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All members and friends of Polish-American Engineers Association are cordially invited to attend our meeting.

DATE: Friday, February 21st, 2020

TIME: Doors Open 7:30 p.m.; Business Meeting begins 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Our Lady Mother of the Church

8747 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60656

SPEAKERS: Mrs. Grazyna Czyszczon

**TOPIC:** Highway Design in Illinois



### Mrs. Grazyna Czyszczon

Grazyna Czyszczon is a licensed civil engineer (PE) in Illinois and Indiana with 30 years of experience performing preliminary engineering studies and preparing final construction documents for transportation projects. Her project portfolio includes bridge and highway improvements for toll roads, major and minor arterials, and local streets. Grazyna has led the design and quality-assurance aspects of many large-scale roadway improvement projects for IDOT, Illinois Tollway and CDOT. She has also overseen geometric alternative analyses and utility coordination for roadway and intersection improvement projects.

#### Major projects:

- I-294 Advanced ITS Assets Relocation (95th Street to Lake Street), Illinois Tollway
- IL Route 162 over I-55/70 Interchange, (IDOT) District 8
- IL Route 2 Reconstruction (Elmwood Road to Latham Road), IDOT District 2
- IL Route 2 and Roscoe Road, Intersection, IDOT District 2
- IL Route 21, Roadway Reconstruction (Sanders Road to Willow Road), IDOT District 1
- Torrence Avenue over Grand Calumet River, Bridge Replacement, IDOT– District 1
- Deerfield Road Toll Plaza and Tri-State Tollway, Roadway Improvements, Illinois Tollway

Grazyna is currently employed by Delta Engineering Group as a Senior Civil Engineer. In the past, Grazyna worked for STV Incorporated and Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer and Associates.

Grazyna graduated from Bialystok University of Technology, Bialystok, Poland with B.S. & M.S. in Civil Engineering.

Grazyna is a member of the PAEA since 1986; and served as Financial Secretary (2010 to 2015), and a Member of the Board of Directors (2015- 2019).

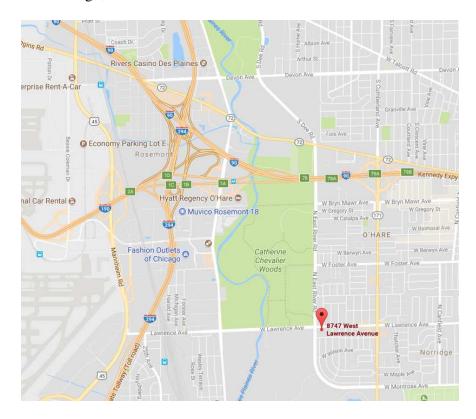
#### **ABSTRACT**

Grazyna will talk about all phases of highway design in the state of Illinois, based on her Single Point Diamond Interchange project located in southern Illinois: IL Route 162 over I-55/70 in Madison County. This single-point urban interchange is similar to a diamond interchange, but has the advantage of allowing opposing left turns onto IL-162 to proceed simultaneously, by compressing the two intersections of a diamond into one single intersection over the free-flowing interstate. To do this, the existing bridge required removal and replacement; along with raising grades, adding traffic lanes, widening sections of the road from three to five lanes, resurfacing the existing two lanes, and traffic signals and drainage system improvements.

### **PAEA Announcements**

#### MEETING LOCATION

Our Lady Mother of the Church 8747 W Lawrence Ave. Chicago, IL 60656



The entrance closest to our room is at the back of the church (Green arrow)- the best parking location is off of Oakview Ave, behind the church (Red box):



### 2020 Membership Dues

There is no change in dues for 2020: \$70 per year, senior citizens and students \$35 per year.

We ask that everyone pay their dues as soon as possible, as this is our source of operating funds. Thanks to those who have already paid! Membership Cards will be provided to all those who paid their dues.

Questions? You may inquire at the meeting or send an email to: <u>administration@polishengineers.org</u> You may send your dues (checks payable to the Polish American Engineers Association) to:

Mr. Andrew Pawlowski P.O. Box 241 Northbrook, IL 60065-241

You may also pay your dues at our meetings, and receive your Membership Card immediately.

Again, dues are critical in supporting the work of the PAEA- thank you for your support.

