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Stained glass window created by
F. Zettler (1878-1911) in the German
Church in Gamla Stan in Stockholm

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Deadline for articles is April 1
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Deadline for articles is July 1

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Dear Members,

A New Year begins and with this first issue of Glos Polek in 2012, we have some new plans and features we'd like share with our members and readers. New beginnings are both exciting and hopeful, and my wishes to all of you and your families are that the coming year be full of God's graces and blessings – as well as full of excitement and hope!

We very happy to announce the PWA Gift Card Program that will be a new source of income for PWA in support of our many charitable and educational activities. Purchase Gift Cards from a large selection of major retailers through PWA, and we will get a percentage of the dollar value of each card you buy. Use the Gifts Cards to pay for your daily necessities or to give as gifts. It's a great way to support PWA while shopping for the things you normally do. Details and Order Form are on pages 11, 12 and 13.

We are also announcing a new insurance plan, the PWA Estate Builder, and a new insurance promotion, the PWA Valentine’s Day Special. Insurance continues to be the foundation of our organization, so please be sure to take advantage of these attractive offers.

In the Glos Polek, we would like to introduce a number of new features going forward: A Healthy Living Column that will cover topics about how to live longer and better; a Potpourri Column where we can collect tips, recipes, jokes, and ideas from our readers; and a column for PWA members to share their PWA memories and experiences, called Once a PWA Member, Always a PWA Member. Space is limited in our newsletter, so we won't be able to print everything each time, but we hope to increase the space as our membership grows (with your help!)

Please write to me with your questions, ideas, and concerns, and we will print those that are of general interest, as space allows. You do not have to sign your name, if you prefer not to. We also hope to expand our website in 2012 and would like to make it more interesting and interactive for members and prospective members of all ages.

Councils and Groups, if you have events scheduled for the coming year, I would be happy to attend your functions. This would give me the opportunity to meet your members. Please let me know how I can be of help to you. And please be sure to send announcements of your functions to our Calendar of Events.

Finally, this is our Scholarship issue and I would like to congratulate our 2011-2012 Scholarship Recipients and wish them well in their future endeavors. Commitment to higher education has been a mission of PWA for over 100 years and I would like to make a special appeal to all members, especially to past PWA Scholarship Recipients who are now working in their chosen professions, to help continue this tradition. I would like to announce a Dollars for Scholars fundraising campaign. I need your help and I hope you will open your hearts and your wallets and send me a dollar (or more) to assist our members with defraying at least part of the prohibitive cost of a college education. Please use the Dollars for Scholars coupon on page 19.

On a related note, we would like to to start a PWA Professional Directory. PWA members who are now working in their chosen professions can serve as mentors to our younger members in high school or college and share with them “What I wish I had known back then.” Please send us your name, profession, telephone number, and email address, and we will start a Directory online in the coming months. See page 22.

It will be an exciting New Year here at PWA and I look forward to hearing from you. Please write to me at the Home Office address on page 2, adding Attention: Office of the President.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, a Happy Spring, and a very Happy and Blessed Easter.

Fraternally,

Delphine Huneycutt
National President
The Installation of National Officers elected at the 36th National Convention of Polish Women’s Alliance of America held in Springfield, Massachusetts in August 2011, took place on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at the Marriott O’Hare in Chicago.

The Installation Banquet was the opportunity for PWA members and friends of PWA to meet the new officers, say goodbye to the outgoing officers, and congratulate the new National Board and the new District Presidents.

Outgoing National Officers include President Virginia Sikora, who is now Honorary President, and National Directors Marcia Mackiewicz Duffy and Helen Simmons. Vice President Sharon Zago served as Acting Vice President through December.

The Mistress of Ceremonies at the Banquet was PWA member and Illinois Appellate Court Judge Aurelia Pucinski. Other guests included Mary Anselmo, President of PAC IL Division; James Robaczewski, Secretary-Treasurer of PRCUA; Larry Chlum, President of PNA Bank; and Teresa Buckner, First Vice President Alliance of Polish Clubs. Entertainment was provided by the PRCUA Polonia Dance Ensemble.

Vice President Elected

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, the District Presidents, National Directors and two National Officers elected Sharon Zago as Vice President of PWA. Votes were counted by Retired Honorable Judge James Murphy, Cook County Circuit Court. Congratulations to Sharon.

Photo above shows President Delphine Huneycutt administering the oath of office to Vice President Sharon Zago.

The New National Board of Polish Women’s Alliance of America

Seated from left, Honorary President Helen V. Wojcik, Acting Vice President Sharon Zago, National President Delphine Huneycutt, Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette L. Trela, and Honorary President Virginia Sikora. Standing from left, National Directors Felicia S. Perlick, Mary L. Derwinski, Mistress of Ceremonies Aurelia Pucinski, and National Directors Dawn Muszynski Nelson and Czeslawa Kolak.

District Presidents at the Installation Banquet

Seated from left, District I President Lidia Filus, District V President Mary Ann Nowak, District XIII President Mary Anne Wilk, Former District XIII President Alicia Van Laar, and District XIV President Cheryl A. Hillard. Standing from left, District VI President Diane Reeve, Former District VII President Irene Honc-Jadlos, District VII President Grazyna Buczek, Former District VIII President Sylvia Morytko, District VIII President Alvira C. Balut, District IX President Sophie Marshall, District XI President Bernadette Vlock, and Former District XIV President Helen Lopez.
District I Oplatek Celebration

The annual Christmas celebration in District I took place on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the House of the White Eagle, Niles, Illinois. Every year, PWA members and guests come together to break Oplatek with one another, exchange wishes, sing koledy, and partake of a traditional Wigilia luncheon. The proceeds from the event and from the raffle benefited the District I Scholarship Fund and the Wojcik District I Endowment Fund. District I President Lidia Filus greeted the guests and acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. Special guests included National President Delphine Huneycutt, Acting Vice President Sharon Zago, Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela, and National Directors Mary Derwinski, Dawn Muszynski-Nelson and Czeslawa Kolak, as well as officers and members from District III Indiana and District VI Wisconsin.

