and to immerse them in workshops dealing with enhancing leadership skills and developing community service projects. Program activities were developed by Christine Kuskowski. Bernadette O'Keefe, retired teacher of Social Studies (N.Y.C.), conducted the workshops. She was assisted by Anna Utecht, bi-lingual certified teacher of Polish and KF staff member. Excursions to places important to the history and culture of Poland were arranged. Joseph Herter, KF representative in Warsaw, took care of the logistics in Warsaw and Krakow.

As a culminating activity, the students formed seven teams consisting of both Polish and American participants. Each team worked to create a community service project to benefit one of the Polish host communities. Written proposals for the projects were produced in competition by the seven teams and were submitted to the Kosciuszko Foundation's Education Committee for evaluation. The Kosciuszko Foundation awarded grants totaling five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to three teams selected by the committee, two for the host community in Nowy Sacz and one for Gdansk. The grants are to be used by the Polish team members to implement the projects in their communities. Their American teammates agreed to serve in an advisory capacity via the internet.

The first U.S.-Poland Parliamentary Youth Exchange Leadership Program ended on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 with all participants departing Krakow for home. The Foundation is monitoring the progress of the Community Service projects currently taking place in Nowy Sacz and Gdansk and is looking forward to participating again in 2010 as a partner in this exciting new program.



*American students in Auschwitz*

# KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION HOLDS TRIBUTE TO THE WARSAW UPRISING



Photograph from the private collection of Mr. Zygmunt Walkowski

The Kosciuszko Foundation held a three day tribute, Sept. 17-19, to the Warsaw Uprising and Poles who fought during World War II. The program included photography exhibits, films, literature and music, and appealed to a diverse age group that ranged from students to elderly and those that fought in the Warsaw Uprising.

There were two photography exhibits: *Warsaw, Paris of the North*, an exhibition of prewar Warsaw photographs on loan from the collection of the Warsaw Uprising Museum in Poland, and works from private collections of Mr. Zygmunt Walkowski and Mr.

Jerzy Glowczewski. Aside from the destruction of historical buildings lost during the war and the uprising, the exhibit reflected the intellectual climate of the city embodied in photographs featuring meetings between the international elite. Part of the exhibit featured fragments of poetry and prose about Warsaw, a fragment from Jan Karski's *Tajne Panstwo* describing Warsaw just days before the start of World War II.

The evening commenced with a dazzling performance of songs of the period by Mrs. Marta Wryk, mezzo-soprano, who sang from the spiral stairs leading to the Gallery. The program was made possible with grants from Polish Army Veterans, SWAP District 2, and Mrs. Alexandra Solowij and Mr. William Watkins from Boston, who established a Tadeusz Solowij Literary Fund of the Kosciuszko Foundation, as well as the Polish Consulate in New York.

Awards were presented to the winners of the historical essay contest analyzing the "International Significance of the Nazi-Soviet Invasion of Poland in September of 1939." There were

Krzysztof Kamil Baczyński

trans. by Bill Johnston

## THE GAZE

Nothing will return. They are forgotten already, these times; in mirrors alone the darkness curdles into a reflection evil and empty, yet my own. I know them by heart, and yet I refuse to name them; ahead I cannot in truth know my forms. And so I die with God half-manifested in my mouth. And now we sit in the circle once more, and the walls resound from the rain of the planets and over the table a rope-heavy stare and hanging in the air are billows of silence.

And one of us – he is the me who fell in love. My world blossomed out like a mighty cloud, like fire in a dream and like a tree I am upright. Another of us – he is the me who gave birth to a tremulous hatred. The glitter you see is my knife. No tear will there be to fall from my eyes as torpid as water. A third of us – he is the me reflected in tears that were mine to weep and like masive darkness is my pain. The fourth is one that I have known he once again takes my purposeless hours and teaches them humility and my ailing heart, so it prepares for the death that's hatching inside me.

October 18th, 1943

103 essays entered into the competition, and the First Prize, \$2,000, courtesy of The Polish Army Veterans Association of America, District 2, was awarded to Katarzyna Tokarz for her essay, "The Fourth Partition of Poland." Ms. Tokarz is a student at Georgetown University. Second prize, \$1,000, awarded by the Kosciuszko Foundation went to Paul Armstrong, a student at the University of St. Thomas, for his essay, "Poland: First to Fight." Third Prize, \$500, courtesy of Adamba Imports went to Bogumil Misiuk, a student at Seton Hall University.

Next came a dramatic reading of poetry and prose hosted by Mrs. Grazyna Drabik, accompanied by a slide show from the collection of the Warsaw Uprising Museum and a performance of patriotic songs of the period by Mrs. Marta Wryk.

Following the poetry reading guests were invited to view an exhibition of photographs taken by the insurrectionists during the Warsaw Uprising against the Nazis.

On the following evening guests were presented with a showing of a documentary film called *Betrayal: The Battle for Warsaw*, by Andrew Rothstein. Afterward, guests were able to ask questions of Mr. Bill Biega and Mr. Mike Madejeski, both of whom took part in

the uprising, as well as of Mr. Jerzy Glowczewski, a soldier who fought in the battle of *Tobruk*. After the war, Mr. Glowczewski was an architect involved in the rebuilding of the capital.

On the final day came the theater presentation of *Blyskawica* by the Polish Theater Institute that depicted the fate of a radio station during the Warsaw Uprising.



The literary fragments that accompanied the exhibits added to the climate of these remote events and were a good edition for those visiting the exhibits outside the artistic performances. The program was an inspiration, especially for the younger generation, to think about the Warsaw Uprising and to awaken further readings.



# TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND PROGRAM 2009

The Kosciuszko Foundation's nineteenth *Teaching English in Poland Program* underwent some notable changes this past summer. After the Polish Ministry of National Education announced the withdrawal of its financial support from all summer foreign language immersion camps for the 2009 season, the Foundation received offers from the administrations of two former camp locations to continue the TEIP Program independently.

Ms. Krystyna Mikita, Director of the ZHP (Polish Scouts) Educational-Recreational Center, "Nadwarcianski Grod" in Zalecze Wielkie agreed to host two smaller camps at that location: an Arts Enrichment Camp in English for junior high school students and an English Language Immersion Camp for upper elementary school students. Several students from Rakszawa, Professor Stefan Mizwa's hometown, attended the camp. The four-week term, including a six-day tour of historical and cultural highlights for the American staff, took place from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Jerzy Cisewski, Director of the Janusz St. Pasierba School Campus for Economics and Business in Tczew organized the popular KF TEIP English Language Immersion Program for high school students (sixteen to nineteen years of age). The Tczew program that began on July 1<sup>st</sup> and ended on August 1<sup>st</sup> also included a tour for the American staff.

