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POLPEX 1972 – AN INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS



The Official Opening Ceremonies were conducted with Miss Aurelia Pucinski, daughter of Congressman Roman Pucinski, and Frank Prochot, P.N.A. Vice President, cutting the ribbon. (From left to right:) Thomas J. Gobby, Polpex Chairman; Alfred Szebel, Polonus Vice President; Roman Strzelecki, Director; Aurelia Pucinski; Frank Prochot; Roman Reinowski, Bourse Chairman; Chester Schafer, President; Chester Mikucki, Founder of Polonus; and Myron Steczynski, Honorary Member and Polpex Judge. (All photos by Andrew Kozlowski.)

By any measure, POLPEX 1972 was a success. Dedicated to the theme of the Polish Philatelic Movement throughout the world, POLPEX 1972 proved to be one of the Polonus Philatelic Society's more popular shows. Attest-

ing to this were the over 2000 philatelists and members of the public who attended despite sub-freezing temperatures and blustery winds which sent the chill-index below zero. Extremely cold outside, it was warm in the St.

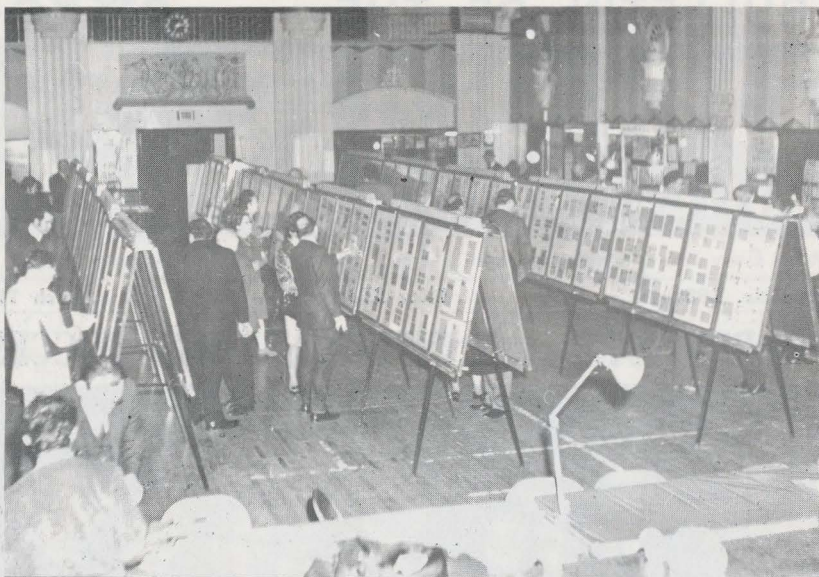


Photo take from the stage at St. James Auditorium shows three double rows of the 120 frame display at Polpex 1972.



A group of out of towners who attended the Beeba pose with the Polpex Chairman: Mrs. Gruszczyk (Canada), Mrs. Michalski (Poland), Polpex Chairman T. J. Gobby, Winston Gruszczyk, Mr. Antkowiak, Mr. Gruszczyk's son and M. Lubinski (all from Canada), and Joe Uszkowski from New York.

James Auditorium on Chicago's Northwest side the weekend of March 4-5, 1972 as the over 2000 gathered to view the exhibits, attend the BEEBA, and patronized the 20 bourse dealers and the special U.S. Postal Service sub-station.

POLPEX 1972 was truly international in character and reflective of the show's theme as the 120 frames featured exhibits from England, Canada, Poland, Australia, and the USA. Besides the Court of Honor devoted to the work of Czesław Ślania, Honorary Polpex Chairman, and the numerous competitive exhibits, the center stage featured material of various Polish philatelic societies from around the world. Also in prominence was a display of over 500 Polish military badges encompassing the history of the Polish Army from Napoleonic times to World War II. This display was the joint effort of Vincent Gawron and the Polish American Numismatic Association of Chicago.

An interesting sidelight of the Polpex was the number of out of town visitors. They came from such diverse places as Poland, Toronto, Canada, New York City, Iowa, and one, Polish stamp expert Zbigniew Mikulski, flew in from St. Gallen, Switzerland.

The BEEBA, highlight of each Polpex, was held the evening of March 4th. A lavish buffet, featuring traditional Polish foods, was capably served by Chairman Walenty Poniecki and assistant Stanley Dobrzycki. The awards were presented during the Beeba.

International entries swept the boards with the Grand, Dr. Kozakiewicz Research and Dr. Uznanski Historical awards going to exhibitors from Poland, England and Canada respectively.

A total of 21 awards were presented and international entries took the lion's share: six to Poland, four to England, two to Canada, and one to Australia.

The Award Winners were:

Grand Award — Stanisław Dolinski, Warsaw, Poland for his study of Poland No. 1.

