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**The 2007 Debutantes and Escorts along with our Page Boy and Page Girl**

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**The Debutante Ball Committee paused a moment to celebrate the successful completion of months of planning.**



The Marion Vrabel Scholarship recipient was awarded \$ 500.00 at the Deb Ball. In the photo at left are Deborah Osborne, Diane Gaughan, and Elaine Larronde

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Meet Miss Alyson Parlo from Allentown, PA. Alyson is the daughter of John and Mary Kay Parlo. Alyson was 1st runner up for Miss Polish Union 2008. She currently is in the 10th grade at Salisbury High School. Colton Furbur of Allentown, PA escorted Alyson.



**Meet Miss Samantha Heck of Plains, PA. She is the daughter of Richard and Sheila Heck. Samantha is Miss Polish Union 2008. She is currently in 10th grade at Holy Redeemer. Sean Burns of Plains, PA, escorted Samantha.**



**Meet Miss Diane Gaughan from Scranton, PA. Diane is the daughter of Robert and Irene Gaughan. She currently is in the 10th grade at Scranton Preparatory School. Diane was the recipient of the Marion Orloski Vrabel Scholarship Fund. Joshua Renfer of Pittston Township, PA escorted Diane.**



Meet Miss Kristen Lachovicz of Eynon, PA. Kristen is the daughter of John and Cindy Lachovicz. She currently is in 12th grade at Lakeland High School. Paul Rumensky of Dickson City, PA escorted Kristen.

## Reminiscing at the Deb Ball

The Annual Polish Union Debutante Ball was an elegant affair attended by over 150 people. Attention to detail was evident in all aspects of the program with one of the highlights being the presentation of the Marion Orloski Vrabel Memorial Scholarship by Elaine Larronde and Deborah Osborne. Aside from the formal aspect of the program, many guests had the opportunity to rekindle memories of past affairs and rejoice in the fact that younger generations are helping sustain the traditions of Polish Union by being actively involved in planning and executing the affair.



Pictured at right, from left to right are some of the guests; Jack Bednarski, Helen Wisniewski, Dr Richard Meredith, Ru Meredith, Alicia Meredith and Mary Ellen Kolodziej.

# Feed The Needy Project Meets With Success

Polish Union Chaplain Father Patrick Albert extended a hearty thank you to all who participated in the "Feed the Needy" project for 2007. On Saturday and Sunday, November 17th and 18th, the annual food distribution program for needy families was conducted in Wilkes-Barre by the Commission on Economic Opportunity. This year 19 of our Polish Union members joined the many volunteers who assisted with the project. We were led by Chaplain Albert, President Wartko, and General Secretary Androckitis in working a total of 115 hours for the two-day period. Everyone who participated commented that it was a meaning-

ful and fulfilling experience.

On Sunday afternoon our President and several other members had the opportunity to meet the Executive Director of CEO, Gene Brady, and one of his Board members, Judge Hugh Mundy. President Wartko pledged our support as volunteers in the future.

Polish Union also received monetary donations for our "Feed the Needy" project and we are still accepting your charitable donations, which will be used to help families in need. Mail checks to Polish Union USA if you wish to participate.



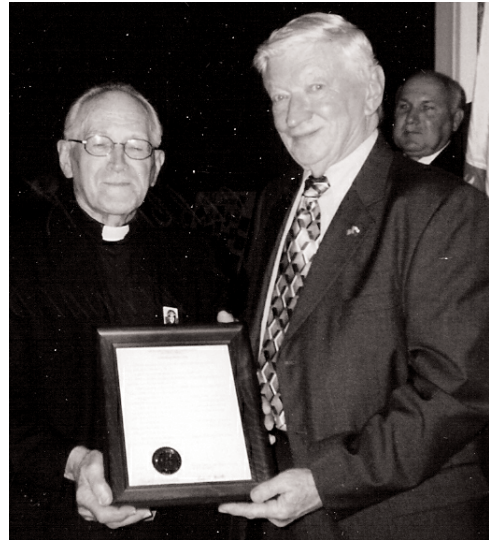
Pictured left to right are: Seated, Rose Wartko, Alice Czyzyk, and Nancy Bachurek. Standing, Judge Hugh Mundy, Gene Brady, CEO, Terry Rumensky, and Bernard Kolodziej.

