



Polish American Congress, New York Long Island Division

Annual Activity Report 2024

Events in which PAC-LI members participated or were involved:

- 1) January 13, Saturday 2-5 PM Polish American Museum in Port Washington, Oginski Choir reunion (former members of PAC-LI, org.by hk, participated besides singers, conductors, sympathizers: rb, zk)
- 2) January 13, Saturday 6-8 PM rally at restaurant in Bayside for Tom Suozzi (part. hk, zk)
- 3) January 17, Tuesday: 8:30 – 9:43 PM meeting organized by PAC VP for American Affairs, Tim Kuzma via Zoom (part. rb, zk)
- 4) January 20, Saturday: 93th Ryszard's birthday celebration (rb, hk, zk)
- 5) January 21, Sunday: Concert of Christmas carols at P&S Center, Chejnał choir and soloists (hk, zk)
- 6) January 23, Tuesday: 7-9 PM movie "Chłopi" at Consulate (viewed by hk)
- 7) January 26, Friday: 2 hours meeting with Rep. Marcy Kaptur organized by President of the Polish Club at University of Texas, Nathan Silverstein (rb, hk, zk)
- 8) January 27, Saturday: zk wrote and sent a letter to Tim Kuzma standing up for President of PAC-LI, Ryszard Brzozowski, who was interrupted by Tim during the last monthly meeting
- 9) January 29, 30 Monday, Tuesday: St. Hedwig church in Floral Park, memorial masses for Pastor Peter Rozek in Polish and English
- 10) February 4, Sunday: zk wrote questions for Suozzi & Mazi candidates at the special election in dist.#3. They were accepted by Ryszard and sent via internet
- 11) February 3-8, translation of a song about deportation of the Poles to Siberia by Halina
- 12) February 5-9, Monday: first week of action to repeal WEP/GPO, sending emails to selected legislators (action organized by PASI in coordination with the National Task Force).
- 13) February 6, Tuesday: restaurant in Little Neck, participating in fund raising for Suozzi (hk, zk)
- 14) February 9, Friday: request for meeting with Rep. Marcy Kaptur send to scheduler Juven Jacob (zk)
- 15) February 11-13: help in collecting signatures under the letter prepared by PASI to new Polish government officials re abounding critical projects important for Poland (zk)
- 16) February 13, Tuesday: special election in dist.#3, candidates: Suozzi (D), Mazzi (R), voted hk, zk
- 17) February 15, Monday: a mass commemorating late Father Peter Rozek at Rockville Center celebrating by Bishops, Bares and Zglejszewski
- 18) February 26, Tuesday: 8:30 – 9:30 PM meeting via Zoom of PAC National Executive Council (part. rb)
- 19) March 5, Tuesday: Concert at Consulate commemorating Chopin (hk)
- 20) March 12, Tuesday: meeting with researchers from University of National Educational Commission re promoting of Polish culture abroad in Berlin, London and New York
- 21) March 18, Monday: 6-8:30 PM "Leonard" in Great Neck "Victory Party" organized by Rep. Tom Suozzi (part. hk, zk)
- 22) March 19, Tuesday: 8:30 – 9: 50 PM Kuzma's meeting via Zoom (part. rb, zk)
- 23) March 22, Friday: 3-5 PM Meeting with Gregor Medinger from Austrian Cultural Association about a letter to Rep. Nick LaLota re support for Ukraine (part. rb, hk, zk)
- 24) April 4, Thursday – letter signed by Ryszard was sent overnight to Rep. LaLota
- 25) April 6, Saturday: 7 PM – 1 AM "Man of the Year" annual event organized by Pulaski Association of Business and Professional Men at Ruso on the Bay in Rockaway (part. rb, hk, zk)
- 26) April 7, Sunday: participating in the meeting organized by Wojtek Jeśman re the war in Ukraine and his new letter which is repeating Putin's propaganda (zk participated and raised his objections)
- 27) April 12, Friday 12:10 PM sending email to Rep. Tom Suozzi with a proposal of Resolution on Compensation for WWII (zk). Received o positive response within 2 hours.
- 28) April 13, Sat. 4-5:30 elections in PAC-LI. It was decided that that the current Board would remain.
- 29) April 15, Monday 2-4 PM Wilson Center webinar European New Engine <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/weimar-triangle-europes-new-engine> (part. zk).

