



Alliance of Polish Clubs in the USA

Chicago, IL

Mission Statement:

The purpose of Alliance of Polish Clubs is to initiate and coordinate the activities of individual clubs and organizations affiliated within our infrastructure by encouraging their interest in assisting the people of Poland and our surrounding Polish-American community in the Chicago area. We uphold and cherish all the fundamental values of our Polish Heritage by consistently arranging and celebrating national holidays such as the harvest festival, the May 3rd Constitution Day Parade, Wigilia (Christmas Eve), and folk festivals throughout the year so that future generations can appreciate and understand all that their Polish heritage has to offer. In addition, these ethnic events reinforce our sense of community.

History/Achievements:

In a period of 80 years, thousands of dollars have been sent through individual Clubs to their hometowns in Poland for public projects such as construction of schools, town halls, fire stations, churches and for general infrastructure improvement. Financial support has also been provided for street paving, building bridges, installing electrical network as well as telephone, gas and water lines in rural areas. Most important, however has been the constant contact of Polish immigrants living in and around the Chicagoland area with their hometown in Poland.

The Alliance has 37 member organizations. Its headquarters are located at 5835 W. Diversey Ave. Chicago IL 60639.

Alliance of Polish Clubs

is a sponsor organization for the Polish & Slavic Federal Credit Union

Meeting Location: **Own Facility**
Meeting Address: **5835 W. Diversey Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60639**

Sources of Revenue: **Membership Dues**
Personal Contributions/
Bequests
Event/Services Fees

Programs and Services:

The Alliance of Polish Clubs offers immigration, tax and security consultations. These services are provided free of charge by state or federal institutions. One of organizations associated with the Alliance is the Chicago Katyn Memorial Construction Committee which, aiming at commemorating and preserving the knowledge of history, is constructing a Katyn Memorial and St. Adalbert Cemetery in Nilus, IL.

Another associated organization, the Polish Constitution Day Parade Committee, headed by APC Chairman, is in charge of organizing the largest Polish parade outside of Poland. The parade is attended by approximately 150 contingents including Polish Saturday schools, Polish-American organizations, parochial and veteran organizations, scouting groups, businesses, orchestras and politicians. It is the largest such demonstration of Polish heritage outside of Poland. The parade is held annually on the first Saturday in May. Nearly 20,000 people, primarily young ones, march in the Parade which draws from 50,000 to 200,000 spectators each year.

The Alliance also supports a Polish Saturday School. Classes are held at the Divine Savior parish church located at 7740 W. Montrose in Norridge, IL 60706. Other institutions associated with the Alliance include The Union of Polish Writers Abroad, "Rzepicha" People's Theater, The Padarewski Choir and the F. Chopin Choir.

Alliance hall is provided free of charge for events held by the Polish Choirs and the Association of Friends of Polish Uhlans in the US.

* The information above was prepared by Alliance of Polish Clubs.

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