Dr. L.P. Kozakiewicz Research Award — Jan Kuznowicz, London, England, specialized study of Polish stamps 1944-45.

Dr. M.E. Uznanski Historical Award — Dr. Miet Kamiński, Scarborough, Ont., Canada for specialized study of post WWI covers.

Novice Award — John Bartczak of Chicago, Ill.

Topical Awards:

1st — Mieczysław Czernik of Łódź, Poland.

2nd — Thomas J. Gobby, Chicago, Ill.

3rd — Eugeniusz Tymków of London, England.

Space Awards:

1st — Edward Raczkowski of Chicago, Ill.

2nd — Joseph Uszkowski, New York, N.Y.

Gold Medals:

Milton M. Kohn, So. Holland, Ill., and M. B. Kruszczyński of Warsaw, Poland.

Silver Medals:

Dr. J. Kuderevicz, Manchester, N.H.; Czechna Witkowska, Poznan, Poland; and Z. Staron, Toronto, Canada.

Bronze Medals:

Jerzy Gryzel, Pabianice, Poland; John B. Sylvester, Reading, Pa.; Andrzej Olecki, Lodz, Poland; Marian Tymków, London, England; Stefan Czarniecki, Cicero, Ill.; and T. W. Kuźma, Melbourne, Australia.

A special Polonus Award was presented to the Union of Po-



Typical crowd scene at the U.S. Postal Service Polpex sub station. (From left to right:) John Bor of Stamps For The Wounded; Rev. John Wodniak, Pastor of St. James Parish; Eveline Cogdell, Postal Worker; Tom Gobby; J. P. Rux, Polpex Sales Chairman; Sebastian Styczynski, Polonus Librarian; Ludwik Pieczcra; Joe Trufant of the U.S. Postal Service Philatelic Dept.; and Katala Williams, Postal Worker.



The BEEBA kitchen crew consisted of Wiktoria Rusakiewicz, Chairman Walenty Poniecki, Renata Wydorska visiting from Poland, Christopher and Irene Poniecki.



A group gathered behind the Polish-American Congress bourse table. (From left to right:) Napoleon Zbyszewski, Chairman, Polish Amer. Congress Philatelic Committee; Chester Schafer, Polonus President; Frank Prochot, Vice President P.N.A.; Chester Mikucki, Founder of Polonus; Myron Steczynski, Head of Advisory Board, Pol. Amer. Congress Philatelic Committee; and Thomas Gobby, Polpex Chairman and also Secretary, Pol. Amer. Congress Philatelic Committee.



Roman Strzelecki and son Paul waiting on customers at their Polpex bourse table.

lish Philatelists in Great Britain for their Court of Honor exhibit of the work of Czesław Ślania, internationally famous stamp designer and engraver.

Aloysius Mazewski, President of the PNA, and Frank Prochot, Vice President of the PNA, and Editor of the *Promień* magazine, were singled out for their efforts and contributions in furthering the cause of Polish Philately and were awarded plaques of Honorary Membership in the Polonus Philatelic Society.

The traditional mementoes and souvenirs of POLPEX-1972; souvenir sheets, and special cacheted envelopes with the POLPEX cancellation provided by the US Postal sub-station at the show proved to be extremely popular. These items, in limited quantity, are still available: program book, 35c plus postage; set of souvenir sheets and descriptive folder, 50c plus postage; set of cacheted envelopes, 75c plus postage. Individuals wanting any of these items may write to: J. P. Rux, 6136 W. Addison Street, Chicago, Ill. 60634.

— T. J. Gobby

THOSE WHO MADE POLPEX

A show such as POLPEX just does not come into being because of wishful thinking. It comes about because of the combined efforts of many people — all working together. This year our thanks go to the following:

Alfred Szebel, Entries, who obtained some especially fine exhibits, and who designed the souvenir sheet and handled the various awards and trophies.

Roman Reinowski, Bourse, who again had a sellout and a very good selection of stamp dealers to satisfy the philatelic tastes of nearly everyone.

J.P. Rux and Chesters Mikucki Sr. and Jr., Sales, who did another fine job.

Walenty Poniecki for a most difficult of all jobs—the Beeba.

N. C. Zbyszewski and Chester Schafer for their efforts in soliciting ads for the program catalog.

Al Rybarski for his quiet and all around steady efforts.

Walenty Poniecki for his improvised spotlights which added the much needed lighting to see the exhibits.

Joseph Migala and Chet Schafer for promoting POLPEX on their radio programs.

Dr. L.P. Kozakiewicz for his donation of forty pounds of Polish sausage for the BEEBA, and the many other members for their food and cash donations.

Myron Steczynski for his article on Copernicus, and Roman Strzelecki for his article on the Polish Philatelic Movement.

Chester Schafer for his many extra trips to St. James in regards to the easels and set-up of the US Postal sub-station.

