

The Chicago Chapter of the



Kościuszko Foundation

Tadeusz Kosciuszko's Imieniny

October 23, 2012

PROGRAM

1. Welcome

Czeslawa Kolak, Polish Instructor, World Languages and Cultures, Northeastern Illinois University, Event Coordinator
Lidia Filus, President, Chicago Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation

2. Greetings

Wamucii Njogu, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, NEIU
Konrad Zielinski, Vice Consul, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Chicago

3. Guest Speaker

Tom Rusnak

The Kosciuszko Foundation Art Enrichment English Camp in Poland

5. Award Ceremony for Dr. Anna Szpindor

Introduction by **Ewa Radwanska**, Kosciuszko Foundation Trustee

6. Entertainment

Piano Performance by **Igor Lipinski**
Introduction by **Jolanta Pawlikowski**, Chicago Chapter KF Music Director

7. Raffle

Anna Kordylewska, Chicago Chapter KF Vice President
Joanna Rudnicka, Chicago Chapter KF Scholarship Chair

8. Final Remarks – Lidia Filus

9. Refreshments

Name's Day Party for Thaddeus & Polish Heroes

In Honor of the Virtuti Militari



After Poland passed the May 3 Constitution in 1791, it was attacked by Russia, Prussia and Austria who wanted to stop these democratic reforms. King Stanisław Augustus created the Virtuti Militari medal to honor the Polish soldiers, such as Tadeusz Kościuszko, who had fought to defend the first democratic constitution in Europe. But the Poles lost the war, and the Russians demanded that these medals be thrown away. While the officers who received this honor took the medals off their chests, they sent the blue ribbons from these orders to their wives and girlfriends, who used them to tie their hair in ponytails.

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The Kosciuszko Foundation and its chapters will reenact this event on Oct. 28, to honor local heroes that have supported the Polish Community.

Past Awardees

2009 Mariola Golota

2010 Jolanta and Witold Pawlikowski

2011 Tadeusz Makarewicz, Esq.



Maria Wirtemberska, of the Czartoryski's family drew this picture of Kosciuszko at October 28, 1792 name's day party for Tadeusz Kosciuszko held by Prince Czartoryski at his palace. Underneath the picture she wrote: "Tadeusz Kosciuszko: Good and courageous, but unhappy."



Oct. 23, 2012

Dear Lidia and members of the Chicago Chapter,

Thank you for helping us to celebrate Thaddeus Name's day in honor of our namesake, and thank you Dr. Anna Szpindor for being active in the Chicago chapter. The Kosciuszko Foundation is one of Polonia's most important institutions. Since 1925 it has worked to educate Polish scholars and to promote Polish culture. But none of this can be done without you, the members, volunteers and benefactors that work so hard to raise money for education and programs that make us all proud to be Polish.

We should also be proud of the May 3 Constitution, which was the first written democratic Constitution in Europe. However, for the tyrannical monarchs of Europe, this Constitution went too far in providing freedom and civil rights for everyone, and in 1792, Poland was attacked by Russia, Prussia and Austria who wanted to stop these democratic reforms. King Stanislaw Augustus created the Virtuti Militari medal to honor soldiers, such as Tadeusz Kosciuszko, who fought to defend Poland's freedom. But these brave soldiers were overwhelmed and Poland lost that war. The Russians demanded that these medals be thrown away.

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Kosciuszko dedicated the final years of his life to advocate for educational reforms and the schooling of peasants and the underprivileged. So it is fitting that our foundation is named after him. That is why today, we reenact this event to honor all those who work to help the Kosciuszko Foundation educate future generations of Polonia. I toast all of you, and hope you have a great party.

Sincerely,

Alex Storozyński
President & Executive Director

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Chicago, 18 października 2012 r.

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Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej
w Chicago

Pani Lidia Filus, Prezes
Fundacja Kościuszkowska
Oddział Chicago

Szanowna Pani Prezes,

W związku ze zbliżającymi się obchodami dnia imienin Tadeusza Kościuszki, pragnę skierować do Pani oraz wszystkich osób zaangażowanych w działalność chicagowskiego oddziału Fundacji Kościuszkowskiej najserdeczniejsze podziękowania i gratulacje.

