

# POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION



Ben Franklin Bridge, Philadelphia, PA

2006  
Recognition  
Award Banquet



# **Polish American Engineers Association**

## **2006 Recognition Award Banquet**

**commemorates the PAEA's 72 years of service  
to Polonia as well as the achievements  
of the award recipients.**

**Ms. Danuta Szymulanski**

**Mr. Andrzej Czyszczon**

**Dr. Jan Plachta**

**Special Award:**

**Ms. Idalia Blaszczyk**

**Mr. Wojciech Madeyski**

**Mr. Walt Linzing**



*"Many of the significant bridges in the United States are the result of a singular vision. The names Eads, Roebling, Modjeski, Strauss, and Ammann are immediately recognisable and synonymous with their achievements. Each of these designers has made an invaluable contribution to our understanding of bridges as well as additions to the portfolio of bridges unique to the United States. Most impressive is their confidence and ability to explore the unknown - while often producing some of the most visually and physically spectacular structures in this country..."*  
(Bridge Design & Engineering Portal: [www.bridgeweb.com](http://www.bridgeweb.com)).

*To honor the outstanding accomplishments of Ralph Modjeski, the Polish American Engineers Association has established the Ralph Modjeski Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund is maintained by voluntary contributions as well as from proceeds of this dinner dance.*

## Banquet Program

COCKTAIL HOUR:	6:00 - 7:00 PM
DINNER:	7:00 - 8:00 PM
WELCOME REMARKS:	8:00 - 8:15 PM
AWARD PRESENTATIONS:	8:15 - 8:35 PM
POLONIA SONG AND DANCE ENSEMBLE	8:35 - 9:00 PM
DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF MICHAEL KIENKO QUARTET	9:00 - 11:00 PM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

DR. RONALD WOLOSEWICZ, PE

YOUR HOSTS:

POLISH AMERICAN  
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# HISTORY OF POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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In the early 1900's, the Polish emigrants in the Chicago area were developing a bustling economy. As the immigrant's participation in the industrial development in the Chicago area was increasing, a need existed for engineering oriented organizations to assist these hardworking people in meeting and in overcoming new problems.

Even today youth guidance is a pressing need, but it was more so in the early 1900's. Parochial and public school graduates at both the elementary and high school levels could not generally turn to their parents for advice on the ways to acquire a technical education. These graduates had to rely on their own efforts or at best on advice of their teachers.

In this rapidly expanding industrial climate, the needs of the small industrial establishments who were trying to grow and to develop into useful ventures were equally as important. These small industrial concerns did not have any engineering advice available to assist them in their business ventures.

During these times, the legal, medical and religious professions were reasonably well organized and they served the youth interested in these disciplines. However, in the various technical fields, organizations did not exist. The Polish press presented infrequent but accurate accounts on the accomplishments of the master builder, Ralph Modjeski. They also shared with their readers the achievements of other engineers on Polish descent who settled in America. These well written but infrequent references served to inspire youths of Polish descent to seek an engineering training and to make engineering their life's work.

Engineers of Polish descent mainly lived outside of the Polish ethnic areas and had little if any, contact with each other. More important, there was a lack of communication between these engineers and the youth aspiring to obtain an engineering education. One can well understand the difficulties facing a typical eighteen year old and the bewilderment that arose when he entered the technical institute's environment that was totally different from the environment in his own ethnic area.

The first technical society in the Chicago area serving the needs of the Polish-American Community was the POLITECHNIK. This organization was formed in 1920 by a group of students of Polish descent who were attending the Armour Institute of Technology, today the Illinois Institute of Technology. The principal aim of POLITECHNIK was: to stimulate friendly ties among students in acclimating to the institute's environment, to help new students plan their studies, and to help them to avoid those pitfalls common to any technical institution. The senior members of the society took particular care and interest in the freshmen during those critical periods of adjustment.

The POLITECHNIK also served the Polish-American Community with its participation in the traditional Polish Day Festivities. Through the courtesy of the Chicago Bridge Department and some local manufacturers, the POLITECHNIK exhibited bridge models, models of mechanical construction equipment, and architectural perspectives of bridges, industrial structures and office buildings.

It was during these exhibits that many high school students of Polish descent began to feel a need for and a desire to obtain an engineering education. On an individual basis, meetings with interested youth were arranged who were encouraged to seek an engineering education at the Armour Institute of Technology. The POLITECHNIK was primarily concerned with the students and with their academic life while they were at the technical institute. With each graduation depleting the ranks of the POLITECHNIK, participation in civic affairs of the community also began to show a steady decline.

