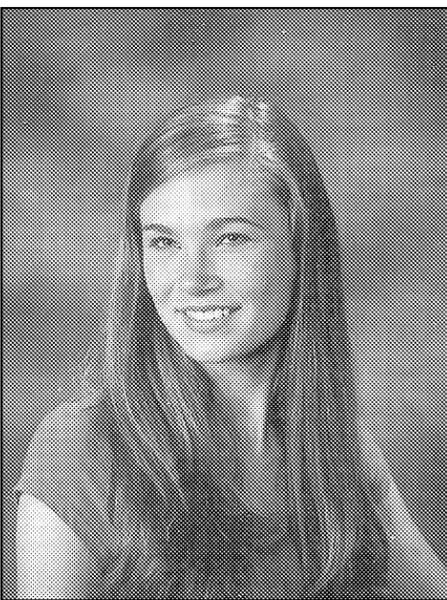


Skalny Scholarships awarded

By: *Marion Winters*

Two Louis & Nellie Skalny Scholarships for Polish Studies were awarded for 2007 by the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). Committee Chairperson Ursula Brodowicz reported that the Skalny Scholarships Committee, including President Debbie Majka, Ange Iwanczyk and Marion Winters, awarded \$1,000 scholarships to two outstanding applicants, Natalia Maska and Sylvia Pierzak.

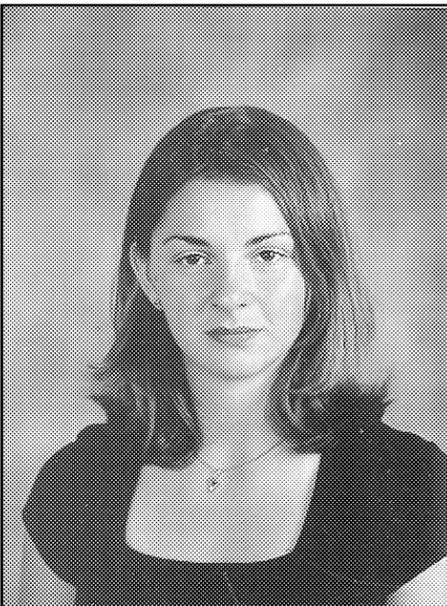
Natalia Maska



attends the University of Michigan and is pursuing a double major in Cellular and Molecular Biology and Polish Studies. She plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Health Administration and Policy. Natalia has maintained an exemplary academic record with University Honors. Bogdana Carpenter, Professor of Polish Comparative Literature, writes that "Natalia thrives on intellectual challenges and often selects ambitious topics for her papers." Other awards that she has garnered include the Michigan Merit Award and the Gold Presidential Award for her 600 hours of community service. Natalia has been a Polish Girl Scout in the Polish Scouting Organization for eight years and has achieved leader status. Recently, she took part in the World Polish Scouting Jamboree in Maryland. She has also been a Polish folk dancer for eleven years and is an active member of the University of Michigan Polish Club.

President of the Friends of Polish Art, will be presenting the \$1,000 check on behalf of the ACPC to Natalia Maska at a club function.

Sylvia Teresa Pierzak



attends the University of Connecticut, NEAG School of Education and plans to pursue a career in education. Currently, her concentration is in Secondary Education with specialization in English. Academic honors include semesters on the Dean's List and the New England Scholar Award for two consecutive years. Sylvia has been involved in many areas of the community as a volunteer. Polish course work has included involvement in the creation of two books in the Polish Special Topics course covering

Polish University Club of Los Angeles Celebrates 60th Anniversary

By: *Betsy Cepielik*



Ladies - L. Anna Jarosiewicz, Kristin Kozłowska, Maureen Dragan, Julia Domaradzka L. Stan Skimina, Muchal Uchymiak, Gregory Elenbaas, Arthur Szczepanek, Kevan Akrami

On June 17 (Father's Day) the Polish University Club of Los Angeles celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a luncheon banquet. The event was held in the parish hall of the Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church, in Los Angeles.

The banquet was preceded by a special mass in the church. The guests then proceeded to the parish hall. Club President Artur Prejna welcomed the guests and invited them to partake in appetizers prepared by the Truty family's European Deli. Background music was provided by Judy Reiter playing the harp.

Father Bogdan Molenda of the Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church gave the luncheon blessing. A delicious luncheon of chłodnik, beefsteak with mushrooms, chicken de volai, potatoes, beets, and cucumber salad was prepared by cateress extraordinaire Teresa Turek and served by members of the club and the scholarship recipients. A special Polish dessert was prepared by Ana Prejna. Artur Prejna prepared and presented a PUC slide show.

