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Dear Friends,

This year the Kosciuszko Foundation joins the celebration of the centennial of establishing Polish and U.S. relations. The bilateral relations are stronger than ever, and in the recent years have been upgraded to friendship. The Kosciuszko Foundation has played a pivotal role in forging the bonds, especially in education and culture, sending the first U.S. scholar to the Jagiellonian University as early as in 1932. For nearly 100 years the Foundation has been a staunch advocate of the shared values, which was of the utmost significance during the dark periods of World War II and communism.

While celebrating the centennial of the diplomatic relations, we take the opportunity to pay tribute to those Americans and Poles, who enormously contributed to promote Polish culture and democratic changes in Central & Eastern Europe. The Honorees of this year’s gala are the Hon. Chuck Hagel, a former U.S. Senator & Secretary of Defense and Vietnam War veteran and Mr. Tomasz Konieczny, a renowned Polish opera singer. The Ball will be chaired by Henry Sikorski, Ph.D., a dedicated Kosciuszko Foundation Trustee and President of the Polish Gift of Life - a charitable organization, which brings medical and financial assistance to the Polish children.

The Foundation’s programs and services are made possible thanks to the generosity of our donors and volunteers. We encourage you to become a member of the Kosciuszko Foundation and sponsor a wide range of scholarships, cultural program or art and building restoration.

I thank you for joining us tonight and supporting the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Sincerely,

Marek Skulimowski
President and Executive Director
Embassy
of the Republic of Poland
in Washington

Dear Members of the Kosciuszko Foundation and Friends of Poland,

My heartfelt congratulations on the Kosciuszko Foundation’s 84th Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball and on another successful year. For almost a century the Kosciuszko Foundation has done outstanding work promoting Polish culture, supporting higher education and strengthening bonds between Poland and the United States. As Ambassador of Poland to the United States I continue to be impressed by the work of the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Of course, in 2019 we celebrate a very special anniversary: the centennial of diplomatic relations between Poland and the United States. One hundred years ago our two countries formally came together around shared values to promote a prosperous international community. Another important anniversary this year, two decades of Poland in NATO, further reminds us of the strength of Polish-American cooperation. This is a special time to reflect on the many blessings our friendship has brought and on those who have made it possible.

Mutual understanding is the foundation for any successful partnership. It was a sense of common values that brought the Foundation’s namesake, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, to the American colonies. And it is those same values that continue to underlie our alliance today. Through its role promoting cultural and educational exchange, the Kosciuszko Foundation has been instrumental in fostering solidarity between our countries. You have made the great Poland-United States alliance even stronger.

The Kosciuszko Foundation has also touched the lives of countless individuals on both sides of the Atlantic, broadening horizons and making dreams come true. Kosciuszko himself considered the United States to be a second home, and the work of the Foundation has helped make this sense of friendship and belonging a reality for many others. I am sure that among those enriched by Kosciuszko Foundation scholarships and programs today are future Polish-American leaders.

At this Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball we celebrate and continue the proud tradition of the Kosciuszko Foundation. I thank the Foundation for its role in the historic friendship between Poland and the United States. The bonds between our countries are bonds that have lasted. They are as important now as ever before, and I look forward to seeing the continued engagement of the Kosciuszko Foundation in the future.

I wish everyone a pleasant evening.

Sincerely,

Piotr Wilczek

Ambassador of Poland to the United States
April 12th, 2019

Mr. Marek Skulimowski  
President of the Kosciuszko Foundation

Dear President Skulimowski,

Please accept my sincerest congratulations on the occasion of the 84th Annual Fundraising Dinner & Ball, Celebrating 100 Years of Polish-American Relations.

The Kosciuszko Foundation is a premier organization, continuously working on promoting closer ties between the United States and Poland. For years the Kosciuszko Foundation has been organizing educational and cultural exchanges between the United States and Poland, through awarding scholarships, fellowships and grant opportunities to enhance the American understanding of Polish culture and history. This year, on the centennial anniversary of Polish-American diplomatic relations, it is particularly important to appreciate the work the Kosciuszko Foundation has done for the Polish-American friendship.

Certainly, the work of the Kosciuszko Foundation would not be possible without the donors who for many years have been supporting the Foundation’s mission and its efforts - not only by attending the Fundraising Dinner and Ball, but also by making donations.

I would also like to sincerely thank the Kosciuszko Foundation for our long and fruitful cooperation. I am positive that we will continue working together, strengthening the modern image of Poland in the American society, and therefore benefitting the Polish community in the USA as well.