In the early 1930's the Polish Press in Chicago reported on the activities of professional engineers of Polish descent in Detroit. These reports attracted attention of civic-minded Polish American engineers and the idea germinated in Detroit bore fruit in Chicago. The first meeting of the interested engineers was held on September 22, 1934 and was exploratory in character. The meeting agenda was to explore and to examine in detail the following points: to determine the feasibility of formation of an engineering association composed of engineers of Polish descent, to provide in whatever way possible ideas that would have an impact on civic affairs; to assist the small and struggling engineering ventures; to provide technical assistance and guidance to various craftsmen; and finally to awaken the youth of Polish descent to opportunities in the engineering professions.

All of these goals were similar to the goals of the Polish American Businessmen's Association, and the assembled engineers accepted these ideas since the Polish Community of the Chicago Metropolitan Area would gain considerable benefits from them. The formation of this new organization was due to the inspired efforts of Prof. J. Kozaczka of Lewis Institute, of W. Kosicki, acting president of the Polish Engineers Society of Detroit, and of F. Nurczyk, who was the founder and General Manager of the Polish American Businessmen Association. At this first meeting the assembly elected the following engineers: Prof. J. Kozaczka, President; F. Nurczyk, Vice President; and S. Pawlowski, Secretary-Treasurer. To bring this new organization (as yet without a formal name) to the attention of Polish American engineers in the Chicago area, a publicity campaign was launched in the Polish press. The publicity brought good response and the nucleus of the engineering association was formed.

As with all new organizations, a name had to be selected; goals had to be defined; a Constitution and By-Laws had

to be written, and had to be presented for adoption by the members. The assembled elected E. Pawlowski and F. E. Wolosewick to develop a suitable Constitution and to perform all duties associated with their elected function. The final draft of the Constitution and the formal name of the Association as the POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (PAEA) was approved and adopted in the early part of 1935. Many of the senior members of POLITECHNIK became founders of, or became early members of the POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION (PAEA).

The Polish-American Engineers Association was formed in 1934 by a group of engineers, scientists and architects. The objective of this organization is to advance and sustain the science of engineering, to continually strive to develop and expand the organization by attracting young engineers of Polish heritage. Our other objective is to propagate contributions of Polish American engineers to the betterment of the United States and to foster closer relations among engineers and other professional people of related fields. During the past 70 years over three hundred lectures in various disciplines of engineering were given for the membership. Our Ralph Modjeski Scholarship fund awards every year two scholarship to engineering students of Polish descent. Polish-American Engineers Association is a member of the Illinois Engineering Council. In 2006 thru the efforts of our Organization the Illinois Engineering Council inducted Henry Magnuski and Ralph Modjeski into the Illinois Engineering Hall of Fame in recognition for their outstanding contribution to engineering.

Currently our group has about 150 members and a larger group of supporters who attend some of the meetings prior to submitting a formal application to our organization. Most of our members are working for major consulting firms, some are occupying top positions within the City of Chicago, the State of Illinois, and various federal governmental agencies.

The original Constitution of 1935 was in force until December 1951. At this time the impact of World War II created a new set of problems and a constitutional revision was necessary. The revised Constitution and By-Laws were adopted by the membership of PAEA in the early part of 1952. With the passage of time, additional revisions to the Constitution and to the By-Laws were necessary.

The Polish American Engineers Association began in a very humble manner. From its inception, PAEA engaged in educational programs to inspire the American youths of Polish descent to strive for an engineering education. Radio talks of an informative nature on various engineering topics were delivered by members of the association in the years from 1940 to 1950. These talks were made possible through the courtesy of the Polish American Businessmen's Association who relinquished portion of their time on radio station WGES.

In the difficult years following the depression, and in the changing environments of the 1935 era, PAEA conducted guidance and an employment center to provide direction to American youth of Polish descent. But of a far greater significance was the impact that PAEA exerted in youth guidance

towards obtaining training in various engineering disciplines. No formal records were kept of these contacts with the students who sought PAEA advice. It suffices to say that many students who were assisted by PAEA did complete formal education at technical institutions. These young men later attained positions in the industry, in the armed forces, in the educational field, and some became successful entrepreneurs.

Another field of Polish American Engineers Association activity was to advise inventors of the feasibility of their inventions; on methods of improvements of their patents; and or to advise inventors of similar patents. When inventions seemed to be new and novel, those inventors were given specific instructions on contacting patent attorneys who would process their inventions for them. As needs arose, lectures were sponsored, specifically designed to meet the requirements of the public demanding them. Although PAEA was never involved in formal educational programs, members were frequently asked to acquaint the expatriated Polish engineers with American design techniques. Such meetings were generally conducted on a personal basis. After a condensed problem-solving program, these engineers became so well conversant with our design techniques, that they could perform their duties more efficiently in engineering offices.

