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News

Please note that as of September 1, the Piłsudski Institute will return to its normal business hours. We invite you to visit us on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10am to 5pm, and on Tuesdays from 12pm to 7pm.

On Tuesday, September 3, we will be screening *Blood Ties*, a documentary film by Dariusz Walusiak, which is the story of the heroic fight (and tragic fate) of the soldiers from the National Armed Forces group of Capt. Henryk Flame nicknamed "Bartek". We invite you to join us at 6pm.

Recent Events

On July 16 we presented a documentary film about Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popiełuszko entitled *I am Ready for Anything*. The film was very well received by the gathered audience, who shared their own memories from that time period.

On August 4 the president of the Institute, Iwona Korga, took part in the solemn celebration of Soldiers' Day, organized by the Polish Army Veterans Post #12, from Bensalem, PA. The celebration began with a field mass, followed by commemorative exercises and a parade. During the celebration, President Korga gave a speech entitled "The Battle of Warsaw on its Centenary." The ceremony ended with the awarding of medals; one of them, the Paderewski Medal, was awarded to Iwona Korga.

On August 6 a special celebration was held at the headquarters of the Institute to mark the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. The Guest of Honor that day was Warsaw Insurgent Mieczysław Madejski. Also present were the Polish Consul in New York Mateusz Gmura; Dorota Andraka, President of the Polish Supplementary School Council of America; and scouts from the Podhale and Warmia troops. During the evening's celebration, fragments of insurgent diaries kept by Stefan Koper were read, who was a field war reporter during the Warsaw Uprising. In the archives of our Institute there is a whole collection dedicated to Stefan and Zofia Koper. Thank you to Małgorzata and Roman Stasiuk and Wojciech Budzyński from the Polish Military Collectors Club (named after Andrzej Zaremba), as the guests during the event were able to admire a wonderful collection which included uniforms, weapons, and insurgent armbands. We would also like to thank Radio Rampa for broadcasting the event live.

Recent Visits

On August 15 we hosted the Program Director of Radio Gdańsk, Michał Rzepiak, who visited the Institute and became more informed about our mission and organization.

On August 20, we were visited by Jerzy K. Malewicz, a Warsaw Insurgent who has been living in NYC for the past fifty years.

In Memoriam

On August 11, Wanda Woś-Lorenc—a participant of the Warsaw Uprising and a member of the Józef Piłsudski Institute—passed away at the age of 91.

Mrs. Woś-Lorenc was born on June 22, 1928 in Warsaw. From 1943, she was associated with the underground National Armed Forces. She underwent sanitary and communication training and then was assigned to Brigadier Czesław Mączyński's battalion. She served as a lieutenant nurse in the Home Army during the Warsaw Uprising. After the war, Wanda Woś-Lorenc joined the Freedom and Independence organization, fighting against the communist regime; after a few weeks the organization and its leadership was destroyed. In 1967 she left Poland with her family to come to America. The funeral of lieutenant Wanda Woś-Lorenc took place with military honors. She was buried in her family grave at the Cemetery of the Holy Rood in Westbury, Long Island.

She will remain in our memory as a warm and open person, a great patriot who took part in the various activities of the Polish diaspora, and gladly met with children and youth to tell them about our history.

Honor her memory.

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Quiz

Question from the previous newsletter

As you know, the Sejm of the Republic of Poland has designated 2019 as the Year of the Silesian Uprisings. The Silesian Uprisings are one of the most astonishing stories in the Polish nation's history. In the resolution adopted by the Sejm, gratitude was expressed for "the contribution of generations of the Silesian people to fight for independence of the Republic of Poland." How many Silesian Uprisings were there and in what years did they happen?

We haven't received a response yet.

New question

On September 1, we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, which began when Nazi Germany invaded Poland. On what date did the United States enter the war?

Note: When sending your response, please provide us with an address so we can mail the prize. Among the correct answers we will draw one prize.

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memorabilia, as well as a library. For more information visit our website www.Piłsduski.org.

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If you want to help with the work of the Institute, you may become a member or volunteer. The Institute, as a non-profit organization, is supported by donations and bequests, and any help is appreciated. We urge you to donate to the Institute family memorabilia, correspondence and other archival collections. The Institute needs volunteers to assist in the activities, development of collections, digitization, queries, etc.

The Institute is open daily from Monday to Friday.

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