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## President's Message



Greetings fellow Pulaski members from your 16th President Michael E. Lukowski. I hope your summer has been enjoyable and fun-filled, but it is time to get back to business. I am extremely proud to represent you as the leader of this fine organization and I thank you for the opportunity. It's truly a great feeling. What I would like to address is full participation and cooperation from all Board and General members. This is key. Whether it is attending our meetings, taking a full table at our annual Dinner Dance or paying your annual dues, everything helps and keeps us alive!

What I want to initiate is "Bring-a-Friend" to our meetings.

Our board works very hard and we volunteer much of our free time to create a friendly fraternal atmosphere for our Polish and Slavic Brothers and Sisters. Benny tells me he wants to cook twice as much Kielbasa for all the new members attending our meetings. YOU need to make this a reality and bring as many members to the meetings as possible. Plus, Crazy Steve needs to break-in more newjacks.

Our 56th Annual Dinner Dance at Leonard's was a great success. The 2012 Pulaskian of the Year was Dariusz Knapik, the President of the Pulaski Association of Business and Professional Men. We had over 450 guests, the music was great, everyone was dancing, our raffle was a hit and some of our guests said it was the best party that they had EVER been to. That is something that we love to hear. Thanks again to Pete Bartoszek, John Stefanowski and all board members that pulled their weight to create a wonderful party.

Please mark on your calendar and march with us in the Annual Pulaski Day Parade on Sunday, October 7th. The theme is "The Celebration of our Diamond Anniversary – 75 years of the Greatest and Largest Manifestation of Polish Pride in America". A bus will be supplied for all members that wish to be picked up at the Kowalinski Post at 1000 hours for coffee and Babka and will bring us to the muster point at 35th Street and 5th Ave by 1200 hours. After marching, the bus will bring us back to the Post, where a delicious lunch of Kielbasa, stuffed cabbage and pieroge will be waiting. This year we will be joined by the newly formed Polish American Police Association of New Jersey, led by their President, Detective Rob Centkowski of Elmwood NJ PD.

The June meeting was host to our Scholarship Award / Spouse night. We gave away \$8500 to College and High School bound students of our members and all of our "better halves" had a wonderful time. Monday, August 20 was "Almost" Polish Night at Citifield and the evening of baseball was organized by our Manhattan Trustee Greg Chupa.

Please Like us on our Facebook page, check your e-mails and text messages to stay in touch and keep fully updated for all functions and activities. SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION!

STO LAT !!!

Michael E. Lukowski  
President

# Pulaskiville

Join us at our Christmas Party December 19th

We are now accepting Associate Members, which are any CMOS or civilian of Polish and Slavic descent. Although they have no voting privileges they are welcome to attend all meetings and functions.

Your application and \$25.00 dues payment create our MAILING LIST. Don't miss out on information, Get your dues in quickly.

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Bob Butler &

Bernadette Gorczynski:

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Greetings from your retired reps. You notice the attack on Pensions of our servants throughout the country. Here, in N.Y. State, we are protected by court of appeals decisions 7-0 that our pensions cannot be diminished or impaired, so don't worry.

Congrats to our scholarship winners, may this be a start of a successful life for you. Don't forget to join us at the Pulaski Parade!

*Bob Butler & Bernadette Gorczynski*

Old Polish Proverb:

"Necessity teaches the bear to Tanczyc" (Dance)



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Remember, there are club meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the month, filled with fun for all who attend.

Mark your calendar with these dates.

No Meetings July or August.

### Remainder of 2012

October 17<sup>th</sup>

November 21<sup>st</sup>

December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party

# A Pulaska Story

by Catherine Jay



Loretta Paskor is a Life Time member of the Pulaski Association as well as an anomaly. She is the only woman of her generation in our membership and her record jumped out at me when I first began as Financial Secretary. A drop of estrogen in an otherwise testosterone-filled pool. I was curious enough to call her and she graciously consented to talk to me.

I expected to hear a typical story of how she took the Police test while living at home and was eventually hired. Instead, I learned that Loretta, born in 1923 to her Polish mother and German father, was in the first class of US

Navy recruits during the attack on Pearl Harbor. As women were not allowed to serve overseas then, she was assigned to WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). The recruitment posters for the WAVES used such slogans as "Have You Got What It Takes to Fill an Important Job Like This" and "There's a Man-Sized Job for You in Your Navy." She would serve until her discharge in 1945.

Loretta's brother-in-law advised her to take the civil service test for Policewoman; because of her service in the US Navy during World War II she would be awarded veteran's credits. I was amused by a question on her employment application: "If you are single and not living with your parents, give reasons." Loretta was single and was not living with her parents.

After Loretta's appointment in 1948, she was assigned to the Policewomen's Bureau and her duties included matron duty, subway & movie perverts, gypsy fortune tellers, abortionists and assistance for female and children.