Wishing you all the best!

Sincerely,

Małgorzata Golubiewska  
Consul General
April 27, 2019

Mr. Marek Skulimowski
President & Executive Director
The Kosciuszko Foundation
15 East 65th Street
New York, NY 10065

Dear Mr. Skulimowski,

Greetings on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of Polish-US relations. Thank you for the honor of your kind invitation to the Kosciuszko Foundation's Annual Dinner and Ball, especially during a year that marks such an important milestone in our shared history.

Since 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation has been at the forefront in building the foundation for all of that we have done to strengthen the bonds between our great nations. You have kept the flame going during many dark times in our history and continue to be a leader in advancing the role of Polish culture, history, language, and arts. I especially applaud your robust efforts to provide scholarships, fellowships, and grants to promising undergraduate and graduate students working in these fields. Investing in the next generation of scholars and experts is needed now more than ever and your commitment to that mission is to be commended.

I am the proud great granddaughter of a woman who came from Poland over 125 years ago – when women didn’t even have the right to vote. The 16-year-old girl who got off that boat in Baltimore was in search of the American dream. Little did she dream that less than 100 years later, her great granddaughter would stand on the floor of the United States Senate, advocating for democracy in Poland.

My Polish heritage has given me the strength to pursue my public career and my Polish values and morals have ensured that my work is founded in integrity and the public good. Thank you for all that you do every day to make Polonia and America smarter and stronger. Bog zaplac.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senator (Ret.)
April 27, 2019

The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.
15 East 65th Street
New York, NY 10065

Dear Friends:

I would like to offer my warmest greetings and congratulations as you gather to celebrate the Kosciuszko Foundation’s 84th Annual Dinner and Ball recognizing 100 years of Polish-American relations. It is my pleasure to honor the exemplary work of the Kosciuszko Foundation and the accomplishments of tonight’s honoree.

Since its inception in 1925, the Kosciuszko Foundation has played an integral role in promoting positive relations between the United States and Poland. As an institution of excellence, the Kosciuszko Foundation stands as a powerful advocate for the New York Polish community. It is through the dedication and support of everyone gathered here tonight that the Kosciuszko Foundation is able to fulfill its mission of promoting closer ties between Poland and the United States with educational and cultural exchanges. I applaud the Kosciuszko Foundation, its leaders, members, and volunteers for the devotion shown towards strengthening the Polish-American friendship and ensuring mutual understanding between our two countries.

On this auspicious occasion, it is an honor to acknowledge the exemplary work for the various individuals and organizations that have shown commitment to the Kosciuszko Foundation. I would like to especially recognize my former colleague and this evening’s honoree, recipient of the KF Medal of Recognition, the Honorable Chuck Hagel, former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense. Chuck was born and raised in Nebraska and continued to serve the great people of his home state throughout most of his adult life. A Vietnam veteran and recipient of two purple hearts, Chuck Hagel has demonstrated true commitment and dedication in serving our country.

Again, congratulations and thank you for your hard work and commitment on behalf of all New Yorkers. I hope the Kosciuszko Foundation will continue to strengthen our communities for years to come. Best wishes for an inspirational evening.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator
April 27, 2019

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Kosciuszko Foundation as you come together to mark 100 years of Polish-American relations. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the 84th Annual Dinner awardees.

For decades, the Kosciuszko Foundation has worked tirelessly to develop an increased understanding of Polish culture in the United States. I hope that the event commemorates the success of your efforts and continued dedication to the community.

Thank you for all you do. I look forward to seeing what you accomplish in the next year.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Warren
April 27, 2019

The Kosciuszko Foundation, Inc.
15 East 65th Street
New York, NY 10065

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write to express my most sincere support for the Kosciuszko Foundation’s 84th annual fundraising Dinner and Ball. Your organization’s efforts for the advancement of the Polish American community is admirable, and I proudly applaud your work.

This year marks a monumental, centennial milestone of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Poland and the United States of America. A century ago, the United States was the first country to officially recognize sovereign Poland and contribute in the restoration of the nation’s independence with President Woodrow Wilson’s Fourteen Points address. Since the Kosciuszko Foundation’s commencement in 1925, their work has only reinforced the bond between the United States and the Republic of Poland. You have maintained your mission for providing education to the underprivileged, promoting Polish culture, and assisting in the advancement of our communities. By offering educational exchange programs and awarding scholarships, your organization has helped many young men and women fulfill their dreams.

