

*An invitation  
to keep your  
heritage alive*

**POLISH AMERICAN  
JOURNAL  
FOUNDATION**

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**W**e invite you to become a member of the Polish American Journal Foundation. Established in 2014, the PAJF is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Our mission is to promote Polish and Polish American culture and traditions among members of the public and other Polish and Polish American groups. This will be accomplished by organizing special events, networking, consultation, and gatherings.

As a national newspaper serving Polish American communities, the Polish American Journal has a unique perspective on the shortfalls — primarily funding — that have prevented many great projects from getting off the ground. We also have grown increasingly frustrated to see students, future leaders, who are passionate about Polonia, seek other areas of study because they could not secure something as simple as airfare to study in Poland or abroad. Likewise, we see so many talented academicians, scholars, artists, folk groups — the list goes on — whose special projects or areas of study have been dropped for lack of funds. In many cases, state or federal arts or cultural funding is available, but these groups cannot afford processing fees to meet application requirements. It is time to start helping our own.

**» OUR ROOTS «**

There is, however, a large gap between realizing the deficiency of supplementary funding and being able to do something about it. Thanks to the vision and generosity of a long-time Polish American Journal supporter, we were finally able to embark on this undertaking.

After years of discussions about Polonia's future with PAJ editor Mark Kohan, Eugene Trela, a retired business executive from Cleveland, Ohio, decided to step up to the plate. Mr. Trela's generosity covered the costs associated with forming a non-profit



organization. He, too, had grown tired of the lack of leadership besetting American Polonia. His solution: bridging the gap between potential leaders and those who let their ethnicity lay dormant. It was Mr. Trela who initiated the synergy between the Polish American Journal and the Polish American Journal Foundation.

**» OUR INITIATIVE «**

We are currently soliciting funds for our projects. Each June, we will ask members to vote on how to best use the PAJF's proceeds. As a member, you can suggest any worthwhile cause: a donation to a local Polish American museum; veteran's group; scholarship fund; dance group, etc. Our board will review these suggestions and create a ballot of the most-requested causes/recipients, which will then be voted on by current members. (Membership is yearly, starting with the date of your most recent donation). All members reserve the right to abstain from being a voting member.

**» MEMBERSHIP «**

Donations are accepted in any amount. All donations will be acknowledged and may be used as charitable contributions on your tax return.

Please help us help our own community. Since 1911, the Polish American Journal has been an advocate for Poles and their descendants in the United States. Help us utilize over 100 years of the Polish American experience to support those who share our core values of strong family, faith, and community.

We would be happy to discuss all the various options available to you so that you can make a donation in a way that corresponds exactly to your own personal situation.

**» MEMBERSHIP LEVELS «**

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**"Keep Alive This Heritage"**

Saint John Paul II, Gniezno, Poland, June 3, 1979.