The administrations of both locations were able to organize the camps independently by charging the Polish students tuition (up to 2,000 PLN) for their three week term and by receiving grants from local community and county governments. The American staff for each site were cut by one-half because of fewer Polish student participants due to the high tuition costs.

The Arts Enrichment Camp for 48 junior high school students (13-16 years of age) was initiated and implemented by Staff Leader Mary Kay Pieski, President of the Ohio Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation, for the purpose of introducing Polish students to the Arts as taught in American schools. Ms. Pieski, an experienced TEIP camp leader and Middle School music teacher, successfully obtained a grant

of \$4,500 from the Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Foundation to purchase Orff Musical Instruments in Poland for the camp. She organized a staff of 6 teachers and 6 student assistants experienced in the Arts who were from Ohio, New York, Colorado and Massachusetts. They produced an impressive program of varied learning experiences and activities in the Arts.

The English Language Immersion Camp for 50 Upper Elementary School students (10 – 12 years of age) was held simultaneously but separately from the Arts Enrichment Camp. Veteran Staff Leader Theresa Rivard of the Western New York Chapter was responsible for implementing the TEIP program based on American life and culture with a staff of 5 teachers and 5 teaching assistants. Staff members hailed from

New York, Minnesota, and Illinois,

During the course of the program, the Zalecze Wielkie Camp's population was increased with the arrival of children who were displaced from their homes by the floods that ravaged southwestern Poland at the time. They participated in some TEIP program activities.

The KF-Tczew Camp was led by veteran Staff Leader Janice Sherry of Henderson, Nevada. Her



*Students at Zalecze Wielkie with teacher Susan Clancy*

staff included 10 teachers representing a cross-section of the U.S.A. from Nevada, Washington (state), Georgia, Florida, Pennsylvania, New York and Texas. They conducted the ever-popular TEIP Program as in past summers for 80 students (ages 16-19).

All of the Americans were treated by their camp administrators to a six-day cultural-historical tour at the conclusion of the camp programs.

At the close of its **nineteenth consecutive summer**, the Foundation's TEIP Program is credited with organizing a total of 103 English language camps served by 1,700 American volunteers for the benefit of approximately 10,200 Polish students since 1991.

For detailed information about this cultural-educational program, please refer to the Kosciuszko Foundation's website at: [www.thekf.org](http://www.thekf.org) under Summer Programs.

# EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP AND GRANTS FOR POLISH CITIZENS FOR ADVANCED STUDY/RESEARCH AND/OR TEACHING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/10

**Some of Poland's brightest and most talented scholars were chosen by the Kosciuszko Foundation to represent Polish academia in the United States during the academic year of 2009/10.**

Every April, during its Semi-Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Kosciuszko Foundation approves funding for the Exchange Program with Poland for the next academic year. Last April the Board allocated \$244,867 for 16 scholars and scientists from Poland as recipients of the Fellowships and Grants for the 2009/2010 academic year.

The decision of the Foundation's Board was based on the results of a very careful selection process, including personal interviews, conducted by the members of the U.S. Academic Advisory Committee and Polish Academic Commission in March at the Foundation's Warsaw Office.

The US Academic Advisory Committee is composed of the following members:

1. Prof. Thaddeus V. Gromada, Executive Director, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, New York.
2. Ronald J. Hagadus, M.D., Trustee & Member of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee.
3. Dr. Christopher Lange, SUNY, Health Science Center, Brooklyn, New York.
4. Ewa Radwanska, M.D., Ph.D., Rush University Medical Center in Chicago.
5. Prof. Bozena Shallcross, Department of Slavic Languages, University of Chicago

The work of the US Committee was assisted during the personal interview sessions at the Foundation's office in



*Aside from participating in the interviews sessions for the 2009/10 academic year, President & Executive Director, Alex Storozynski held meetings with representatives of educational institutions in Poland. In the photo above he meets with Prof. Karol Musiol, Rector of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, our oldest institutional partner.*

Warsaw by the members of the Polish Academic Commission which included a number of former Fellows of the Kosciuszko Foundation:

1. Maria Brewinska, Curator, Zacheta National Gallery of Art in Warsaw,  
Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
2. Dr. Andrzej Dakowski, Director of the Polish Fulbright Commission in Warsaw.
3. Prof. Wladyslaw Miodunka, Director, Centrum Języka i Kultury Polskiej w Swiecie, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
4. Dr. Jaroslaw Kusmierczyk, Assistant Professor, Clinic of Ophthalmology, Center for Medical Training, Prof. W. Orlowski Hospital, Warsaw, Poland. Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
5. Prof. Zbigniew Lasocik, LL.D., Dean, Law Department, The Lazarski School of Commerce and Law in Warsaw.  
Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation
6. Dr. Sebastian Rejak, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau for Polish-Jewish Relations, Warsaw, Poland. Former Fellow of The Kosciuszko Foundation

Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada, Kosciuszko Foundation Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, along with Alex Storozynski, President and Executive Director and Ms. Maryla Janiak, Vice President/Educational Programs presided over the personal interviews which were conducted in the English language 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 according to several sets of criteria. The discussions at the end of each interview created a good basis for evaluating the overall excellence and the importance of their research proposals both in their fields of study and to Poland. Careful consideration was given to the choice of the U.S. educational institution selected by the candidates for conducting their research projects. Members of the Committees had an opportunity to review the files on 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. For the academic year 2009/2010 all applications were reviewed by the New York office and subsequently prepared and presented for evaluation by the two Committees. Of the 41 applicants who were interviewed, 16 were selected for funding.

Maryla Z. Janiak  
Vice President/Educational Programs

## HUMANITIES



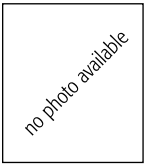
**CZETWERTYNSKA, GRAZYNA**, Assistant Professor, Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Warsaw:

Three-month fellowship to conduct research/study on methodology of teaching, educational policy, sociology of education and quality management in education at Boston College with Professors Mark O'Connor and Philip Altbach.



**GRZELAK, JANUSZ**, Full Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Warsaw: three-month fellowship to conduct

research on social value orientations and control motivations at Department of Psychology, University of Delaware with Professor David M. Kuhlman.



**KOWALIK, KATARZYNA**, An Archivist, The State Archive of Capital City of Warsaw: five-month grant to conduct research on

Eminent Polish Emigres Scientists Associated with Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America from 1942. Their Contributions to American Science and Scholarships at the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, New York City with Professor Thaddeus V. Gromada.



**LIPSZYC, ADAM**, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy

of Science in Warsaw: three-month fellowship to conduct research on Walter Benjamin's thought at the University of Chicago with Professor Mendes-Flohr, Professor of Modern Jewish Thought in the Divinity School.