Once more, I send my warmest regards on this momentous occasion. The actions and commitment of the Kosciuszko Foundation strengthen our communities, and for that I thank you. As your friend in Congress, if I can ever be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Bill Pascrell, Jr
Member of Congress
Dear Mr. Skulimowski:

It is with great honor and privilege that I write this letter of support and congratulations for the Kosciusko Foundation's 84th Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball celebrating 100 years of Polish-American relations and cultural and educational exchanges.

I can't begin to express my pride in what my grandfather, Stephen Paul Mizwa, born Szczepan Mierzwa, was able to accomplish and has been sustained through the efforts of your leadership and committed Foundation staff, volunteers and generous donors.

In today's climate when so much attention has turned to immigration policies, we should take pause and reflect on what the "power of one" individual can have on this great country, actually two great countries, the United States of America and Poland. Today, his legacy continues, providing over $1 million annually in scholarships and cultural exchanges.

Unfortunately I cannot be in attendance for this year's Annual Fundraising Dinner and Ball. Stephen and Katherine Mizwa's two children, Thaddeus Stephen Mizwa, age 91 and Helen Mizwa-Reynolds, age 93, both passed away peacefully in Texas and Virginia respectively on April 3, 2019.

I greatly appreciate the Foundation's condolences to our families and wish you only the best in this year's Ball.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Mizwa
Chief Operating Officer/Senior Vice President
Baylor College of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Foundation
Director, Global Health
Texas Children's Hospital
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Please contact our Development Office at 212.734.2130, development@thrkf.org or see your financial planner for more information.
The year 2019 marks the centennial of establishing Polish American diplomatic ties. On January 16, 1919, Ignacy Jan Paderewski became the Prime Minister and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the newly born Poland. He immediately notified President Woodrow Wilson and the Secretary of State Robert Lansing who replied by sending Paderewski a congratulatory cable, which is generally considered as the official recognition of the Polish State and the beginning of Polish American relations.

Our American friends played an instrumental role in Polish efforts to regain independence after 123 years of partitions. We are all aware how important the activity of Colonel Edward M. House and the position of President Woodrow Wilson were in this process. In his key addresses to the Congress, the American President so strongly, and as it soon turned out, so effectively called for the world to reestablish an independent Polish State. In May 1928, at a testimonial dinner given under the auspices of the Kosciuszko Foundation to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Polish Freedom and to honor Ignacy Jan Paderewski, the Maestro hailed President Wilson as Poland’s liberator and admitted that the resurrection of Poland came “from the United States and through the United States” and that it “had been set in motion by President Wilson’s message to the Senate on January 23, 1917”. Tonight’s event constitutes a special occasion to celebrate the one hundred years of excellent Polish American friendship and cooperation.

The newly founded Diplomatic Advisory Council of the Kosciuszko Foundation, consisting of former Polish and American diplomats who have served both the countries, shall constitute a very interesting platform of debate and reflection over the bilateral relations and the role of our countries in contemporary world.

Apart from the centennial of the origin of Polish American diplomatic ties, the year 2019 also celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Solidarity victory in 1989, the 20th anniversary of Poland’s accession to NATO and the 15th anniversary of Poland becoming a member of the European Union. These occasions bring with them an opportunity not only to review the past but also to learn from it so that we can create a better future for ourselves and our posterity.

With the successes of the past one hundred years in mind, we all await with confidence the new chapter of Polish - American relations, hoping it will prove as interesting and fruitful as the one whose end is marked by this year’s centennial.

Mariusz M. Brymora
Mariusz M. Brymora – Polish diplomat. He has been a member of the Foreign Service since 1999 and served as Deputy Consul General in Chicago (1999 – 2003), Public Affairs Councilor of the Embassy of Poland in Washington D.C. (2005 – 2009), and Consul General in Los Angeles (2013-2017). While in Warsaw, he was Deputy Director of the Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he supervised the promotional activity of Polish diplomatic missions.

“Quite often in America you realize that you must say things that are most obvious to you but completely unknown to your listener. One Hundred Years of Polish Diplomatic Presence in the United States: 1919-2019 is meant to celebrate the centennial of Polish American diplomatic ties but also to share with the people in America some of the things that we Poles know only too well”.
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JOURNAL AND INVITATION DESIGNER
In 1955 The Kosciuszko Foundation initiated an award meant to honor special friends who have significantly contributed to our mission of promoting cultural and intellectual exchanges between Poland and the United States.