Upowszechnianie w USA osiągnięć polskiej nauki, kultury i narodowej tradycji stanowi ważne wyzwanie, a zarazem piękny cel dla wielu powołanych do tego instytucji i organizacji. Krzewienie wiedzy i prawdy historycznej, zasług najwybitniejszych Polaków w dziejach obydwu naszych narodów, z których wybijającą się postacią był Generał Tadeusz Kościuszko, to jeden z najważniejszych sposobów realizacji tego celu.

Nie sposób zapomnieć o zasługach Fundacji Kościuszkowskiej dla amerykańskiej Polonii i rodaków w Kraju, w tym o najistotniejszych dla naszej racji stanu kwestiach, takich jak walka z zakłamaniami historycznymi pojawiającymi się nadal w międzynarodowych mediach. Bez Państwa zaangażowania i poświęcenia misja ta byłaby nieporównanie trudniejsza.

Z wyrazami szacunku,



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Igor Lipinski

Igor Lipinski is a young concert pianist from Poland, a graduate of Paderewski Music School in Tarnow. In 2011 he received his Masters of Music at the renowned Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester. He is also an award-winning magician!

At the age of 12, Igor received the Grand Prix for Young Pianists at the Paderewski Competition in Poland. At 16 he was presented the Grand Prix award at the Paderewski Festival in Buffalo, NY, where he played the lead role of the young pianist in the play “Paderewski’s Children” directed by Kazimierz Braun.

He then studied at the Eastman



with performance art and magical illusions. Having received Master Degree in Piano Performance and Literature from Eastman in 2012, he has been accepted and started Northwestern University doctorate program, studying with Professor Alan Chow. Igor is a recipient of the Kosciuszko Foundation scholarship.

Igor has appeared in more than 60 performances in the US, Europe and the Middle East. Recently, Igor’s orchestra debut

“As a pianist...Igor Lipinski holds a special card in hands. His performances are magical. Literally.”

Buffalo News



Practicing on the Chicago Chapter KF piano

School of Music in an innovative, one-of-a-kind interdisciplinary honors program of Musical Arts which allowed him to develop his piano virtuosity and to combine it

with Buffalo Philharmonic was broadcast on NPR’s “Performance Today”. Last November, he made his Broadway debut and became a winner of WQXR’s Classical Comedy Contest (broadcast by PBS). This season he is a featured pianist in the Chicago premiere of “33 Variations” at the TimeLine Theater – a highly-acclaimed play and production.

www.igorlipinski.com

Anna Szpindor

Anna Szpindor is an adult and pediatric board-certified allergist with a private practice in Hoffman Estates and Oak Park. She received her medical degree from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland, and she completed a pediatric



Dr. Anna Szpindor with family

residency at Luther General Hospital in Park Ridge and an allergy immunology fellowship at Rush Medical Center in Chicago, IL. Being board certified in pediatrics, allergy/immunology, and integrative holistic medicine, Dr. Szpindor has been practicing integrative allergy for many years.

Dr. Szpindor has been involved extensively in the Polish American community for many years. She has contributed tremendously to the progress and growth of the Polish American Medical Society in Chicago as its secretary from 1997 to 2001, then as its president from

2001 to 2005, and then as a board member. She established many innovative programs to help the society grow. She has been involved with the Polish American Congress Illinois Division for several years and has served as chair. She is also a member of the Polish Women's Alliance, Legion

of Young Polish Women, Polish National Alliance, Polish Women's Civic Club, Polish Museum of America, Polish American Historical Association, American Institute of Polish Culture, PIASA, and Pilsudski Institute. Dr. Szpindor has served as chair and emcee of many events and has organized many activities for the Chicago Polo-



Chicago Chapter 2012 Debutants: Aleksandra Kurzydłowski and Marysia Szpindor-Watson with their families, friends, and 2012 KF honoree Nobel Prize-winning physicist, MIT professor Frank Wilczek

nia including asthma and alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency screening for hundreds of participants. Several months ago, she began an educational program for Polish Saturday schools teaching the teachers and parents about anaphylaxis, asthma, and the use of an EpiPen.

Dr. Szpindor is active in many medical organizations. She is a member of the board of trustees of the Chicago Medical Society, the council, resolutions and nominating as well as leadership committee. She is also a member of the Illinois State Medical Society, American Medical Association, American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology,

Joint Council of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, and the Illinois State Allergy Society.

Dr. Szpindor is celebrating her Polish heritage as a family affair with her husband John Watson and her children, Michael and Marysia. The entire family has actively participated in numerous Polish activities since the early 90s and has organized many charitable events and have supported numerous Polish American organizations.

