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### Polish American Congress and Charities of Southern California - Orange Co., ZNP- Polish National Alliance "PIAST" Group Helena Modrzejewska School

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Invite members of Polonia to the **Proud to be Polish Festival**  
Pope John Paul II Polish Center  
3999 Rose Dr., Yorba Linda  
Sun., June 13, 10:30 am - 6:00 pm

#### Festival's Program:

10:30 am - Holy Mass  
noon - 1:15 - Polish Lunch by Turek Catering  
1:45 - 3:30 pm Polish Folk Dancers,

#### Poetry & music.

Paint with us - Janina Pazdan.

3:30 - 4:30 Chess Contest.

#### Invited Artists

**Soft Sculpture:** Alicja Bobrowska;

**Tapestry:**

Monique Chmielewska-Lehman, Barbara Michnicka-Rybczyńska;

**Paintings:** Janina Pazdan, Hanna Ptaszyńska-Wiktorowska, Barbara Śniegocka, Mariola Pains

**Exhibits:** Stanisław Czarnota, Michael Dutkowski, Jadwiga Inglis, Rafał Jędrzejczak, Viola Turek.

**Selling pastry, amber, books, gifts.**

**Lottery and much more!**

Bar: Polish beer, wine, soda & drinks  
Contests and fun for everyone!

**Please join us at the**

**11th Proud to be Polish Festival**

### Kościusko Inspires Friendship with Honor at West Point



The statue of Kościusko at West Point overlooking the Hudson River

On April 30th and May 1st the American Association of the Friends of Kościusko at West Point (AAFKWP) conducted the seventh scholarly Kościusko Conference, Observance and Commemoration that united Polish Americans, Lithuanian Americans, and all American friends of Thaddeus Kościusko. The weekend of events also included the 600th anniversary year commemoration of the July 15, 1410 Battle of Grunwald/Zalgiris/Tannenberg as well as the 264th anniversary year of the birth of Kościusko.

As a point of interest, the Kościusko Monument at West Point was dedicated by the Corps of Cadets of the United States Military Academy on July 4, 1828, thereby making it the world's second oldest monument to Kosciusko after that of the earthen-constructed Kościusko Mound (Kopiec Kościuszki) of Krakow, Poland that had been completed in 1823.

The AAFKWP decided that 2010 was the perfect year for such a confluence of two commemorations. In 1410 Polish and Lithuanian forces joined together to defend the honor and integrity of Poland and Lithuania from the unwanted incursions of the Teutonic Knights at the Battle of Grunwald/Zalgiris/Tannenberg. The victory of Poland and Lithuania in that Battle, and the legacy of Kościusko are two things that Poland and Lithuania have in common. Both the victory and Kościusko display the advantages of cooperation and the achievements possible when committed to friendship with honor.

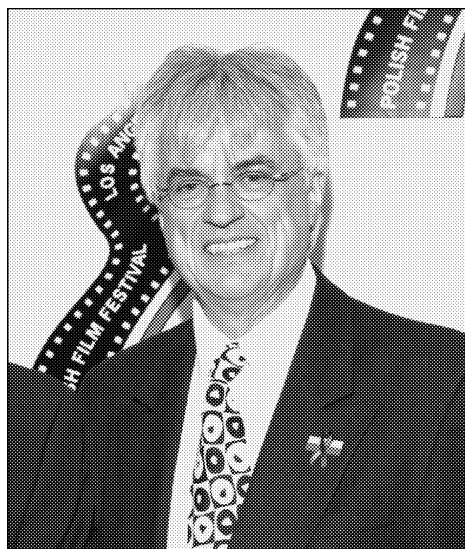
In 2007 for the first time in history, Poland and Lithuania celebrated their joint constitution - the May 3rd Constitution of 1791, the second written democratic constitution of its kind in the world, the first having been America's, ratified just four years previous.