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## **PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION**

Michael Niedzinski,	President
Jan S. Plachta,	Vice President
Walter Rymysza,	Vice President
Stanislaw Witczak,	Financial Secretary
Ryszard Kaczmarek,	Treasurer
Jacek Zaworski,	Secretary

## **POLISH AMERICAN ENGINEERS LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish American Engineers Association was organized on November 11, 1937. The membership of this organization is made of wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of engineers. At the outbreak of Second World War the Ladies Auxiliary of PAEA concentrated their efforts in the humanitarian area, assisting injured Polish soldiers, orphans, veterans and displaced Persons in Europe and Far East. The original aim of the organization was to assist the Polish American Engineers Association in knitting a closer contact with various other professional groups, to assist also in propagation of interest in the engineering field among young people, and to award scholarship to needy American engineering students of Polish descent.

# OVERVIEW OF PAEA MEETINGS

## FOR 2005-2006

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Throughout its entire history, PAEA has made every effort to make the monthly meetings interesting. Outside speakers were invited to present interesting lectures in various disciplines. Members are encouraged to give presentations in their areas of specialization or on problems arising in their industries. During the past 72 years over three hundred lectures were given for the membership. It is of particular interest that some of these presentations were based on original investigations of the members. Among our most notable speakers were Commanders of the Chicago District Corps of Engineers office, local University Professors, representatives from City of Chicago, various federal and state governmental agencies, representatives from the General Consulate of Poland, Illinois Supreme Court and private industry. To provide more time for technical discussions and for social functions, the PAEA business meetings are usually very brief.

Following presentations were offered during the last 12 months:

- ♦ September 15, 2006, Mr. Janusz Labeledz, Mechanical Engineer - College Instructor, Well Done Technical Center, "Advanced Technology Review - How to operate and program CNC Machines".
- ♦ July 29, 2006 - Picnic - Fourth Lake Resorts.
- ♦ May, 19, 2006 - Mr. Tad Hofkin, P.E. Consultant - "Design of HVAC systems".
- ♦ April 17, 2006, Prof. John J. Dykla, Department of Physics, Loyola University, Chicago - "What's the Matter with the Dark Energy of the Universe?".
- ♦ March, 17, 2006, Mr. Roman Korczak, PMP Senior Program Manager - Motorola - "Wireless Communication Trends".
- ♦ Feb. 17, 2006, Mr. Michael Niedzinski, M.S. Director of Technology and Standardization USA - Alcan Aerospace - "New material solutions for A380 and A350 aircraft".
- ♦ January 20, 2006, Mr. Jan S. Plachta, PhD, P.E. - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District - "Chicago Shoreline Project"
- ♦ Dec. 11, 2005. The P.A.E.A. Annual Christmas Party
- ♦ Nov. 18, 2005. Mrs. & Mr. Marie and Andrzej Palczewski - ASPA Inc. Independent Computer Consultants - "Computer Technology".
- ♦ Oct. 21, 2005, Mr. Wojciech Albert Niedzinski - President - Robert & Schaefer Company/Elgin National Industries - "Coal Beneficiation and Processing in Poland and USA.
- ♦ Sept. 16, 2005, Mr. Tom Sommers - Director of Engineering - ITW Signode Plastics - "Production of Plastic Strapping Using Recycled Materials".

To keep memory of outstanding accomplishments of Ralph Modjeski PAEA established in 1992 the Ralph Modjeski Scholarship Fund. We are awarding every year two, three, or in some years even four \$500 scholarship to engineering students of Polish descent. Since our membership dues are low this scholarship fund is maintained from donations from our sponsors & voluntary contributions of our friends and members. Our recipients were:

- ♦ 1992 - Ewa Sniezko - University of Illinois  
- Grzegorz Szeszko - Illinois Institute of Technology
- ♦ 1993 - Michal Burzawa - University of Illinois  
- Andrzej Tarko - University of Illinois
- ♦ 1994 - Ewa Dembowska - Marquett University  
- Robert Stankiewicz - University of Illinois
- ♦ 1995 - Tomasz Czyszczo - Rochester Institute of Technology  
- Sebastian Hasik - Tri-State University
- ♦ 1996 - Malgorzata Kaminska - Wayne State University  
- Joseph Drapa - University of Illinois
- ♦ 1998 - Edward Stankiewicz - University of Illinois  
- Jaroslaw Zmuda - DeVry Institute of Technology
- ♦ 1999 - Rafal Skorka - University of Illinois  
- Paul Salamandra - University of Illinois
- ♦ 2001 - Anne Griffin - Michigan State University
- ♦ 2003 - Lukasz Majewski - IIT  
- Peter Niedzinski - Illinois Institute of Technology
- ♦ 2004 - Kai Kojro Badziak - University of Illinois  
- Marcin Wilk - University of Illinois  
- Catherine Witczak - University of Pennsylvania
- ♦ 2005 - Jacob Kwasnik - Georgia Institute of Technology  
- Maciej Mierzwa - DeVry University  
- Philip Makotyn - University of Illinois  
- Norbert Wojtowicz - Illinois Institute of Technology
- ♦ 2006 - Paul Korczak - University of Illinois  
- Pawel Pilch - Illinois Institute of Technology  
- Stephen Plachta - University of Illinois

Throughout its entire existence, PAEA maintained a series of informal and formal social gatherings to permit members to become better acquainted with each other. Formal dances were held and were well attended by the invited public. Supplementing the major social functions are the annual Christmas parties for the children of the members. A summer time activity regaining popularity are the picnics held at various summer homes or resorts.