Council 27 Installation of Officers

On Saturday, December 3, 2011, Council 27 held its annual Election of Officers meeting at the PWA Home Office. The following officers were elected to serve for 2011/2012, from right: Bo Padowski, President; Helena Martinez, Vice President; Maryla Folmer, Treasurer; and Karen Kielar, Recording Secretary. Honorary President of PWA Virginia Sikora at far right administered the oath of office to the newly elected officers.

Winner of 2010 “Sail Away” Membership Contest

Bernadette Vlock, President of District XI Nebraska, was the winner of last year’s Sail Away Membership Contest. The grand prize was a Caribbean cruise for two. Bernadette and her husband John flew from Omaha to Orlando, FL, on May 13, 2011, where they departed from Port Canaveral on the cruise ship *Monarch of the Seas*. Stops on the cruise included Coco Cay and Nassau in the Bahamas, where Bernadette and John enjoyed a ride on a glass-bottom boat and a tour of the island. Their return was on May 19th, which was Bernadette’s birthday. It was a memorable cruise, Bernadette says, and a very special birthday and she thanks PWA for the wonderful experience. And we thank Bernadette for her hard work in signing up new members and congratulate her again on winning the Sail Away Contest!

Council 27 Christmas Party for Children

On Saturday, December 3, 2011, Council 27 held its annual Christmas Party for Children at the PWA Home Office Social Hall. Over 70 guests were in attendance, including 31 children from groups in Council 27. A magician entertained the children as they waited for Santa to arrive. Pizza and treats were served. Event organizers were Bo Padowski, Virginia Sikora, Antoinette Trela, Maryla Folmer, and Grace Dubowski. Santa’s helpers were Alex Vander Noot and Matthew Stadnicki, a role they have filled with great charm and humor for a number of years. Thanks to all who made this event a success for the children, parents, and grandparents alike.
Council 9 Christmas Party for Children

The annual Council 9 Christmas Party for Children was held on Saturday, December 17, 2011, at St. John Brebeuf’s Flannagan Hall in Niles, Illinois. Over 90 guests, including 24 children, gathered to celebrate with games, crafts, carols, and of course a visit from Santa. Each child received a gift and a home-cooked Polish dinner was enjoyed by the families in attendance. A raffle was held. Event Chairperson was Lillian Cook. Council President Laura Pawlowski was a special guest.

Group 763 Outing

Group 63 of Baltimore, MD, District XII organized an outing to the Urbana Volunteer Fire House on November 5, 2011. Urbana, Maryland, is home to the historic Landon House, which was built in 1754 in Virginia along the Rappahannock River and relocated to Urbana in 1840. A total of 39 PWA members from Groups 763 and 805 as well as guests joined in the bus tour and enjoyed the sights, the dinner, raffle, and snacks on the bus. The event was a huge success and Group 763 President Kathy Buleza reports that members are already looking forward to next year’s outing.

District III Indiana Has Another Winner!
Polish Christmas Tree Wins First Prize for the Third Time

For the last few years, PWA members of District III Indiana have decorated a Christmas tree that is on display during the month of December at the Indiana Welcome Center in Hammond. Many other non-profit organizations participate in this annual event and 2011 was the third time that the PWA Christmas tree won First Prize! Congratulations to Council 21 President Diane Svitko, Group 128 President Andrea Torok and members Virginia Michalak and Lucy Petkowski, and Group 132 President Delphine Huneycutt who decorated the prize-winning tree.

Group 128 Centennial

PWA Group 128 of Hammond, Indiana, celebrated its 100-year anniversary at a luncheon held on November 12, 2011, at the Carmelite Banquet Hall in Munster, Indiana. Father Richard Orlinski, Pastor of St. John Bosco Church of Hammond gave the blessing for the meal. Group President Andrea Torok toasted the members for a successful 100 years, followed by the singing of Sto Lat and blowing out the candles on a special anniversary cake. Guests included National President Delphine Huneycutt, Honorary President Virginia Sikora, Acting Vice President Sharon Zago, Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela, National Sales Director Bo Padowski, Council 21 President Diane Svitko, and Council 22 President Evelyn Lisek.

Andrea Torok read the 100-year history of the Group, which was written by the late Wanda Torok. Special tribute and homage was paid to the late Joanna Zotkiewicz. She led the Group for over 75 years and was instrumental in the Group’s growth and achievements. The Group today has over 340 members. The Mother/Woman of the Years Awards were presented to Josephine Michalik, Janina Nowak, Phyllis Burfield, Diane Peters, and Andrea Ziemb. Deceased members of the last 100 years were also honored with relatives of each deceased member receiving a commemorative flower.

Current officers of Group 128 are President Andrea Torok, Vice President Josephine Maciejewski, Auditor Lucy Petkowski, Financial Secretary Virginia Michalik, and Treasurer Josephine Michalik.

In the photo above, front row from left: National President D. Huneycutt, Acting Vice President S. Zago and Honorary President V. Sikora. Back row, from left: Group 128 President A. Torok, Secretary-Treasurer A. Trela, and Sales Director B. Padowski.

Council 1 Celebrates Centennial
The first PWA Council was founded in 1911

Council 1 of District VI Wisconsin celebrated its centennial on December 4, 2011, at the Pulaski Inn, Cudahy, WI. Council 1 was established in 1911 as the first council organized in Polish Women’s Alliance, an honor that was celebrated during the luncheon. PWA members and friends as well as representatives of Polish American and civic organizations were in attendance, including PWA President Dolly Huneycutt and Acting Vice President Sharon Zago. State President Diane Reeve, Jeanmarie Jones, and Penny Manke were the organizers of this special event. Congratulations to Council 1 on this very memorable anniversary!
Welcome to Our New Members!

A warm welcome is extended to these new members (from October 1 – December 31, 2012). We are so glad you have joined us!