Women were not allowed to take promotional exams until 1968 and Loretta passed the test for sergeant and was promoted in November of 1969. She worked as a sergeant in the Juvenile Aid Bureau, a patrol sergeant in the 77 Precinct and lastly as the Administrative Lieutenant's Assistant in the 94 Precinct.

Loretta remembers the Pulaski Association as actively recruiting officers with Polish background and she was among the first female Pulaski members (possibly the first, but I haven't been able to locate those records). She fondly remembers the Concord weekends held by the Pulaski Association as well as the annual dinner dance, which is still a good time and still held at the end of April.

Loretta liked the job and remembers being treated with respect by the male officers of her time. This Job may be a strange place to meet people, but she, like others before and after her, met the good, the bad and the funny.

She remembers a call in the 77 Precinct of two armed men fighting. As the sectors came upon the scene, one male looked at her arrival, tossed the knife under a car and said to the other: "Watch your language, here comes a lady!"

Later, as a newly promoted Sergeant, she remembers hearing elderly men growling about her: "Women sergeants - what will they think of next?"

She replied to them: "God only knows - and she's not telling." What advice would Loretta give to the good men and women who serve the Department today?

Keep alert, stay considerate and watch your back.  
To that I add: keep notes of your life, and never forget your sense of humor. You never know who might call you one day!



The Zadroga Family at our Annual Dinner Dance. from left to right, Stef Komar, Joe Zadroga, Tyler Ann Zadroga, Linda Zadroga, Donald Hazelton, Esquire, Paul J. Napoli and Jordan A. Ziegler of Napoli, Bern, Ripka, Shkolnik, LLP, John Stefanowski

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Thanks for helping out!

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# The Honoring of Jan Karski - by Stefan Komar

## An Introduction to the Wholesale Distortion of Polish World War II History.

On May 29, 2012 President Obama posthumously honored a Polish World War II hero, Jan Karski. Present at the ceremony, as a representative of the Polish government, to accept the award was Daniel Rottfeld, a past Foreign Minister of post Communist Poland, and a proud and patriotic Polish Jew who survived the war in Poland. This was fitting as Jan Karski was the person who told the world about the ongoing genocide of the Polish Jews by Nazi Germany in occupied Poland.

Jan Karski, born Jan Kozielski, (Karski was his underground code name which he later kept), a member of the Polish anti-German resistance, was chosen by his superiors to provide alarming details uncovered by the Polish underground to the free world. While the German Nazis were claiming that they were resettling Jews, the underground determined that they were actually transporting them to isolated and heavily guarded death camps and murdering them on an industrial scale. Karski, a courier for the Polish underground, traveled clandestinely with instructions and communications back and forth between the underground in German occupied Poland and the Polish government which established itself outside of Poland after the invasion of both Hitler's and Stalin's armies. In order to give an eyewitness account of what he would be expected to report to the world, Karski was smuggled by the Jewish resistance into the Warsaw Ghetto, where Polish Jews were forced by the Germans to live while cut off from the rest of the city. Karski thereby saw with his own eyes the extreme conditions, which prevailed within the Ghetto.

Conditions for the Polish population outside the ghetto was horrendous due to routine public mass executions of innocent people, daily surprise round ups of random people off the streets, and a total absence of any security, privacy, or any rights whatsoever, under the German authorities. There was a limit on food consumption that could not sustain life and, in fact, led to widespread starvation, while farmers were ordered to deliver quantities of food products, which left them without enough for themselves. There was also a comprehensive death penalty for a whole litany of minor violations, which could be executed on the spot by a rank and file member of the German army or police without approval, proof or due process. Many Poles were unceremoniously evicted from their properties to make room for Germans, and children with Germanic features could be forcefully taken away from Polish families to be placed with German families. Nonetheless, the conditions in the ghetto were still worse, with overcrowding, and little chance of being able to disobey, without being caught, the draconian policies in place that were deliberately designed to lead to mass exhaustion, starvation, disease and death amongst the trapped population in the ghetto.

Disguised as a guard, Karski was also sent into a transition camp for Jews being sent to the death camps and made personal observations of atrocities being committed thereat. The Polish underground gave Karski intelligence information that had been collected on various issues, and he was given a microfiche with documentation. Karski met with various Polish and Jewish leaders of several political and religious factions who discussed with him their views, messages and requests that Karski was to relay primarily to their counterparts outside Poland, and to the Polish government-in-exile, as well as to the leaders of the allied world. Included in these messages were pleas for the allies to implement specific steps designed to slow down the genocide of the Polish Jews, such as bombing the railroad tracks to the camps and the bombing of the gas chambers within the camps. Another request was for the allies to declare that German and other war criminals would be brought to justice after the end of the war.