Called the Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition, the bronze medal was designed in 1955 by the Polish sculptor Tadeusz Sowinski. It features a bas relief bust portrait of Tadeusz Kosciuszko dressed as an American military hero with the distinguished Order of the Cincinnati pinned to his chest. Encircling the portrait are the famous words of Thomas Jefferson: “He was as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known.” On the reverse of the medal, bordered by the lamp of knowledge and wheat of internal inspiration we find the text: “The Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition for Distinguished Service to Polish and American Culture.”

Generally awarded during the Foundation’s Annual Ball, it is not awarded annually. The first award was made to Henry Noble MacCracken for his efforts in establishing the Kosciuszko Foundation. Others who have received the award were Eric P. Kelly, Artur Rubenstein, Oscar Halecki, Waclaw Lednicki, Kazimierz Wierzynski, Kazimierz Bulas, Lawrence L. Thomas and Francis J. Whitfield, the editors of the first Kosciuszko Foundation Dictionary, Leopold Stokowski, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, Maria Kunczewicz, Arthur and Marion Coleman, Edward Smith, Robert Goldstand, Stanisława Malecka-Dymnicka, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jerzy Kozminsńki, Ann T. Mikoll, Michael G. Sendzimir, Archbishop Wesoly, J. ack Radgowski, Edward Pinkowski, Van Cliburn, Ryszard Kapuscinski, Wanda Tomczykowa, Marta Eggerth, President Lech Walesa, Dr. Maria Siemionow, Rafał Olbinski, Coach Mike Krzewieński, Professor Frank Wilczek, Wojciech Inglot, Justyna Kowalczyk, J uliusz Machulski and Martha Stewart, Lt. General Edward L. Rowny and Professor Stanley Wojcicki.

This year, the Kosciuszko Foundation Medal of Recognition is being awarded to former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense, a Vietnam Veteran the honorable Chuck Hagel.
KF Medal of Recognition

CHUCK HAGEL
Former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense, a Vietnam Veteran

Chuck Hagel was the 24th Secretary of Defense, serving from February 2013 to February 2015. He is the only Vietnam veteran and the first enlisted combat veteran to serve as Secretary of Defense.

Some of Hagel's current commitments include service on the Board of Trustees of RAND; Advisory Board of Corsair Capital; Senior Advisor to Gallup and to the McCarthy Group; Distinguished Scholar, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Distinguished Statesman at the Atlantic Council; Board of Directors of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); Director and Founding Member of the American Security Project; and Advisory Board Chairman of the HillVets Veterans Organization.

Hagel served two terms in the United States Senate (1997-2009) representing the state of Nebraska. Hagel was a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Intelligence Committees. He Chaired the Foreign Relations International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee; and the Banking Committee's International Trade and Finance, and Securities Subcommittees. Hagel also served as the Chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and the Senate Climate Change Observer Group.

Previously, Secretary Hagel was a Distinguished Professor at Georgetown University, Co-Chairman of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, Chairman of the Atlantic Council. He served as a member of the Secretary of Defense's Policy Board, Secretary of Energy's Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Nuclear Power, Systemic Risk Council Board of Directors; and as a member of the Board of Directors of Chevron.

Prior to his election to the U.S. Senate, Hagel was president of McCarthy & Company, an investment banking firm in Omaha, Nebraska. In the mid-1980's, Hagel co-founded VANGUARD Cellular Systems, Inc., a publicly traded corporation. He was President and CEO of the World USO, Private Sector Council (PSC), and Chief Operating Officer of the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations (G-7 Summit). Hagel also served as Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration under President Ronald Reagan and Deputy Commissioner General of the 1982 World's Fair.

He is the author of the book, America: Our Next Chapter and was the subject of a 2018 book by General Daniel Bolger entitled, Our Year of War, and a 2006 book by Charlyne Berens entitled, Chuck Hagel: Moving Forward. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Hagel and his wife, Lilbet, have a daughter Allyn and son Ziller.
KF Pioneer Award
TOMASZ KONIECZNY

With his sensational success as ALBERICH at the Vienna State Opera 2008/09 and also as JOCHANAAN, WOTAN/WANDERER and TELRAMUND, Tomasz Konieczny has established himself at the forefront of outstanding dramatic Bass-Baritones of his generation. Besides WOTAN in the Ring, Vienna has invited him to sing MANDRYKA, JACK RANCE, AMFORTAS, SCARPIA, CARDILLAC, PIZARRO, KURWENAL. Among his future plans are guest contracts to sing with Teatr Wielki - Polish National Opera, the Metropolitan Opera, Teatro alla Scala, Bayreuther Festspiele, Teatro Real.

