



Polish American Congress, New York Long Island Division

Annual Activity Report 2024

Events in which PAC-LI members participated or were involved:

- 1) January 13, Saturday 2-5 PM Polish American Museum in Port Washington, Oginski Choir reunion (former members of PAC-LI, org.by hk, participated besides singers, conductors, sympetizers: rb, zk)
- 2) January 13, Saturday 6-8 PM rally at restaurant in Bayside for Tom Suozzi (part. hk, zk)
- 3) January 17, Tuesday: 8:30 – 9:43 PM meeting organized by PAC VP for American Affairs, Tim Kuzma via Zoom (part. rb, zk)
- 4) January 20, Saturday: 93th Ryszard's birthday celebration (rb, hk, zk)
- 5) January 21, Sunday: Concert of Christmas carols at P&S Center, Chejnal choir and soloists (hk, zk)
- 6) January 23, Tuesday: 7-9 PM movie "Chłopi" at Consulate (viewed by hk)
- 7) January 26, Friday: 2 hours meeting with Rep. Marcy Kaptur organized by President of the Polish Club at University of Texas, Nathan Silverstein (rb, hk, zk)
- 8) January 27, Saturday: zk wrote and sent a letter to Tim Kuzma standing up for President of PAC-LI, Ryszard Brzozowski, who was interrupted by Tim during the last monthly meeting
- 9) January 29, 30 Monday, Tuesday: St. Hedwig church in Floral Park, memorial masses for Pastor Peter Rozek in Polish and English
- 10) February 4, Sunday: zk wrote questions for Suozzi & Mazi candidates at the special election in dist.#3. They were accepted by Ryszard and sent via internet
- 11) February 3-8, translation of a song about deportation of the Poles to Siberia by hk
- 12) February 5-9, Monday: first week of action to repeal WEP/GPO, sending emails to selected legislators (action organized by PASI in coordination with the National Task Force)
- 13) February 6, Tuesday: restaurant in Little Neck, participating in fund raising for Suozzi (hk, zk)
- 14) February 9, Friday: request for meeting with Rep. Marcy Kaptur send to scheduler Juven Jacob (zk)
- 15) February 11-13: help in collecting signatures under the letter prepared by PASI to new Polish government officials re abounding critical projects important for Poland (zk)
- 16) February 13, Tuesday: special election in dist.#3, candidates: Suozzi (D), Mazzi (R), voted hk, zk
- 17) February 15, Monday: a mass commemorating late Father Peter Rozek at Rockville Center celebrating by Bishops, Bares and Zglejszewski
- 18) February 26, Tuesday: 8:30 – 9:30 PM meeting via Zoom of PAC National Executive Council (part. rb)
- 19) March 5, Tuesday: Concert at Consulate commemorating Chopin (hk)
- 20) March 12, Tuesday: meeting with researchers from University of National Educational Commission re promoting of Polish culture abroad in Berlin, London and New York
- 21) March 18, Monday: 6-8:30 PM "Leonard" in Great Neck "Victory Party" organized by Rep. Tom Suozzi (part. hk, zk)
- 22) March 19, Tuesday: 8:30 – 9: 50 PM Kuzma's meeting via Zoom (part. rb, zk)
- 23) March 22, Friday: 3-5 PM Meeting with Gregor Medinger from Austrian Cultural Association about a letter to Rep. Nick LaLota re support for Ukraine (part. rb, hk, zk)
- 24) April 4, Thursday – letter signed by Ryszard was sent overnight to Rep. LaLota
- 25) April 6, Saturday: 7 PM – 1 AM "Man of the Year" annual event organized by Pulaski Association of Business and Professional Men at Ruso on the Bay in Rockaway (part. rb, hk, zk)
- 26) April 7, Sunday: participating in the meeting organized by Wojtek Jeśman re the war in Ukraine and his new letter which is repeating Putin's propaganda (zk participated and raised his objections)
- 27) April 12, Friday 12:10 PM sending email to Rep. Tom Suozzi with a proposal of Resolution on Compensation for WWII (zk). Received o positive response within 2 hours.
- 28) April 13, Sat. 4-5:30 elections in PAC-LI. It was decided that that the current Board would remain.
- 29) April 15, Monday 2-4 PM Wilson Center webinar European New Engine <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/weimar-triangle-europes-new-engine> (part. zk).