This year, thru the efforts of our organization, Mr. Henry Magnuski and Mr. Ralph Modjeski in recognition for their outstanding contribution to the Illinois Engineering History have been inducted into the Illinois Engineering Hall of Fame.



# DANUTA M.T. SZYMULANSKI, P.E.



Danuta was born in Katowice, Poland, to Kazimiera and Emil Duda. The patriarch of the family, a decorated war hero himself, served with one of Poland's legendary military figures, General Jozef Pilsudski. Emil was later the mayor of Pszczyna and the father of three children, the youngest of whom was also his only daughter, Danuta.

Danuta began her engineering studies at the prestigious Academy of Mining and Metallurgy in Krakow (Akademia Gorniczo Hutnicza). After marriage to Andrzej Szymulanski and the starting a family, Danuta resumed her studies and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering degree from the Poznan Polytechnic in 1976. During the following four years, Danuta worked as a research assistant in the Mechanical Engineering Department of the Krakow Technical University.

Amidst communist Poland's political and economic deterioration and before the declaration of martial law by General Jaruzelski, Danuta and her nine-year-old son, Andrew, emigrated from Krakow to Vienna. Danuta immediately filled for permanent residence in the United States, and, in March 1981, settled in Chicago.

In her first two positions, Danuta participated in the design of material handling systems for raw gypsum materials and mill products. She also engaged in the design of emission controls, duct layouts, and wet scrubbers for steel production facilities. Danuta's succeeding engineering

assignments involved working at the interface of mechanical and civil engineering on major civil engineering projects such as the CTA-Howard Yard, the former Dan Ryan modernization project, and the Minot, ND water treatment plant.

From 1992 to 1997, Danuta was the president of her own firm, DAS Engineering Services in Chicago, Illinois. The firm provided consulting services to local building contractors relating to code matters and permits both within Chicago and the surrounding communities. Danuta also provided designs for single-family residences as well as additions to residential and commercial properties.

Since 1997, Danuta has been employed by the City of Chicago, Department of Transportation. In her current position, Danuta is a field inspector whose responsibilities include conducting examinations of construction sites to ensure that the city's construction boom proceeds "according to code."

Danuta is a Registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin. She is a member of the Polish American Engineers Association and especially enjoys helping to organize the association's social and networking functions such as its annual picnics and dinner dances. Danuta's son Andrew practices international tax law in Chicago.



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## **ANDRZEJ CZYSZCZON, P.E.**

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Andrzej Czyszczon was born in the Podhale region in Poland. He graduated from Technical High School in Zakopane and for short time he worked for the Department of Public Works in Rabka. In 1961, he immigrated to the United States and began the American phase of his life in East Chicago, Indiana.

While working for Inland Steel, today the firm is known as Ispat Inland, he attended night school to learn and "polish" his understanding and use of the English language. His life dream was realized when he was accepted to Purdue University in 1964 and graduated with BS degree in Civil Engineering in 1969.

Following his graduation he moved to Chicago and began working for the Department of Public works, City of Chicago. During his tenure as an engineer he was involved with the array of projects such as construction of new runways, taxiways, and terminals at O'Hare Airport. In addition to his project work on the O'Hare complex, he

supervised construction of new police stations, fire stations, health centers, at various locations with the City of Chicago. He also supervised construction of the new Police Academy and Fire Department Academy for the City of Chicago. He was promoted to

Supervising Engineer and coordinated work with the electric and gas utilities on many projects within the City of Chicago. After 29 years of service with the Department of Public Works, City of Chicago, Andrzej retired in 1998.

Andrzej leads an active social life. He was a past president of Polish Highlanders of America. For the past 25 years he has been and remains an active member of PAEA and has served as treasurer for 20 years. Andrzej and his wife Grazyna, who is also an engineer and member of PAEA, actively participate in activities organized by PAEA. He is also a member of the Polish Roman Catholic Union and one of the founding members of the John Paul II Foundation in Chicago.

Summarizing his activities, it is also appropriate to say that he greatly enjoys traveling and seeing the world. Some of the places he visited include the Middle East, South and Central America, not to mention 49 states of America and most of Canada.

Andrzej and his lovely wife have two children: Emilia and Andrew of high school age. Both of the children are involved with the Polish scouts, Polish language school, and athletic activities.

