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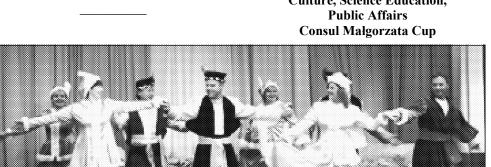
San Diego, Krakusy dancers from Los Angeles.

Polish School Director Elizabeth Rudzińska, with the assistance of Consul Cup, awarded diplomas to the students of the Polish School. There was an essay contest on the Polish Constitution, and certificates given for that.

It was a very well varied program. Congratulations to Michael Dutkowski and all who helped him to make the festival a huge success. □



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Polonez from San diego



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The month of June always ushers in not only the beginning of summer but also many pecial events and celebrations which are traditional for that month. Weddings anniversaries, graduations, reunions, vacations - are only a few of the many happenings crowding everyone's June calendar and keeping us excited and busy. The community of Pope John Paul II Polish Center in Yorba Linda has had their fair share of those traditional June events and has been celebrating them all with joy.

After the recent May Crowning (Nabożeństwo Majowe) and First Communion of eight children, the Center's Community was ready for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Boże Ciało), which was celebrated with Holy Mass and the traditional procession following the Blessed Sacrament to four beautifully decorated altars. The ringing of the bells from the Center's tower and the singing of the "Te Deum Laudamus" proclaimed to the surrounding neighborhood in Yorba Linda that the Polish Center's Catholic Community was celebrating something very solemn and special: The Most Holy Body and Blood of

The bells were also ringing for the end of the year and the graduation ceremony at the Helena Modrzejewska Polish School. Eighty happy children said good-bye to the books, and to their teachers who so diligently helped them through the year with learning the Polish language, history, geography, traditions and religion. Happy vacations!

On Sunday June 14th Pope John Paul II Polish Center in Yorba Linda hosted "The 10th Proud to be Polish Festival". This annual event was sponsored by the Polish American Congress; Polish American Congress & Charities of Southern California / Orange Chapter; ZNP - Polish National Alliance "Piast" Lodge 3259, and Helena Modrzejewska Polish School. The Festival, under the capable direction of Michael Dutkowski and his Committee, gathered many people from neighboring areas and was enjoyed by all who attended.





Many received awards for their contributions to the Polish community



Children received awards for participating in an essay contest, school certificates, and prizes donated by the Polish American Congress

The festivities started with the celebration of the Holy Mass with intentions for Poland and Polonia. Lunch, catered by the Turek Family followed. The history of Poland and Pope John Paul II, and art exhibits by Southern California Polish artists were admired by everyone. "Polanie" "Krakusy" and "Polonez" Dance ensembles entertained audience with the beautifully performed folk dances. Students of the Polish School delighted everyone with the performance of 2 Plays and the singing of Polish songs which received thunderous applause. There were interesting stands with books, gifts, academic advisors, food and drinks and "POLAM".

Special Awards were a part of the Festival program. The Honorable Małgorzata Cup, Consul RP in Los Angeles for the Education, Public & Cultural Affairs awarded Certificates of Appreciation (Dyplomy Uznania) to long time volunteers, artists, sponsors, supporters and organizers of the Festival, as well as to some school children for their achievements. A friendly atmosphere and high spirits prevailed not only at the Bar "U Trzech Budrysów" but everywhere at the Festival. Everybody enjoyed the festivities and felt even more proud to be Polish! Hats off and many thanks to the tireless organizer, Michael Mietek Dutkowski and his Committee! Job well done!

MARYJO, KRÓLOWO **POLSKI, JESTEM PRZY** TOBIE, PAMIĘTAM, CZUWAM...

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Maryjo Królowo Polski Hołd Ci dziś w darze składamy, W modlitwach do Ciebie Matko Naszą Ojczyznę zlecamy. Miej Matko pieczę nad Polską, Ochraniaj wierny Ci Ród Piastowy, Dodaj nam męstwa, daj wiarę nową, Czuwaj nad nami Polski Królowo. Ty Częstochowska i Ostrobramska, Matko walecznych warszawskich dzieci, Patronko dzielnej Solidarności; Niech głos serc polskich w niebo dziś

Kiedy nad Polskę ściągały chmury I wróg nam zabrał wolność i pokój, Królowo Polski, Ty z Jasnej Góry Strzegłaś swe dzieci na każdym kroku. Hetmanko nasza, nasza ostojo, Panienko Święta, piękna jak wiosna, Ty nam królujesz nad Częstochową, Tyś nam zwycięstwo i chwałę niosła. Historia Polski piękna tkanina, Choć zabarwiona bólem, krzyżami, Cierpieniem ojców i matek trwogą, W Twojej koronie łzy te perłami. Wstaw się za kraj nasz do Twego Syna, Któremu wierność głosim dozgonną, Proś Go by w Polsce miłość rządziła. Módl się za nami Czarna Madonno.

Z Marjackiej wierzy, Gdańska, Kalwarii, W szumie Bałtyku, w karpackim wietrze, Jak świat szeroki brzmi imię Marji, Gdzie żyje Polak chwali Cię przecie. Jutrzenko maja, Bogarodzico! Niech pieśń ta płynie po polskich łanach, Błogosław kraj nasz Świeta Dziewico, Orędowniczko, Matko kochana! My Twoje dzieci, Królowo Polski,

Patronko nasza, dziś i na wieki! Hołd Ci składamy, wierność i miłość, W Ojczyźnie naszej, w krajach dalekich!