Polish American Association

90th Anniversary Annual Gala And Benefit Auction

Saturday, November 10, 2012
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its 90th Anniversary

for its outstanding work on behalf of Chicago’s Polish community

Bozena and Arie Zweig

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Saturday, November 10, 2012

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Bozena and Arie Zweig's philanthropic activities are well known. They are prominent contributors to both the Polish and Jewish communities. Bozena Zweig has been on the PAA Board of Directors since 2002. Arie Zweig is a Principal of R.A. Zweig, Inc, in Glenview, Illinois.

Arie was born in Poland and grew up in Israel. He received a degree in marine engineering from Mevuot Yam and started his first manufacturing business before immigrating to the United States in 1977. In 1979, he opened R.A.Zweig Inc., a machining facility specializing in complex parts for aerospace, defense, automotive, medical, and power-generation industries.

Bozena earned her Masters degree from Warsaw Chopin Academy of Music with a specialization in percussion instruments. Before immigrating in 1977, she was a recording artist, jazz musician, and songwriter. Among her many accomplishments, Bozena was a member of the Polish Radio Orchestra, the Youth Persecution Assemble in Bayreuth and took part in the Festival of Contemporary Music “Warsaw Autumn.” She also performed with Grazyna Lobaszewska and Stan Borys.

Arie and Bozena are involved in real-estate developments in both the United States and Europe. Their home is open to charitable organizations, politicians, and artists, for whom they organize countless fundraisers. They promote Polish culture and actively support Polish causes in the political arena. They are recipients of numerous awards from the Polish Government and State of Illinois for outstanding public service, dedication and commitment to the Polish American community.

Arie has received the Senatorial Medal of Freedom, Yoni Netanyahu Award, Honored by Friends of IDF and the Millennium Business Award for promoting Polish business in Illinois. Arie is a founder and President of the Paderewski Symphony Orchestra, where he and Bozena are both actively involved. They currently live in Winnetka. They have four daughters and eleven grandchildren.
HORS D’OEUVRES
- Coconut Shrimp, Ponzu Sauce
- Oven Roasted Tomato and Olive Crostini with Roasted Garlic
- Avocado Wonton Roll, Sweet Chili Sauce
- Mini Lamb Chops, Cumin Crust

SALAD
- Bibb Lettuce, Baked Fig Crouton, Goat Cheese, Crisp Pancetta, Balsamic Drizzle

SOUP
- Bookbinder Soup with Red Snapper and Individual Carafe of Sherry
  *Vegetarian Soup option available

ENTRÉE:
- Chicken Supreme with Mushrooms and Leeks, Lemon Meyer Sauce, accompanied by 4oz Broiled Salmon with Orange Miso Glaze
- Fingerling Potatoes, Haricot Verts with Charred Lemon Zest, Baby Beet Garnish

DESSERT
- Anniversary cake and Sweet Table
### Gala and Benefit Auction

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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the Polish American Association's Annual Gala.

As you know, the mission of the Polish American Association is to serve the diverse needs of the Polish community in the Chicagoland area. The Polish American Association was founded as the Polish Welfare Association in 1922 by a prominent group of Polish business leaders and professionals who saw an urgent need for organized Polish-language social services. Today, the Polish American Association is Chicago's only bilingual and bicultural agency that provides a wide-array of valuable programs and services to the Polish community and others in need, reaching more than 3,500 clients every month with a diverse range of 28 programs.

As you celebrate your 90th anniversary, I want to commend you for all that you have done and are doing to help the Polish American community, particularly New Americans. It is essential that organizations like the Polish American Association exist to support this community, and I am certain that your dedication will continue for many more years to come. I also want to congratulate Arie and Bozena Zweig on their receipt of the 2012 Presidential Award. Their longstanding commitment and generous contributions to the Polish American community certainly makes them deserving of your recognition.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn
Governor
Dear Members of the Polish American Association

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warmest greetings to everyone gathered for the Polish American Association’s Annual Gala & Benefit Auction and offer warmest congratulations on this, its 90th Anniversary.

Established in 1922, the Polish American Association (PAA) has been a great resource for the Polish community in Chicago since its inception. The PAA offers an array of comprehensive services to families and others in need including education and employment, social, and immigration services to all who may be in need. It assists over 3,000 Chicagoland residents each month.