In March 2019 Konieczny made a stunning debut at the Metropolitan Opera New York as ALBERICH in Das Rheingold receiving critical acclaim in major media outlets including the New York Times that named him "the standout member of the cast."

Tomasz Konieczny was born in 1972 in Lodz/Poland, where he first studied acting at the Film, TV and Theatre Academy. He made his debut in a film directed by Oscar prize winning director Andrzej Wajda "The Ring with the Eagle", following which he worked as actor / director in many TV film and theater productions in Poland. It was at that time that he began his vocal studies at the Fryderyk Chopin Academy in Warsaw, which were continued at the Hochschule für Musik in Dresden.

In 2002 Konieczny joined the ensemble of the National Theater Mannheim where he sang many operatic roles and received the Arnold-Petersen-Award, a special prize for outstanding young talents. From 2006 to 2014 Tomasz Konieczny was a member of the ensemble of the Deutsche Oper am Rhein Düsseldorf/Duisburg. In 2010 he made spectacular debut as ALBERICH at the Deutsche Oper Berlin. He performed at the stages of the National Theater of Prague, Opéra National de Paris, NSO Washington, the Bayerische Staatsoper München, and at the Salzburger Festspiele.

In 2014 he made a successful debut at the Carnegie Hall as JOCHANAAN in Salome and as WOZZECK in Wozzeck of Berg at the Lyric Opera of Chicago in November 2015. 2017 marks his debut at the Teatro alla Scala as COMMENDATORE and at the Canadian Opera Company as MANDRYKA in Arabella. In 2018 he made his very successful debut at the Théâtre du Capitole Toulouse and at the New National Theatre Tokyo followed by three successful performances at Bayreuther Festspiele (Opening Evening 2018), Edinburgh International Festival 2018 and the recital Winterreise of F. Schubert to Stanislaw Baranczak-s poetry at Festival Chopin and his Europe 2018 as the release of the new cd album. The latter one was also presented at the Kosciuszko Foundation, NYC on March 20, 2019.
Chairman of the Ball
HENRY SIKORSKI, PH.D.

Dr. Henry Sikorski has been a professor and administrator at Farmingdale State College (SUNY) for over 30 years. Having begun his academic career as an instructor of English in 1987, he advanced to full professor status, and became Chairperson of the Technical Communications Program, and Director of the Office of Corporate and Professional Development (OCPD); in 2004 he was promoted to Vice President for Institutional Advancement, and in 2008 became Chief Development Officer. From 2008-2017 he also served as the Corporate Secretary of the Farmingdale College Foundation, a (501)(c)(3) not-for-profit. As a member of the Foundation’s board of directors and Chief Development Officer, he was responsible for raising millions of dollars which were used to provide student scholarships and other College needs not provided by the State educational budget. In 2000, he was recognized by the Chancellor of the State University of New York with the “Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.” Dr. Sikorski has served on numerous college-wide and departmental committees, and has reviewed, edited, and annotated articles for many scholarly journals throughout his career. He retired from SUNY in 2017, and presently teaches as an adjunct professor of English at Nassau Community College. In May, 2019 he will deliver the commencement address to the graduates of the Masters and Doctoral programs in English at the University of New Mexico.

Dr. Sikorski has served on several boards during his academic career; these included: Long Island Forum for Technology (LIFT), Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology (ACIT), the New York State Office of Professional Conduct, and the National Grand Opera. He is currently a member of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America, and a board member of the Ferro Foundation and the Kosciuszko Foundation; in addition, he is the current President of the Polish Gift of Life, Inc. During his professional career he has also served as President of: AMPOLA, the Polish American Museum, and the American Polish Council of Long Island.

He holds a B.A. from the University of Miami; an M.A. from Hofstra University; and a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. In 1979 he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, and studied at the University of Warsaw with Professor Zdzislaw Najder while completing his dissertation titled: “The Influences of 19th Century Polish Literature on the Fiction of Joseph Conrad.” As a Trustee of the Kosciuszko Foundation, he is a member of both the Executive and Ball Committees. He and his wife, Dr. Francine DeLieto Sikorski, reside in Garden City, New York.
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