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FRATERNAL NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19
Council 20 “Four Fraternal Bowling Tournament” at 5-Star Lanes in Sterling Heights MI. All youth members’ costs will be covered by the Council. This will include up to 3 games of bowling, shoes, pizza and soda. This year we will have some surprises along with fun and camaraderie! Non-members and adults are welcome to get in on the fun for a donation of $20. RSVP is required for all participants! Please contact us at pwaacouncil20@yahoo.com to reserve your lanes! Deadline to reserve is Monday, February 13, 2012.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24
Council 27 meeting at 6 p.m. at the PWA Home Office. Refreshments will be served. Bring your ideas. For information call Bo Padowski, President, at 847-384-1220 or 847-299-9309 after 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18
Hosted by PWA Group 769 – Card & Bunco Party – at the St. Louis The King Activity Bldg in Detroit, Michigan. Donation $7. Please contact President Dolores Cornell for more information or to make a reservation at 313 892-8822.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20
Council 3 Meeting at 12 noon at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, East Entrance (Senior Center entrance), 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI. For more information, please call Judy Szelc, President, at 313-843-6775.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25
Council 1 Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Beulah Brinton Community Center, 2555 S. Bay Street, Milwaukee, WI. Tickets can be purchased at the door: Adults $4.50, Children $3, Free for children under 2. Enjoy breakfast, photos with the Easter Bunny, and lots of fun and games. Proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund. Call Penny at 414-304-5039 for more info.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1
Save the Date! The Lowicz Dancers of PWA Gr. 786 will hold their Seventh Annual Recital at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Berkley High School, Catalpa, (south of 12 Mile and east of Coolidge) in Berkley, Michigan. Tickets will be available at the door. Contact: Barbara Misiorek Gamble -248-689-7993 or visit the Lowicz Dancers website at www.pwaa.org/lowiczdancers. Please join us!

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
District 1 Swieconka Traditional Easter Brunch, at the House of the White Eagle, Niles, IL. Entry at 11:30 a.m. Meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. Donations are $30 for adults and $15 for children under 12. Raffle prizes welcome. To make a reservation, please contact District 1 President Lidia Filus at 847-698-0250 or by email at L-Filus@neiu.edu

The National Officers of the Polish Women’s Alliance of America cordially invite you, your friends, and family to join us on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at 1 p.m. for a Traditional Polish St. Joseph’s Day Table Celebration at PWA Headquarters, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, Lower Level Social Hall, Chicago, IL

Tickets: $21/Adult $7/Child (10 years or under)

In the spirit of St. Joseph, part of the proceeds will be donated to The ANAWIM Shelter for the Poor in Chicago, Illinois

Please R.S.V.P. by the deadline of 3/8/12 by returning this coupon with your check made payable to “P.W.A. of A.” Questions? Call 1-847-384-1200

Please reserve: ___ Adult ticket(s) @ $ 21 each and ___ Child ticket(s) @ $ 7 each for the 3/18/12 St. Joseph’s Day Table.

I have enclosed my check in the amount of $__________.
I am unable to attend, but enclosed is a contribution of $__________.

List names of those attending:
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Contact Tel. No. __________________________

Send payment to: Polish Women’s Alliance of America, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631

Tickets will be held at the door.

COUNCIL 20 MEETINGS FOR 2012
Meetings this year will be held on the second Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. at the APCC.

Dates are as follows: 1/12, 2/09, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 8/9, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, and 12/13.

Please visit our web page at www.pwaa.org/pwaacouncil20 for more info and to read the latest news from Council 20.
NEW PWA Estate Builder
Final Expenses Plan

When seniors reach a certain age, they begin to think about adding additional life insurance to their current life insurance policies to make sure that their families have enough money after they depart this life. With the high cost of funerals and in these uncertain economic times, the last thing anyone wants is to leave their family with unpaid bills and other end-of-life expenses.

This is why Polish Women’s Alliance of America developed a new plan called the PWA Estate Builder. This is a level-benefit Whole Life Insurance Plan. This type of life insurance has been designed to make it easy for our members and friends to apply for—and it is affordable. It is a simplified issue, which means that most seniors can qualify with NO MEDICAL EXAM. It is available for members and friends ages 50 to 75 (nearest birthday).

The PWA Estate Builder life insurance policy allows you to choose the amount of coverage needed from $1,000 to $25,000 and to decide the premium payment mode—annual, semi-annual, quarterly, monthly, or Single Payment.

FEATURES:

- COVERAGE IS FOR A LIFETIME
- QUICK PAYOUT TO BENEFICIARY
- PREMIUMS NEVER INCREASE
- FUNERAL HOME-FRIENDLY
- POLICY CASH VALUE GROWS
- NO WAITING PERIOD

HOW CAN YOU PAY THE PREMIUM?

With today’s interest rates so low, consider using a portion of the money accumulated in your annuities to pay the premium on the PWA Estate Builder Plan. First of all, when the proceeds of an annuity are paid at death, the beneficiary is required to pay taxes on the gain as realized income. This may effectively bump the beneficiary into a higher income tax bracket and cause a dramatic reduction in the actual funds payable. Unlike annuities, the proceeds of life insurance are paid to the beneficiary tax-free. Moreover, in cases of an emergency, the cash value is available via policy loans.

Think about it—you will increase your estate and reduce the taxable burden to your beneficiary. You may have to pay taxes when you withdraw money from your annuity account to pay the premium on your life insurance policy, but this could be at a lower rate than your beneficiary would pay. We recommend that you consult this option with your tax adviser.