#### Passing of Mrs. Jolanta Kubala

It is with great sadness that we inform of the passing of Mrs. Jolanta Kubala, wife of the late Zbigniew Kubala, mother of Andrzej, Peter, and Alicia. Many will remember her warm smile and open heart. She was always a great and generous supporter of the PAEA; attending our events, along with her entire family. She will be greatly missed. May her Soul rest in peace.

Please keep the Kubala family in your thoughts and prayers in this difficult time.



# Celebrate the Life Cherish the Memories

It is with our deepest sorrow that we inform you of the passing away of our beloved

Mother and Grandmother

## Jolanta Kubala

Please join us to remember Her life

The Kubala Family

#### **Memorial Service**

Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4PM-8PM Warren Funeral Home 1475 N. Cemetery Rd. Gurnee, IL 60031

#### **Funeral Services**

Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 10:0AM Warren Funeral Home 1475 N. Cemetery Rd. Gurnee, IL 60031

### Reception

Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 1:00PM Waukegan Yacht Club 199 S. Harbor Place, Waukegan, IL 60085

### Modjeski Illinois-Iowa Memorial Bridge in Danger!

At our Gwiazdka, Daniel Pogorzelski said a few words about the Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge, built under Chief Engineer Ralph Modjeski. The bridge, also known as the I-74 Bridge, is the oldest existing suspension bridge over the Mississippi River, as well as a memorial to Illinoisans and Iowans who served in the First World War. And it is scheduled to be demolished in early 2020!

Though there is little time, Mr. Pogorzelski is working to try to save the bridge. And as supporters and promoters of Poles in Engineering, we cannot simply sit by and let it be demolished, if there are viable alternatives.

Precedent solutions include the successful conversion of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge (also designed by Modjeski) into a pedestrian bridge, now known as the Walkway Over The Hudson- the most visited State Park in all of New York State (according to a 2017 update of a 2011 study).

In an email we sent a short article Mr. Pogorzelski wrote on the subject, for more information, and for those who were not able to make it to our Gwiazdka this year. Unfortunately, we neglected to provide proper citation, as this was published in the Warsaw Institute Review- apologies for this oversight.

We will provide more information as it is available.

### Polish Returns Programme 2020, 7 January 2020 – 31 March 2020

The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) opens the call for proposals under the Polish Returns Programme. The aim of the Polish Returns Programme is to allow prominent Polish scientists to return to their country and take up employment in Polish higher education institutions, scientific units or research institutes. The Programme will create optimal conditions for returning scientists to conduct world-class scientific research or developmental work in Poland. The funds obtained under the Polish Returns Programme are to ensure salaries for Returning Scientists and allow them to create a project group (research team). The following shall be financed under the Programme:

- remuneration for the Returning Scientist together with employer costs;
- remuneration for members of the Project Group together with employer costs;
- resettlement expenses and costs of adapting the workplace;
- research component financed by the National Science Centre in Poland.

Learn more about the conditions for application, timing, etc. https://nawa.gov.pl/en/scientists/polish-returns

### The Ulam Programme 2020, 15 January 2020 – 15 April 2020

The Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange (NAWA) is pleased to announce the second edition of the programme for post-doctoral incoming researchers: The Ulam Programme. The objective of The Ulam Programme is to help foreign researchers to develop their careers by intensifying international mobility and to allow them to establish scientific cooperation with excellent host institutions in Poland. A proposal may be submitted only by a person who holds a doctoral degree. Activities to be carried out during the scholarship may include:

- conducting research and/or development work;
- post-doctoral training;
- obtaining materials for scientific work or publication;
- conducting didactic classes at the host centre.

Visits within the Ulam Programme can last from 6 to 24 months. The Programme provides financing for a scholarship covering both the Beneficiary's allowance costs in relation to their stay at a host institution, in an amount of approx. 2400 EUR a month and a mobility allowance.

Learn more about the conditions for application, timing, etc. <a href="https://nawa.gov.pl/en/scientists/the-ulam-programme">https://nawa.gov.pl/en/scientists/the-ulam-programme</a>

### **Member News/Update**

We would like to remind everyone that we are looking for achievements of as well as other noteworthy news about our Members (that's you!). Please send us information about yourself or another Member (please ensure they agree to have this information publicized) to <a href="mailto:contact@polishengineers.org">contact@polishengineers.org</a>. We will publish in the next Bulletin available.

