



# Polish American Foundation of Connecticut

27 Grove Hill, New Britain, CT 06052-1304

(860) 225-2346

web: <http://www.paf-ct.org> email: [info@paf-ct.org](mailto:info@paf-ct.org)

---

February 16, 2009

Dear Friend

Thank you for being a supporter of the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut. Because of the support of people like you, our organization has been able to promote Polish Heritage and Culture, continue to renovate and beautify our building, the historic Sloper-Wesoly mansion (Immigrant Heritage and Cultural Center), and provide educational and employment services to the our community in particular to those with limited English language skills. Among this year's notable accomplishments are the following:

- The Chopin Society has sponsored two very well attended piano recitals by world renowned pianists. The venue of the Sloper-Wesoly House provided an intimate ambiance reminiscent of the salons in which Chopin's works were originally performed by the master himself.
- Art exhibits organized by the Polish Artists Association, another PAF program, have become a permanent feature at the Sloper-Wesoly House.
- Two new programs, the Broad Street Blues Band and the Polish poetry group – Obłoki, have continued to grow during 2008.
- Over the past year, our Employment Assistance Program has demonstrated a remarkable success rate; in the last twelve months we registered a total of 372 individuals seeking work, of which 98 found employment. We also continued our English as a Second Language classes. Ours is the only Polish organization in the state which has social services as one of its main strategic objectives and is able to obtain and utilize government funds and foundations for this purpose.
- We have made great strides in renovating our building, the historic Sloper-Wesoly mansion. Thanks to the efforts of **Senator Donald DeFronzo, Representative Peter Tercyak** and the initiator of this endeavor, **Lucian Pawlak**, state funds were allocated to change the roof, fix its windows and improve the exterior wood elements of the building.

To continue and expand our organization's activities and services following our strategic plan we require **YOUR** support. ***We have begun our 2009 membership and donations drive.*** Your support is especially important in these difficult economic times as many other sources of funding we have relied upon in the past are being reduced. We ask you to complete the application on the enclosed membership brochure and mail it along with your check to our Grove Hill address. For your convenience you may also apply and pay online at our web site. We would like to remind you that **the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and memberships and donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.**

Finally, we ask you to consider volunteering your time and services to the PAF or participating in one of our programs. ***This is a great opportunity to network with other PAF supporters like you!*** Our programs and events require a good deal of work on the part of our staff, Board members, Program members and volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please indicate your interests on the membership form. To keep in touch with our happenings and plans, you are invited to our bi-monthly membership meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, September and November. Please visit our web site (<http://www.paf-ct.org>) for the most up-to-date meeting and event information.

Serdecznie dziękujemy za poparcie!

Sincerely yours,

Andre Blaszczynski  
President