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# Polonaise Ball 2025

Serdeczne Gratulacje  
dla  
**Pani Dr. Teresy G. Wojcik**  
z okazji otrzymania nagrody  
**Polonia Achievement Award**  
**Polish Heritage Society w Filadelfii**

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Congratulations  
to  
**Ms. Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.**  
on being granted the  
**Polonia Achievement Award**  
by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia  
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*an affiliate of the  
American Council for Polish Culture*

*welcomes you to the*  
**Polonaise Ball**

*Saturday, November 15, 2025  
presenting the Polonia Achievement Award  
to  
Teresa G. Wojcik Ph.D.  
for her contributions to the Polish Community*

**Associated Polish Home  
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*Belvedere Ballroom  
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# **PROGRAM**

## ***Welcome***

*Peter J. Obst*

*President, Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia*

## ***6:00 - 7:00 p.m.***

*Hors d'oeuvres*

*Traditional Polonaise led*

*by the PKM Folk Dance Ensemble*

*Cash Bar*

## ***Music provided by***

*Clear Day*

## ***7:00 - 11:00 p.m.***

*Elegant Buffet Dinner*

*Dancing*

*Chance and Silent Auction*

*Presentation of*

*the Polonia Achievement Award to*

*Teresa G. Wojcik Ph.D.*

## ***2025 Polonaise Ball Committee***

*Diana Blichasz, Margaret Zaleska - Chance Auction*

*Deborah Majka - Finances and Accounting*

*Peter J. Obst - Invitations and Program Typesetting*

*Teresa N. Wojcik - Mailing of Invitations*

*Marie Hejnosz, Tiffany Loomis - Room Decoration Committee*

*John Wisniewski - Ballroom Setup*



November 15, 2025

Dear Friends and Members of the Polish Heritage Society,

Welcome to this year's Polonaise Ball. This year we have the opportunity to honor one of our own members, Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik, with the *Polonia Achievement Award*.

Though you will find her biographical sketch among the pages of this program, I would like to add that working on various Polonia projects with Teresa has always been a very rewarding and, and in the very fullest sense, an educational experience. While taking a leadership role in many organizations and on various committees, she has shown perseverance, inventiveness and resilience, accomplishing much with even limited resources.

This year we have not only the opportunity to honor Teresa's accomplishments, but our society has also commemorated the lives of Edward Piszek, our Philadelphia "Fishcake King," and historian Edward Pinkowski, whose names now appear together on a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker on Pennsylvania Ave. in Fort Washington, PA. The marker was dedicated on September 20th and photographs from the ceremony appear on our website: [www.poles.org/PHSP](http://www.poles.org/PHSP)

We look forward to seeing all of you at our future events and wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

Sincerely yours,

Peter J. Obst, President, Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia



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**CHERELLE L. PARKER**  
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November 15, 2025

Greetings!

It is a pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the Annual Polonaise Ball held by the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, founded in 1964. Your attendance and support of this event, which celebrates the many aspects of traditional Polish culture, is an important way to benefit the Society's Scholarship Fund.

This year the Polish Heritage Society is honoring Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D. with the Polonia Achievement Award for her contributions to the Polish community in Philadelphia. Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Department of Counseling and Education at Villanova University, Teresa is an exemplary representative of leadership within the Polish American community. She has served as the president of several organizations and is now the Chairperson of the Society's Scholarship program. Since 2014 she has led the Polish American Family Festival at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. A Fulbright Award recipient, Teresa has commendably co-founded a non-profit organization that holds English language camps for youth in Poland.

As the first World Heritage City in the nation, Philadelphia is extremely proud of its diversity and the rich contributions that many different groups of people have made to our population, culture, arts, history, and more. Notably, Philadelphia has a special connection to Poland as it shares a Sister City relationship with Torun, Poland. We proudly maintain a monument of General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a hero of the American Revolutionary War, which graces Philadelphia's Benjamin Franklin Parkway, and the Kosciuszko Memorial on Pine Street.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I wish you a most memorable, successful, and enjoyable evening in celebration and support of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cherelle L. Parker".