Example:

For a 70 year-old Non-Smoker Female the single premium for a $25,000 policy is $13,009.50 ($517.98 x 25 = $12,949.50 plus $60 policy fee = $13,009.50). If something unexpected should happen, the $25,000 is payable to the beneficiaries without any waiting time and tax-free. On the other hand, if you invest $13,009 at a 3% annual interest rate you will have to wait 23 years to accumulate a total of $25,674 and your beneficiary will have to pay tax on $12,665 (the gain) in the amount of approximately $3,546 if they are in 28% tax bracket.
CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Please charge a one-time premium of $ ____________________
to my  ____ VISA  ____ MASTER CARD or ____ DISCOVER card.
Name on Credit Card _______________________________________
Card Number ___________________________ Exp. Date _____________
Billing Address___________________________________________________
Zip Code __________________ Signature ____________________________

APPLICATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE

Plan applied for (Write Plan Name)
Face Amount: ____________________________
Premium Mode (Check one):
____ Single  ____ S-Ann  ____ Qtrly  ____ Mo  ____ Single

With POLISH WOMEN’S ALLIANCE
OF AMERICA
6643 N Northwest Highway, 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 60631

Office Use Only
Group No. ____________________________
Certificate No. _________________________
Plan No. ______________________________
Amount of Insurance ___________________

1. Name of Proposed Insured
2. Residence Address

3. Sex
   □ Male  □ Female
4. Date of Birth (Mo) (Day) (Yr)
5. Age

6. Height
7. Weight
8. Place of Birth
9. Marital Status (Check One):
   □ Single  □ Married  □ Widowed  □ Divorced
10. If female, and ever married, give maiden name
12. Occupation
13. Name and Address of Employer

14. Beneficiary
   Name ____________________________ Relationship ______________________
   Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ______ Zip____

15. Contingent Beneficiary
   Name ____________________________ Relationship ______________________
   Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ______ Zip____

DECLARATION OF INSURABILITY

Yes  No
1. Within the past 3 years, has the proposed insured used tobacco in any form?  □  □
2. Within the past 3 years has the proposed insured ever had or been treated for:
   a. Disease or disorder of heart, kidneys, stomach, liver, lungs, bones or joints?  □  □
   b. Epilepsy, convulsion, dislocation, fainting, stroke or mental disorder?  □  □
   c. High blood pressure, chest pain, diabetes, cancer or tumor?  □  □
   d. Alcoholism, alcohol abuse or drug abuse?  □  □
   e. Any other physical disease or deformity or consulted or been examined by any physician for other than
   a symptoms-free check-up, or had an electrocardiogram, x-rays, or blood studies during the past 3 years?  □  □
3. Has any application for life insurance on the proposed insured been declined, withdrawn, postponed, or
   modified in any way by any insurance company during the past 3 years?  □  □

A. Is the insurance intended to replace or change any insurance now in force?  □ Yes  □ No
B. What is the total amount of life insurance in force on the life of the proposed insured? ____________________________
C. What is the total amount of life insurance in force on the life of the applicant, if other than the proposed insured? ____________________________
D. Is the applicant a member of the Polish Women’s Alliance?  □ Yes  □ No
E. Select dividend option:  □ left on deposit □ cash □ purchase paid up additions

Information in this application is given to obtain this insurance and is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. This
certificate shall not take effect unless the first or single premium is actually paid to the Alliance at the time of application.

Signature of Proposed Insured ____________________________

Signature of Applicant, if other than Proposed Insured ____________________________

Signature of Witness or Agent ____________________________

Full Amount Attached $ ____________ Signed at (City, State) ____________________________ Date ____________

Form No. LA-2005/PWA

PWA Valentine’s Day Promotion ends April 15, 2012

Look after those you love!

To apply, choose any Whole Life Insurance Plan offered by PWA, complete, sign, and return the application with applicable
premium payment.

If additional applications are needed, you can make a photocopy, visit our website at www.pwaa.org
or call our toll-free number 1-888-522-1898. Ask for Bo.

Applications must be received at our office postmarked NO LATER than April 15, 2012.

Return application to:
Polish Women’s Alliance
6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2Fl
Chicago, IL 60631

For policies with face value amounts of $3000 or more, the Owner will receive a
FREE GIFT

A 5-inch Polish Doll to keep or pass on to someone special.
See page 14 for details.
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Make Checks Payable To: Polish Women’s Alliance of America

ORDERING INFORMATION

PWA Account # 4ABBLL873219L

No. of Gifts Cards ordered __________________

Total Amount enclosed $ ___________________

Make checks payable to:

Polish Women’s Alliance of America

Mail check and order form to: Polish Women’s Alliance of America / Gift Cards

6643 N. Northwest Hwy 2nd Fl, Chicago, IL 60631

Gift Cards will be mailed once a month or around the 22nd of each month, beginning with March 2012. Allow 5 business days for your order and check to arrive at PWA on or before the 15th of each month. You can also go to www.pwaa.org to order Gift Cards online or to download more Order Forms.

MAILING INFORMATION

Please send my Gift Cards to:

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________

City ________________________________

State___________ Zip______________

Phone No. ________________________________

Total Page 1 $ _______________________

Total Page 2 $ _______________________

Grand Total Due All Columns: $ ____________
We are happy to announce a new **GIFT CARD PROGRAM** which will help raise money for PWA. Purchase Gift Cards to pay for your everyday expenses such as food, clothing, household items, and other essentials—or purchase Gift Cards to give for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Every time you pay for a purchase with a Gift Card, you will earn money for Polish Women’s Alliance!

The Gift Card Program includes popular retailers such as Target, Amazon, Walmart, and many other stores where we know that our members and supporters shop every day. By paying for your purchase at the retailers or restaurants listed below with a Gift Card, you can raise money for PWA and its many charitable and educational programs, each time you make a purchase. You can order your Gift Cards either by using the Order Form printed on page 11 and 12 and mailing it in to PWA with a check, or you can go to our website, click on the Gift Card Program link on the Home Page, and order your Gift Cards online. PWA’s enrollment code is 4ABBLLL873219L.

