

Meeting Held in February, May, August, October & November. Membership meeting, celebrations, gala, procession, Silent Auction held in November, 2021 – New Waverly, Texas

Elected Officers: February, 2022 by Board of Directors: President – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz; 1 VP Dr. Piotr Przybylski; 2VP Eric Opiela; 3VP Elaine Mazurek Stephens; Secretary – Jolanta Mazewski Dryden; Treasurer – John Wojtasczyk; Youth VP Texas A & M – Polish Association TAMPA - Emily Glowski and Jennie Szefer; and Youth VP University of Texas Polish Club – Nathan Silverstein.

2022 PACT Financial Support:

- Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria - \$5,000.
- Chappell Hill Museum display for Polish Exhibits (through Polish Consul General of the Republic of Poland) \$2,000.
- Chappell Hill Polskie Kolędowanie (through Polish Consul General of the Republic of Poland) \$600; PACT Student Scholarships \$3,000.
- Support for Polish Studies/John Paul II Institute \$1,000.
- Two \$5000 anonymous donations

Actions and Activities

- December 7, 8 & 9, 2021: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz organized educational meetings for a Polish Food group visiting Texas assisting Zuzanna Kobrzynski, Head of Foreign Trade Office in Houston.
- December 8, 2021: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz organized a visit for Mr. Adam Czyżewski (PKN), Chief Economist for Orlen Company accompanied by Art Dunal and Mat Podskarbi to meet with the Texas A&M University Engineering Department.
- December 21, 2021: Dr. Greg Kusinski, Executive with Chevron Products Co. donated \$2,400 to the Polish American Council of Texas. Dr. Kusinski is past president of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas-Houston Division.
- January – December 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Joanna Sikorski, Bradley Mushinski, Michael Kurtin and Krzysztof Gajda have been working on research related to Andrzej Feliks Wardzinski.
- January 1, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Troy Gawlak provided an interview for WEBR Radio hosted by Andrew Gołębiowski, The Polish American Radio in Buffalo, New York about Polskie Kolędowanie in Chappell Hill, Texas.
- January 2, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz organized a concert for Troy Gawlak, from Akron, Ohio at the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria. Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz hosted Troy in Texas.
- January 10, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz received an email from Frank J. Spula, President of the Polish National Alliance headquartered in Chicago, Illinois welcoming Dr. Mazurkiewicz as a member of PNA.
- January 10, 2022: Jola Mazewski-Dryden, Secretary of the PACT prepared a comprehensive 2022 calendar of events for the PACT membership and Texas Polonia.
- January 7, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and 14 other Polonia leaders from across the United States had a virtual meeting with newly appointed Ambassador Designate Mark Brzezinski to discuss 1. Relationship with US Polonia 2. Open communications with the Ambassador 3. Poland's security in face of Putin's recent actions concerning Ukraine.

- January 10, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz supported a letter to U.S. Ambassador to Poland Mr. Mark Brzezinski from Zbyszek Koralewski, VP for American Affairs PNA thanking him for meeting with our U.S. Polish delegation and the opportunity to learn more about how we can work together strengthening the US-Polish Alliance.
- January 10, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz provided an interview to TV 24 in Warsaw about the interview with U.S. Ambassador to Poland Mark Brzezinski that was held on Friday, January 8 organized by the Polish American Congress: Zbyszek Koralewski and Andrzej Burghardt.
- January 12, 2022: Art Dunal, Vice Chairman of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas-Houston Division connected Bradley Mushinski, from Harris County Commissioner R. Jack Cagle's Office with Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz to discuss Commissioner Cagle building a relationship with the Polish community in Harris County. This led to a telephone call, then a meeting coordinated by Mr. Mushinski and Dr. Mazurkiewicz with several Polonia leaders to discuss Houston Polonia that led to the idea of Polish Heritage Day in the Park.
- January 13, 2022: PACT Board Member Joanna Sikorski from El Paso was asked by Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz to reach out to universities and libraries in Mexico about Andrzej Feliks Wardzinski. After several months of correspondence and outreach by Joanna, no information was discovered at this time.
- January 29, 2022: Representing PACT, Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz attended a dinner and Theatre at The Nathaniel Center to watch "Janusz & Stefa: A True Story of human Dignity in the Midst of the Holocaust".
- January 24, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz was very much in support of the Polish American Congress initiatives sent to the U.S. Congress by Tom Kolodziej, Vice President for American Affairs: 1. The Polish American Congress considers Russian demands for NATO to withdraw from the former Warsaw Pact countries as outrageous interference into the sovereignty of Poland and other countries of the region to make decisions about their future as sovereign, free, and independent countries. 2. The PAC urges a firm stance by the Biden administration against the Russian escalation and believes that strong bipartisan legislation that would impose severe sanctions against Russia is necessary to deter future aggression. 3. We support territorial integrity of a sovereign and independent Ukraine. 4. We fully agree with a recent statement by President Biden that in case of Russian military action, more NATO troops should be sent to Poland and other countries on the eastern flank of NATO to protect their security and independence.
- February 1, 2022: Nina Drath, President, Fryderyk Chopin Society of Texas requested help in promoting a special gala symphonic concert of Polish music conducted by Maestro Hector Guzman, Music Director of the Polano Symphony Orchestra and the Irving Symphony Orchestra for May 7, 2022.
- February 13: Dr. Mazurkiewicz was contacted by a Polish university student Igor Proszynski for help in locating a summer job.
- February 22, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz represented PACT at a private meeting hosted by The Greater Houton Partnership and the Visegrad Countries with Ambassadors of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The purpose of the meeting was to have an insightful conversation on the investment and trade trends between Texas and the Visegrad Four, the future of the European and US relationship, and future growth opportunities and bilateral cooperation.
- February 23, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz represented PACT at reception and program hosted by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Houston to meet Mr. Marek Magierowski, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C. The program was held at the University
- March 1, 2022: Vice President of the Polish American Congress, Mr. Mark Pienkos requested written message from Dr. Mazurkiewicz to be used for the Radiothon scheduled for March 11, 12, & 13, 2022. The message was to support Ukraine "Polonia for Ukraine" PFU.
- March 3, 2022: Granted permission to PASI EDU to list my name, title as Professor at Texas A&M University and President of the Polish American Council of Texas in support of a letter to congress to advocate for truth in representation of Polish history and culture especially in school curricula in the United States but also in all forms of media around the world. Our primary emphasis is to correct