Cherelle L. Parker  
Mayor



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November 15, 2025

Peter Obst, President  
Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia

Dear Mr. President and Polish Heritage Society Members,

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to you and to the members and friends of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia and especially to the friends and family of our Honoree, Dr. Teresa G. Wójcik, as we gather together to express our pride and joy in our shared Polish heritage.

On a personal note, I'm delighted to offer sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Society's Polonia Achievement Award recipient, Dr. Teresa G. Wójcik, whose commitment to the Polish community here and in Poland, is a shining example to us all. May she continue to share the best of our rich Polish cultural heritage in our community and the glories of the English language with our brothers and sisters in Poland.

Thank you to all for being here to share this beautiful evening with Teresa and her family and friends.

With every good wish for the Society's continued advancement of Polish heritage and culture in the Greater Delaware Valley,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah M. Majka".

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**Love & prayers for  
Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik!  
Congratulations!**



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## **Our Honoree Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik**

This year, we are presenting the Polonia Achievement Award to Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik. The daughter of Walter and Teresa Wojcik, Dr. Wojcik is Chairperson and Associate Professor in the Department of Education and Counseling at Villanova University and an exemplary representative of selfless leadership within the Polish American community. Teresa has served Polonia in numerous capacities and has considerable achievements to her credit, including a Fulbright Award to Poland. She currently serves as the Chairperson of the Society's Scholarship Program. For over twelve years, Dr. Wojcik was the President of the Philadelphia Chapter of a Polish American foundation. Since 2014, she has spearheaded the Polish American Family Festival and Country Fair at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. In 2019, Teresa co-founded the nonprofit Eagle-Orzel Educational and

Cultural Exchange, Inc., which organizes English language and American culture immersion camps for youth in Poland, among other initiatives. She is also a member of the National Polish Apostolate Committee.

**Warmest Wishes**

*Mike and Karen Hrabowski*

**Congratulations  
to Teresa**

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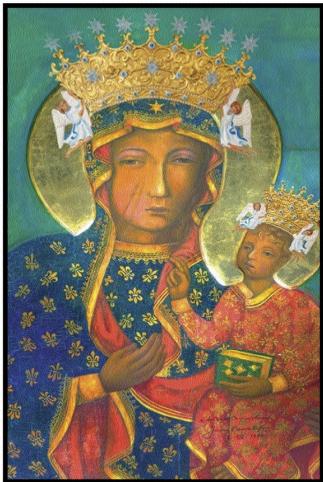
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**For Her Life Time Achievements**

**And Contributions To Polonia**

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*Congratulations  
and  
Prayerful Best Wishes*

*Teresa G. Wojcik, Ph.D.*

*Chairperson and Associate Professor - Department of Education and Counseling  
Villanova University*

*Honored by the  
Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia*

*Teresa - We sincerely thank you for all your hard work and dedication  
to the Shrine's annual Polish American Festival. May God bless you  
and Our Lady of Czestochowa guide and protect you always!*

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*Congratulations and God's blessings on  
Teresa G. Wójcik Ph.D.  
the Polish Heritage Society's honoree and  
recipient of the Polonia Achievement Award*

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Congratulations to the beautiful Dr. Teresa Wojcik  
on her life's work and accomplishments.

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Congratulations Teresa on a well deserved honor.

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All the Best  
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of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia**

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**Congratulations, Ciocia Terri!**

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**Dr. Teresa G. Wojcik!**

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Villanova University  
*congratulates*

Teresa G. Wojcik, PhD

*On being honored at the*  
2025 Polish Heritage Society  
Polonaise Ball





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***The American Council for Polish Culture***

The Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia is the local representative of the American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC). The Society is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of our rich Polish cultural heritage among the citizens of the Greater Delaware Valley.

Through its stimulating monthly programs, the Society enhances understanding and enjoyment of Polish history and culture and values of our forefathers. Its Annual Chopin Concerts, Poster and Art Exhibits, visiting author lectures, the Polonaise Ball and other special events showcase the talents and accomplishments of Polish and Polish-American artists, musicians, writers, scholars and scientists.

Overall, the Society strives to share an awareness and appreciation of the quality of the Polish ingredient in our modern American mosaic.

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