Tonight’s event will celebrate the mission of the Polish American Association to inspire and uplift all in need of a helping hand. I would like to congratulate Bozena and Arie Zweig on receiving the 2012 Presidential Award and for embodying that mission in their lives and through their work. I would also like to thank all those gathered here who have given of their time and resources to support the important work the PAA has done and continues to do in our great city and beyond.

Chicago is the proud home of a hard-working and vibrant Polish-American community, the largest in the world outside of Poland. Chicago’s Polish-Americans have made a significant impact on our city, as evident by the community’s many artistic, civic, entrepreneurial and culinary endeavors. I commend the Polish American Association for its ongoing and steadfast commitment to the Polish community and to the city at large.

I hope you have a truly enjoyable event. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor
November 10, 2012

Dear Friends:

Greetings! It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the Polish American Association’s Annual Gala and Benefit Auction.

For nearly a century, the Polish American Association (PAA) has provided bilingual and bicultural community services to more than 3,500 of those in need throughout the Chicagoland area each month. To help immigrants adjust to a new life in the United States, PAA provides citizenship classes, vocational development, immigration assistance, and crisis intervention. Tonight’s honorees, Arie and Bozena Zweig, have worked tirelessly to promote Polish culture and causes. I applaud the work Mr. and Mrs. Zweig have done on behalf of the Polish community of Chicago.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to tonight’s attendees for your dedication to the Polish American Association. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zweig on tonight’s award, and I wish them both best of luck in their future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator
October 17, 2012

Polish American Association
3834 North Cicero Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60641

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to offer my congratulations to those being honored at the Polish American Association’s (PAA) 90th Anniversary Annual Gala and Benefit Auction. I send my greetings to all those in attendance at this wonderful anniversary gala.

The Polish American Association has played an important role in serving the Polish American community. Your work in the areas of immigration, education, and employment have brought important issues to the forefront and encouraged the betterment of countless citizens. I look forward to continuing to work tirelessly on your behalf and to best serve you in Congress.

Again, my heartfelt congratulations go out to all of you here tonight. I would like to commend this year’s presidential award recipients, Bozena and Arie Zweig, for their constant support, generous donations, and political advocacy for the Polish American community. All those who contribute to the success of this organization can certainly take pride in all that has been accomplished and look forward to an even brighter and more promising future.

Very truly yours,

Mark Kirk
United States Senator
Dear Friends:

I am pleased to send warm greetings to everyone gathered in Chicago, Illinois, for the Polish American Association’s Annual gala. This important event gives us an opportunity to honor the Polish American Association’s history of improving the lives of Polish Americans throughout the Chicago area. I would like to convey my support and admiration for this organization and commend its efforts to aid and empower the Polish community.

Throughout my time in public service and as a Member of the United States Congress, I have had the distinct pleasure of working closely with the Polish American community in my district. As a first generation American, I admire the dedication of both the Polish American Association and Polish American Chamber of Commerce to immigrant rights and community development. I look forward to continuing our work together to promote the ideals of freedom and opportunity and help expand pathways to full participation in our society.

In the 9th Congressional District, we are proud to support a very diverse population, including the many members of the Polish American community. This district is a “melting pot” and the wide range of backgrounds and beliefs within its boundaries allows us all to learn more about each other’s traditions and customs. I am honored to represent such a diverse community and I hope that we can all continue to benefit from the wealth of experiences and knowledge of our neighbors.

I am honored to pay tribute to the dedicated staff and volunteers at the Polish American Association who have worked tirelessly to provide a comprehensive network of support for the Polish American community of Chicago. Since 1922, the Polish American Association has helped more than four generations while establishing an outstanding reputation for its comprehensive bilingual and bicultural services for Polish Americans. Additionally, I would like to commend Arie and Blescita Zolow as tonight’s 2012 Presidential Award recipients for their longstanding commitment and generous contributions to the Polish American community.

On behalf of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress
October 15, 2012

Dear Friends,

I would like to offer congratulations and admiration to you on the 90th Anniversary of the Polish American Association! I also applaud Arie and Bozena Zweig who are being recognized with the 2012 Presidential Award for their dedication and charitable contributions to the Polish American community.

The Polish American Association serves an important role in the community as it is the only Polish non-profit human services organization providing bilingual services, employment assistance and aid to needy families. These activities have been very successful in supporting Polish Americans in Chicago. Thank you for your commitment to the Polish culture and society.

