

ACPC Executive Board

Camille Kopielski President

Camille Kopielski, high school counselor-teacher, volunteer extraordinaire, philanthropist, activist for Polish and Polish American causes and women's endeavors was born on Christmas day in Chicago, Illinois.

She received a BA in History and Government from St. Mary of the Woods College, Indiana and an MA in History and Political Science from Boston College, MA. Her 33 year teaching-counseling career was spent at Cart Shurz High School, the largest general High School in Chicago, where she established the first high school Polish bi-lingual program in the Chicago Public School System and served as the Polish Counselor. She was among the first to be a Nationally Certified Counselor and served on North Central Certification teams.

In addition to working directly with students, Camille served as faculty representative to the Local School Council, was a long time secretary of the Chicago Secondary School Counselor Association, was one of the few women invited to a White House Conference on Drugs and Alcohol; was awarded life membership in the H.S. Parent Teacher Student Association; and served on an ad hoc Holocaust Committee at the Chicago Board of Education.

Politics interests Camille, as she served as a Page at two National Political Conventions; was a charter member and President of the Coalition of Polish American Women whose purpose was enhancing women's political power. Since college, she has been involved with the National Polish American Congress serving as a National Director and was a founding member of the High School Polish Honor Society. She has been very active in the PAC Illinois Division, serving as President and Vice President.

Camille has served on many Committees concerned with Scholarship. Her participation in Polonian organizations includes, Presi-

dent of the PNA, Council 91, PWA Group 211 and served in various capacities for several groups including Polish Museum of America, Polish American Leadership Initiative, Copernicus Foundation, Legion of Young Polish Women, Polish Arts Club of Chicago, Board of the Lira Ensemble and many others.

Active in church related activities, she is a Dame of the Sovereign Order of Malta of Saint John; serves on the Board of Catholic Charities; served as Eucharistic Minister Coordinator; lector; past vicariate and pastoral council representative; and introduced the Polish (Swiecone) Easter tradition at her church.

Camille received the Krzyz Kawalerski Order Zaslugi Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej from President B. Komorowski of Poland; received the Paderewski medal from the Polish Army Veterans in America; was chosen Woman of the Year- 2011 by PNA District XIII; and was the National Association of Professional Women -Woman of the Month; She is listed in "Polonia Swiata, a Polish Encyclopedia; received numerous other awards and recognition. She is listed in Who's Who in Education, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World and Who's Who Amongst Women. Camille was elected President of the American Council for Polish Culture in 2013.

Due to medical problems President Camille Kopielski is presently unable to carry out presidential obligations. We miss her and wish her a recovery to good health soon.