Karski headed back to England, but was caught in Slovakia and tortured by the Germans. While in a hospital, his escape was coordinated by the Polish underground, with several underground members losing their lives in the process. He was sent to England again, with the majority of Polish and European Jews still alive, this time through Germany and Western Europe with false German papers, as well as an induced infection to his jaw, (to hide his accent should he need to speak German, in which he was fluent) and was eventually smuggled to English territory.

In England and the US, the Polish government—in-exile arranged meetings between Karski and Churchill, Roosevelt, prominent members of Hollywood, as well as Jewish American leaders, such as Felix Frankfurter, a United States Supreme Court Judge, and Stephen Wise, founding President of the World Jewish Congress. Karski, as an eyewitness, informed them of the ongoing annihilation of the Polish and European Jews, and urged them to take action. Unfortunately, Karski's warnings were ignored, and the Polish government then prepared a report, titled "The mass extermination of Jews in German Occupied Poland," directed at the governments of the free world, based on the information brought by Karski. A leaflet was prepared and distributed to the public and the media in the United States, again to no avail, and, as a result, the Polish government-in-exile was actually accused of fear mongering. While Jewish Americans did agitate for action, which included a march in Washington by 400 Rabbis, Jewish American leaders such as Stephen Wise did not take up this cause with the required decisiveness, and nothing was done. In England, a Polish Jewish member of the Polish government-in-exile, Szmuel Zygelboym, seeing that there was no interest by the allies in addressing the extermination of the Jews, commit suicide in protest.

Jan Karski later wrote a book titled "Courier From Poland. The Story of a Secret State" about the Polish government-in exile, the Polish resistance and his extraordinary assignment. He settled in the US and became a Professor at Georgetown University for forty years, where one of his students was Bill Clinton, future President of the United States. One of his famous quotes as Professor is "I have no more need for courage, so I teach compassion." As the Soviet imposed Communists in Poland ignored most non Communist Polish heroes of World War II, Karski was finally honored by Poland only after the fall of Communism. He died in 2000.

To the shock of many, President Obama, in his speech honoring Karski, called the German Nazi camps in German occupied Poland "Polish" and drew a sharp rebuke from Polish Government officials, including the Polish President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, as well as many Polish organizations around the World. President Obama sent a letter to the President of Poland expressing his regret for using the "Polish Concentration Camp" phrase. Shortly thereafter, the US ambassador to Poland, Lee Feinstein, was recalled and replaced. The incident was reported worldwide, which appears to have helped the cause of eradicating this grossly inappropriate term, which the American and British press has unjustifiably used for decades. The use of this term was always indefensible, and after a persistent effort, it seems Poles have finally come to the point where only diehard bigots would attempt to rationalize that the camps can be correctly called "Polish". Today, the press and media ethics and standards boards of several countries, such as Canada, have declared that calling a German Nazi concentration camp in German occupied Poland "Polish" is improper and/or unethical. Some major news outlets, such as the NY Times, have finally advised against the use of this phrase in their stylebooks. Having come to this point, however, we now come face to face with what this offensive phrase has always symbolized and was clearly a part of, and that is, the gross distortion of Polish World War II history in American and British media and academia. We must also face the notion that this distortion is oftentimes deliberate and malicious, ... and it is high time to address this issue head on.



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### *The Happy News*

Congrats to Christina Gryzic on running the NYC Police Chase 5k in 29.18 minutes on June 21 in Flushing Meadow Park - the hottest night of the summer!

Congratulations to Luke and Jeanetta Skorzewski on the birth of their daughter Sophia Christina.

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### *The Sad News*

Condolences to the family of Pulaski member Charles Kosciusko who passed away January 28, 2012. Before Charles' appointment to the Department in 1973 he was a member of the US Army Special Services Unit and served two tours in Vietnam. He suffered a stroke in 1990 but that didn't stop him from returning to work four months later; on his first night back, he took his rookies and taught them how to conduct car stops. He loved being a cop, even after his promotion to Captain. RIP.

The Pulaski Association 1st Vice President Christina Gryzic would like to thank her Pulaski family for the overwhelming support they showed her and her family at the passing of her mother, Aniela Gryzic, on September 2, 2012. Mrs. Gryzic was born in Poland and moved to New York in the 1950s. She settled in Greenpoint where she met her husband, Adam, and together they raised their two daughters Christina and Theresa. In addition to Christina and Theresa Mrs. Gryzic leaves behind four granddaughters, Angela, Theresa, Regina, and Caroline.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of retired Lt. Adam Cieslik who passed away in June of this year. Adam was a founding member and a former Vice President of the Pulaski Association, a board member of the Concorde Committee and the Pulaski Scholarship Foundation. He was also the President of the General Pulaski Memorial Committee as well as an extremely generous man that always thought of others first and was dedicated to all that was Polonia.