Next it was time for entertainment. Kristin Kozłowski (scholarship recipient) and her partner Nathan Burroughs (professional ballroom dancers) skillfully performed the Santa Maria Tango. Anna Jaroszewicz (another recipient) and her brother Artur Jaroszewicz treated the guests to a very lively Krakowiak. Recipient Greg Elenbaas read his autobiographical sketch.

Then it was time for the presentations of ten scholarships, by Dr. Maya Trochimczyk (scholarship chair) and Paul Kaymark (Treasurer.) Scholarships were awarded to the following deserving students:

Maureen Dragan – Potasz Memorial Scholarship – Psy.D. – Pepperdine University

Gregory Ellenbaas – Bruzdowicz Memorial Scholarship – B.A., Urban Studies,

University of California, Berkeley

Anna Jaroszewicz – B.A., Psychology and Economics, University of California, Berkeley

Arthur Szczepanek – Past President's Scholarship--B.A., Economics, Stanford University

Kevan Akrami – Polish Center Scholarship – MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Michal Uchymiak – PhD, Chemical Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles

Kristin Kozłowski – BA, Business and Accounting, Cal Poly, San Louis Obispo

Julia Domaradzka – MSC, Mathematical Finance, University of Southern California

Stan Skimina – MBA, University of Southern California.

Catherine Sobolewski – B.A. Communications, University of California, Santa Barbara,

MA, Media and Journalism, CSUN

Teresa Dudzick, Vice President, conducted a raffle of numerous prizes, followed by the grand prize drawing by Anna Prejna, Membership Chair and Andrzej Prejna, Historical Chair. Closing remarks were given by Artur Prejna.

During the event caricatures were drawn by artist Christian Zamorano.

Centerpieces were donated by Dr. Maya Trochimczyk and arranged by Anna Prejna.

This was a very successful and memorable event.

Sto lat to the Polish University Club and wishes for many successful years ahead. □

three semesters. One book is a collection of twenty biographies written in Polish and English about famous Poles in Hollywood, in which Sylvia assisted with the translation. The other project is a book, created by her Professor Magdalena Szelc-Mays for beginning speakers of the English language, to which Sylvia contributed translations. This latter book will be used by the Professor with her students in Krakow, Poland. Sylvia is an active member in the Polish Club at the University, and has taught Polish folk dancing and songs to children, including teenagers, at a club in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Florence Langridge, President of the Polish Cultural Club of Greater Hartford, will formally present the \$1,000 check on behalf of the ACPC to Sylvia Teresa Pierzak at a Club function.

Both Sylvia and Natalia plan to attend the summer program at the Jagiellonian University in Poland this year.

For information about the Skalny Scholarships for Polish Studies and other scholarship and cultural programs of the American Council for Polish Culture, please visit

www.polishcultureacpc.org. □



Janek's Corner

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Welcome to Poznań Part 1

As summer vacation is approaching fast, I would like to broaden your mind with another hot destination that would enable you to come back to the land of your predecessors. This article is intended to encourage you to pack your stuff in order to arrive in the beautiful city of Poznań, the capital of the Great Poland Province (*Wielkopolska*), which will familiarize you with a great history of Poland, i.e. the inception of the state – the Christianization of Mieszko I, the development of statehood, and the times under Prussian Partition. Poznań is also surrounded by a number of very unique towns that will keep you entertained through your stay in this Great Polish Province. Let's see what Poznań has to offer for every generation.

Accommodations

Accommodations in Poznań are available whereas they will suit everyone's taste. Poznań has everything from a five-star Sheraton, to the Old-Town-Square-based hotels, to small but cozy hotels outside the city center which will allow you to drive freely around the Province, to motels, camping sites, and other points of interest. The prices vary from one place to another due to the prestige of the location and the comfort at a hotel (stars designations). You can also choose accommodations in nearby towns outside of the city. Mind you, the price of hotels might increase during the trade fair which takes place at The Poznań International Trade Fair, one of the biggest fairs in the country related to various trades.

Main attractions

Poznań is a vibrant community which vaunts a load of monuments and "must-see" spots. Not only is it regarded around the world as a Prussian city with its fascinating architecture and the history left after the communist occupation, but it is also believed to be developing economically, academically, and geographically, having grown to be a target destination of many businesses.

The Old Town Square (Stary Rynek)



This splendid area located in the heart of the city represents the blossom of Poznań. With its gem of Renaissance, City Hall (Ratusz), believed to be "the most beautiful Renaissance building North of the Alps," Stary Rynek attracts the eyes of tourists as well as the locals who choose it to be their original fun area where they sit in one of the "ogródeks." Each day at noon two miniature goats on a platform appear on the City Hall's tower and ram their heads twelve times.

The Imperial Castle (Zamek Cesarski) – built for the German Emperor, William II, and reconstructed during World War II, it now houses the cultural institution called "Centrum Kultury Zamek" (Cultural Center "Zamek") which organizes a great deal of

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