

One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.

Maria Sklodowska-Curie

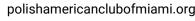
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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope this message finds you well and in high spirits. It's been quite an eventful time since the December 2022 Election of the Board of Directors of PACOM. First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your support and trust as I assumed the role of President.

The election at the Hungarian Club was well-organized thanks to the efforts of Mr. Jacek Schindler, First Vice President of PACOM, currently acting as a President. However, there were some surprising developments during the meeting. The then-president, Monika DeMari, was absent, and there were even some unfounded challenges to the election results from individuals who seem to enjoy creating disharmony within our community.

Since assuming my new role, I've encountered some challenges, including the delayed transfer of PACOM documents, website access, and communication credentials from the previous administration. Nonetheless, with the dedication of our Board Members, especially Mr. Piotr Partum and Mr. Jacek Schindler, we have persevered.

I'm delighted to share that we made significant progress with the City of Miami Commissioners for Zoning. Our presentation in March was a resounding success, resulting in the approval of an 8-story high building.

Even though I've been at my summer residence in Virginia since May, I've remained in daily contact with Mr. Jacek Schindler and other proactive members of the Board, diligently working towards the development of the Polonia Center. This project has become a true passion and mission for all of us.

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our members, supporters, and fellow Poles. Your belief in this remarkable project and unity are crucial for its success. We're almost there, and with your continued cooperation, we can see our PACOM, the Polish American Club of Miami, resurrected and flourishing as the Polonia Center. I appreciate your patience and unwavering commitment.

With warmest regards,

Blanka Rosenstiel

President of PACOM

#### **Dear Members and Friends,**

I hope this message finds you all in good spirits. Last year, I had the honor of chairing the elections at the Hungarian Club, which saw a great turnout. Rest assured, the elections were conducted properly, and we have a recorded record to ensure transparency.

Our newly elected President, Blanka Rosenstiel, expressed her gratitude for the position and mentioned her summer plans in Charlottesville. During her absence, she appointed me as the temporary President, and together, we are committed to focusing on the positive aspects and working towards achieving our dream of the Polonia Center.

In the past few months, we've accomplished significant milestones. Mr. Wesley Kwasniak has been working on an update of PACOM's constitution. We also had a successful meeting with the City of Miami Commissioners for Zoning. One of our recent achievements was restarting the PACOM bulletin, and we aim to keep you well-informed with updates on a bi-monthly basis.

Currently, our primary focus is on finding the right investor and builder for the project. We are pleased to have received proposals from five companies, which we will thoroughly discuss during the upcoming Board of Directors meeting. Rest assured, we will keep you informed about our decisions.

We are optimistic about more successful events in the coming months and will continue striving for progress.

Best regards,

Jacek Schindler

First Vice President / Temporary President of PACOM



Mr. Jacek Schindler, prof. dr hab. Alojzy Z. Nowak, and Mr. Bartek Struzik

During my recent visit to Poland, I had a very busy time. One of the meetings I attended was with the President of the University of Warsaw, who expressed his interest in cooperating with the American Institute of Polish Culture and Chopin Foundation.

#### **Appreciation Notes and Good News**

"Focus on an ocean of positives, not a puddle of negatives." — Kevin Ansbro

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to **Mr. Peter Partum** for his dedication to creating the new and refreshed logo of PACOM.



Exciting news! We are in the final stages of completing our new webpage,

www.polishamericanclubofmiami.org

The updated site will be available very soon!

Last Saturday, July 29th, we held a Board of Directors meeting, with the majority of the members participating virtually. Unfortunately, technical difficulties arose, and the meeting had to be cut short before all important issues were addressed. As a result, **the Board of Directors meeting** has been rescheduled and will now take place on **Saturday, August 5th**. Rest assured, we will keep you informed about the outcomes of that meeting.

I'm only 13 days old but already happy to be a part of the Polish Community





Join us in congratulating Mrs. Ivona and Mr. Conrad Lowell on the newest addition to their family

baby Victor Conrad Lowell.



We are thrilled to announce that we have successfully secured five proposals from esteemed American companies. This achievement marks a significant leap forward for us. At present, we are diligently evaluating each proposal, gathering vital information, and striving to choose the most suitable option. The excitement is palpable as we witness progress toward realizing our long-cherished DREAM! Our top priority remains ensuring the well-being of PACOM, and we are considering the possibility of an 8-story or 12-story building.

This project holds immense potential, as the building will become PACOM's home and serve as a prestigious address for other esteemed entities such as The Consulate of Poland, The American Institute of Polish Culture, and The Chopin Foundation. Additionally, we aspire to include either the Polish Bank or the Polish-Slavic Union Bank alongside various business offices, stores, and apartments, providing housing options for Poles, whether through rental or condominiums. As our vision rapidly takes shape, it brings numerous job opportunities, benefiting both Americans with Polish heritage and Poles seeking to immigrate to the United States.

The day draws near when we proudly welcome everyone with a Polish Heart to our beloved POLISH HOME! This endeavor holds immense promise, fostering a stronger sense of community and connection among us all. Together, we are making remarkable strides toward a brighter and more prosperous future.

#### Miami Magyar Ház / Hungarian Center in Miami

Polak, Węgier – dwa bratanki, i do szabli, i do szklanki, oba zuchy, oba żwawi, niech im Pan Bóg błogosławi.

We wholeheartedly recommend that ALL members, past, present, and incoming, attend the fantastic events organized by the Hungarian Center. There's something for everyone to enjoy, as they offer a diverse range of engaging activities. Allow us to share more details about the upcoming events in the future bulletins.

Recently, a group of PACOM members had a delightful evening at the Bal hosted by the Hungarian Center, where we had the pleasure of occupying three full tables. Additionally, we relished a delightful Sunday lunch there, providing a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, make new acquaintances, and savor delicious meals together.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our friends, with a special thanks to President Valeria Berki, for warmly inviting us to participate in their remarkable events. Your kindness and hospitality mean the world to us.

Thank you, dear friends, from the bottom of our hearts for creating such memorable experiences and fostering a sense of community. We look forward to joining you in many more joyous gatherings in the future.



Mrs. Jolanta Bauer, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mrs. Malwina Olech



Sunday Lunch at the Hungurian Center



Mr. Daniel Olech, Mrs. Malwina Olech, Mrs. Marilyn Seltzer



Mrs. Jolanta Bauer, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Jacek Schindler

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#### Chopin Foundation of the United States

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We are delighted to announce that preparations for the **12th Chopin Piano Competition** in 2025 are already underway! We are just a few steps away from another extraordinary edition, and the anticipation is truly thrilling. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to this exciting event!

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Get in touch with Dr Vanessa Bijak (vanessa.bijak@poloniumfoundation.org) to talk about Polish Scientific Diaspora in the USA

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