- 30) April 16, Tuesday 3-5 PM the House Soc. Sec. Subcommittee meeting webinar on WEP, recap: <https://trta.org/recap-of-the-april-16-2024-gpo-and-wep-subcommittee-hearing/>
- 31) April 17, Wednesday 8 – 8:24 PM National Executive Council meeting conducted by Spula via Zoom. 9 officers and 6 presidents participated. National Directors fees were reduced from \$300 to \$200. As Spula proposed 60% dues for divisions were reduced to 60%. All present officers of EC and presidents: Kaminski and Kocur voted in favor. Burghardt and Kolodziej was against, Brzozowski and Halaczkiwicz abstained from voting.
- 32) April 18, Friday: 6:30-10:30 Marie Sklodowska -Curie Professional Women’s Association, an event rewarding high school students who won the contest “Polish Gold Medalist Olympians” (br. Hk, zk).
- 33) April 21, Sunday 2-5 PM: PAC-LI invited Polonia to a meeting and a lecture at the Polish American Museum in Port Washington on Sunday, 2024. Title of the lecture: POLISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND THE ROLE OF POLONIA. Presenter was Dr. Lucja-Swiatkowski-Cannon. She is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of World Politics in Washington, DC and a regular columnist Geopolitical Observer at ewsmx.com, Insider Opinion. She is a strategist, expert and author on Eastern Europe, Russia and US-East European relations.
- 34) April 24, Tuesday 8 – 9:30 PM Tim Kuzma, VP for American Affairs organized his monthly meeting. (besides reps of other divisions, Ryszard & Zbyszek participated). According to Zbyszek so far, the most useful and specific meeting. Tim asked for suggestions for a Day of Action on the Capitol Hill, Questions for candidates in coming election for Congress and for president.
- 35) April 28, Sunday after masses a reception celebrating the birthday of late Father Rożek at Prish Hall of St. Hedwig Church, he would be 60 (hk, rb).
- 36) April 28, Sunday, 8-9:30 PM meeting via Skype organized by Leszek Pawlik, President of CPA on the WEP/GPO repeal. (hk, zk)
- 37) April 29, Monday, 8:30 PM special mass celebrated by Bishop Zglejszewski and clergy from Long Island, celebrating the birthday of Father Piotr Rożek at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre. (hk, rb, zk)
- 38) May 3, Friday, 7:30 -9:30 PM special mass (sermon about history, in English and Polish, celebrating St Mary the Queen of Poland and the 3rd May Constitution at Our Lady of Poland Church in South Hampton. Distribution of brochures about Poland (hk, zk).
- 39) May 4, Saturday 11 AM visiting the Polish Saturday School in Floral Park. Distribution of brochures about Poland (hk, zk).
- 40) May 5, Sunday 3 -6 PM – the 3rd May Constitution Academy at Polish National Home in Glen Cove. Distribution of brochures about Poland (rb, hk, zk).
- 41) May 11, Saturday 10 AM participating in the end of school year in St. Hedwig School (hk, zk).
- 42) May 16, Thursday -, Ryszard sent a letter to the EC re dues and cc to the presidents of divisions. The letter was signed by 9 presidents and Tomek Kolodziej sent his individual e-mail in support. .
- 43) May 19, Sunday 2 -4 PM 45th Annual Polish Heritage Day Celebration organized by Westchester Pulaski Association at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla, NY. We spoke and distributed brochures about Poland to parents and directors of Polish Saturday Schools in Yonkers and in Port Chester. Also, to representatives of Banner of Jasna Góra and Polonia Technica (bk, hk, zk).
- 44) May 29, Wednesday – Richard ordered retractable banner for PAC-LI.
- 45) May 31, Friday – Zbyszek called Suozzi’s office in DC re proposed resolution and talked with Jacob.
- 46) June 4, Tuesday – Zbyszek send \$100 donation to Rep. Tom Suozzi.
- 47) June 5, Wednesday – Richard sent questions to Mr. Kuzma, why his meetings were interrupted and why no response was received to the email re dues signed by 8 divisions + Tomek Kolodziej.
- 48) June 6, Thursday – Zbyszek sent booklets and brochures received from Dr. Pienkos to 3 PAC divisions.
- 49) June 12, Wednesday – Zbyszek talked to Katia, at the DC office of Rep. Suozzi re proposed resolution.
- 50) June 13, Thursday – Zbyszek finished writing and translating Polish ver. of brochure about Poland.
- 51) June 14, Friday – Bogdan Blusewicz, PAC-LI Treasurer, participated in the unveiling of the monumental memorial created by Andrzej Pityński in Poland: <https://rzeszow.ipn.gov.pl/pl8/aktualnosci/203663,Odslo-niecie-Po-mnika-Rzez-Wolynska-Domostawa-14-lipca-2024.html>
- 52) June 14, Friday – 4-7:30 PM meeting of PAC-LI Board: Richard, Halina (connected from Poland), Bogdan, Zbyszek at Koralewski’s house in Floral Park.
- 53) June 17, Monday - Ryszard and Zbyszek finished working on questions for candidates in Long Island race.