The Presidential Award nominees, Arie and Bozena, are prominent leaders in the Polish American community. Arie has promoted Polish and Illinois business and is the founder of Paderewski Symphony Orchestra. Bozena has served on the Polish American Association’s Board of Directors for the last ten years. Their hard work has exposed us to their fascinating culture and enduring heritage. Thank you for your outstanding service to the Polish culture in Chicago.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the Polish American Association for its community leadership and achievements. Further, I join in congratulating the winners of the 2012 Presidential Award, Arie and Bozena Zweig, for their outstanding community service. I extend my best wishes to everyone on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley

Member of Congress
November 10, 2012

Dear Friends

As the State Comptroller, it is my honor and pleasure to welcome supporters of the Polish American Association to the Annual Gala and Benefit Auction.

This year, the Polish American Association is celebrating its 90th anniversary of service. Not only has the PAA helped four generations of immigrant families adjust to life in the United States since 1922, it is the only non-profit human services organization providing comprehensive and bilingual services to the Polish community.

I would like to congratulate Arie and Bozena Zweig, the recipients of the 2012 Presidential Award. Their generous contributions and long-standing commitment to the Polish community have brought a world of culture to Chicago and allowed PAA to fulfill its mission of providing life changing resources for individuals in need.

Again, congratulations to the awardees. And to all supporters of the Polish American Association, I thank you for your dedication and offer my continued best wishes.

Sincerely,

Judy Baar Topinka

Illinois State Comptroller
Greetings from Cook County Clerk David Orr

It is impossible to overestimate the services of the Polish American Association and other organizations which help integrate new immigrants into our nation.

Citizenship, and participation in elections, are central to American values. By offering classes in English and Citizenship, you help make our democracy a stronger institution, and our culture a richer one.

By supporting needy families and individuals, you enable more people on the margins to eventually become productive members of society.

I am grateful for your unflagging commitment to the Polish community—and by extension, our community at large.

Congratulations on 90 years of helping to build a more vibrant Chicago.

Sincerely,

David Orr
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Springfield, Illinois 62756

Jesse White
Secretary of State

November 10, 2012

Polish American Association
3834 North Cicero Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60641

Greetings:

Please accept my warmest welcome as you join the Polish American Association for their Annual Gala and Benefit Auction.

I am proud of your ongoing commitment to Polish Americans living in and around the Chicago area. Since 1922, the services that you provide have helped four generations of immigrant families to live fuller, more productive lives. This year is especially important as you are also celebrating your 90th Anniversary. This impressive milestone is a testament to your success in proudly serving the diverse needs of the Polish American community.

I also want to recognize Arie and Bozena Zweig as you receive the 2012 Presidential Award. Your promotion of Polish and Illinois businesses, commitment to the arts, ongoing support of numerous charities and dedication to the Polish American Association is worthy of our praise and admiration. Congratulations on this prestigious award – you deserve it!

Again, best wishes for a wonderful event and for continued success.

Very truly yours,

JESSE WHITE
Secretary of State
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

November 10, 2012

Polish American Association
3834 N. Cicero Avenue
Chicago, IL 60641

Dear Friends,

As Attorney General of the State of Illinois, I want to congratulate the members, supporters and staff of the Polish American Association as the PAA celebrates its 90th anniversary. I also want to congratulate and thank Bozena and Arie Zweig, this year's recipients of the PAA's Presidential Award.

Our community is a better place thanks to the hard work and commitment of the Polish American Association in the realm of human services. The PAA helps thousands of people each year to attain necessary skills, find jobs and become citizens. From providing computer classes to crisis counseling, the staff of the PAA on a daily basis help members of Chicago's large Polish community to better their lives and thus better our community.

The PAA could not have found two more deserving people to honor with its 2012 Presidential Award. Strong supporters of the Polish American Association -- including Bozena's role on the Board of Directors for the past decade -- Bozena and Arie Zweig are also philanthropic pillars of the Polish and Jewish American communities in Chicago. They will add this award to many others they have received in recognition of their entrepreneurial spirit as well as their support of the arts and charitable organizations. I want to thank them both for all they do for our community.

I hope that everyone gathered tonight for PAA's Annual Gala and Benefit will enjoy the evening and camaraderie, and thank you for the support of this wonderful organization.