### **Job Postings – Please Send**

As part of our mission of mutual support, we would like to offer job openings to our Members. Please send any openings you know about to <a href="mailto:contact@polishengineers.org">contact@polishengineers.org</a>. Please let us know where it is OK to post (our website in Members Only, our public page; Facebook, LinkedIn pages, etc.

We would also like to post on our website (in the Members Only section) links to job listings of companies in our network. So please send those as well. We would like to list your name next to the link, so those applying through those links can have a reference person to cite. Please let us know if you would rather not be listed.

Thank you in advance to taking time now to send us this information, which supports our common mission!

### Reminder- Polish American Engineers Association on LinkedIn!

We would like to remind our Members & Supporters that the PAEA is on LinkedIn:

www.linkedin.com/groups/12032140

Check out our Group, become a member, and post interesting and relevant content. The more active we are, and the more interesting information we post, the more likely we are to attract others to our Group, in addition of course to the benefits of inter-Group communication.

### Reminder- the Polish American Engineers Association on Facebook

We would also like to remind our Members & Supporters that the PAEA is on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/Polish-American-Engineers-Association-PAEA-1153830014674800/

Please check it out, and help us keep it active by 'like'-ing and posting interesting material.

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<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	20 March, 2020
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### **Special Interest**

If anyone has an item of Special Interest to the PAEA Membership and sympathizers, please sent the details to <a href="mailto:contact@polishengineers.org">contact@polishengineers.org</a> for inclusion in the next (monthly except for June-August & December) published Bulletin.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chopin in the City Festival

February 21, 2020 - March 1, 2020 across Chicagoland

All PAEA Members and sympathizers are encouraged to attend any/all events during the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chopin in the City Festival, going on across Chicagoland February 21<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. The festival begins with a concert by the Grazyna Auguscik Group, Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9pm, at The Green Mill Jazz Club. For a full list of events and details, please see:

http://soundsandnotes.org/the-4th-chopin-in-the-city-festival/

#### **2020 Census Polish Community Briefing**

Friday, February 28, 2020 @ 10am, Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60646

The U.S. Census Bureau's Chicago Region will be hosting a 2020 Polish Community Regional Summit to bring our valuable trusted voices together to discuss our mission to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place. The United States Census Bureau is actively engaged in preparations for the 2020 Decennial Census. The Chicago Regional Census Center represents the great states of Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

RSVP by Wednesday, February 25, 2020:

Patricia.D.Faire@2020Census.gov or (312) 579-1657

### Pulaski Day at the Polish Museum of America

Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 10am, Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60642

The Polish Museum of America (PMA) and the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) have the pleasure to invite all PAEA Members & sympathizers to the annual official State of Illinois observance of Casimir Pulaski Day on Monday, March 2, 2020, in the PMA Sabina P. Logisz Great Hall, located at 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Following brief speeches by public officials and Polonia leaders, we will salute the Polish and American patriot with a wreath laying ceremony that will take place at the base of the wall-size oil painting by Stanislaw Batowski (1866-1946). This painting, donated to the PMA by the Polish Woman's Alliance of America, depicts General Pulaski on horseback in the Battle of Savannah, where he was mortally wounded while fighting for American freedom.

For more information please see:

https://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/event/pulaski-day-2020/?event\_date=2020-03-02

### Fundacja Swiat na Tak - Konkurs "Być Polakiem"

Kochani Uczniowie, Nauczyciele, Rodzice, po raz jedenasty zapraszamy dzieci i młodzież pochodzenia polskiego, mieszkających poza granicami Polski, do udziału w konkursie "Być Polakiem". W roku jubileuszu 40-lecia rejestracji NSZZ Solidarność chcemy skierować Waszą uwagę na słowo solidarność, które dla Polaków znaczyło tak wiele, bo było symbolem odpowiedzialności, jedności i współpracy. Od tamtych wydarzeń minęło

wiele lat, zmieniła się Polska. Czy warto więc mówić o solidarności między Polakami? Jak myślicie? Napiszcie.

Czy obecnie jest potrzeba, aby być solidarnym z Polską i Polakami żyjącymi w kraju oraz poza jego granicami? Jeśli nie, czy możecie uzasadnić dlaczego? Jeśli tak, czy możecie podać przykłady współczesnych Wam postaw, zachowań i działań, które dowodzą wzajemnej solidarności między Polakami.