**Amazon.com**  
**Banana Republic**  
**Barnes & Noble**  
**Baskin Robbins**  
**Bath & Body Works**  
**Bed Bath & Beyond**  
**Chipotle**  
**Crate and Barrel**  
**Disney**  
**Groupon.com**  
**Home Depot**  
**iTunes.com**  
**J. Crew**  
**Kohl’s**  
**L.L. Bean**  

**Lowe’s**  
**Macy’s**  
**Panera Bread**  
**Pottery Barn**  
**Overstock.com**  
**Sears**  
**Staples**  
**Starbucks’**  
**Subway**  
**Target**  
**T.J. Maxx**  
**Toys-R-Us**  
**Walmart**  
**Williams-Sonoma**  
***and more***

**SUPPORT THE PWA EACH TIME YOU MAKE A PURCHASE AT ONE OF THE VENDORS LISTED ABOVE . . . AND MORE!**

Go to our website at www.pwaa.org/GiftCardProgram for more details or to order your Gift Cards online.

To order Gift Cards by mail, please use Order Form on pages 11 and 12. Questions? Call PWA at 888-522-1898.
Because he loved me,

He did the dishes
Rabbed my feet
Surprised me with tulips
Took me to musicals even though he didn’t like them
Carried my bags while I did the shopping
Held my hand.

He died of cancer four years ago.

Because he loved me,
I can stay in our home.
I can be here for our children.
I can afford to pay for their college education.
I can worry about the other things in life besides money.

He still loves me. And he still shows it.

Learn more about the power of life insurance at youdoitforlove.org
PWA Valentine’s Day Promotion

Starts now, ends on April 15, 2012

LIVING LIFE ❤️ LOVING LIFE ❤️

LOOKING AFTER THOSE YOU LOVE ❤️

Every February 14th, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers, and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. Most gifts, while thoughtful and lovely, just won’t last a lifetime. Long after the flowers have withered away and the heart-shaped chocolate box is empty, your loved ones will still be depending on you to secure their future, especially in case of unexpected events.

In celebration of everlasting love, nothing will say, “I love you, forever” quite like the promise to provide for your family, even after you are gone.

Take advantage of the PWA Valentine’s Day Promotion to celebrate your love. Whether you’re a new family, empty-nester, business owner, or single parent—Polish Women’s Alliance of America has a life insurance option to suit your needs and budget.

RULES:
• Available to everyone from newborn to age 85 (nearest birthday)
• $1,000 minimum coverage
• Must apply for any Whole Life insurance plan offered by PWA including our NEW PLAN, THE PWA ESTATE BUILDER (see page 9 for information on this plan and rates)
• In order to qualify, the application, together with the premium payment, must be returned postmarked NO LATER than April 15, 2012.

TO APPLY:
Complete, date, sign, and return the application on page 10, with the applicable premium, postmarked NO LATER than April 15, 2012, to Polish Women’s Alliance of America, 6643 N Northwest Hwy 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60631.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ALL AVAILABLE PLANS, RATES, OR FOR ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.pwaa.org, call the home office at 888-522-1898 or send email to padowski@pwaa.org.

If purchasing a $3,000 face amount or greater, the Owner will receive a special gift – a beautiful 5” Polish Doll to keep or pass on to someone special.

Make 2012 the year to give the greatest Valentine’s gift of all . . . 
Financial Protection from the PWA!
Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Ojcze nasz

Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w niebie, święć się imię twoje; przyjdź Królestwo twoje; bądź wola Twoja jako w niebie, tak i na ziemi. Chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj; i odpuść nam nasze winy, jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom; i nie wódź nas na pokuszenie, ale nas zbaw ode Złego. Amen.

The Little River
by Julian Tuwim

Flows, meanders a river, Shining like a ribbony sliver. Here it’s silver, there it fades, And there again it cascades.
The water in the river is clear, Cold and nimble and sheer. Running it hums and it purrs, But who understands its words?

Only to the fish and stones, Might this speech be known, But they, it’s beyond dispute, Remain conspicuously mute.

Rzecinka
Julian Tuwim

Płynie, wije się rzeczka Jak błyszczącą wstążeczką, Tu się srebrzy, tam ginie, A tam znów wypłynie.

Woda w rzeczce przejrzysta, Zimna, bystra i czysta, Biegnąc mruczy i szumi, Ale kto ją zrozumie?

Tylko kamień i ryba Znają mowę tę chyba, Ale one, jak wiecie, Znane milczenki na świecie.

EASTER COLORING CONTEST 2012
For PWA Members ages 3 to 17 - Win Cash Prizes!

1. Cut out or copy the picture on page 20, or download it from our website at pwaa.org, color it, then send it to: PWA Coloring Contest, Polish Women’s Alliance, 6643 N. Northwest Hwy, 2 Fl, Chicago, IL, 60631
2. Deadline: Postmark April 15, 2012
3. Please include the following information on a separate sheet of paper, attached to the coloring picture: Name, Age, Address, PWA Group No., Telephone Number, and Email Address.
4. Contest is for PWA members only. Want to become a member? Call Bo at 1-847-384-1200, ext. 228.

5. Contest Prizes:
   First Prize $100 Savings Bond
   Second Prize $75 Savings Bond
   Third Prize $50 Savings Bond
   Honorable Mentions 5 prizes of $10 each

6. Age Categories:
The above Prizes will be awarded in each age category: 3 - 4 years; 5 - 6 years; 7 - 8 years; 9 - 11 years; 12 - 14 years; and 15 - 17 years.