**MALECKI, WOJCIECH**, Assistant Professor, Department of Polish Philology, University of

Wroclaw: ten-month fellowship to conduct research on his project entitled Literature in the Aesthetics of the New Pragmatism at Florida Atlantic



*Prof. Thaddeus V. Gromada, Director, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, New York; Prof. Bozena Shallcross, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, University of Chicago; Alex Storzynski, President & Executive Director, The Kosciuszko Foundation; Dr. Andrzej Dakowski, Director, the Polish Fulbright Commission in Warsaw; Dr. Sebastian Rejak, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau for Polish-Jewish Relation in Warsaw.*



*Dr. Christopher Lange, SUNY, Health Science Center, Brooklyn, New York; Dr. Ronald J. Hagadus, Trustee & Member of the Kosciuszko Foundation Scholarship Committee; Dr. Jaroslaw Kusmierczyk, Assistant Professor, Clinic of Ophthalmology – Center for Medical Training Prof. W. Orłowski Hospital in Warsaw; Dr. Ewa Radwanska, MD, PH.D., Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago, Illinois*

University with Professor Richard M. Shusterman.



**MOSKALEWICZ, MAGDALENA**, Ph.D. candidate in History of Art, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan: three-

month grant to conduct comparative research concerning American and Polish modernism of the 1960's at Columbia University, Barnard College, department of Art History with Professors Alexander Alberro, Rosalyn Deutsche, Keith Moxey.



**RUDEK, ANNA**, M.A. in History of Art, Catholic University of Lublin – 2006. Data Solutions Sp. z.o.o. Advertising Agency in

Warsaw. Free-lance art critic: three-month Grant to collect material for a monograph on Wladyslaw Benda, Polish emigre artist at his family archives, the New York Public Library various Polish Institutions in the United States including the Kosciuszko Foundation.



**SIERAKOWSKI, SLAWOMIR**, Journalist, political commentator, literary and theater critic and Ph.D. candidate in

sociology, Warsaw University: three-month fellowship to conduct research on the transformation of the Polish Public sphere and analysis of public discourse in Poland between 1989-2004 at Princeton University with Professor Jan-Werner Muller.



**STUHR, MARIANNA,**  
Assistant Professor,  
Polish-Japanese Institute  
of Information  
Technology in Warsaw:

two-month grant to learn new techniques of graphic prints at the University of Connecticut, School of Fine Arts.

## POLISH STUDIES



**DEMBOWSKA-WOSIK, IWONA,**  
Assistant Professor,  
Department of Applied  
and Cultural Linguistics:

ten-month teaching fellowship to teach Polish language (elementary/intermediate and advanced intermediate) at Indiana University Polish Studies Program. Also, to conduct research for her doctoral thesis on certificate exams of Polish as a foreign language.



**GRABOWSKI, ARTUR,**  
Assistant Professor,  
Department of 20th  
Century Literature,  
Jagiellonian University:

one-semester fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University at Buffalo, New York.



**PAMULA, SALOMEA,**  
Assistant Professor,  
Center of the Polish  
Language and Culture of  
the World, Jagiellonian

University: ten-month teaching fellowship to teach courses in the Polish Studies Program at the University of Connecticut at Storrs.

## SCIENCES



**GOWIN, EWELINA,**  
Assistant Professor,  
Department of Family  
Medicine, University of  
Medical Science in

Poznan: three-month grant to study/observe the effectiveness of follow-up intervention after GP's training in

preventive medicine in primary care at a placement arranged by the Polish American Medical Society in Chicago.



**MULAK, AGATA,**  
Assistant Professor,  
Department of  
Gastroenterology and  
Hepatology, Wrocław

Medical Academy: five-month fellowship to conduct research on experimental models of functional bowel disease and studying brain-gut interactions at the Division of Digestive Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles with Professor Yvette Tache.



**SUFFCZYNSKI, PIOTR,** Assistant  
Professor, Department of  
Biomedical Physics,  
Institute of Experimental

Physics, University of Warsaw: five-month fellowship to conduct research on the cortical generators of high-gamma oscillations in the human brain at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine with Professors Piotr J. Franaszczuk and Nathan E. Crone.

## LAW/ECONOMICS



**GEBUSIA, IWONA,**  
Counsel, Czajec-Don  
Siemion & Zyro Sp.K. in  
Warsaw: three-month  
grant to conduct research

and to prepare a comprehensive guide to private equity issues, based on the comparative analyses of the United States and Polish Law at Harvard Law School Library and New York University, Law Library.



**MIKLASZEWSKA, EWA,** Professor  
Department of Finance,  
Economic University of  
Krakow: three-month

grant to conduct research for her book on current challenges to large, complex financial institutions and strategic response to them including regulatory proposals at Global Business Institute,

Stern School of Business in New York City with Professor Ingo Walter and Roy C. Smith.

## KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joseph E. Gore, Esq.  
*Chairman of the Board*  
Clifton, New Jersey

William J. Nareski  
*Vice-Chairman and Treasurer*  
Darien, Connecticut

Wanda M. Senko  
*Vice-Chairman*  
Hempstead, New York

Cynthia Rosicki, Esq.  
*Vice-Chairman*  
Plainview, New York

Henry C. Walentowicz, Esq.  
*Corporate Secretary*  
Clifton, New Jersey

## MEMBERS

Ambassador Victor Ashe  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Adam M. Bak  
Brooklyn, New York

Ronald J. Hagadus, M.D.  
Bedford Hills, New York

Alexander Koproski  
Stamford, CT

Marian A. Kornilowicz, Esq.  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Julian Kulski  
Washington, DC

Peter S. Novak  
Holyoke, Massachusetts

Ewa Radwanska, M.D.  
Chicago, Illinois

Sigmund Rolat  
New York, New York

Krzysztof Rostek  
Blauvelt, New York

Witold S. Sulimirski  
Bronxville, New York

Helen Mary Tyszka  
Garden City, New York

Wojciech Uzdelewicz  
New York, New York

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR AMERICANS 2009-2010

The domestic scholarship application season enjoyed another robust turnout, with more than 200 applications received and reviewed by the Kosciuszko Foundation's Grants Department for its various domestic scholarship programs for the 2009/2010 academic year.

This academic year, the Board of Trustees allocated \$104,925 in scholarship to Americans of Polish descent. Of this amount, \$78,000 has been awarded as Tuition Scholarships to 30 Americans of Polish descent toward their graduate studies. An additional \$15,125 has been awarded to 11 students through the Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs, Polish American Club of North Jersey and Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA, Inc. The scholarships support undergraduate students who are affiliated with these organizations.

This year 9 students are attending programs in Poland through the Kosciuszko

Foundation's exchange program with the Polish Ministry of National Education to study Polish language and culture as part of the Foundation's Year Abroad Program at the Jagiellonian University's Center of the Polish Language and Culture in the World. The Polish Ministry provides scholarship recipients with a tuition waiver, dormitory housing and funding for living expenses. Each student receives additional funding from the Foundation in aggregate amount of \$10,800.