Proponujemy jeden temat dla wszystkich grup wiekowych. Chcemy byście przez Wasze polskie "okulary" spojrzeli na różnie rozumiane i odczuwane relacje solidarności między Polakami.

Prace konkursowe należy nadsyłać do 8 marca 2020 roku

na adres: bycpolakiem2020@gmail.com

Szczegółowe informacje dotyczące tej edycji Konkursu znajdują się w Regulaminie na stronie:

http://swiatnatak.pl/byc-polakiem-xi-2020/

#### **Council of Polish Educators**

The Council of Polish Educators **St. Joseph celebration** will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 12 pm at Lone Tree Manor, 7730 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL. Cost: \$40.00 per person (Raffle and silent auction following). Please mail your reservation and check (by March 9, 2020) to:

Barbara Aeberly 3031 N Lotus, Chicago, IL 60641

All checks should be made to: "The Council of Educators in Polonia" Any inquires direct to jnocula@yahoo.com

The Council of Educators in Polonia invites all students in Grades 7-8 to participate in the **2020 Essay Contest**. This year topic: "His Pontificate was written with his heart. Who was the Pope, Saint John Paul II to you, Poland and the entire world"

All essays will be judged on originality, content and structure. Essays may be written in Polish or English language. All essays must be typed, double spaced, using 12 point font printed only on one side of each page. The essays should be no longer than 2 pages. The name of each applicant must NOT appear on the essay. The author should be identified on the title page by a pen name other than the author's legal name.

The essay should have a sealed envelope stapled to it containing a 3" x 5" card with the following information: pen name, legal name, grade, home address, phone number, email address and the name of school and the name of teacher, principal and phone number.

The winners will receive their awards (1st prize - \$75, 2nd prize - \$50, 3rd prize - \$25) during the Saint Joseph Day celebration. It will take place at the Lone Tree Inn (7730 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles IL) on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 12 pm.

The deadline for all essays is March 7, 2019 (8 PM). Essays should be sent to:

Ms. Ewa Jablonska CEP Essay Competition Chair 4535 N. Long Ave., Apt 1B Chicago, IL 60630

The Council of Educators in Polonia announces its **annual essay contest for high school students**. The winners will receive their awards during the Saint Joseph Day celebration. It will take place at the Lone Tree Inn (7730 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles IL) on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 12 pm.

First Prize - \$200, Second Prize - \$150, Third Prize - \$100

1. Applicants must submit an approximately 1000 words essay in English or Polish on the subject:

"His Pontificate was written with his heart. Who was the Pope, Saint John Paul II, to you, Poland and the entire world?"

- 2. The essay must be typed and double spaced on 8.5" x 11" white paper, using a 12-point font. printed only on one side of each page. Art or graphic materials should not be included.
- 3. The name of each applicant must NOT appear on the essay. The author should be identified on the title page by a pen name other than the author's legal name.
- 4. The essay should have a sealed envelope stapled to it containing a 3" x 5" card with the following information:

Pen Name and Legal Name Address with Zip Code Phone Number E-mail Address Name of High School attending Contact Teacher and Principal

5. The deadline for all essays is March 7, 2019 (8 PM). The essays should be sent to:

Ms. Ewa Jablonska CEP Essay Competition Chair 4535 N. Long Ave. Apt 1B Chicago, IL 60630

### 2020 Outstanding Pole Abroad Contest – Deadline March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Foundation of Polish Promotion (Fundacja Polskiego Godla Promocyjnego), announces the 2020 Outstanding Pole Abroad contest!

The purpose of the contest is to:

- promote positive image of Poles living around the world,
- highlight the success they have achieved outside of their native country, and
- demonstrate and reward their accomplishments.

The National organizer in the United States is The Pangea Network, in cooperation with Consulates of the Republic of Poland in Chicago and New York.

For more information or to submit candidates:

Norbert Barszczewski (224) 717-9891, norbert@barszczewski.com

https://wybitnypolak.pl/pl/o-konkursie

https://terazpolska.pl/pl/The-Outstanding-Pole

### **Polish American Congress of Illinois Events Calendar**

For a comprehensive and up-to-date listing of events in Polonia, please see the PAC-IL Polonia Calendar (many thanks to Mirek Niedzinski, Roman Korczak and the PAC-IL team for leading!):

https://www.pacillinois.org/calendar/

www.polishengineers.org