## DR. JAN S. PLACHTA

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Dr. Jan Plachta was born in Krakow, Poland. He began his engineering education at the Krakow Technical University. Because of the political climate, in 1961 he moved to Vienna, Austria and in 1966 he graduated from the Technical University of Vienna with the Diplom-Ingenieur degree. After immigrating to the United States, he began working full time while attending evening classes at the Illinois Institute of Technology. In 1972 he was awarded a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering. One year later he passed the examination and received his license as a Structural Engineer in Illinois. After an additional year, in 1974, he passed another examination and became registered as a Professional Engineer in Illinois. He completed his formal education in 1982 when he received the Ph.D. degree from the Krakow Technical University.

From 1967 to 1983, he worked for various consulting firms in the United States, Canada and Saudi Arabia. On his last assignment in Saudi Arabia, he was a Lead Engineer supervising a group of engineers and technicians who prepared detailed design calculations, studies, reports, cost estimates and contract specifications for various industrial, commercial and public projects

In 1984, he began working as a structural engineer for the Chicago District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He is involved with a large variety of the Chicago District flood control projects. He is serving as a structural team member on periodic inspection of Corps of Engineers major civil works projects. He was the Great Lakes Regional Office structural engineer in charge of the Bridge Safety Program. In addition, he did structural engineering research on the behavior of hot rolled versus cold rolled steel sheet piling. He is also a Structural Specialist Member of the Corps of Engineers Urban

Search and Rescue team as well as the Dam Safety Assessment team.

In addition to numerous performance awards, in 1995 he received the Outstanding Professional Employee Award for the Chicago Metropolitan Area. In 1999 he became a Fellow of the American Society of Military Engineers and in 2006 was elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Dr. Plachta's hobby is the history of American Bridge Building, he is also the PAEA's expert on Ralph Modjeski and his bridges and was instrumental in having a memorial plaque to Ralph Modjeski installed at the Copernicus Center in 1991. In the November 1997 he published an article on one of Modjeski's bridges "One Hundred Years of the Rock Island Government Bridge" in the ASCE Journal of Bridge Engineering.

In addition to numerous technical publications in professional journals, he has published extensively in the Midwest Engineer, and the Illinois Section ASCE Newsletter. He is also the author of numerous articles in the local Polish press documenting the accomplishments of engineers of Polish heritage and has made several presentations at PAEA meetings.

His professional society activities include serving as the Secretary of the Chicago Post of the American Society of Military Engineers, a vice president of PAEA. He was instrumental in establishing the Ralph Modjeski Scholarship fund. From 1995 thru 1998 he served on the Washington Award Committee. From 1992 thru 2002 he served on the Chicagoland E-week committee coordinating the E-week activities of various engineering organizations. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Military Engineers, and the Western Society of Engineers .



## IDALIA BŁASZCZYK

Idalia Błaszczuk was born, raised, and educated in Łódź. She graduated from the University of Łódź, majoring in Polish Philology.

While in the university, she began cooperation with Polish Scouting Radio, a trendy FM radio station broadcasting locally to Warsaw and its surrounding areas.

She developed her professional skills at National Polish Radio, first in Łódź and then in Zielona Góra, where the regional radio programming of the national networks was located.

Her assignments included work in the station's Information Section, though she eventually became involved in reporting, journalism, and commentary.

After 12 years in Zielona Góra, Ms. Błaszczuk was accepted to the 6-week jour-

nalistic workshop in England, which was organized and conducted by the BBC.

Since 1990 she has been in the USA, where she continues her professional career, first at WNDZ 750 AM, and for the past 10 years at WNVR 1030 AM.

She is the producer and host of her 2-hour program, which is broadcast daily from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Her program covers a wide spectrum of topics, such as politics, science, art, literature, religion, engineering, technology, history, economics, health and medicine, travel and adventures, and all aspects of social issues here in the USA as well as in Poland.

She truly believes that radio has an important mission to fulfill, and that it is not limited to delivering news and information, but also to educate the public.

## WALTER D. LINZING, P.E.



Walt Linzing is a Registered Professional Engineer in Illinois with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. While at U of I in 1947, Walt became a member of the Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He also was the National Chairman of a group that had a monthly article in Civil Engineering magazine, stating the Younger Member viewpoints.

In all of his various engineering society activities, Walt has highly valued and appreciated the support of his long-term employer, Harza Engineering Company (now Montgomery Watson Harza). During his tenure, he rose through the ranks to become Associate and Manager, Government Agency Services US/Canada.

Over the last 13 years, up to the present, he has served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Engineering Council, a federation of 20 engineering societies in Illinois supporting National Engineers Week, the Illinois Engineering Hall of Fame, as well as other professional activities. The Council endeavors to promote a better understanding of the engineering profession and the role of the engineer to protect the public health, welfare and safety.