The Foundation's exchange program also supported Prof. Robin Larsen for her research about Polish women as film directors whose works have been screened at Polish Film Festivals in New York, Los Angeles and other United States locations. Funding for Prof. Larsen was provided through the Foundation's Graduate/ Postgraduate Studies and Research in Poland program in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of National Education. The Polish Ministry provided dormitory

housing, funding for living expenses, use of academic facilities, and access to archives. In addition, the Kosciuszko Foundation awarded Prof. Larsen \$1,000 support for living expenses during the academic year 2009/2010.

Lastly, in addition to funding for the year-long programs, the Foundation awarded \$31,950 in Tomaszkievicz-Florio Scholarships to 15 Americans students to attend Summer Session programs at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Each student received \$2,130.

The grants and scholarships for Americans were made possible through the funds that are listed below. We are pleased to present the scholarship recipients for the 2009/10 academic year.

Addy Tymczyszyn  
Scholarship and Grants Officer  
for Americans

## TUITION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2009-2010

### THE KAZIMIERA ADRIAN ADRIANOWSKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**JAKALA, ELIZABETH** of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in nursing, University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing, San Francisco, CA. Scholarship: \$2,000 including \$1,000 from Zimber Fund



**SZYMANEK, KATARZYNA** of Arlington Heights – for final year of graduate studies in medicine, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, MO. Scholarship: \$3,000 including \$2,000 from Zimber Fund

### CHYLINSKI I SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**JUDA, ANDREA** of New York – for second year of graduate studies in integrated marketing, New York University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$3,000 including \$1,000 from Miskowicz Fund

### SOPHIA GRODZICKA SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**KOWALCZYK, KAROLINA** of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in clinical social work, The University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL Scholarship: \$3,000



**SOCHA, ANNA** of Elizabeth, NJ – first year of graduate studies in Medicine, Karol Marcinkowski University of Medical Sciences, Poznan, Poland. Scholarship: \$3,000

### EDWIN L. HARASIMOWICZ SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND



**MROZEK, JULIE** of Grove City, PA – for second year of graduate studies in Podiatric Medicine, Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Independence, OH. Scholarship: \$3,000

**WALTER JARZEMBSKI  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**POMIANOWSKI, JOSEPH** of New Britain, CT – for first year of graduate studies in history of science,

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. Scholarship: \$3,000



**SZCZEPANIK, DARCY** of Beeville, TX – for second year of graduate studies in optometry,

University of Houston, College of Optometry, Houston, TX. Scholarship: \$2,000



**SIEMIANOWSKI, ALISON** of Springfield, MA – for first year of graduate studies in public administration,

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. Scholarship: \$2,000

**DR. CASIMIR V. KIERZKOWSKI  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**LETOWSKI, JAN** of Knoxville, TN – for second year of graduate studies in museum studies, George

Washington University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$2,000 including \$1,000 from J.C. Kierzkowski Scholarship Fund

**VICTORIA KOKERNAK  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**FILIPIAK, ANNA** of Chicago, IL – for second year of graduate studies in international relations,

Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$3,000



**FORMELLA, KAROLINA** of Brooklyn, NY – for second year of graduate studies in teaching

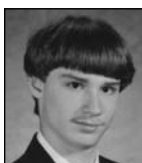
English to speakers of other languages,

Hunter College, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000

**STAN LESNY SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

**PIACEWICZ, STEPHANIE** of Chicago, IL – for second year of Ph.D. studies in medical

engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. Scholarship: \$4,000



**TOMCZAK, ADAM** of River Vale, NJ – for first year of graduate studies in astrophysics,

University of California, Berkeley, CA. Scholarship: \$2,000

**MIZWA SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**OLCON, KATARZYNA** of Burbank, IL – for first year of graduate studies in human rights,

Columbia University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$3,000

**FLOYD AND IRENE MCKAIN/  
JOHN AND HELEN GENZA  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**HENDERSON, LARA** of Foxboro, MA – for second year of graduate studies in book arts/ printmaking, University

of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: \$2,000



**WARCHAL, JESSICA** of Kingston, PA – for third year of graduate studies in dance, Temple

University Boyer College of Music and Dance, Philadelphia, PA. Scholarship: 2,000

**THE JOSEPH NOWAK  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**TOKARZ, KATARZYNA** of Frederick, MD – for first year of graduate studies

in international affairs, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$3,000

**THE DR. EDWARD AND  
MARIA NOWICKI MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**LACEK, ANETA** of Chicago, IL – for third year of graduate studies in dentistry, University of

Illinois, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$3,000



**ORLIK, ALEKSANDER** of Palo Alto, CA – for first year of graduate studies in dentistry, Indiana

University, School of Dentistry, Indianapolis, IN. Scholarship: \$2,000

**POPE JOHN PAUL II  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**ROTNER, JONATHAN** of New York, NY – for first year of doctorate studies in electrical engineering,

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. Scholarship: \$3,000

**HENRY W. ROKICKI  
MEMORIAL FUND**

**GROBELSKI, JENNIFER** of LaGrange, IL – for third year of graduate studies in law,

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, IL. Scholarship: \$3,000

**THE ARTHUR AND GENEVIEVE  
ROTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**BOGUCKI, CAROLINE** of Boston, MA – for second year of graduate studies in business, Georgetown

University, McDonough School of Business, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$2,000

**EDWARD C. SMITH  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**CZERWIEN, CHRISTY** of Ripon, WI – first year of graduate studies in East Asian studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Scholarship: \$3,000

**RICHARD SOBIERAJ  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

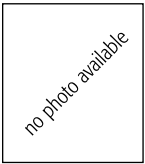
**MAZUREK, STEFAN** of Chicago, IL – for first year of graduate studies in biology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

Scholarship: \$2,000

**IRENA SPALLUTO-BONCZAK  
SCHOLARSHIP**

**STANISZEWSKA, MALGORZATA** of Brooklyn, NY – for second year of graduate studies in vocal performance,

Conservatory of Music, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000

**ALBERT SPIEZNY SCHOLARSHIP  
FUND**

**DABROWSKA, MARTA** of Middle Village, NY – for second year of graduate studies in creative writing, New York University, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$3,000

York, NY. Scholarship: \$3,000



**JABLONSKA, JUSTYNA** of Chicago, IL – for first year of graduate studies in journalism, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Scholarship: \$3,000

IL. Scholarship: \$3,000

**THE WASIL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**WOLICKI, KATHERINE** of Asheville, NC – for second year of graduate studies in international economics, American

University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$3,000

**THE MICHALINA AND HERMAN  
ZIMBER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

**HOWARD, BARBARA** of Albuquerque, NM – for fifth year of Ph.D. studies in clinical psychology, Fielding Graduate

University, Santa Barbara, CA. Scholarship: \$2,000

**DR. MARIE ZAKRZEWSKA  
MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP OF THE  
MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION  
OF POLISH WOMEN'S CLUBS  
FUND**

**PARZYCH, LYDIA** of Worcester, MA – for first year of graduate studies in medicine, Harvard University, Boston, MA.

Scholarship: \$3,500

**MASSACHUSETTS FEDERATION  
OF POLISH WOMEN'S CLUBS  
FUND**

**ANDREZYK, MARK** of Boston, MA – for third year of undergraduate studies in visual media arts, Emerson College, Boston, MA.