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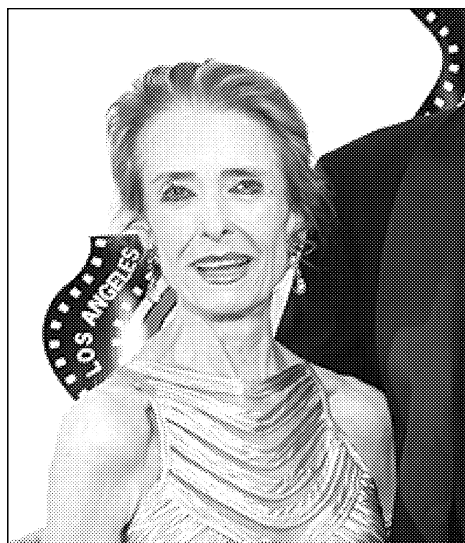
### Eleventh Annual Polish Film Festival in Los Angeles

By: *Betsy Cepielik*



Wlodek Juskiewicz

Founder and Organizer of the Film Festival



Actress Margaret O'Brien Officially opened the Film Festival

In the words of Consul General Joanna Kozińska-Frybes, "the biggest and most recognized Polonia event on the West Coast of the United States is the Los Angeles Polish Film Festival." This year the gala grand opening was held on April 20, at the historic Graumans Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood. Although the crowd was in good spirits, the mood was somewhat somber due to the recent airplane disaster and death of most of Poland's government officials. Many of the actors and directors were unable to arrive in time, due to the Icelandic volcano and cancellation of flights.

The event began with a reception in the courtyard of the elegant Egyptian Theatre. A sumptuous buffet was served by Turek Catering and cocktails were provided by Król Vodka and Mascarade. The festival program was opened by Zbigniew Banas, the MC for the evening. He introduced Wlodek Juskiewicz, founder/Director and driving force of the festival.

Consul General Joanna Kozińska-Frybes read to the audience a letter by Magdalena Bochenek written in memory of her mother, the Vice Marshall of the Polish Senate Krystyna Bochenek who

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### Younger Generation Fills Large Shoes

By: *Eliza Skwarużyńska*



Consul General Joanna Kozińska-Frybes

The existence of a constitution brings equality. Equality in the world is what everyone wishes for, what everyone dreams about. On May 3, 1791, the Polish nation was the first in Europe to reflect its desire to make this dream a reality through the signing of their Constitution - a document of civil liberty, binding the government's responsibilities to its people. Sharing the same devotion to freedom and liberty manifested in the Constitution of the United States of America, Poles to this day continue celebrating this memorable occasion.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010, the 219<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this blessing, several generations of Poles gathered to commemorate our dedication to our Country's freedom. This day was also established as "Dzień Polonii i Polaków za Granicą" - a day to recognize the patriotism and achievements of Poles living outside of Poland. On this day, Polish scouts, veterans, and other parishioners of Our Lady of the Bright Mount Church stood together following mass, singing patriotic songs in memory of our fight for freedom and honoring the strength of our Nation.

As a member of the younger generation, I can sense and see the passion of my elders when they represent their country. I believe it is their desire that we continue to be ambassadors for Poland amidst our friends, our schools; to show the pride in what we've grown up to believe in and to be involved with our country as often as possible. This feeling of pride and unity with our nation was especially tangible in the aftermath of the tragedy of the plane crash that killed the Polish president and over 90 other Polish dignitaries. My fellow Polish scouts and I were called to serve our nation within hours of the tragedy, and we proudly stood guard multiple times, at multiple masses, to actively participate in the memorial services.

Consulate-General of the Republic of Poland, Joanna Kozińska-Frybes, has a vision for the younger generation. In her speech at the end of mass, she turned our attention to the ideals of love, unity, and future. She sees in us a continuity of the principles of the generations before us, and hopes we continue to represent and love our country, to cultivate its traditions and honor its history. To this end, she dedicated an award including a scholarship towards a trip to Poland and a week-long participation in a Polish scout

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