- 54) June 21, Sunday - Zbyszek prepared a draft speech for a congressman on the 80th Anniversary of PAC. This idea was initiated by Dr. Pienkos who sent his draft to Zbyszek and him to try to approach his congressman. He used Mark's beginning and end, the rest of the text he innovated.
- 55) July 9, Tuesday- Zbyszek sent request for contact to his congressman and received following message: *"Thank you for contacting me. I am excited to be back serving the residents of New York's 3rd Congressional District. Hearing from constituents like you is one of the most important duties of the job. This reply is to let you know that I have received your message and I appreciate you reaching out. We will respond to your concerns as soon as possible."*
- 56) July 10, Wednesday - Ryszard emailed Mr. Spula, Flor and Pienkos re communication and cooperation. Dr. Pienkos replied to Ryszard's email after 2 hours and 10 minutes. *"Regarding info on PAC stances on issues, this is the responsibility of Bozena Kaminski (VP for Polish Affairs) and Tim Kuzma (VP for American Affairs). It is best for them to articulate the issues and what positions the PAC is taking. If they give me information on their activities, I would include it in my monthly PAC Executive Committee Bulletin."*
- 57) July 15, Monday -Ryszard and Zbyszek finished draft speech for a Rep. Suozzi who hopefully will deliver it to Congress.
- 58) July 23, Tuesday – Zbyszek sent a draft of a 5-minute speech re the 80th Anniversary of PAC to Rep. Tom Suozzi. He called Tom's DC office and spoke to Kristina who gave him the email address to Julia (Prager-Hessel@mail.house.gov), Halina and Zbyszek met during one of fundraiser events. Julia responded enthusiastically right away.
- 59) July 31, Wednesday – Halina attended an event at the Consulate commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Uprising.
- 60) August 1. Thursday – Bogdan, Halina, Mieczysław, Stefan I Zbyszek attended an event in Greenpoint, commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Warsaw Uprising (raising the Polish Flag with the symbol of Fighting Poland in front of the P&S Credit Union at 11 AM [5 PM in Poland, hour W] and at the new mural painted on the side of the Polish National Home, and watching children's performance).
- 61) Aug.30, Saturday 10-11:30 AM taking materials and instructions from Mr. Suozzi's office in Bayside Terrace upper-level shopping mall in Bayside for helping Tom in campaign.
- 62) Sept. 3, Tuesday, 7-9 PM – hk and zk participated in the beginning of Mr. Suozzi's election campaign at famous restaurant The Milleridge Inn in Jericho.
- 63) Sept. 4, Wednesday – 7-9 PM a fundraising Suozzi's birthday party at Crescent Beach Club in Oyster Bay (hk, zk).
Handing out brochures About Poland (American version) and the 80th Anniversary of the PAC.
- 64) Sept. 7, 9-10 AM printing brochures about Poland, Am. and Pol. versions, each 100 copies (hk, zk).
- 65) Sept.7, Saturday – 10:30 AM-12PM Open School Day at St. Hedwig School in Floral Park (hk, rb, zk).
Handing out brochures about Poland (Polish and American version) and commemorating the 80th Anniversary of PAC and booklets "Do you know Poland".
- 66) Sept.7, Saturday – neighboring distribution, volunteering for Tom Suozzi, informing about elections.
- 67) Sept.8, Sunday – 12-5 PM – hk and zk attended celebration of 90th anniversary of Jutrzenka female chorus at Bay ridge Manor in South Brooklyn - \$100 per person, ad in Journal one page \$150.
- 68) Sept.9, Monday – 7 -9 PM, celebration of 100 years of WNYC at Summer Stage in Central Park.
Sept.10, Tuesday – 6 PM, Halina & Zbyszek attended a lecture at the Pilsudski Institute. Authors of books about Polish orphans in Siberia saved by Indian Mahardza: Monika Kowaleczko-Szumowska and Imogena Salwa, daughter of one of saved children. Handing out brochures about Poland (Polish and American version) and commemorating the 80th Anniversary of PAC and booklets "Do you know Poland".
- 69) Sept. 10, Tuesday – 9 – 10:30 PM, we watched the presidential debate between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump.
- 70) Sept. 11, Wednesday - 12 PM, HK & ZK attended a Mobil Town Meeting held by Rep. Suozzi's staffers
- 71) Sept. 11, Wednesday – 7 PM, Halina & Zbyszek attended an event at the Republican Club of Whitestone. There were several speakers including candidate to Congress: Michael LiPetri Jr. (R).
- 72) Sept. 12, Thursday – Zbyszek sent a reminder of the request for a speech in Congress commemorating the 80th Anniversary of PAC to Julia and CC to Mark Pienkos, Ryszard Brzozowski and Rep. Suozzi.