Scholarship: \$1,250



**SLOMIAK, JOANNA** of West Palm Beach, FL – for first year undergraduate program in veterinary medicine, Becker College,

Worcester, MA. Scholarship: \$1,250

**POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF  
BROOKLYN, USA, INC FUND**

**DOMKOWSKI, DAVID** of New York, NY- for senior year of undergraduate studies in physical therapy, Sacred Heart University,

Fairfield, CT. Scholarship: \$2,000



**GRABOWSKI, ALEKSANDER** of Belleville, NJ – for senior year of undergraduate studies in print journalism, American University, Washington, DC. Scholarship: \$2,000



**SADOWSKI, MACIEJ** of Brooklyn, NY – for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in biology, Fordham

University, Bronx, NY. Scholarship: \$2,000

**POLISH AMERICAN CLUB OF  
NORTH JERSEY FUND**

**CIECIERSKI, CAROLINE** of Hackensack, NJ – for first year of undergraduate studies in nutritional

science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Scholarship: \$585



**MATICKA, SAMANTHA** of Ringwood, NJ – for sophomore year of undergraduate studies in religious education, Mount

St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. Scholarship: \$500



**PLASKON, PAULINA** of Wallington, NJ – for senior year of undergraduate studies in clinical laboratory, Fairleigh

Dickinson University, Teaneck, NJ. Scholarship: \$575



**PONCELORANCA, KEVIN** of Ridgewood, NJ – for first year of undergraduate studies in mechanical engineering,

Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, VA. Scholarship: \$970



**WIS, SANDRA** of Clifton, NJ – for first year of undergraduate studies in English, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.

Scholarship: \$495

# THE YEAR ABROAD PROGRAM IN POLAND 2009/2010



**DUBOWSKI, LAUREN**  
of New York, NY.  
Undergraduate senior  
majoring in theater  
studies and French at

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA and  
Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA.  
Scholarship: \$675



**FIGUS, ELIZABETH**  
of Minneapolis, MN. B.  
A. in international  
relations and sociology  
at Mount Holyoke

College, South Hadley, MA.  
Scholarship: \$1,350



**KUDLACZ, TOM**  
of Meriden, CT.  
Undergraduate  
sophomore majoring in  
history at Clemson

University, Clemson, SC. Scholarship:  
\$675



**MAILLOUX,  
CAROLINE** of Taunton,  
MA. Undergraduate  
senior majoring in  
development studies at

Brown University, Providence, RI.  
Scholarship: \$1,350



**MIKULSKI, LAURA**  
of Trenton, NJ.  
Undergraduate senior  
majoring in drama at  
The Catholic University

of America, Washington, DC.  
Scholarship: \$1,350



**NINGOVITCH,  
PETRO** of Atlanta, GA.  
B.A. in Arts and  
humanities at University  
of Maryland, College

Park, MD. Scholarship: \$1,350



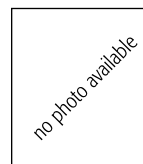
**PETERS, MATTHEW**  
of Berwyn, IL.  
Undergraduate  
sophomore majoring in  
political science at

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL.  
Scholarship: \$1,350



**PIENKOWSKI, MARK**  
of Knoxville, TN.  
Undergraduate senior  
majoring in history at  
Emory University,

Atlanta, GA. Scholarship: \$1,350



**WILLEY, DAVID** of  
Geneva, IL. Second year  
doctoral student in Slavic  
languages and literatures  
at Yale University, New

Haven, CT. Scholarship: \$1,350

## GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN POLAND 2009/2010



**LARSEN, ROBIN** of Omaha, NE. B.A. in English from Smith College,  
Northampton, MA. M.J. in journalism, Temple University, Philadelphia,  
PA, Ph.D. in journalism from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. To  
conduct research on Polish women as film directors whose works have been  
screened at Polish Film Festivals in New York, Los Angeles and other

United States locations. The project includes interviews which will reveal how Polish  
women create contemporary works of Polish cinema and how Polish women have entered  
the crucial dialogue that cinema has historically conducted with the Polish people. The  
interviews are intended to turn into either a long monograph or a book. The research will  
be conducted at the Institute of English Studies, University of Wroclaw, Wroclaw, Poland  
and the Department of American Culture and Literature, University of Lodz, Lodz,  
Poland with Prof. Agnieszka Salska and Prof. Dominika Ferens. Scholarship: \$1,000



# TOMASZKIEWICZ-FLORIO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SUMMER STUDIES AT THE JAGIELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, CRAKOW SUMMER 2009



**ALTMAN, ROBERT** of Littleton, CO – high school senior at Lakewood High School, Lakewood, CO. Scholarship: \$2,130



**ARKIN, REBECCA** of Princeton, NJ – undergraduate sophomore majoring in comparative literature, Princeton, University, Princeton, NJ. Scholarship: \$2,130



**COBERT, EMMA** of Stanford, CA – undergraduate sophomore majoring in international relations, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. Scholarship: \$2,130



**D'ANGELO, PAUL** of Edmonds, WA – undergraduate sophomore majoring in molecular biology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Scholarship: \$2,130



**DZIURZYNSKI, LUKASZ** of Philadelphia, PA – undergraduate junior majoring in mathematics, University of Pennsylvania, PA. Scholarship: \$2,130



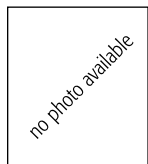
**GOBA, MARISSA** of Fairfield, CT – undergraduate sophomore majoring in marketing and international business, Fairfield University Fairfield, CT. Scholarship: \$2,130



**HABINA, KONRAD** of West Lafayette, IN – undergraduate sophomore majoring in aeronautical engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. Scholarship: \$2,130



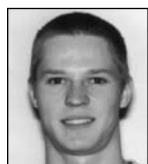
**HERNANDEZ, ERIK** of Fairbanks, AK – high school senior attending West Valley High School, Fairbanks, AK. Scholarship: \$2,130



**JEDNAC, PAULINA** of Brooklyn, NY – undergraduate freshman majoring in - library arts, Hunter College, City University of New York, New York, NY. Scholarship: \$2,130