- 30) April 16, Tuesday 3-5 PM the House Soc. Sec. Subcommittee meeting webinar on WEP, recap: <https://trta.org/recap-of-the-april-16-2024-gpo-and-wep-subcommittee-hearing/>
- 31) April 17, Wednesday 8 – 8:24 PM National Executive Council meeting conducted by Spula via Zoom. 9 officers and 6 presidents participated. National Directors fees were reduced from \$300 to \$200. As Spula proposed 60% dues for divisions were reduced to 60%. All present officers of EC and presidents: Kaminski and Kocur voted in favor. Burghardt and Kolodziej was against, Brzozowski and Halaczkiwicz abstained from voting.
- 32) April 18, Friday: 6:30-10:30 Marie Sklodowska -Curie Professional Women's Association, an event rewarding high school students who won the contest "Polish Gold Medalist Olympians" (br. Hk, zk).
- 33) April 21, Sunday 2-5 PM: PAC-LI invited Polonia to a meeting and a lecture at the Polish American Museum in Port Washington on Sunday, 2024. Title of the lecture: POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE ROLE OF POLONIA. Presenter was Dr. Lucja-Swiatkowski-Cannon. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, DC and a regular columnist Geopolitical Observer at ewsmx.com, Insider Opinion. She is a strategist, expert and author on Eastern Europe, Russia and US-East European relations.
- 34) April 24, Tuesday 8 – 9:30 PM Tim Kuzma, VP for American Affairs organized his monthly meeting. (besides reps of other divisions, Ryszard & Zbyszek participated). According to Zbyszek so far, the most useful and specific meeting. Tim asked for suggestions for a Day of Action on the Capitol Hill, Questions for candidates in coming election for Congress and for president.
- 35) April 28, Sunday after masses a reception celebrating the birthday of late Father Rożek at Prish Hall of St. Hedwig Church, he would be 60 (hk, rb).
- 36) April 28, Sunday, 8-9:30 PM meeting via Skype organized by Leszek Pawlik, President of CPA on the WEP/GPO repeal. (hk, zk)
- 37) April 29, Monday, 8:30 PM special mass celebrated by Bishop Zglejszewski and clergy from Long Island, celebrating the birthday of Father Piotr Rożek at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. (hk, rb, zk)
- 38) May 3, Friday, 7:30 -9:30 PM special mass (sermon about history, in English and Polish, celebrating St Mary the Queen of Poland and the 3rd May Constitution at Our Lady of Poland Church in South Hampton. Distribution of brochures about Poland (hk, zk).
- 39) May 4, Saturday 11 AM visiting the Polish Saturday School in Floral Park. Distribution of brochures about Poland (hk, zk).
- 40) May 5, Sunday 3 -6 PM – the 3rd May Constitution Academy at Polish National Home in Glen Cove. Distribution of brochures about Poland (rb, hk, zk).
- 41) May 11, Saturday 10 AM participating in the end of school year in St. Hedwig School (hk, zk).
- 42) May 16, Thursday -, Ryszard sent a letter to the EC re dues and cc to the presidents of divisions. The letter was signed by 9 presidents and Tomek Kolodziej sent his individual e-mail in support. .
- 43) May 19, Sunday 2 -4 PM 45th Annual Polish Heritage Day Celebration organized by Westchester Pulaski Association at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla, NY. We spoke and distributed brochures about Poland to parents and directors of Polish Saturday Schools in Yonkers and in Port Chester. Also, to representatives of Banner of Jasna Góra and Polonia Technica (bk, hk, zk).
- 44) May 29, Wednesday – Richard ordered retractable banner for PAC-LI.
- 45) May 31, Friday – Zbyszek called Suozzi's office in DC re proposed resolution and talked with Jacob.
- 46) June 4, Tuesday – Zbyszek send \$100 donation to Rep. Tom Suozzi.
- 47) June 5, Wednesday – Richard sent questions to Mr. Kuzma, why his meetings were interrupted and why no response was received to the email re dues signed by 8 divisions + Tomek Kolodziej.
- 48) June 6, Thursday – Zbyszek sent booklets and brochures received from Dr. Pienkos to 3 PAC divisions.
- 49) June 12, Wednesday – Zbyszek talked to Katia, at the DC office of Rep. Suozzi re proposed resolution.
- 50) June 13, Thursday – Zbyszek finished writing and translating Polish ver. of brochure about Poland.
- 51) June 14, Friday – 4-7:30 PM meeting of PAC-LI Board: Richard, Halina (connected from Poland), Bogdan, Zbyszek at Koralewski's house in Floral Park.
- 52) June 17, Monday - Ryszard and Zbyszek finished working on questions for candidates in Long Island race.
- 53) June 21, Sunday - Zbyszek prepared a draft speech for a congressman on the 80th Anniversary of PAC. This idea was initiated by Dr. Pienkos who sent his draft to Zbyszek and him to try to approach his congressman. He used Mark's beginning and end, the rest of the text he innovated.