Vincent Gawron and the Polish American Numismatic Association for their beautiful exhibit of Polish Military Medals.

The Honorable Henry McGee, Chicago Postmaster, Joseph Trufant, E. Cogdel and K. Williams for the US Postal Service sub-station and special cancellation.

The Judges, Myron Steczynski, Joseph Janecka and Earl Wellman for both a difficult and fine job.

All the patrons and advertisers in the program catalog.

And especially to all of you who attended POLPEX 1972 and the BEEBA — THANK YOU!

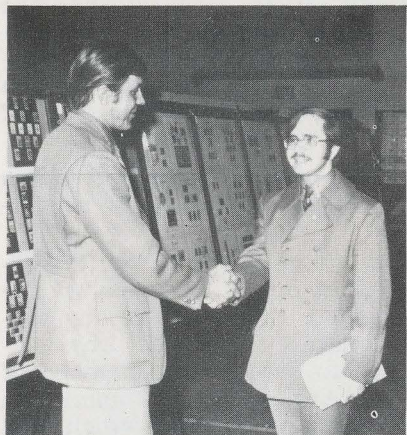
—Thomas J. Gobby
Polpex Chairman



Stefan Czarniecki of Cicero, Ill., accepts medal from T. J. Gobby for his prize winning exhibit, "Copernicus In Philately."



14 year old Edward Raczkowski of Chicago accepting 1st Space Award for his First Man On The Moon exhibit.



T. J. Gobby greets Joe Uszkowski of New York, N.Y. in front of his Vatican City exhibit. Uszkowski won the 2nd Space Award for his Apollo 11 exhibit.

POLPEX PATRONS

Listed below are the names of those received too late for publication in the Polpex program catalog:

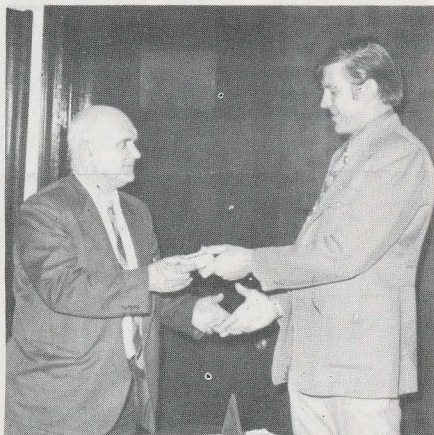
Jos. A. Jozefowski, Bayville, N.Y.

Mathew J. Plezia, Lincoln R.I.

Ted Klich, Downsview, Can.

Jerzy Kucharski, N.Y., N.Y.

Better Late Than Never!



Mike Lubinski of Canada accepts award for Z. Staron of Toronto for his Auschwitz Concentration Camp exhibit.

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SPECIAL CALL TO ALL CHICAGOLAND POLONUS MEMBERS!

A special appeal is made to all of our Chicagoland members to attend the March 24th meeting at the St. James Clubroom, 2424 N. Mango Ave. The main topic of discussion will be — **POLPEX 1973**. This will be one of the biggest shows in history as next year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of the great Polish astronomer, Mikołaj Kopernik. The United States, at the combined urgings and efforts of the *Polonus* Philatelic Society, PNA, PAC and numerous other Polish American organizations and individuals has announced that a stamp to honor Kopernik will be issued. Other mementoes and souvenirs will be issued, numerous festivities are planned, and *Polonus* will be in the forefront with **POLPEX 1973**.

In order to put it all together we need all the members we can get — we need you! Objectives must be established, committees formed, staffed, and launched to get **POLPEX 1973** off and running. With everyone pitching in and working together it won't take much to make next year's show one of the truly great ones.

See you there — March 24th, 1972 — 8:15 PM — at St. James Clubroom, 2424 N. Mango Ave. Chicago, Ill. Now is the time for you to make a real contribution to *Polonus* and especially to Polish Philately.

— T. J. Gobby

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 14th, 1972 —

John Bartczak will be speaker at this meeting. His topic will be "Early Austrian Stamps In Poland" — his award winning exhibit at **POLPEX 1972**.

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N. C. ZBYSZEWSKI RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

Polonus member, Napoleon C. Zbyszewski, received a most distinctive honor recently when the President of the United States Richard M. Nixon signed an Executive Order appointing him to the Annual Assay Commission of the United States Mint.

The official document from the White House reads as follows:

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, I hereby designate Napoleon C. Zbyszewski to serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission for the year 1972 which will convene at the United States Mint in the city of Philadelphia."

February 9, 1972

(signed) Richard Nixon

We at *Polonus* and the rest of the Polish American community extend our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Zbyszewski for his honored appointment and wish him the best for his continued success in his efforts in promoting Polish culture and history.

— T. J. Gobby