**KOVACS, KATHERINA** of Springfield, MO – high school senior at Central High School, Springfield, MO. Scholarship: \$2,130



**MATUSZEWSKI, BRIAN** of Ithaca, NY – undergraduate sophomore majoring in industrial and labor relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Scholarship: \$2,130



**MICHALIK, THOMAS** of Aliquippa, PA – high school senior at Hopewell Senior High School, Aliquippa, PA. Scholarship: \$2,130



**SETMAJER, ALEXANDRA** of Omaha, NE – high school senior at Millard North High School, Omaha, NE. Scholarship: \$2,130



**SLUSARZ, PIOTR** of Pomona, CA – undergraduate freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA. Scholarship: \$2,130



**ZIELINSKI, JOSEPH** of Athens, OH – undergraduate sophomore majoring in history, Ohio University, Athens, OH. Scholarship: \$2,130

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT [THEKF.ORG](http://THEKF.ORG)

The screenshot shows the website interface with a navigation menu including 'ABOUT US', 'CHAPTERS', 'NEWS & EVENTS', 'GALLERY', 'PROGRAMS', 'SCHOLARSHIPS', and 'DONATE'. There are also links for 'SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS' and 'BECOME A MEMBER'. Promotional banners include 'COME MEET LECH WALESA AT THE KF BALL' and 'DIANCE THE NIGHT AWAY...'. A 'KF NEW DICTIONARY ON DVD' banner is also visible, along with a 'Follow us on facebook' link.

## CHICAGO CHAPTER



*Chicago Chapter representatives with Lech Walesa at NEIU.*

During the period May-November 2009, the activities of the Chicago Chapter included numerous in-house events as well as participation in outside happenings. In May, the Chicago Chapter was invited to the following events: an exchange agreement signing ceremony between Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago and University of Technology in Czestochowa; a meeting with Professor Adam Budnikowski, Rector of Warsaw School of Economics who visited and gave a presentation at NEIU; Chicago promotion of Alex Storozyński's book "The Peasant Prince, Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution." A book signing event took place on May 8 in the Polish Museum and in the Polish Consulate on May 9; the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Falling of Communism in Poland Celebration that took place in Chicago on May 29. The celebration consisted of two parts, an event at NEIU during which one of the university buildings was named Lech Walesa Hall, and a concert in Millennium Park in downtown Chicago. The Chicago Chapter became a founding member of Lech Walesa Fund at NEIU.



*Alex Storozyński signs his book for Justyna Jablonska, journalism student at Northwestern University, KF scholarship recipient.*

In July, the Chicago Chapter participated in a meeting with a delegation from Fundacja Kulturalna Pulsu Polonii from Australia. Discussions included how to save the name Kosciuszko Mount in Australia and about plans for *Imieniny Kosciuszki*.

In October, *Imieniny Kosciuszki* took place in the Polish Museum of America and the Chapter co-sponsored a Polish American Heritage celebration at Northeastern Illinois University on October 30.

In addition, the Chapter was visited in December by Brendan Collins, an Australian composer who recently wrote a work commemorating the life of Tadeusz Kosciuszko. The piece represents the extraordinary achievements of Kosciuszko in Poland and America and also draws a connection with Australia, by including a 'climb to the summit' of Australia's highest peak, Mount Kosciuszko.

*Submitted by Lidia Filus, KF Chicago Chapter President*



*Rector Budnikowski with SGH delegation, Sharon Habs, President of NEIU and her team, Consul General, Zygmunt Matynia and President of the Polish-American Congress, Frank Spula.*



*Chestochowa and NEIU delegation during the exchange agreement signing ceremony.*

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

During the fall 2009 and winter 2010 seasons, the activities of the Philadelphia Chapter have increased the visibility and outreach of the Kosciuszko Foundation in the City of Brotherly Love. On the first Sunday in October, the Chapter participated in the Philadelphia Pulaski Day Parade. The Chapter's contingent featured Tomasziewicz-Florio Scholarship winner Lukasz Dziurzynski, and Frances E. Wyszynski Memorial Scholarship winner Marcelina Hollender.

On Sunday, October 25, 2009, the Philadelphia Chapter hosted its first *Imieniny* Celebration for our organization's beloved namesake. With its elegant Victorian ambiance, the Silverstonestay Bed & Breakfast in Chestnut Hill comprised the perfect setting to pay tribute to Kosciuszko. Chapter Board member Yolanta Roman and her husband Romuald



*Classical guitarist Lukasz Kuropaczewski performs an outstanding recital during Kosciuszko's Imieniny Celebration.*

served as consummate hosts for the Imieniny party. Classical guitarist Lukasz Kuropaczewski delighted all with an outstanding recital. The finest Polish pastries followed a delectable dinner of Polish cuisine. Gathering with friends to observe the beautiful Polish tradition of "imieniny" and at the same time honoring the memory of Thaddeus Kosciuszko proved to be an exquisite way to spend an unforgettable autumn afternoon in Philadelphia.

Following a long-standing custom, the Philadelphia Chapter co-sponsored the Polish Poetry Reading of the Overbrook Poets Society at the Polish American Cultural Center. This year's featured artist was Juliusz Słowacki. On November 13, guests enjoyed hearing texts (poems and acts from plays) in English translation and in their original Polish.

Despite a formidable snowfall the day before, the Chapter's Annual Polish Christmas Celebration enjoyed great success on Sunday, December 20, 2009. The highlight of the event consisted of an exceptional concert by Polish violinist Kinga Augustyn. The Christmas celebration also included Christmas caroling, sharing of the *oplatek* Christmas wafer, a buffet of Polish cuisine, and basket raffle.



*Kinga Augustyn performs at the Philadelphia Chapter's Annual Polish Christmas Celebration.*

In January, the Chapter celebrated the Chopin bicentennial with a group outing to the Kimmel Center for "Keyboard Conversations: Chopin the Storyteller" by Jeffrey Siegel. Mr. Siegel coupled his performance of Chopin's works with insightful commentary which allowed audience members to gain a deeper appreciation for the compositions.

*Submitted by Chapter President, Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.*



*Chapter President Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D. and Dr. Marie Wojcik-Wolanin.*



*Imieniny Celebration.*

## WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

The Western New York Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation is pleased to announce, in cooperation with the Buffalo Philharmonic

Orchestra, a concert featuring pianist Berenika Zakrzewski. The concert will be the signature event for Western New York's celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Chopin. Berenika will perform Chopin's Piano Concerto #2, and additional pieces by Szymanowski, Karłowicz and Lutoslawski will be performed by the BPO under the baton of Maestro JoAnn Falletta. The concert is scheduled for October 23 & 24, 2010 at the historic and world renowned Kleinhans Music Hall. A private reception with Maestro Falletta, Berenika and the BPO will be hosted by the WNY Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation. Tickets will be available through the WNY Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation and at the Kleinhans Box Office.

