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Pope John Paul II Mass from 1







Yola Tensor

Veterans and Polish Scouts bring gifts to the altar





Kazimierz Cybulski



feels that God is tired of talk radio and made a reference to the firing of Don Imus. The Pope always built people up. We need to replace doubt with love. Every day people come to the Cathedral to see God. The Pope called everyone to see God.

In conclusion, Monsignor told the gathering to celebrate the faith you have today and believe that Jesus has risen from the dead.

The offertory was accompanied by "Cantique de Jean Racine", played by Mr. Grab and sung by the quartet. The Communion hymn was "Take Peace" by Christina Whitten and performed by the Quartet. Yolanta Tensor sang "Pie Jesu."

Before the Recessional, PAC-SoCal President Richard Wideryñski addressed the congregation. He thanked the Monsignor for the use of the Cathedral and all who helped. He stated that the Pope was a Superstar. He hopes for a speedy recognition of the great deeds of John Paul II. Monsignor Kostelnik closed in saying he looks forward to the beatification of Pope John Paul in Rome.

Thanks to the efforts of Richard Wideryński and all who made this event possible – not only for the Polish Community, but for all of the other Catholics in the Los Angeles area.

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The Polish Club of Laguna's Woods 7th Anniversary and Easter Celebration

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Vocalists Anna Kwiatkowska and Maciej Bujnowicz

Pianist Szymon Grab



The Polish Club of Laguna Woods celebrated its 7th Anniversary together with its traditional Polish Easter luncheon on Saturday, April 14, 2007 in Clubhouse Seven at 12:00 noon. The Club President, Irena Głowacka-Lawyer, warmly welcomed all members, sponsors and guests to the celebration. Mr. Ron Raridon, the Club Secretary, then gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The honored guests were introduced by Mrs. Głowacka-Lawyer as follows:

President Irena Glowacka-Lawyer Mr. Marek Żebrowski, Director of the Polish Music Center at the USC Thornton School of Music; Mr. & Mrs. Klazura, he is a historian and speaker; Mr.& Mrs. Cepielik, publishers of the News of Polonia in California, and Mrs. Alba Woodell, docent of the Museum of Latin America and professor of Spanish language. Ms. Paulina Kapuścińska, Consul of the Consulate General Republic of Poland in Los Angeles, could not be with us today, but she sent best wishes to the members of the Club.

All members were then invited to participate in the sharing of blessed Easter eggs – a national tradition. Representing the symbol of life, the sliced eggs were shared along with wishes to each other for good health, prosperity, and happiness for the coming year. A wonderful Polish Easter Buffet included gourmet delicacies of varied cold meats and sausages, herring in sour cream, smoked salmon, deviled eggs, salad, and the traditional relish, "ćwikla", of horseradish and red beets. The scrumptious buffet was prepared and decorated by Eliza Ozog and was enjoyed by all. Good wishes along with excellent Polish vodka continued to be shared among members and guests.

Mrs. Głowacka-Lawyer introduced the members of the Board of Directors and presented a brief overview of the Club and its programs. The Polish Club of Laguna Woods was established in 2000 as a social group that promotes friendship and fellowship among its members interested in Polish culture and traditions. Since its inception seven years ago, the Club has experienced a modest but steady growth reaching a participation of over 70 members and sponsors. On a somber note, this year the Club lost two beloved members: Artur Zygmont and Zbigniew Janczur. They will be missed.

She then highlighted a few of the varied programs of the past year. In September the Club commemorated the 67th anniversary of the beginning of World War II with a sharing of childhood memories of the war.

October was full of activities recognizing the vital contributions of the Polish people to America. The City of Laguna Woods presented to the Club a Proclamation of Polish American Heritage Month October 2006. Mr. Barry Klazura gave a presentation on "The Resurrection of Poland 1919 and 1989 and Beyond." There was a superb concert of Polish music by Marek Żebrowski, Director of the Polish Music Center at the USC Thornton School of Music. Mrs. Głowacka-Lawyer thanked both Mr. Klazura and Mr. Żebrowski for their continued support of the Club.

The Club celebrated Wigilia, Christmas Eve Dinner, one of the most beautiful old traditional festivities, with many friends and family. The Club began the year 2007 with a Polish film about the life of Chopin and in February 2007 the Club sponsored a health education program on modern dentistry, specifically dental implants, given by Dr. Bruce M. Glover.

The Polish Club sponsors the Academic Foundation "POLONIA" in Southern California, which is a non-profit organization to provide help to the Polish students and academicians from Poland during their studies at universities in South California. Contribution are tax-deductible. The foundation extends its gratitude to the sponsors for their generous donations.

The Club has planned the following future programs: On May 6 the Club is sponsoring a trip to the International Cottages at San Diego's Balboa Park. The House of Poland will present a program commemorating Poland's May 3rd Constitution. The next meeting of the Polish Club will be Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 11 a.m. in Clubhouse 6. For more information, call 949 206-9122.

The Club is also organizing a cruise to Alaska in August. If interested, please contact our Club Secretary and travel expert Ron Raridon at 949 770-9133.

Mrs. Głowacka-Lawyer credited the success of the Club during the past year to the commitment, contributions, and creativity of its members and sponsors and thanked everyone for their support. She also thanked her wonderful family for all their support and help, especially her beloved grandson Kevin, who played piano at our Christmas Eve Dinner.

Special thanks were given to those whose contributions were outstanding during the past year. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented Mr. & Mrs. Cepielik, publishers of the News of Polonia in California, for their continued support of our Club by the News of Polonia. Mr. Ron Raridon and Mrs. Bozena Saduddin were presented a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication, outstanding service and friendship.

All enjoyed the gourmet lunch of lamb or salmon prepared by Yolanda and served with wine donated by Dr. & Mrs. Kerza-Kwiatecki. The final course was a delicious and beautiful anniversary cake served with champagne donated by Mr. Ron Raridon to celebrate the seven successful years of the Polish Club of Laguna Woods.

Mr. Żebrowski , Director of the Polish Music Center, introduced the Polish Opera singers Anna Kwiatkowska – soprano and Maciej Bujnowicz – bass baritone, accompanied by the pianist Szymon Grab. The program ranged from operas to musicals and demonstrated the spectacular ability of these young Polish students who are pursuing graduate programs at UCLA. This musical performance by Polish students was a wonderful contribution to the celebration of the 7th Anniversary and traditional Polish Easter of the Club. The Academic Foundation "POLONIA" in Southern California provided a grant to help further the education of these young artists.

For more information about the programs of Polish Club of Laguna Woods, call 949-206-97122.