Walt has been on the Chicagoland Engineers Week Committee for the last 13 years serving as its chairman for two years. In 1997 through 2000 he headed up the Engineers Week Supplement, printed and distributed by the Chicago Sun-Times, as part of E-Week activities. More recently he has been instrumental in preparing the format of the Illinois Engineering Journal and serving as the "Publisher". The Journal which has the four-fold purpose of (1) celebrating Engineers Week, (2) raising the profile of engineers and the engineering profession, (3) encouraging young people to consider careers in engineering, and (4) highlighting Illinois as a world-class center of engineering

and technology. Prior to Engineering Week, 27, 000 copies of the Journal printed are distributed to all registered engineers in Illinois, legislators, business executives and manufacturers, schools and colleges, libraries, and governmental agencies.

Walt is a past president of both the State Society of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE) and the Chicago Chapter. ISPE presented Walt with the Illinois Award as well as electing him an Honorary Member. He has served as a National Director to the National Society of Professional Engineers. In 2001, ASCE honored Walt as "Citizen Engineer of the Year." He also has been an active member and supporter of the Western Society of Engineers, the American Public Works Association, and has served as a Board Member of the National Water Resources Association. Walt has served on the Plan Commission of the City of Park Ridge where he currently resides.

Other activities to keep him busy have included service on the church council and over 30 years as a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Choir, 27 years as a singer in the German-American Singers of Chicago traveling to Europe several times on concert tours, and raising six children with his wife, Joann, in Park Ridge. They now have seven grandchildren which tends to liven up the home front when all are visiting at the same time.



## WOJCIECH MADEYSKI

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Wojciech Madeyski is an architect by profession and an artist by passion. He pursues his interests in both architecture and art with vigor and energy. He believes they cannot exist without each other. They really are one sublime form of aesthetic experience shaping up our surroundings in the context of available technology.

Architecture a marriage of visual art and engineering in the context of existing environment is an essential tool shaping up our surroundings. Ideally, buildings should be conceived as an integral component of the existing environment to allow for the architecture to be in symbiosis with it.

Voy Madeyski is a resident of Highland Park, Illinois since 1970 where his architectural practice Voy Madeyski Architects Ltd. is located. Voy Madeyski Architects was established in 1987 to provide wide range of services in residential and commercial markets including renovations and interior design.

Voy Madeyski was born in Poland where he received his Master Degree in Architecture in 1962. The following year he received a grant from the French Government to study in Paris. While in Paris he worked with Pierre Vago and Guillaume Gillet and was also very active as an artist participating in many exhibits.

He came to Chicago in 1966 where he remains to this day active on the architectural arena. At first he joined the office of Fridstein and Fitch as an Architectural Designer, his first assignment were Watterson Towers in Normal Illinois. In 1968 he joined the office of C.F. Murphy Associates, where he remained for eight years, working respectively with Stan Gladych, Gene Summers and Helmut Jahn, in the capacity of a Project Architect and reaching position of a Senior Associate. His more notable projects include Courts Buildings in Maywood, Illinois and Richmond, Virginia both in collaboration with Helmut Jahn. In 1976 he assumed the position of a Principal Designer with the Chicago Office of Perkins and Will. In 1979 he became an Officer of the firm in the position of Vice-President and in 1985 was promoted to a Senior Vice-President and Design Principal.

During his eleven years with Perkins and Will Voy was responsible for many projects in the Chicago area as well as abroad, considering that Perkins and Will had a well established international practice. His many international assignments include many build buildings in Middle East and projects in South East Asia. He designed many schools and housing projects in Saudi Arabia including several mosques, hospitals in Marocco and Pakistan, office buildings in Malaysia, Kuwait and Egypt. His most prominent are Gupco



Headquarters Building and ENPPI Headquarters Building both in Cairo Egypt for Egyptian Oil Companies.

Domestically visible projects include: three speculative type high-rise office buildings in Chicago, Two, Two Hundred North LaSalle and 101 Wacker Drive, Lake Shore Bank, The Doyle-Cumberland Rapid Transit Station which have won Chicago Chapter AIA Distinguished Building Design for Design Excellence, his Grand Rapids Student Center received same award in 1978 and a Students Choice Award in 1982. Voy designed Bernard Mitchell Hospital for the Chicago University, Lake County Public Library in Merriville, Indiana and controversial at time "Blue Building" in Miliwaukee, Wisconsin Henry Reuce Federal Plaza Building. An entry to Amoco Northerly Street Plaza initiated a relationship with the Oil Company which resulted in many projects later.

While with Perkins and Will Voy Madeyski was selected as one of the ten Chicago architects to present his work in a monumental exhibit in Paris in 1983 entitled "150 years of Chicago Architecture". The same exhibit was brought to Chicago and displayed in the Museum of Science and Industry in 1985. Voy was responsible for the design of that exhibit. A sizable catalog for this exhibit was produced by Ante Glibota Director of The Paris Art Center.