Berenika's performances have taken her all over the world. She has appeared with the Pittsburgh Symphony and Asheville Symphony under Daniel Meyer, with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra under Jukka Pekka Saraste, the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Canada under Erich Kunzel, the Penderecki Festival Orchestra under Heinrich Schiff, the Boston Civic Symphony under Max Hobart in Jordan Hall, the Oxford Philomusica, the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the RIC Symphony Orchestra, the Bialystock Philharmonic, Sinfonia Varsovia, Camerata New York, the Poznan Philharmonic, the Canadian Chamber Orchestra, the Christ Church Orchestra, the Beethoven Academy Orchestra and the Aspen Sinfonia among others. She has given a tour of South America as a soloist with the Youth Orchestra of the Americas performing in the major concert halls of Brazil, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Costa Rica, and Argentina, including the Teatro Colon, Buenos Aires for enthusiastic audiences. She also performed at Rock Hotel Piano Fest in New York and in the Allen Room, Jazz at Lincoln Center and at the Wigmore Hall, London.

Berenika is the recipient of the prestigious Leonard Bernstein Scholarship at Harvard, the Arthur W. Foote prize of the historic Harvard Musical Association which has hosted such artists as Ferruccio Busoni, the John Knowles Paine Fellowship, and the Canada Council for the Arts Award.



*The Buffalo Philharmonic*



*Berenika Zakrzewski*

distributed by Universal Music Group and Berenika was also the international spokesperson in all media for Casio Inc., Japan's Privia – a new line of digital pianos. Her performances have been widely broadcast on television and radio, appearing on Bravo!, the CBC, City TV, YTV, MDR Germany, WCQS, and the BBC. She was a featured performer on New York radio station WQXR's McGraw Hill Young Artist Showcase, hosted by Robert Sherman. She was also London station Classic FM's

"Hot Property" on Late Night Lisa featuring the best young performers in classical music today. Berenika has been photographed by celebrity photographer Douglas Kirkland and dressed in Halston.

Berenika was the Leonard Bernstein Fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center giving performances at Tanglewood on Parade, the Festival of Contemporary Music, and the Steinway Recital series and in collaboration with the Mark Morris Dance Group at Jacob's Pillow. She was a New Horizon's Fellow at the Aspen Music Festival, and also attended the Verbier Festival, Switzerland and the International Summer Academy Mozarteum in Salzburg.

She has had the honor of being presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, performing in a gala concert at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland, being introduced in the House of Commons, performing at the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa and performing for the 40th anniversary of the Fulbright Commission.

A born performer, Berenika started piano at age 3, by 5 she already won her first piano competition and at 9 she performed as soloist with the Sault Symphony Orchestra. Coming from a northern Canadian town, she moved to New York to attend the Juilliard School and Professional Children's School at age 13. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in both Music and Government and from Christ Church, Oxford University.

*For more information please contact  
Kosciuszkofdnwny@gmail.com.*

She made a critically acclaimed live recording of the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 with Sinfonietta Cracovia under John Axelrod,

MESSAGE FROM ALEX STOROZYNSKI *continued from page 2*

That is why this year, the 70th anniversary of the Katyn Forest Massacre, the Kosciuszko Foundation is sponsoring an international conference about the Katyn Massacre at the Library of Congress on May 5.

The Foundation is putting on this conference in cooperation with the Helsinki Commission, the Cold War Studies program at Harvard University, the Memorial, a human rights group based in Moscow, and the Polish Embassy in Washington D.C. We will also display a rare collection of Katyn photographs and documents on loan from The Council to Protect the Memory of Struggle and Martyrdom.

The conference will provide a forum for political leaders, scholars, authors and human rights advocates from Poland, Russia and the United States which will help teach the U.S. Congress and the American public about this chapter of Polish history.

All of these events take a lot of time, manpower and money, and that is why we need you, our members and benefactors to help the Kosciuszko Foundation thrive in the 21st Century. Your donations to the Foundation are an investment in Polonia. Remember the Kosciuszko Foundation when you are looking for a tax deduction, when you are drafting your will, and when you are looking for what organizations to join.

I have had the good fortune that allowed me to make contributions to the Kosciuszko Foundation to pay back that scholarship that I received to attend Columbia University. And as our former grantees become successful, hopefully they will also be able to do the same to help the next generation of Polish-Americans.

John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." As Polish-Americans, we should also ask not what Polonia can do for us, but ask what we can do for Polonia.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE KF



The Kosciuszko Foundation, in conjunction with the Polish American Teachers Association, offers special programs for children that foster Polish culture, history and traditions. All programs are bilingual.



# CONTRIBUTORS *Thank you*

Making gifts to the Kosciuszko Foundation in memory of friends and relatives is a wonderful way to truly honor them and to turn warm thoughts into vital support for the Foundation's educational and cultural programs. The following memorial contributions were received by the Foundation between October 1, 2007 and December 31, 2009. Sincere thanks to these thoughtful donors.

**MRS. EDWINA ARMSTRONG**

Ms. Elyse Kazarinoff

**MR. JOZEF BANAS**

Ms. Maria Kukulaski

**MR. JAMES BARWICK**

AAT & Sons Public Relations  
Mr. and Mrs. John Busher  
Ms. Melissa M. Casamassina  
Ms. Deborah Corbo  
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dujets  
Ms. Catherine M. Fava  
Ms. Frances X. Gates  
Atty. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gore  
Mrs. Wladzia Jaworowski  
Kelaher Association, LLC  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Klosowski  
Mr. and Mrs. John and Diana Lacz  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lacz  
Ms. Susan Lacz  
Mrs. Henryka Laskowski  
Mr. and Mrs. George Leoniak  
Ms. Helen Lesnick  
Mrs. Carol E. Lewis  
Mrs. Merle McNeil  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Dorothy Pietrucha  
Mr. and Mrs. Barbara Saksenberg  
Mrs. Irene H. Seborowski  
Mr. and Mrs. James Slaughter  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sluyter  
Ms. Betsy A. Sprenkle  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Marianne Tepper  
Miss Helen Mary M. Tyszka  
Mr. and Mrs. John Urbanowicz  
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew & Irena Welenc  
Ms. Veronica Wolenski  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wolny  
Mrs. Jolanta Zawadzki  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Zonenberg

**MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH AND MARY BERESTKA**

Mrs. Bernice B. Powell

**MR. THEODORE BRY**

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Ravina  
Ms. Melissa Sachs

**MRS. FRANK BUCZEK**

Mr. Edmund Ugluk

**MR. HENRY BULAKOWSKI**

Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA

**MS. LINDA BULLARO**

Ms. Sally Perman

**MR. JAN DENISIEWICZ**

Mr. Mirek Denisiewicz

**MRS. ELAINE DOBROWSKI**

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Janine Bergeron  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Joanne McDonough  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Lisa Rege

