Bulletin of the Józef Piłsudski Institute

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News

The 4th Edition of the New York "Cursed Soldiers Trail" is behind us. Thanks to everyone who gathered on March 3rd at Forest Park, Queens, NY to pay homage to the Cursed Soldiers with us.

Thank you to our sponsor, the **Polish-Slavic Federal Credit Union**. We would like to thank also our friends from the Polska Running Team for cooperation and help in organizing the run and to all those who have contributed in any way to make this run possible.

Events

On February 5th, we invited all to the Andrzej Józef Dąbrowski lecture entitled "The revival of the Polish state after 123 years of partitions." It was another meeting organized on the occasion of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of regaining independence by Poland. Editor Dąbrowski is a regular contributor to the Institute describing historical documents, he is also a long-time journalist of the weekly "Kurier Plus".

On February 8th, an interesting history lesson for high school students from the Polish Saturday School St. Cyril and Methodius in Greenpoint took place at the Institute. The special guest of the evening was Cecylia Łozińska-Grzywacz who as a child was deported by Russians to Siberia. She recalled some of her childhood memories, and then with Dr. Iwona Korga led a lesson about the deportation of Poles to Siberia.

On February 27th, in the Institute's gallery, we conducted a history lesson about the generals K. Pułaski and T. Kościuszko - "Heroes of Two Nations." The lesson was delivered to children from the after school program from PS. 34 from Greenpoint.

Visits

On February 1st, we hosted Mrs. Anna Gutowska, the director of the Pilecki Institute, along with the delegation.

On February 13th, minister Michał Dworczyk, Chief of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister Mariusz Morawiecki met with representatives of Polish diaspora organizations in the company of Consul General Maciej Golubiewski. The meeting was led by Dr. Iwona Korga. Dr Dorota Andraka, Maciej Rusiński, and Janusz Skowron were present.

On February 15th, the Institute was visited by sgt. Michaela Ollis parents from Staten Island. Sgt. Michael Ollis gave his life in Afghanistan, shielding the Polish soldier with his body during a bomb attack. Soldier's parents visited the Institute in the company of representatives from the PSFCU.

Upcoming events

We invite you along with the Jan Karski Society for the screening of the documentary film directed by Rafael Lewandowski titled: "Away from the orchestra." The screening will take place on March 19 at 6 PM; photos: Piotr Niemyjski, duration: 86 minutes, year of production: 2017. The director of the film will be present at the event.

We invite you to the promotion of the book entitled "Gen. Gustaw Orlicz-Dreszer 1889-1936", published by the Institute of National Remembrance. The Institute's guest will be the co-author of the book prof. Marcin Kruszyński. The promotion will take place on March 26 at 6 PM.

News from the Piłsudski Institute in London

On March 19 at 5pm, consecration ceremony of the Piłsudski Institute's Banner will take place in Andrew Bobola Polish RC Church in London. The ceremony will be attended, among others, by Ambassador of the Republic of Poland Arkady Rzegocki and The Head of the Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression Minister Jan Kasprzyk.

Quiz

Question from the previous newsletter:

On January 22, 2019, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the USA and Poland. Ignacy Jan Paderewski had the greatest influence on the cultivation of Polish-American friendship. Enter the first and last name of the first US Ambassador in Warsaw?
Answer: It was the US politician and diplomat Hugh S. Gibson. Thank you for all the answers we received. The prize was drawn by Stanley Cuba from Denver, CO. Congratulations.

New question:

On March 20, 1895, General August Emil Fieldorf, ps. Nil, was born in Kraków. He played a great role during WWII as a commander of Kedyw KG AK and deputy commander of the Home Army gen. L. Okulicki. Please write what task on behalf of the Polish Government in Exile in 1940 gen. Fieldorf was undertaking.

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

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