In August of 1987 Voy established his own architectural practice which concentrates on residential projects single family housing as well as multifamily housing, small retail and commercial developments, additions and remodelings. Most prominent project was redevelopment of the Amoco Building Plaza in Chicago which included also reclading of the Tower. The Amoco Building Facade Modification Project received an Honorable Mention Award for Excellence in Masonry Design in 1993. The Award of Merit for Lighting Excellence was awarded to the Amoco Re-Entry Corner Light in 1994.

The Amoco portfolio includes design of the plaza, entry canopy, shelters, waterfall and the fountain and also interior elevators.

Voy's firm produced many projects pro-bono one of which a design for the Children Rehabilitation Center in Chicago won an Honor Award for Design Excellence by the Chicago Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture in unbuilt design category in 1994. Voy designed Polish Olympic Village in Atlanta for the games of 1996.

Other projects include: Jesuits Millennium Center in Chicago, Winnetka Multifamily Condominium Building, Racine Condo Tower in Chicago, Ross Drugstore in Highland Park, New Plaza for GSA Federal Social Security Center in Chicago and many individual housing projects ranging from modest structures to upper bracket residences.



We like to design individual residences. This type of architecture can be implemented quickly and we appreciate the opportunity to work with our clients on the one to one basis. Good architecture can be produced only as a result of the cooperative effort of the architect-client team.

Voy is a Member of the American Institute of Architects since 1975, former member of the Chicago Architectural Club, has been active as an adjunct professor of design and design critic in Champaign Urbana and University of Wisconsin and also is a Chairman of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Chicago.



## RADA POLSKICH INŻYNIERÓW W AMERYCE PÓŁNOCNEJ

Council of Polish Engineers in North America  
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### **Gratulacje dla Stowarzyszenia Polsko-Amerykańskich Inżynierów w Chicago**

Stowarzyszenie jest najstarszą organizacją zrzeszającą polonijnych inżynierów w Ameryce. Od 72 lat spełnia ono doniosłą rolę w promowaniu dokonań inżynierów polskiego pochodzenia oraz ich wkładu w budowie gospodarki i tworzeniu postępu naukowo-technicznego w Stanach Zjednoczonych Ameryki.

Stowarzyszenie Polsko-Amerykańskich Inżynierów jest ważnym ogniwem w strukturach Rady Polskich Inżynierów w Ameryce Północnej oraz gorącym orędownikiem zacieśniającej się współpracy między Polonią i Polską.

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Polsko - Amerykańskie Stowarzyszenie Inżynierów w Chicago było i jest organizacją zawodowo-społeczną. Inspiracją do jej działania była potrzeba umieszczenia się inżynierskiej grupy zawodowej w społeczeństwie amerykańskim lat 30 XX wieku, wówczas bardzo hermetycznym i niezbyt przychylnie patrzącym na wykształconych Polaków. Motywacją do działania była potrzeba profesjonalnych kontaktów i chęć niesienia pomocy w znalezieniu pracy innej niż fizyczna, możliwie zgodnej z wykształceniem. O osiągnięciach założonego przed 72 latami Stowarzyszenia może posłużyć szereg przykładów inżynierów, którzy odnosili sukcesy zawodowe, zdobywali prestiżowe miejsca pracy, między innymi w instytucjach naukowych, renomowanych uniwersytetach amerykańskich. Byli oni i są w dalszym ciągu przykładem i wzorcem dla młodzieży polonijnej. Fakt, że organizacja przetrwała przez tyle lat świadczy o potrzebie i sensie jej istnienia. Nabiera to nowego wymiaru w obecnych czasach, gdzie dzięki burzliwemu rozwojowi środków komunikacji utrzymanie więzi towarzyskich i zawodowych jest o wiele łatwiejsze, a organizowane wspólne imprezy, chociażby takie jak dzisiejszy bankiet, są okazją do nagradzania najbardziej zasłużonych i promowanie uzdolnionej młodzieży.

Dowodem, potwierdzającym mogą być dzisiejsi laureaci w osobach profesjonalnych inżynierów: Pani Danuty Szymulanskiej, Pana Andrzeja Czystczona i dr Jana Plachty.

Działania Stowarzyszenia Polsko-Amerykańskich Inżynierów w Chicago nie zamykają się tylko do środkowo-zachodniego regionu Ameryki. Jest ono ważnym ogniwem w strukturach Rady Polskich Inżynierów w Ameryce Północnej, które zostało powołane do życia 11 października 2003 r. w Orchard Lake, MI. Jak wynika z historycznych zapisów polonijni inżynierowie z Detroit, Chicago i Nowego Jorku spotkali się po raz pierwszy 2 lipca 1944 r. w biurze Polsko-Amerykańskich Kupców, Przemysłowców i Profesjonalistów mieszczącym się przy 1123 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Powstała wówczas POLSKO-AMERYKAŃSKA RADA TECHNICZNA (Council of Polish-American Technical Societies). Obydwa spotkania z 1944 r i 2003 r. odbywały się w diametralnie odmiennych warunkach politycznych Polski, mimo tego wiele celów okazało się zbieżnych. Konferencja inżynierów na progu XXI wieku była początkiem szerokiej integracji polskich inżynierów, zarówno na kontynencie Amerykańskim jak i w Europie.