- 73) Sept. 27 - Oct. 2 work on transferring Brochure about Poland from letter (American) format to A4 in copylandia in Cracow (zk).
- 74) Oct. 4, Friday - hk picked up 200 printed and folded Brochures about Poland (100 in versions of each country) from the copylandia printing shop.
- 75) Oct. 6, Sunday – Pulaski Parade. rb & zk + two volunteers who carried a PAC-LI banner marched on 5th Ave in Manhattan. The weather was perfect and it was one of the best attended parades ever. zk distributed both American and Polish versions of the Brochure about Poland (20 & 20). He could easily give away 100. Ambassador Anna Maria Anders (honorary member of PAC-LI) welcomed us in front of the Public Library where an honorary tribune was located, and also recieved brochures from zk.
- 76) Oct. 7, Monday – RB arranged to place a PAC-LI info in the St. Hedwig Church bulletin in Floral Park.
- 77) Oct. 9-11, Wednesday-Friday – Warsaw. Since one of our goals is to cooperate with other organizations, hk took part in IV Congress of the World Association "Republika Polonia" in Warsaw in the hall of the Supreme Technical Organization. On the first day, there were 6 lectures and 2 panels. On the second day, 50 participants visited the Cursed Soldiers Museum, the Sanctuary of St Andrzej Bobola and the Belveder Palace. On the 3rd day the Museum of History of Poland in Citadel, Katyn Museum and the Romuald Traugutt memorial sites. The people who participated in the Congress represented Polish organizations in many countries. Hk distributed Brochures about Poland to those who wanted. The event was organized by Dr. Maria Szonert Binienda.
- 78) Oct. 11, Friday. Zk was notified by Julia, Rep. Suozzi's assistant that the text on the occasion of the 80th anniversary of PAC had been sent to the Secretary of Congress.
- 79) Oct. 12, Saturday. Hk participated in the fundraising meeting of “Republika Polonia” in their office.
- 80) Oct. 12, 13 Saturday, Sunday. The National PAC Directors’ Convention was held in Chicago. PAC-LI did not participate but RB sent a donation and he and our division purchased an ad in the Journal.
- 81) Oct. 14, Monday. Hk took part in the international conference World Research Council on Poles Abroad organized by Walter Gołębiowski at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. The title of the seminar was "The role of Polish veterans of WWII in building Polish emigration communities and the anti-communist opposition in the country". There were fifteen 15-minute lectures. All the speakers were all highly regarded and their lectures were very interesting. The event was exceptionally well organized. During this event HK also distributed brochures about Poland (printed on A4 paper).
- 82) Oct. 14, Monday. A message from Julia that the PAC was honored in The Congressional Record of 118th Congress, II session. You will notice 2 typos: first “Poland lost between five and 11 million people...” As we know from censuses before and after WWII: Poland lost 1/3 of its population (11-12 million). The second “Andrew... Kosciusko”, requires no explanation. **COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS HON. THOMAS R. SUOZZI OF NEW YORK IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** Friday, October 11, 2024 Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Polish American Congress, which was established by over 2,600 individuals and representatives of Polish organizations in Buffalo on May 28, 1944, just days before the Normandy Invasion. The purpose of the Polish American Congress was to fight for a free and sovereign Poland which had been attacked in 1939 by Nazi Germany, the Slovak Army, and by the Soviet Union. As a result of the Second World War, Poland lost between five and 11 million people due to the genocide committed by the occupying forces and border changes. After the Yalta Conference of 1945, Poland fell under communist rule and lost 20 percent of its territory. It was then that the Polish American Congress was founded and committed itself to helping the Polish nation. The achievements of the Polish American Congress include: 1948: advocacy for legislation that allowed 140,000 Polish displaced persons and veterans of the Polish armed forces, who fought against Nazi Germany, to settle permanently in the U.S. 1950: supporting the creation of Radio Free Europe as a voice of truth for the people of Eastern Europe. 1952: pressuring the House of Representatives to investigate the Katyn Forest Massacre. The investigation found that the Soviet Union was responsible for the mass execution of Polish military officers in World War II. 1980s: support for Solidarity, a movement that eventually contributed to the collapse of the Soviet Union, and the fall of communism in Poland in 1989. 1999: support for Poland’s admission into NATO, signed and supported by President Bill Clinton. 2019: successful conclusion of the multiyear lobbying effort to include Poles in the Visa Waiver Program. 2022: raising thousands of dollars for the Polish Red Cross and Ukrainian Relief efforts to welcome over one million Ukrainian refugees into Poland in