# Father Garbacik Honored

The Polonaise Society of Greater Hazleton recently honored Rev. Louis S. Garbacik for his lifelong dedication to the Polish community of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Board of Polish Union offered a special Resolution commending Father Garbacik for his tireless efforts in his priestly duties and his meritorious service to the Polish- American community.

Father Garbacik is still very much involved with the members of Saint. Stanislaus Church in Hazleton and the Polish American Congress of NEPA. His exemplary work with Polonia is well known by many people here and abroad and his primary concern at this time is to have everyone pray for the Sainthood of Pope John Paul II, with whom he met personally more than twenty times.

God Bless Father Garbacik.



**Pictured, Rev. Garbacik receiving the Resolution from Vice President Bernard Kolodziej.**

## In Memoriam

Our sympathy to the families of recently deceased members of Polish Union of U.S.A.

Group	Member	State
320	Michalina Braunas	PA
163	Joseph Rook	PA
155	Mieczysla Bara	IL
195	Annette J. Parlapiano	PA
400	Stella Scartelli	PA
227	Leonard Mroczka	PA
155	Aleks Michals	NJ
258	Jack Marchisotta	IL
175	Andrzej Bucknavage	NJ
206	Frances Halat	PA
395	Helen Cegelka	PA
321	Wojciech Siedlarski	FL
400	Bette Bulzoni	PA
191	John D. Perry	CA
189	Paulina Zliczewski	NJ
230	Charlene D. Cutler	CA
270	John Cieciel	IL

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*May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*

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*A Mass for deceased members is celebrated monthly by Chaplain Rev. Patrick L. Albert*

## Spring Polish Language Courses

**Polish I** will be held on eight consecutive Monday evenings beginning March 10 and ending April 28. major concentration will be on conversational Polish, reading, writing and some grammar. Beginners are welcome.

**Polish II** is scheduled for eight consecutive Thursday evenings beginning March 13 and ending May 1 and will be an extension of Polish I plus the reading, translation and grammatical analysis of the famous novel *Quo Vadis* by Henryk Sienkiewicz.

Both classes will be conducted from 7 to 9 p.m.

Registration for both classes is scheduled for Thursday, March 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Polish Union headquarters located at 53-59 North Main Street, Downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Instructor for the courses is Norbert Dembinski.

# The Importance of Life Insurance

Life insurance is one of the best ways a parent or grandparent can demonstrate their love to family members. Life insurance should play an important part in your life so you can build a solid financial future for your family. Life insurance with Polish Union is a systematic way to save for the future. It means income for you and your family at a time when it is needed most. It is a guaranteed way to provide for your family's financial security and peace of mind. And, most importantly, it can be done by setting aside just a few dollars regularly.

You, as a member of Polish Union, can do your family and friends a great favor by enrolling them as a member of Polish Union. And, remember, Polish Union rates are economical. The only way a member can really take advantage of all our fraternal benefits is by participating in all our activities such as the scholarship program, the children's Easter, Halloween, and Christmas parties, family picnic, craft courses. St. Joseph's Dinner, "Miss Polish Union" and the Debutante Ball, etc. The Polish Union has insurance plans to fit the needs of every family member and that is why I'm encouraging you to enroll your children at birth.

If you or some member of your family aren't members of the Polish Union, I'm asking you to join our fraternal organization. You know that when you buy any life insurance, the older you are the more expensive the insurance becomes, than it makes a lot of sense to buy life insurance sooner rather than later, it makes no sense to wait regardless of age. Waiting around means you become a year older and insurance will cost you more, or, your health may change and you may not be insurable. Remember, life insurance is one of the greatest financial products ever devised, it can help you and your family at

any age, at anytime.

We are constantly looking for new mem-



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bers, in fact, our membership drives ar perpetual, for we desire to enlarge our fraternal, and we can attain this but only with your cooperation in enrolling new members in the Polish Union. Whenever you attend any social function, look around for potential members, it may be a new bride or a new baby in the family. Give them the opportunity to belong to our organization and enjoy all of the Polish Union benefits as a member. Polish Union USA issues insurance plans for adults and children. Each plan, except term, carries cash values, paid-up insurance, certificate loans, and extended insurance. Life insurance is purchased for the living, not the dead. You don't buy insurance for fear of dying, you buy for your spouse, for your children and yourself. As I do so often in my column, please check your insurance portfolio. Do you have enough insurance to protect your family? Do you need additional life insurance? Do you need change of beneficiary forms? Please contact your group secretary or call the home office at 570-823-1611 and Chris or Linda will be glad to help you with rates, applications or forms.