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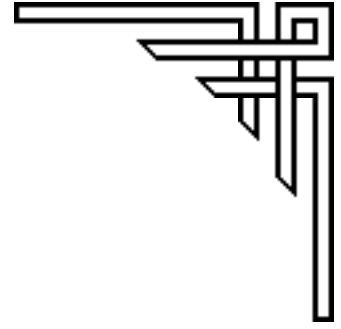
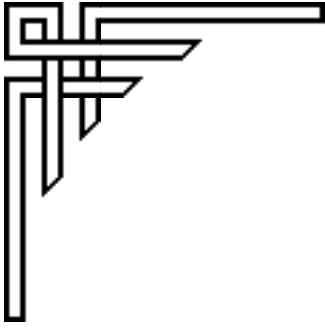
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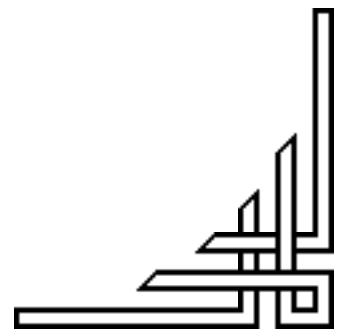
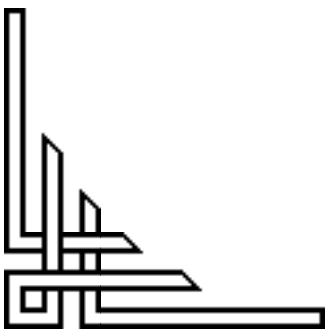
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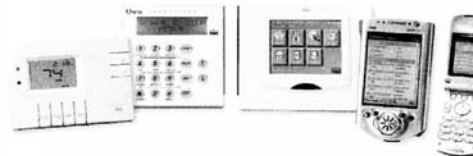
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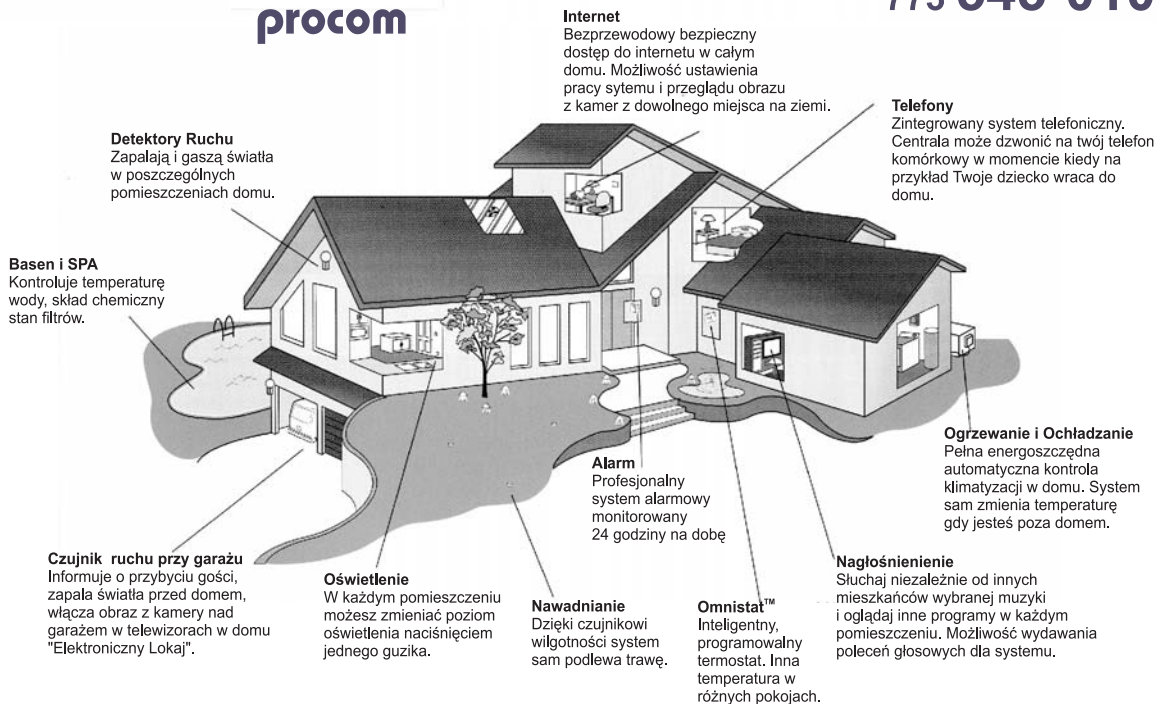


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