response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. The bond between the United States and Poland dates back to the Revolutionary War. Casimir Pulaski, known as the 'Father of the American Cavalry', was a leading commander in the South and died in the 1799 Battle of Savannah. Andrew Kosciuszko was a colonel in the Continental Army, a military architect credited with the construction of fortifications at West Point in New York, and a close friend of Thomas Jefferson who dedicated his U.S. assets to the education and freedom of American slaves. Millions of Poles have since emigrated to the United States. During the Industrial Revolution, Polish immigrants contributed enormously to the economic flourishing of this country. Polish values and culture, like the love of freedom, hard work, hospitality, and pride in family and community, are woven throughout the fabric of America. Throughout its 80-year history, the Polish American Congress has remained committed to its mission: A free and sovereign Poland. I congratulate this organization, which advocates for the nearly ten million Americans of Polish descent. The Polish American Congress will meet this weekend in Chicago to celebrate its history of accomplishments, and I wish it many more decades of success as it plans for the future.

- 83) Oct. 14, Monday. Ryszard and Zbyszek met, read and discussed the reports of the EC officers.
- 84) Oct. 16, Wednesday. Solemn mass on the occasion of the unveiling the monument to John Paul II in front of the Church of St. Hedwig in Floral Park. RB had the opportunity to personally thank Rep. Tom Suozzi, who also participated in the event, for commemorating the PAC in the Congressional Record.
- 85) Oct,26, Saturday, 2-3 PM. Hk and zk met with Congressman Suozzi at his rally in Whitestone which initiated early voting. As a token of gratitude for commemorating the 80th Anniversary of PAC in the Congressional Record, they presented him with a basket of sweets and lacquer purchased at Adamba (for \$125).
- 86) Oct. 29, Tuesday – hk went to the Consulate for virtual reality tour showing the evil of WWII.
- 87) November 3, Sunday, 2024 at 06:42:55 PM EST, Zbyszek Koralewski <zkoral@aol.com> wrote: a press release (below) which was sent after consulting all members of PAC-LI Board (only one was against). Sending was delayed because zk finally was able to contact Stefan and Marta on Sunday. This is to let you know that Long Island Division of the Polish American Congress endorses Donald J. Trump for US President.
On Tuesday, Nov. 5, we can and should elect members of Congress and the President.
The Board of the Polish American Congress, Long Island Division recommends voting for Donald Trump. The main reason: under his leadership America was better off domestically and the world was safer than under Biden-Harris administration. He proved to be a strong and effective leader. Kamala Harris' oft-repeated priority is unrestricted abortion. Trump looks forward to working with Poland to deepen our strategic relationship at every level: military, security, energy, economic, trade and technology, as he did during his term in 2016.
Zbyszek Koralewski, VP for American Affairs
Polish American Congress, Long Island Division, NY