Our thoughts go out to the families of the other Pulaskians that passed away this Year  
Walter Wojciechowski, Edward Mis, Vincent Kwasnicki, Joseph Bravchok, Adam Augustine

## *Announcements*

Effective Monday May 21st I was assigned to the NYPD Detective Bureau. My new assignment is as the Executive Officer of the Special Victims Division. The Commanding Officer of the unit is a one star Chief. I am assisting in supervising nine different Detective Squads throughout all five boroughs of NYC. There is approximately 250 detectives assigned to the Special Victims Division. The supervisors and detectives in this unit investigate sex crimes and also crimes against children (child abuse, etc). In addition we oversee the Hate Crimes Task Force that investigates bias related crimes.

This certainly is a very interesting unit to be second in charge of. My office is located at 130 Avenue C in lower Manhattan (near Houston street). But as I said earlier, it is a "citywide" unit- which I'm very excited for.

Will keep you posted once I learn more about the position.

But after almost six years as a Precinct Commander and especially after 2 years of running the 79 - I welcome the change. All is good!

Peter J

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Congratulations to the following recipients of our 2012 Scholarship Awards! We wish them success in all their future endeavors!

Peter C. Bartoszek College Award - for \$2000 goes to Mathew T. Kakol, son of Retired Detective Lester Kakol  
Bernadette Gorczynski College Award - for \$1500 goes to Danielle A. Grudzinski, daughter of Detective Paul Grudzinski  
Michael Buczek College Award - for \$1000 goes to Michael Kosowski, son of Retired Sergeant Mike Kosowski  
Tony Pierzgalski College Award - for \$750 goes to Christina S. Wodarski, daughter of Retired Inspector Joseph Wodarski

Michael Labowski High School Award for \$1000 goes to Gregory A. Matousek, son of Retired Lieutenant Albert Matousek  
James Rowley High School Award for \$750 goes to Theresa Metzler, daughter of Retired Police Officer Joseph Metzler  
Joseph Veyvoda High School Award for \$500 goes to Malgorzata Ryan, daughter of Retired Captain Tom Ryan

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February	20	Meeting
March	07	Rangers v Islanders
March	20	Meeting
April	17	Meeting
May	15	Meeting
June	19	Meeting - Scholarship /Spouse Night
September	18	Meeting
October	06	Pulaski Day Parade
October	16	Meeting
November	20	Meeting
December	18	Meeting - Christmas Party

Always check our Facebook page for upcoming events and updates!

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**Membership Renewal Application for 2013**



We are now accepting Associate Members. An Associate member is any CMOS or civilian of Polish and Slavic descent. Associate members cannot vote, hold office or receive scholarship or death benefits. They may attend all general meetings and functions. Dues for Active/Retired UMOS 65 and under are \$25.00. Lifetime members over 65 are \$10.00. In order to be considered a lifetime member, all prior years dues must be paid annually. Associate Civilian Members are \$40.00. Failure to keep dues current for active and retired UMOS will suspend any benefits, such as Scholarship and Death benefits.

Please complete your 2013 Membership Renewal form and mail along with your checks made payable to:

**“PULASKI ASSOCIATION, N.Y.P.D.”**

**Attn: Financial Secretary**

**P.O. Box 447**

**Floral Park, NY 11002**

**\*\* Dues: \$25.00    Lifetime Members \$ 10.00    Associate Members \$40.00 \*\***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Gender : Male  Female

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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DOB \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ HOME PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ STRONGLY RECOMMENDED Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

*ex: Screen Name @ server . com*

THE PULASKI ASSOCIATION REQUIRES ALL EMAIL ADDRESSES AND CELL PHONE #'S IN ORDER TO CONTACT YOU WITH NOTIFICATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS, SUCH AS GENERAL MEETING REMINDERS, DINNER DANCES, AND ALL CLUB RELATED FUNCTIONS. SUPPORT YOUR ORGANIZATION!

RANK \_\_\_\_\_ TAX # \_\_\_\_\_ COMMAND \_\_\_\_\_ APPOINTMENT DATE \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

*(PLEASE CIRCLE ONE)*

LIFETIME\* OVER 65,    RETIRED,    ACTIVE,    ASSOCIATE CIVILAIN MEMBER

\*See Definition Above

\*\*\*\*\*Information below to be filled out by **ALL APPLICANTS**\*\*\*\*\*

List Polish / Slavic ancestral background of member of spouse / family

\_\_\_\_\_

List Children's Names and DOB

\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Beneficiary \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By Laws and any future amendments and changes thereto:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Delegate / Proposer _____	Command _____
Action of Membership Committee _____	Date _____
Eligibles: POLES, UKRAINIANS, RUSSIANS, BELORUSSIANS, CZECHS, SLOVAKS, CROATS, SERBS, BOSNIANS, MONTENGRINS, BULGARIANS, HUNGARIANS, LITHUANIANS, LATVIANS, ESTONIANS	