**MRS. LORETTA J. DUNN**

Atty. Paul M. Novak

**MR. FRANCIS J. FIGIEL**

Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA

**PROFESSOR ZBIGNIEW GOLAB**

Professor Z. A. Kruszewski

**GENERAL LEO J. GOLASH, JR.**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perlak

**MRS. HELEN GRZYWNA**

Kosciuszko Foundation –  
New England Chapter

**MR. OSKAR HALECKI**

Professor Malgorzata Dabrowska

**MS. VIOLET HANNON**

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Janine Bergeron

**MRS. STELLA D. KOZAY**

Polish National Alliance of Brooklyn, USA

**MRS. HELENE S. KUBICKI**

Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Collings  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Patricia Coyne  
Mr. and Mrs. Mary and Edwin McGuire  
Swathmore College

**MS. BLANCHE MACIEJOWSKI**

Mr. Stephen Driesler

**MS. JENNIE MARCONI-JAVORSKI**

Kosciuszko Foundation –  
New England Chapter

**MR. AND MRS. JOZEF AND KATARZYNA MATUSZKO**

Ms. Victoria K. Dec

**MR. CHET MAZUR**

Ms. Patricia Mazur

**MS. ELAINE McCLESKEY**

Miss Helen Mary M. Tyszka  
Mrs. Mildred H. Tyszka

**DR. RYSZARD MICHALSKI**

Mr. and Mrs. Piotr and Barbara Boni  
Mr. William Cartwright  
Mr. Michael M. Davidson  
Mr. and Mrs. James E. and Maria E. Gentle  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Ilse Kleiman  
Mr. and Mrs. David and Janet Pelletier  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Jan Prondzinski  
Ms. Heather A. Wade  
Mr. David Wilkins

**DR. CHRIS MICHEJDA**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Christine Eissenstat  
Mr. Larry J. Keefer  
Professor George L. Morgan

**MS. ALEXANDRA MIESO**

Mr. and Mrs. Joel D. and Marjorie Chernikoff  
Ms. Joanna M. Mieso  
Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and Jane Perelli

Ms. Janet M. Szabo  
Ms. Agnes Warburton

**MR. CHRISTOPH MOHN**

Miss Helen Mary M. Tyszka

**MR. WILLIAM NARESKI, SR.**

Mrs. Kathleen Boland-Lynch  
Mr. and Mrs. James and Claire Castleman  
Centorr Vacuum Industries  
Mr. and Mrs. David and Mary Downs  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley and Stella Dynia  
Ms. Alice Gracewski  
Ms. Sophie H. Krzys  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Kuske  
Ms. Larysa McKenna  
Mr. and Mrs. William Nareski, II  
Mr. and Mrs. John F. Pohorylo  
Mr. and Mrs. William and Janice Pring  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Karen Putrimas  
Miss Helen Mary M. Tyszka  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin and Bertha Waleryszak

**MR. E. PIERCHALSKI**

Miss Helen Mary M. Tyszka

**MR. AND MRS. JOHN AND DOROTHY PLISKA**

Mr. Anton Pliska

**STANLEY JOSEPH PRYOR, ESQ.**

Mrs. Bertha Pryor

**MR. JAY RUPLE**

Miss Helen Mary M. Tyszka

**MR. STANISLAW SOBORSKI**

Mr. and Mrs. Barry and Carol Sheingold

**MR. MICHAEL SENDZIMIR**

Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates, P.C.

**MRS. CECILIA STANOWSKI**

Mrs. Jadzia Barwick

**MR. JOSEPH J. URBANCZYK**

Ms. Joanne Hirsch

**MS. SOPHIA WACHTEL**

Dr. Anna M. Cienciala

**MR. JOHN WCISLO, SR.**

Dr. Janice Mitchell  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Cassie Urban

**MRS. STEFIE A. WCISLO**

Mr. Ladislav Pfeifer  
Peter M. Zeman, M.D.

**MS. MARY ANN WIECZERZAK**

Ms. Frances X. Gates  
Mrs. Wladzia Jaworowski

**MR. JAN WROBEL**

Mr. and Mrs. Davor and Elizabeth A. Skrabonja

**MRS. ADELE ZIMINSKI**

Ms. Jill Ratain  
Mr. Leonard A. Wood

# 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.



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 over 80% of the remaining benefits! If bequeathed to the Foundation, these funds would escape both income and estate taxes, and reduce your taxable estate.

## 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

## 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, which may change from time to time. 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.**

CUT HERE AND RETURN IN ENVELOPE PROVIDED.



I would like more information on making a planned gift to the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Please contact me at my:

- address
- telephone number
- e-mail address

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DEBUTANTE LUNCHEON

World Yacht Marina, New York  
Sunday, March 28, 12 Noon

### 61<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CHOPIN PIANO COMPETITION

David Dubal, Jury Chair  
Friday, April 9-10, 10AM  
\$25/\$15 KF Members

### 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DINNER AND BALL

Saturday, April 24, 7pm  
Waldorf=Astoria, New York City  
For more info, call the KF at 212-734-2130

### LAUREN SKUCE, SOPRANO MARIJA STROKE, PIANO

*Chamber Music Series*  
Sunday, May 2, 3 PM  
\$25/\$15 KF Members

### LARA NIE, MEZZO-SOPRANO

*Chamber Music Series*  
Sunday, May 23, 3 PM  
\$25/\$15 KF Members

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

## THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

*The American Center of Polish Culture*  
15 East 65<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10065  
Tel. (212) 734-2130  
Fax: (212) 628-4552  
e-mail: [info@thekf.org](mailto:info@thekf.org)

### **Washington, D.C. Office**

2025 "O" Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
Tel. (202) 785-2320  
Fax: (202) 785-2159

### **Warsaw Office**

Nowy Swiat 4/118  
00-497 Warsaw, Poland  
Tel./Fax +48(22) 621-7067  
e-mail: [Kosciuszko@send.pl](mailto:Kosciuszko@send.pl)

### **Joseph E. Gore, Esq.**

Chairman of the Board of Trustees

### **Alex Storozyński**

President and Executive Director

### **William J. Nareski**

Vice-Chairman and Treasurer

### **Wanda M. Senko**

Vice-Chairman

### **Cynthia Rosicki, Esq.**

Vice-Chairman

### **Henry C. Walentowicz, Esq.**

Corporate Secretary

The Kosciuszko Foundation Newsletter©  
is published for its members.

## THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION

15 East 65th Street  
New York, NY 10065

*To save a tree, would you be  
willing to receive an e-mail copy  
of this newsletter? If so, send an  
e-mail to [info@thekf.org](mailto:info@thekf.org)*

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit #79  
Hackensack,  
NJ 07601