Questions?
Call Vice President Sharon Zago at 1-888-522-1898, ext. 208.
Polish Women’s Alliance of America Congratulates its 2011 – 2012 Scholarship Recipients

District I
Illinois & Florida

- Heather Hargreaves, University of California, Berkeley
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 61
- Justine Bzoweski, DePaul University
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 89
- Kevin Kowynia, Illinois State Univ.
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 202
- Matthew Kowynia, DePaul University
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 202
- Lauren Johnson, University of Illinois
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 480
- Jacqueline Bortayn, Marquette University
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 723
- James Keszowsky, Florida College
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 798

- Stephanie Cashman, University of Denver
  Dist. 1 Cl 9 Gr 819
- Michael Kopstain, McHally Smith Coll of Music
  Dist 1 Cl 9 Gr 819
- Monica Rzucidlo, Northwestern Ill. Univ.
  Dist 1 Cl 9 Gr 819
- Erin Murray, Bradley University
  Dist. 1 Cl 13 Gr 743
- Paul Orawiec, Ill. Inst. Of Technology
  Dist. 1 Cl 13 Gr 743
- Jacqueline Faber, University of Illinois
  Dist. 1 Cl 27 Gr 211
- Jennifer Basak, Eastern Michigan U.
  Dist. 1 Cl 27 Gr 388
- Christopher Dojutrek, Southern Illinois Univ.
  Dist. 1 Cl 27 Gr 816

District II
Western Pennsylvania

- Matthew Kosover, University of Michigan
  Dist 2 Cl 2 Gr 182
- Christina Wierzbowski, Purdue University
  Dist 2 Cl 2 Gr 182
- Anthony Niemiec, Robert Morris University
  Dist 2 Cl 2 Gr 341
- Samantha Serwacki, Purdue University
  Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 37
- Mallory Wistosky, Purdue University
  Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 37

- Robert McMahon, Purdue University
  Dist. 3 Cl 21 Gr 128
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May they rest in peace

In Memory of Angeline Skorski
Group 386

Redford, MI – Angeline Skorski was born April 26, 1918, and passed away on June 9, 2011. Angeline was past president of Group 386 for over fifteen years. She was the dance instructor for the PWA Polish Dance Group under Council 3. Under her leadership, the dance group participated in many PWA National Youth Conventions. She was also a piano teacher. She will be remembered fondly by her many students. In addition, she conducted several teacher courses at Alliance College, and produced shows for the Ford Motor Company, General Motors, Freedom Festivals, International Festivals, and the Flint and Howell Centennials. Funeral services were held at St. Hilary Church, Redford. Deepest sympathy is extended to her son and grandsons. May she rest in peace.

In Memory of Vivian Konwinski
Group 488

Roseville, MI – Vivian Konwinski passed to the Lord on September 26, 2011, at the young age of 87. She was a longtime member and Recording Secretary of St. Theresa Society Group 488. She will be missed by all who knew her. Please remember her in your prayers. Condolences are extended to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

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MIX ‘N’ MATCH CONTEST No. 9

Category: Weather – Pogoda

Match each Polish word with the correct English translation and submit your answers no later than March 31, 2012.

1. Rain A. Mróz
2. Fog B. Wiatr
3. Wind C. Burza
4. Storm D. Chmury
5. Lightning E. Słomie
6. Thunder F. Deszcz
7. Sail G. Mglą
8. Frost H. Błyskawica
9. Clouds I. Grad
10. Sun J. Grzmot

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Good Luck!

WINNERS OF MIX ‘N’ MATCH CONTEST NO. 7

Congratulations to the three lucky winners of the “National Convention” Contest

Virginia Woznicki  District 14   Council 40 Group 105
Alma Jablonski  District 9     Council 8  Group 185
Isabella Fedele-Szyndlar District 5    Council 20 Group 786

Correct answers:

Corrections:
In the article about the National Convention in the last issue of Głos Polek, the Chairman of the 36th National Convention was identified as Bernadette Borinski. The correct spelling of Mrs. Borinski’s first name is Bernardine.

In the article about the May Festival in Councils 40 and 44, the Council 40 President was identified in the photo as Bernardine Regis. The correct spelling of Mrs. Regis’s first name is Bernardine. Our apologies.
PASSION PLAY IN KALWARIA ZEBRZYDOWSKA

While the Jasna Gora Sanctuary in Czestochowa is the best known destination for pilgrims in Poland, the Bernardine monastery in Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, about 20 miles southwest of Krakow, is the second-most visited destination, especially just before Easter. The foothills of the Tatra mountains surrounding the monastery are the perfect backdrop for the recreation of the Passion of Christ, a tradition that goes back 400 years in this small town.

The monastery of Our Lady of Calvary was founded in 1602 by nobleman and mayor of Krakow Mikolaj Zebrzydowski, and the town grew around it to accommodate the large numbers of pilgrims who came to pray before the miraculous picture of Our Lady of Calvary. The breathtaking surroundings recall the mountainous region around Jerusalem and over the years the monks, with the help of mathematician, surveyor, and astronomer Feliks Zebrowski, replicated the landmarks of the Holy City in the park surrounding the monastery and in the layout of the town itself, and recreated the path that Jesus took on Good Friday to Golgotha. Here, the Lanckoronska mountain stands in for the Mount of Olives and the Zar mountain for Golgotha.

The path to Golgotha, the Via Dolorosa, extends for five miles and is beautifully blended into the hillside. There are 44 buildings in the park with chapels marking each of the Stations of the Cross, ten chapels dedicated to the Life of Mary, and additional chapels commemorating important events from the life of Christ, such as the Last Supper and the Ascension.

The two biggest events at the monastery are on Good Friday, when tens of thousands of pilgrims and tourists from around the world arrive to participate in the enactment of the Passion Play, performed by residents of the town, and on August 15th, the feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. If you are ever in Poland just before Easter, be sure to visit this historic spot, considered to be the one of the largest, most beautiful, and most faithfully recreated Calvaries in the world. In 1999, UNESCO added Kalwaria Zebrzydowska to its list of World Heritage sites.

Pope John Paul II had a special devotion throughout his life to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and visited both Czestochowa and Kalwaria Zebrzydowska as Pope and as a child and young man. The monastery is not far from Wadowice, the town where John Paul II was born and grew up, and many tourists who come to Wadowice include Kalwaria Zebrzydowska as part of their itinerary. It is truly worth a visit any time of the year.
Easter Recipes/Przepisy Wielkanocne

A traditional Polish Swieconka table features colorful pisanki, a butter lamb, zurek, Easter ham, Polish sausage, pates, roasts, salads, and relishes—and many delicious pastries. The two recipes below are for a Polish apple cake “szarlotka” and a pork shoulder roast, both sure to please your family and guests this Easter!

