



# Alliance News

Toledo-Poznań Alliance quarterly newsletter – Summer/Fall 2017

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## Dożynki 2017

Dożynki this year is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, at the Franciscan Center. Volunteers are needed for the following activities:

- \*helping at the Silent Auction tables,
- \*helping to sell raffle tickets for placek (Polish Coffee cake), and \*chrysanthemums,
- \*sewing simple banners for the procession.

If you can help with these activities, please contact me, Jackie Konwinski, Vice President & Acting Secretary, [jmkk43@bex.net](mailto:jmkk43@bex.net), or 419-882-5045. Dziękuję!

Toledo Poznan Alliance would appreciate your contributions to the Silent Auction for this year's Dożynki 2017. TPA needs donations of Boleslawiec pottery, Polish linens and glassware, books about Poland, wycinanki, straw paintings and other Polish items. The committee welcomes any American ideas you would like to donate. Please contact Jackie Konwinski at [jmkk43@bex.net](mailto:jmkk43@bex.net), or 419-882-5045. Dziękuję!

*By Jackie Konwinski*

## Polish Cultural Center

Plans continue to be made regarding the Polish Cultural Center for the Toledo region. Tom Sorosiak and Tom Waniewski have been working tirelessly to bring together all the Polish organizations under this umbrella. A meeting is scheduled in late August with the Lucas County Commissioner's to present them with the plan, architectural drawing, information about the use of the Center, and funding for its construction. The Cultural Center will have a hall capable of seating 350 people with tables and chairs, a dance floor, stage, and rooms for meetings. A lounge with televisions, kitchen for sandwiches, and a

bar for beverages. Four meeting rooms to allow Polish organizations to hold meetings will be constructed. Also, the Polish Genealogical Society will have an archival room and computers to aid in tracing Polish ancestry.

Most importantly donations are being accepted. The Advisory Board encourages people to make donations on behalf of deceased friends and relatives. Many funeral homes have envelopes to do this. Donations are accepted at any time by mailing it to the Polish Cultural Center, P.O. Box 291, Waterville, Ohio 43566. Tom Sorosiak will answer any questions you may have by emailing him at [tjsoros@aol.com](mailto:tjsoros@aol.com) or telephone 419-832-4333. Let's get behind this project NOW, so that our regional heritage is not lost for future generations. This may be the last time that we can attempt to save our Polish organizations before all of the 60 and 70 year old generation is no longer with us.

*By Tom Sorosiak*

## Real Polish Festival

Mark your calendars for May 18, 19, and 20 of 2018 for a REAL Polish Festival! Plans continue to be made for the first Polish Festival sponsored by the Polish American Community of Toledo (P.A.C.T.). Tom Sorosiak, representing the Toledo-Poznan Alliance has attended the last meeting of the planning committee for the festival. It is going to be held at Club 16 in Holland, Ohio.

Some early information that can be shared is that the majority of the proceeds from the event will be for the Polish Cultural Center (PCC) that is being planned for the Toledo region. It is very important that all Polish organizations get behind this project. Organizations are

encouraged to have a booth at the festival to sell Polish food. This is a great opportunity for the organizations to make money for their groups, as they will keep all the money they earn.

More information will be forth-coming in the next newsletter. If you want information now you can contact John 419-3351-7707, Stosh 419-304-3546, Jack 419-388-0397 or Tom at 419-832-4333. Commit to being there now with your organization, so that you can sell what you want, as no duplication of foods will be attempted.

*By Tom Sorosiak*

## Finger Lickin' Good

Poland was the European Union's leading poultry meat exporter in 2016, and its lead over its closest competitors is ever increasing. More than 800,000 tons of poultry meat was exported posting a 17 % increase year-over-year. Per capita, the production of chicken meat in Poland rivals that of the United States, a far cry from the amount generated during the communist era.

However, the average price of broiler chickens dropped by 5% year to year. The drop in price was caused mainly by an increase in production in Poland, the EU and worldwide. The increase in efficiency in Poland and to a lesser extent in other eastern EU countries has had a worsening affect on French farmers, as EU agriculture regulations do not apply equally to all nations under the EU banner.

As far as export destinations, 40% of exports went to the UK and Germany. It is expected production of poultry meat in Poland will continue to grow, but more slowly than during the past five years. The sanctions imposed against Russia have a fairly harsh affect in slowing down Poland's ability to keep the exponential growth of meat, fruit and vegetable production on a meteoric rise.

Poland is also the largest exporter of apples in the EU. Still, the inability to export the fruit to Russia has caused a national public relations campaign

for Poles to consume more apple juice and other products made from domestic apples as a patriotic and economic sense of duty to keep orchards fiscally viable.

*By Denny Kutylowski, PolishToledo.com*

## Ann M. Galloway (1924-2017)

Ann M. Galloway passed away August 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Clare Commons. She was a long-time board member of the Toledo-Poznan Alliance as well as of Toledo Sister Cities International. Ann was also the chairperson of our annual Dozynki (Harvest Dinner) several times. They were entertaining, well planned and successful.

Her accomplishments elsewhere are numerous. Ann raised countless dollars for many Toledo area organizations as well as several national and international projects. She was always willing to step up and help where needed with ideas and actions.

We will miss her dedication to TPA. May she rest in peace. She lived life to the fullest.

## Echoes 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

On June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Theatre, the Echoes of Poland Folk Song and Dance Ensemble had their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Performance. It included several past performers along with the current members and the Polish American Concert Band. The journey back in time included music, song, and dance that lasted over three hours. The group and specifically their director, Paulina Tul Ortyl, were honored with a proclamation from the City of Toledo by the Mayor. In attendance besides the large audience, were representatives from the District and National Level of the PRCUA who presented Paulina with a plaque honoring her for the 50 years of service. Other awards were also given by different organizations. Dance performances included the Polonez, Mazur, Krakowiak, and regional folk dances. There were also dance and vocal solos. TPA congratulates the Ensemble and Paulina on this important milestone. Sto Lat!

*By Walter Palicki*



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**Mission Statement:** The purpose of the Toledo-Poznań Alliance is to foster the links of friendship and knowledge between people of the grater Toledo, Ohio area and Poznań, Poland area; to foster as a consequence of such friendship and knowledge a continuing relationship of mutual concern; to carry out an exchange in such fields as education technology, sports, health and others and provide to one another the appropriate aid and comfort, education and mutual understanding.

**Membership information:**

To be directly involved, we invite you to become a member by sending in the information requested below with your membership contribution.

- Senior / student - \$ 5
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**The TPA welcomes all new members. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and activities we sponsor in 2017, and get involved.**

**Attention former members of the Echoes of Poland** – 2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the Echoes of Poland, under the continuous direction of Paulina Tul-Ortyl. If you danced with the Echoes of Poland, please join the FB page: Echoes of Poland Past, Present and Future. Also, please help update the files: send your current contact information including postal and email addresses, phone number and year danced to [echoesofpoland50@yahoo](mailto:echoesofpoland50@yahoo), so you can receive and invitation to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala.

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