# What Is Title Insurance?

*Hello. My name is Attorney Jeffrey J. Malak and I am General Counsel of the Polish Union and a partner in the law firm of Chariton & Schwager, Wilkes-Barre, PA . I will be providing you with information which you may find useful with regard to various legal topics. Please look for the Lawfully Yours column in future Fraternal Journal issues.*

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Title insurance is insurance against loss from a defect in title to real estate. In other words, it offers the buyer protection from any defects in seller's title to real estate and confirms that the seller does have good title.

Title insurance gives the buyer assurance that the title to real estate being purchased and any defects in title (which can be discovered from a search of public records ) are brought to the buyer's attention and corrected before the real estate sale is completed.

Some information that will be brought to the buyer's attention after a public records search may include, who owns the property, any liens, easements, or other restrictions on the property's use.

If a buyer is financing a home today,

many mortgage companies require title insurance. Even without such a requirement, title insurance is a worthwhile investment.

## Lawfully Yours



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# ATTENTION

Group Secretaries And Licensed Agents  
*Now Is The Time To Take Advantage  
Of A Special*  
Limited Time Bonus Program

Sign Up Any New Member  
And Receive a \$10 Bonus Per One  
Thousand Dollars of New Insurance

Program Excludes Term Plans

# Join Us For A Festive Saint Joseph's Dinner, March 15

Just as St. Patrick's Day is celebrated with much merry-making by the Irish, although it falls during the season of Lent, so the people of Poland and Polish-Americans have chosen to commemorate St. Joseph's Feast Day in a similar fashion. Various Pol-Am organizations and fraternals hold parties and get-togethers and for this day, the strict Lenten regulations do not oblige.

Festivities begin with a program and dinner served at 6 p.m.

**Saturday Evening  
March 15, 2008  
Program & Dinner 6:00  
p.m.  
After Five Supper Club  
280 Main St., Dickson City**

ner served at 6 p.m.

Members, their families and friends are invited to attend—the young and golden-agers will enjoy the affair. The color and decor of the evening will be red and white.

It is recommended that ticket reservations be made by March 11th. To reserve your spot phone: nancy Bachurek, 489-0690, Sophie Dubiak, 346-1131 or the Polish Union Home Office, 823-1611

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## About Our Members

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**Anna Marie Gorski** a new member of the Polish Union of U S A . She is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Gorski of Clark Summit, PA. Anna

was born August 13, 2007 and Baptised October 14, 2007. She is a member of Group 407.

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Emily Huber, Chair of the Young Adult Committee, would like to introduce the newest member of the Polish Union. Her nephew, **Brennan Timothy Huber**, was born on November 14, 2007. He is the son of Timothy and Jennifer Huber, Clifton, PA. Here he is participating in his 1st Polish Union Children's Christmas Party, held at Cooper's, Pittston. Welcome Brennan to the Polish Union Family!

## Polish Union Well Represented at P.A.C. Wigilia

The Polish American Congress of Northeastern PA recently held their Annual Wigilia at the "Touch of Class" in Wilkes-Barre. Reverend Louis S. Garbacik blessed the Oplatki and the Advent Wreath. The program included a speech by David Ritter of the Commission on Economic Opportunity. He equated the "Sharing of the Bread" to the efforts of his organization in providing for needy families and encouraged the guests to consider volunteering in this community-wide effort. After the traditional Wigilia Dinner and singing of Kolendy, Father

Joseph Horanzy said the Benediction. Polish Union President Rose Wartko and Terry Rumensky each had a table representing Polish Union in addition to several other Polish Union members in attendance, including Sophie Dubiak, Nancy Bachurek, Alice Czyzyk, and Josephine Toczyłowski, Standing, Josephine Zuba, PAC member and Polish Union member welcoming the group.

Bernard Kolodziej is President of the NEPA Polish American Congress and, along with Atty. Jeff Malak represents Polish Union on the PAC Board.