Apple Cake with Almond Crust

**Ingredients:** 4 eggs, 2 cups flour, 1 cup ground almonds, 2 sticks of butter at room temperature, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 3 tablespoons sugar, 3 tablespoons of vanilla sugar, 5 apples, 3 tablespoons of cinnamon and sugar mixture, a pinch of ground cloves

**Directions:** Sift flour, ground almonds, and baking powder and place on a large wooden board. Add 2 tablespoons of sugar and 1 tablespoon of vanilla sugar. Make an indentation in the middle of the mound and add egg yolks; place egg whites aside in a small bowl. Add butter cut into small chunks to the flour mixture and blend everything together with a knife. When the dough is crumbly, knead by hand until smooth. Take 1/4 of the dough, wrap in plastic foil, and place in freezer. Pre-heat oven to 350 F. Line 9 x 13 baking pan with parchment and press the remaining dough into the pan. Bake crust in preheated oven for 5 - 10 minutes.

To prepare the filling, cut peeled and cored apples into quarters and branch for a few minutes in a pot with a small amount of water (cooking time depends on how soft you want the apples to be). Towards the end of cooking, add 3 tablespoons of cinnamon sugar and ground cloves, mixing well. In a small bowl, beat the egg whites with 2 tablespoons of vanilla sugar and 1 tablespoon of regular sugar until stiff peaks are formed.

Sprinkle some bread crumbs on the baked crust, then spread the apple mixture over the crust, and top with egg whites. Take remaining crust from freezer, cut into small pieces, and crumble the dough over the meringue. Bake for approximately 40 minutes.

Pork Roast

**Ingredients:** 2 lbs pork shoulder, 2 large onions, 4 carrots, 2 cups of chicken broth, 2 tablespoons of butter or margarine, 1-2 teaspoons vinegar, 3 sprigs of rosemary, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 tablespoon of roux (flour cooked in butter), salt, pepper.

**Directions:** Season roast with salt and pepper. Brown meat on all sides and place in roasting pan. Bake roast in preheated oven (350 degrees) for 50 minutes. Take out roast and add hot chicken broth, increase oven temperature to 400 degrees, and roast for another 30 minutes. Peel onion and cut into large chunks. Peel carrots and cut in half. Cook onions and carrots in butter, covered, for 15 minutes. Add vinegar, sugar, salt and pepper to vegetables to taste. Remove roast from oven, cut into thick slices, and garnish with rosemary sprigs. Add roux to pan juices and bring to boil. Check seasoning. Serve roast with braised vegetables and sauce on the side.

**Bon appétit! Happy Easter!**

Szarlotka na migdałowym spodzie

**Składniki:** 4 jajka, 2 szklanki mąki, 1 szklanka mielonych migdałów, 250 g masła w temperaturze pokojowej, 2 łyżeczki proszku do pieczenia, 3 łyżki cukru, 3 łyżki cukru waniliowego, 5 jabłek, 3 łyżki cukru cynamonowego, szczypka mielonych goździków


W międz cy czasie przygotowujemy jabłka. Obrane jabłka kroimy na kawałki i przymyśmy przez kilka – kilkanaście minut w garnku z odrobiną wody (długość prażenia zależy od tego jak bardzo chcemy, żeby jabłka się rozpadły). Pod koniec prażenia dodajemy 3 łyżki cukru cynamonowego i goździki i dokładnie mieszamy. Odstawione białka ubijamy na sztewno z 2 łyżkami cukru waniliowego i 1 łyżką cukru zwykłego.


źródło: ”Sto Kolorów Kuchni” Internet

**Pieczeń wieprzowa**

**Składniki:** Kilogram karkówki wieprzowej, 60 dag cebuli, 30 dag marchwi, 1/4 litra rosołu, 3 łyżki oleju, 2 łyżki masła lub margaryny, 1-2 łyżeczki octu, 3 gałązki rozmarnu, 1 łyżeczka cukru, 1 łyżeczka zasmażki, pieprz, sól

**Przygotowanie:** Mięso natrzeć solą i pieprzem. Podmazać i przelączyć do bryłanki. Mięso wstawić na ok 50min do piekarnika nagrzanego do 180°C. Następnie poddać gorącym rosołem, podwyższyć temp. do 200°C i piec przez 30min. Cebulę obrać i pokroić w ąsemki. Marchew obrać i przekroić na pół. Razem z cebulą dusić pod przykrymieniem na maślę ok 15 min. Doprawić do smaku octem, cukrem, solą i pieprzem. Pieczeń wyjąć, pokroić w grube plasterzy. Ozdobić rozmarynom. Tłuszc zi mięsa wymieszac z zasmażką i zagotować, doprawić do smaku. Pieczeń podawać z warzywami i sosem.

**Smacznego! Wesołych Świąt!**
Pochodzenie wyrażenia „śmigus-dyngus”

Chociaż brzmi ono swojsko, to nie jest jednak określeniem rodzimym. Obydwa jego człony są przekształconymi formami zapożyczeń z języka niemieckiego.

Jeszcze do końca XVII w. mówiono i pisano nie śmigus, tylko śmigust albo smirgust, a słowo to wywodziło się z niemieckiego Schmackostern (“bicie różą palmową lub witką i oblewanie wodą w poniedziałek wielkanocny”). (Aleśmy pannom śmigursty sprawili!).

Również forma dyngus ma rodowód niemiecki i pochodzi od czasownika dingen (“targować się, wykupywać się”) i w tradycji oznacza wykupywanie się, dawanie datków, prezentów (np. pisanki) chłopcom chodzącym po domach z życzeniami, żeby nie zostać oblanym wodą.

Dziś śmigus-dyngus rozumiemy w całości jedynie jako polewanie się wodą w poniedziałek wielkanocny. Chodzenie po domach po datki, po pisanki, czyli dyngowanie, przetrwało jedynie na wsiach (i to nie wszędzie).