- 88) November 5, Tuesday - starting from 9 PM, awaiting the election results at the Garden City Hotel in Garden City. hk & zk invited by Rep. Tom Suozzi.
- 89) November 8, Tuesday – hk participated at the Schopen and Friends Festival at the Consulate in Manhattan.
- 90) November 9, Saturday – zk was asked to conduct the business session of District VII of Polish Singers Alliance in the morning at P&S Center in Greenpoint (on Kent Street). In the afternoon hk & zk participate in choruses' competition, the mass, concert and in the evening dinner/dance (on Java Street).
- 91) November 10, Sunday – hk, rb, zk participated at the concert celebrating the Polish Independence Day at St. Hedwig RC Church in Floral Park.
- 92) November 11, Monday – hk & zk visiting and singing for Janusz Wolny, former President of District VII of Polish Singes Alliance and one of most important singers of the Oginski Choir (long time member of PAC-LI) at Assisted Living Facility in Hicksville. We went together with Andrzej Kolczyński, current President of District VII of PSAA and Bogdan Różewicz, former President of District VII and member of the Oginski Choir who flew from Florida.
- 93) November 13, Wednesday – hk & zk attended the celebration of Poland's Independence Day at Polish Consulate in Manhattan.
- 94) November 15, Friday 5 PM – hk, rb, zk participated at art exhibit, fashion show and auction of Uta Szczerba (\$10 entry fee). By 7 PM we drove to princess Manor to Marie Curie Skłodowska Professional Women Association Scholarship Awarding Dinner (\$100 per ticket). 4 talented Polish students won scholarships.
- 95) Nov. 24, on Sunday evening zk prepared draft # 0 of the Kosciuszko bookmark.

- 96) Nov. 29, Friday – hk & zk paid last respects to Janusz Wolny at the Funeral Home in Hicksville. zk sang with Jerzy Chylinski, Staszek Mecinski and Mariusz Bryszkiewicz "Pod Twą Obronę" and "Dobra Noc" with the help of Bogna McGarrigle
- 97) Nov.30, Saturday - hk & zk traveled by bus organized by the family of deceased to the funeral of Janusz Wolny at the Cemetery in American Czestochowa. It took the whole day from 9 AM to 10 PM.
- 98) Dec. 5. The bookmark Kosciuszko is almost complete after editing by Dr. Gene Sokolowski and Chris Waz. zk is ready to make the final touches.
- 99) Dec. 6, Monday – PAC-LI involved in action to call Senators to vote for the House version of the WEP/GPO repeal bill.
- 100) Dec. 22, Sunday – Halina and Ryszard participated in the Christmas Show presented by students and teachers at the Parish Hall of St. Hedwig in Floral Park after the Polish Mass which starts at 11 pm. Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski was present, and Halina gave him brochures about Poland in the American and Polish versions.
- 101) Dec. 26, Thursday – zk obtained a quote from Staples which estimated that the cost to print 2000 brochures would be 20-30 cents per copy and 2000 bookmarks would be 23 cents.
- 102) Zbyszek continues to hold weekly Skype meetings which serve to exchange info and cooperate on selected projects. These meetings are open to anyone interested and are held at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and on the third Thursday of the month. On other Thursdays, meetings are held at 3 PM ET (Eastern Time). From each meeting a short report is prepared and recording is available.