Very truly yours,

Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL
ABOUT THE POLISH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Now celebrating our 90th year as a human services agency, the Polish American Association (PAA) has been a unique resource for Chicago metropolitan area immigrants, Polish-speaking residents and those in need. We offer a comprehensive range of services, providing a holistic approach to help individuals achieve their full potential in all aspects of their lives. Since 1922 our bilingual and culturally sensitive programs have helped four generations of immigrants successfully transition to life in the United States by linking them to vital resources, services and information.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES:
In 4 program areas and through 28 services, PAA has provided our clients with resources for changing lives:

- **Education & Employment Services:** These include: English-as-a-Second Language and citizenship classes; literacy tutoring; vocational training for Certified Nursing Assistants and Physical Rehabilitation Aides; office skills training; computer literacy; career counseling and job placement services; employment resource center and computer labs.

- **Social Services:** These include crisis intervention; individual and family counseling; counseling and advocacy for victims of domestic violence; women’s counseling services; partner abuse intervention program; after school program and summer camp for children and youth; senior services program; abuse treatment; on substance abuse counseling and prevention education for youth; homemakers program for seniors and people with disabilities; food pantry; clothing closet; emergency energy and rental assistance; health awareness education and screenings; assistance with All Kids applications, outreach and interpretation.

- **Immigrant Services:** These include assistance with the Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) application process including fingerprinting, photographs, and document translation; citizenship workshops; voter registration; housing resource center.

- **Information & Outreach:** These include keeping the Polish community informed of programs and services as well as the issues that affect their lives through informational workshops, presentations in the Polish media (radio and TV), and newspaper articles.

The Polish American Association and many of its staff have received local, state, federal, and international recognition for their commitment to and effectiveness in meeting the most critical needs of the Polish community.
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Polish American Association, a human services agency, is to serve the diverse needs of the Polish community in the Chicago metro area by providing resources for changing lives, with emphasis on assisting immigrants.

CORE VALUES

We believe that:

- Each client of the PAA is a unique individual with different concerns and abilities and shall be treated with dignity.
- The PAA programs and services assist in the empowerment of people as individuals so that they may reach their full potential in all aspects of their lives.
- The PAA programs and services are most effective when a holistic approach is taken to individual needs.
- The PAA makes every effort to respond to the unmet and well researched needs within the Polish community by providing programs and services not available elsewhere.
- The PAA advocates on behalf of those within the Polish community who may not be able to speak for themselves.
- The PAA fosters linkages and collaborative efforts with other human service agencies and also within the extended Polish community.

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Reflections of former Executive Director

KAREN POPOWSKI (1988-2006)

My 17 plus years at the Polish American Association were filled with challenges and rewards as the agency and the Polish immigrant community grew by leaps and bounds.

Immediately upon my being hired at the then called Polish Welfare Association, funding became available to implement the Amnesty Act of 1986 which doubled the size of the agency within the first 3 months. This involved finding space and hiring teachers to establish an Education center initially for 32 classes. In many ways, this expansion put PWA on the map relative to the immigrant community.

In the spring of 1989, we rented buses to bring eligible voters to the Polish consulate to vote in the first free elections in Poland in many decades. Several months later, under the new democratic Poland, we began planning the first of three Polish American Conferences on Self Help, a wonderful experience in the empowerment of a newly democratic nation and its service providers.

When the US Department of State initiated a visa lottery program in 1990, PWA was critically instrumental in delivering application to Washington. This resulted in the fourth wave of more than 50,000 new arrivals in Chicago from Poland in the next 5 years.

Virtually all of our services were impacted by the needs these new immigrants, necessitating additional facilities on the northwest and southwest side.

The renaming of the Polish Welfare Association to the Polish American Association was a year-long opportunity to reach out to clients, donors and colleagues and celebrate the many achievements of the staff in serving the community.

I am truly grateful for the many cherished memories of times spent with staff, board members and donors in making our little part of the world a better place. I know the mission lives on in so many others.
My fondest memories of my two years of being the executive director of Polish Welfare Association (1986-88) revolve around the amazing program expansion and the increased number of clients served during that time. Our staff, working in conjunction with a dedicated board of directors, led by its president, John Pikarski, experienced the agency evolve into one of the premier social services agencies in Chicago. The agency’s immigration counseling program was perhaps one of the best community-based models in the nation. Polish Welfare Association legalized 5300 people during the one-year amnesty program. We also received a large state grant to develop a computerized ESL learning center for those individuals who became legalized.

Twenty-four years after my tenure as executive director, I meet people whom I remember as clients of the agency. Now many of them are established business people and other highly successful professionals. They thank me for the significant role that the Polish Welfare Association played in making a difference in their lives. And I thank Polish American Association for allowing me, for two years, to be part of its incredible history of service to the community.
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