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As a member/friend of the Polish American Foundation of Connecticut we would like to thank you for your support. Because of people like you, our organization is able to continue promoting Polish Heritage and Culture, to renovate and beautify our historic Sloper-Wesoly Immigrant Heritage and Cultural Center, and provide educational and social services important to the Immigrant community. I would like to share some of this year's highlights with you:

- The Chopin Society sponsored 3 well-attended piano recitals featuring world-renowned pianists
- The Polish Society of Artists held monthly Art Exhibits throughout the year at the Sloper Wesoly House
- We introduced our bi-monthly membership meetings and held 3 member-focused events; the annual Hat and Tea Fundraiser, a summer Picnic featuring the Broad Street Blues Band and the Polish Society of Artists, and our Christmas party.
- The Broad Street Blues Band and the Polish poetry group – Obłoki, continued growing during 2009 and have spawned an independent, local Polish Cabaret (Kabaret Nie Całkiem Śmieszny)
- 3 new PAF Programs were added in 2009:
 - a Polish Reading group; meeting once every 2 months, this group discusses books written by or about Poles or Polish Americans
 - the New Britain-based branch of Wielka Orkiestra Świątecznej Pomocy (The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity); over the past two years this program raised nearly \$30,000 for Polish Children's Charities
 - the Polonia Business Association, which represents a broad spectrum of business and professional leaders who share a common Polish heritage
- We completed crucial roof and exterior renovation of the Sloper-Wesoly House. This project was funded by the State of Connecticut, thanks to the good offices of **Senator Donald DeFronzo**, **Representative Peter Tercyak**, and **Lucian Pawlak**.

To continue and expand activities and services as mapped out in our strategic plan, we need **YOUR** support. We have begun our 2010 membership and donations drive. To help us this year please 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. It would also be helpful if you were to pass along the extra membership brochure with this letter to a friend and encourage them to join the PAF as well.

Finally, we ask you to consider volunteering your time and services to the PAF or participating in one of our programs. 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 membership meetings which are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of February, April, September and November and second Wednesday in June. Please visit our web site (<http://www.paf-ct.org>) for the most up-to-date meeting and event information.

Sincerely yours,

Andre Blaszczyński
President