Although Dr. Szpindor has received many awards and honors from medical and Polish American organizations, her first love is to spend time with her wonderful family and pets. In addition, she enjoys reading, tennis, and skiing.

Tom Rusnak

Mr. Rusnak has been involved with the Kosciuszko Foundation's TEACHING ENGLISH IN POLAND program since 2005. He has spent his career furthering the cause of fine arts education and cultural enrichment for secondary students. He is a retired theatre instructor for the **Morton**, and **Riverside – Brookfield** High Schools where he also served as auditorium manager, stage director, scene designer and technical director for hundreds of productions. He was the director of the 2002 Illinois Theatre Association All-State production of THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE. His experience outside the academic high school realm includes 25 years as technical director for the **Lithuanian Opera Company of Chicago**, light design and technical advisor for the **Ballet Legere** of River Forest and as stage directors



for the **Cenacle Theatre Company** of Pilsen and the **Savoyaires** of Evanston. He currently serves on the technical staff of the **Lira Ensemble of Chicago**, a position he's held for thirty years. He was most recently seen onstage at the **TIMELINE THEATRE** where he understudied and appeared in the role of Jimmy in the Jeff Nominated production of THE PITMEN



PAINTERS.

Tom is of Polish ancestry and has added the cause of the Kosciuszko Foundation to his list of passions. He is the lead American staff member of the Arts Enrichment English Camp in of the Kosciuszko Foundation's Teaching English In Poland program in Załęczce Wielke.

Language Camp in Poland 2012



Pozdrowienia z Australii

Mam takie marzenie, abyśmy cofając się w czasie, spotkali gen. Tadeusza Kościuszkę i uczestników owego słynnego balu w Sieniawie, który dał początek całej serii patriotycznych balów. Cóż, z braku wchłonu czasu musimy pozostać w swojej epoce. Ale możemy z pewnością zrobić jedno: przystroiwszy głowy dębowymi wieńcami połączyć nasze myśli telepatycznie na linii Sydney-Chicago i wspólnie zadumać się nad minionym czasem, który dał nam tyle natchnienia i inspiracji... i poczuć tę wspaniałą więź, jaka nas łączy dzięki Kościuszce.

Nie jest łatwo w Australii napotkać dębowe drzewa. Byłam niedawno nad rzeką Colo, gdzie znajduje się polonijny ośrodek harcerski „Bielany”. Jakże radosne było moje odkrycie: tuż nad rzeką rosły trzy rozłożyste dęby. Ogromnie urosły od czasu, gdy posadzili je tam społecznicy... oczywiście Polacy. Tak więc szykując się do Imieniny Tadeusza pomyślałam sobie, że liście na wieńce są, tylko trochę daleko – dwie godziny jazdy samochodem. A tu nagle inne odkrycie: niedaleko mego domu, w parku przy boisku rośnie dąb! Więc mam liście pod ręką. Starczy z pewnością dla kilkunastu osób, w gronie których Imieniny Tadeusza Kościuszki będziemy świętować.

Ale o wiele większą imprezą będzie nasz siódmy już, doroczny Festiwal Kościuszkowski 23 & 24 lutego 2013 r. w Górach Śnieżnych. Tym razem pod hasłem „Dream Lights”. Hasło to nawiązuje do: 1) Mitologii aborygeńskiej, 2) Światła Bożego, 3) i promieni laserów. Wątek

aborygeński jest zrozumiały, ponieważ Ngarigo są tradycyjnymi właścicielami Mt Kościuszko i naszymi przyjaciółmi, a spirytualny wymiar festiwalu bierze się z niezwyklej daty: otóż sto lat temu grupa australijskich biskupów irlandzkiego pochodzenia odprawiła na „dachu” Australii Mszę św. Tak więc 23 lutego, w setną rocznicę tego pamiętnego wydarzenia kilku biskupów i gromada kapłanów odprawi Mszę św., na którą miejmy nadzieję zjadą się katolicy z różnych grup etnicznych, od Polaków po Wietnamczyków.