- 54) July 9, Tuesday- Zbyszek sent request for contact to his congressman and received following message: *"Thank you for contacting me. I am excited to be back serving the residents of New York's 3rd Congressional District. Hearing from constituents like you is one of the most important duties of the job. This reply is to let you know that I have received your message and I appreciate you reaching out. We will respond to your concerns as soon as possible."*
- 55) July 10, Wednesday - Ryszard emailed Mr. Spula, Flor and Pienkos re communication and cooperation. Dr. Pienkos replied to Ryszard's email after 2 hours and 10 minutes. *"Regarding info on PAC stances on issues, this is the responsibility of Bozena Kaminski (VP for Polish Affairs) and Tim Kuzma (VP for American Affairs). It is best for them to articulate the issues and what positions the PAC is taking. If they give me information on their activities, I would include it in my monthly PAC Executive Committee Bulletin."*
- 56) July 15, Monday -Ryszard and Zbyszek finished draft speech for a Rep. who hopefully will deliver it to Congress.
- 57) July 23, Tuesday – Zbyszek sent draft of a 5-minute speech re the 80th Anniversary of PAC to Rep. Tom Suozzi. He called Tom's DC office and spoke to Kristina who gave him the email address to Julia (Prager-Hessel@mail.house.gov), Halina and Zbyszek met during one of fundraiser events. Julia responded enthusiastically right away.
- 58) July 31, Wednesday – Halina attended an event at the Consulate commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Uprising.
- 59) August 1. Thursday – Bogdan, Halina, Mieczysław, Stefan I Zbyszek attended an event in Greenpoint, commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Uprising (raising the Polish Flag with the symbol of Fighting Poland in front of the P&S Credit Union at 11 AM [5 PM in Poland, hour W] and at the renew Murial painted on the side of the Polish National Home, and watching children's performance) .
- 60) Zbyszek continues to hold weekly Skype meetings which serve to exchange info important for Polonia and cooperate on selected projects.. These meetings are open to anyone interested and are held at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and on the third Thursday of the month. On other Thursdays, meetings are held at 3 PM ET (Eastern Time). From each meeting a short report is prepared and recording is available.
- The meetings began in 2012 as annual Inter-Divisional meetings in Albany. In 2017, they became monthly meetings via the internet. Since 2019, they have been regular weekly meetings.

Info for the PAC Executive Bulletin - to be sent August 10

- Richard Brzozowski, President of the PAC - Long Island Division, and Zbyszek Koralewski continue to hold weekly Skype meetings which are dedicated to exchange info with other division representatives on various topics important to Polonia and cooperate on selected projects. These meetings are open to anyone interested and are held at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and on the third Thursday of the month. On other Thursdays, meetings are held at 3 PM ET (Eastern Time). From each meeting a short report is prepared and recording is available. For information, please contact: zkoral@aol.com.
- The Brochure about Poland, American and Polish versions, as well as materials on the PAC 80th Anniversary received from Dr. Mark Pienkos are continue to be distributed.
- Questions for Long Island politicians were prepared for upcoming elections.
- A draft speech on the 80th PAC Anniversary initiated by Dr. Pienkos was finished and was sent to Congressman Tom Suozzi (D, NY d.3).
- The 3rd email was prepared by Richard and sent to the Executive Committee regarding a lack of communication with divisions. So far only Dr. Mark Pienkos responded.