Meetings began in 2012 as annual Inter-Divisional meetings in Albany. In 2017, they became monthly meetings via the internet. Since 2019, they have been held regularly every week.

The most important activities in PAC-LI in 2024

- Zbyszek continues to hold weekly Skype meetings which are dedicated to exchange info with representatives of PAC divisions, members of other organizations and non-members on various topics important to Polonia, as well as to cooperate on selected projects. These meetings are open to anyone interested and are held at 8 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month and on the third Thursday of the month. On other Thursdays, meetings are held at 3 PM ET (Eastern Time). From each meeting a short report is prepared and recording is available. In 2024, 47 meetings were held.
- Halina and Zbyszek actively participated in Suozzi's (District #3, NY) campaign ahead of the special election held on February 13 (Rep. George Santos was removed due to lies).
- Ryszard sent 3 emails, starting May 16, and then called the Executive Committee regarding the lack of communication with divisions and the lack of a budget for 2024. He received no response to his inquiries. VP Dr. Mark Pienkos responded but could not help.
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opposition in the country". There were fifteen 15-minute lectures. The speakers were all highly regarded and their lectures were very interesting. The event was exceptionally well organized. Halina distributed brochures about Poland.

- The draft of the 80th PAC Anniversary speech, the idea initiated by Dr. Mark Pienkos, was prepared and sent to Congressman Tom Suozzi (D, NY d.3) by Zbyszek and Ryszard. The text was accepted in its entirety and included in the Congressional Record of the 118th Congress. The State Department staff made minor changes: they omitted the info that Poland lost 1/3 of its population after WWII and instead of Thaddeus they wrote Andrew Kosciuszko. Zbyszek notified Rep. Suozzi about these 2 unnecessary changes and asked for their removal and implementation of the original text.
- Board of PAC-LI participated in the work on the repeal of WEP/GPO through cooperation with Dr. Gene Sokolowski, Małgosia Ciuraszkiewicz and Jacek Marczyński from PASI, by disseminating info and contacting legislators.
- Halina and Zbyszek actively participated in Suozzi's election campaign in district #3, NY.
- Thanks to Ryszard's initiative to place a regular PAC-LI ad in the local church bulletin, the number of visitors to the PAC-LI website increased significantly.
- Nov. 11, Monday – Sponsored and attended Veterans Day at the St. Hedwig Church at 8 AM, also march and participated in Veterans Ceremony sponsored by American Legion Post #224 in Floral Park. Sponsored and attended a mass celebrating Polish Independence Day at 10 AM at St. Hedwig in Floral Park.
- Dec. 12, Thursday, 8 PM – Richard joined a Zoom webinar on the Holocaust Industry moderated by Dr. Gene Sokołowski and Jan Peczkis.
- Dec. 16, Monday, 8 PM - Richard at the invitation of the Nassau County Holocaust Museum and the Polish Embassy/Consulate viewed a new film about Jan Karski and participated in a panel discussion on the Holocaust at the Manhasset Movie theater.
- The Brochure about Poland, American and Polish versions, as well as materials on the PAC 80th Anniversary received from Dr. Mark Pienkos are continue to be distributed among American and Polonia activists and Polish Saturday Schools.
- Ryszard, President of PAC-LI and Zbyszek, VP for American Affairs participated in the Pulaski Parade in Manhattan on Nov.3. They were greeted at the main stand by Anna Maria Anders, Honorary Marshal of the Parade, daughter of Gen. Władysław Anders, and former Ambassador in Italy.
- Ahead of the upcoming elections, PAC-LI sent questions re Polonia affairs to 8 candidates running for Congress from Long Island and 2 New York Senate candidates. A recommendation was also announced for Polonia on Long Island to vote for Trump.
- The bookmark Kosciuszko, prepared by Zbyszek and edited by Dr. Gene Sokolowski and Chris Waz was finished in the middle of December and is ready for printing.