Marzy się nam, aby na tej niezwyklej, historycznej Mszy św. –jak i na naszym festiwalu – nie zabrakło Was, z którymi nas przecież łączy ta szczególna więź. Atrakcją festiwalu będzie visual laser show. Jeszcze większą atrakcją będzie gość specjalny festiwalu, też kościuszkowską pepowiną z Wami i z nami związany: afro-amerykański pianista Roy Eaton.. Roy jest laureatem pierwszego konkursu chopinowskiego organizowanego od lat w New York przez Fundację Kosciuszkowską. Ma w dorobku kilka płyt kompaktowych z muzyką Chopina, którego uwielbia. Jest też admiratorem Tadeusza Kościuszki, tak więc mamy nadzieję, że jego uwielbienie dla Generała udzieli się również Aborygenom. Im to właśnie ma zadedykować swój koncert.

Moi Drodzy, przybawajcie do Australii. Ci, którzy kochają Kościuszkę, chętnie Was ugoszczą.

*Serdecznie pozdrawiam
Ernestyna Skurjat-Kozek
Prezes, Kosciuszko Heritage Inc.*

Program Festiwalu

http://www.zrobotosam.com/PulsPol/Puls3/index.php?sekcja=47&arty_id=11790

Chicago Chapter Events 2012



WELL-WISHERS

\$ 200.00

Polish American Medical Society

\$ 150.00

Congratulations to the Kosciuszko Foundation Chicago Chapter for their continuous efforts and hard work in promoting Polish Heritage. - Anna Szpindor, MD

\$ 100.00

Thank you, Dr. Szpindor! Congratulations on your Award
Ewa Radwanska, M.D.

Congratulations from Amber Coalition
Polish-American Breast Cancer Awareness Program

Congratulations to Dr. Anna Szpindor, Polish Women's Alliance Member

Gordon and Pikarski, Attorneys
Zoning- Real Estate Taxation –Condemnation

Congratulations Dr. Anna Szpindor
Polish American Congress, Illinois Division

Robert and Maria Bernacchi
Munster, Indiana

Richard & Rosemary Milczarek

Dear Ania, Thank You for All Your Fantastic Work.
Wojciech & Barbara Niedzinski

\$ 50.00

Moja Kochana Corko Aniu, Jestem bardzo dumna z Twoich osiagniec w pracy społecznej!
Zdzislawa Szpindor

Congratulations on your hard earned award! I am so honored and grateful to have such a wonderful and passionate mother. Love you Mom! Marysia

We have seen you dedicate thousands of hours during the last 20 years of community service for Polonia. We are glad we have been of help. Love - John, Marysia and Michael

Congratulations on your recognition by the Kosciuszko Foundation! Thank you for raising me with love for my Polish roots, and being my mom! Michael V. Szpindor Watson

Zyczymy Ci duzo sukcesow w przyszlosci!
Dr. Adam Szpindor, DVM i mgr Grazyna Iwaszkiewicz – Szpindor

Dear Hania, When we were in medical school I remember you speaking about serving Polonia. Congratulations for achieving your dream! Hania Stawowy, M.D. and Family

Anne, Congratulations on this honor! You have worked very hard on so many projects. I am glad your contribution is being recognized at so fitting a ceremony. Mary Skinner

Congratulations to Dr. Anna Szpindor for her recognition by the
Kosciuszko Foundation Dr. Jan & Barbara Plachta

From Clare Ann Szyszkiewicz Gaouette, Member of Kosciuszko Monument
Restoration Committee - Milwaukee

Best Wishes & Continue Your Work
Adela & Matt Lassen

Best Wishes
Rev. Andrew Luczak

\$ 25.00
Joseph Garvin

Congratulations – Dr. Anna Szpindor
From Teresa N. Abick-V.P. of P.N.A.

Jolanta and Witold Pawlikowski

\$ 20.00
Best Wishes from Anna & Leszek Kordylewski

\$ 15.00
Dr. Anne Szpindor, You are an extraordinary person, an amazing doctor, and you truly deserve this recognition. – Your Allergy and Asthma Clinic Staff

Dr. Anne Szpindor, You are my inspiration. Your community service makes a huge impact on the lives of people. Thank you and congratulations – Zofia Zwierzchowska and family

\$ 10.00
Mr. Anton & Marlene M. Pliska
Elk Grove Village, IL



The Kościuszko Foundation

Founded in 1925, the Kościuszko Foundation promotes friendship between the peoples of Poland and the United States through educational, scientific, and cultural exchanges and other related programs and activities. It awards fellowships and grants to graduate students, scholars, scientists, professionals, and artists and helps to increase the visibility and prestige of Polish culture in America by sponsoring exhibits, publications, film festivals, performing arts such as concerts and recitals, and assists other institutions with similar goals.

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