Rozstrzygnięcie konkursu „Oblicza troski o Ojczyznę”

“A jeśli komu droga otwarta do nieba, Tym, co służą Ojczyźnie”

– Jan Kochanowski

Konkurs ten został ogłoszony w prasie polonijnej oraz na stronach internetowych Meritum i Związku Polek w Ameryce na przełomie marca i kwietnia br. przez Grupę 114 Związku Polek w Ameryce. Wybór tematu związany był z osobą Ojca św. Jana Pawła II w „przeddzień” Jego beatyfikacji, a konkretnie z Jego nieustannym nawoływaniem kierowanym do Polaków rozsianych po wszystkich kontynentach: „na wszystkich – gdziekolwiek się znajdują – spoczywa troska o dobro naszej wspólnej ojczyzny”. Nie bez znaczenia była także setna rocznica Grupy 114 Związku Polek w Ameryce, u podstaw założenia której leżały cele patriotyczne – zachowanie polskiej tożsamości oraz praca na rzecz odzyskania niepodległości Polski.

Na konkurs wpłynęło 31 prac. Autorami ich są niewątpliwie osoby, które – tak jak błogosławiony Jan Paweł II – „sprawy Ojczyzny niezmiennie traktują jak swoje własne”.


Wszystkim, którzy zechcieli wziąć udział w konkursie serdecznie dziękujemy, a nagrodzonym – gratulujemy. Dyplomy oraz nagrody zostały przesłane pocztą, gdyż z przyczyn od nas niezależnych, uroczystość 100-lecia Grupy 114 ZPwA, podczas której były być wręczone, została przesunięta na rok 2012.


Teresa Makowska
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“Tylko praca może dać skrzydła natchnieniu”

W 2012 roku przypada 200. rocznica urodzin Józefa Ignacego Kraszewskiego – pisarza, publicysty, historyka, wydawcy, dziennikarza, działacza społecznego i politycznego oraz krytyka literackiego, którego imponujący dorobek literacki pozostawił trwałą wartością w kulturze i literaturze polskiej i wywarł duży wpływ na twórczość współczesnych mu i późniejszych pokoleń Polaków.

Józef Ignacy Kraszewski (pseud. Bolesławita) urodził się w Warszawie w 1812 r. Pochodził z rodziny szlacheckiej i hiszpańskiej. Dziecinstwo spędził we dworze babki w Romanowie na Podlasiu, gospodarującej w Dolhem koło Prużan (dziś Białoruś).

W 1822 r. uczył się w szkołach w Białej Podlaskiej, Lublinie i Świebodzicach, a od 1829 r. studiował w Wilnie; początkowo medycynę, potem mimo protestów ojca – literaturę. Po wybuchu powstania listopadowego został wraz z grupą kolegów aresztowany i ponad rok przebywał w rosyjskim więzieniu, a po uwolnieniu pozostawał w Wilnie pod dozorem policyjnym. Następnie osiadł w rodzinnej wsi Dolha, gdzie nabierał doświadczenia w pracy na gospodarstwie. W 1838 r. przylecił do Wilna i zaczął pracować w därzówce i warszawskim kuryerze jako pisarz w redakcji. W 1838 r. przesiadł się do Warszawy. W tym czasie odbył także podróże do Belgii, Francji, Włoch i Rosji i angażował się w działalność polityczną emigracji i polskich ugrupowań patriotycznych. W 1853 r. przeniósł się do Żytomierza, gdzie pracował jako kurator szkół polskich. Cieszył się równocześnie rosnącą sławą kultury i narodowej świadomości powieściopisarzem XIX wieku. Bez wątpienia Kraszewski był wielkim nauczycielem historii – 100 dzieł historycznych, które napisał, stało się dla trzech pokoleń Polaków jedynymi podręcznikami, z których czerpano wiedzę o przeszłości ojczyzny. Był najpłodniejszym pisarzem polskim wszystkich wieków i jednym z najbardziej zasłużonych dla rozwoju naszej kultury i narodowej świadomości powieściopisarzem XIX wieku.


Na przełomie XIX i XX wieku Kraków był ostoją polskiej literatury i sztuki, a nowo wybudowany teatr przeżywał najlepszy okres w swojej historii. Na scenie przy Pl. Św. Ducha debiutował Stanisław Wyspiański wystawiając "Warszawiankę" (1898), a 16 marca 1901 roku odbyła się legendarna prapremiera "Wesela" - jedno z najważniejszych wydarzeń w całej historii polskiej kultury; następnie wielkie prapremiery to "Wyzwolenie" (1903) i "Noc Listopadowa" (1908). Wielkie historyczne znaczenie miały pierwsze realizacje arcydzieł polskiego romantyzmu – "Kordiana", "Dziądów" i "Nie-boskiej komedii". Grano tu Słowackiego, Fredrę, Zapolską, Kisielewskiego i Przybyszewskiego, a w 1922 r. debiutował na scenie teatru awangardowy twórca XX w. Stanisław Ignacy Witkiewicz.

Życzenia wyrażone w inauguracyjnym dokumencie spełniły się – Teatr Słowackiego zapewnił narodowej kulturze odpowiednią oprawę i rzeczywiście brzmiała w nim i w dalszym ciągu brzmi, "ukochana mowa ojczyzna" w najpiękniejszej formie.
Jak to będzie?
* Maria Konopnicka

Jutro będzie Wielkanoc,
babki w piec już wsadzone,
gotują się kiełbasy
i mieć będziemy święcone!
Najpierw obrus bielutki
mama na stół położy
na nim stanie pośrodku
ten baranek Boży.
Jajkiem będziemy się dzielić
wszyscy w domu z kolei,
życzyć sobie pociechy,
życzyć sobie nadziei.
Potem będą mazurki,
właśnie robi je mama.
A rodzynki, migdały
- obieram ja sama.
A na boku stać będzie
w kubku woda święcona.
I kropidło z wstążeczką
od sąsiada Szymona.
Z rana przyjdzie książdz proboszcz
i poświęci stół cały.
Domek także pokropi,
by się dzieci chowały.

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