misinformation and add missing information regarding Poland and people of Polish descent through communication with existing educational entities and offer alternative and supplementary material where appropriate.

- March 1, 2022: As president of PACT, Dr. Mazurkiewicz supported an effort “Aid for Ukraine” through Texas Polonia contacts, Texas A&M University, and the TALL program.
- March 6, 2022: As President of PACT, Dr. Mazurkiewicz joined over 1000 supporters of Ukraine at a rally in Houston.
- March 16 & 17, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz was contacted by Piotr Orłowski, CEO at Ellocco Production in Florida and who also represents Telewizja Polska (Polish Television) to do a documentary about the Polish people involved in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.
- April 4, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz was asked to sign a declaration for National Museum of the American People NMAP (Americans from Central and Eastern Europe and Polish Americans). The museum will be a powerful scholarly and educational force in the nation as it reinforces the idea that we are *all* covered by the legendary words of the Constitution: *We the People*.
- May 1, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz represented PACT at the Polish May Festival at Our Lady of Czestochowa in Houston as Honorary Guests and welcomed the Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship Mieczyslaw Struk, a good friend of Dr. Mazurkiewicz and Former President Lech Walesa.
- May 2, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz was invited as an honorary guest to join the Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship Mieczyslaw Struk Former President Lech Walesa at the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston.
- May 3, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz hosted Tekla Klebetnica and organized a concert for the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria for Polish Constitution Day.
- May 4, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz attended a private dinner for Former President Lech Walesa as a special guest sponsored by the University of Texas and the UT Polish Club at the Capital Grille in Austin organized by Nathan Silverstein, President of the UT Polish Club.
- May 6, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz was contacted by Maciej Bagiński, Prezes Zarządu about business contacts in Texas for US and Polish Investments and product start-ups/innovations.
- May 8, 2022: Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz hosted Dr. Steven Seegel and Dr. Annika Frieberg from the University of Texas Department of Slavic and Eurasian Studies to learn more about the PACT & Polonia.
- May 17, 2022: Dr. Piotr Przbyski was asked to submit information to support PACT’s nomination of Dr. Witold Lukaszewski as our candidate for the POLONICUM Prize for outstanding services in promoting Polish language and culture to researchers, translators and scientific, research and teaching centers.
- May 19, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz received information from M. Doyle Sanders about information concerning “Janowski School” in Houston, Texas in the early 1900’s. This information was shared with Bradley Mushinski with Commissioner Cagle’s Office. The school was in “North Houston Heights” founded by Peter Janowski to educate farm children of north Houston (near Tidwell and Airline).
- May 24, 2022: PACT was asked by Nina Drath, Founder, and President of the Fryderyk Chopin Society of Texas to help promote “An evening of music from Poland” to be held on May 27 in Arlington, Texas.
- April 7, 2022: A request from Ewa Pietrasieńska, Vice Consul with the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Houston to announce “The General Anders Program” enabling students to study in Poland administered by National Agency for Academic Exchange NAWA.
- June 2, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz to do an interview on Polish Tv in Warsaw discussing “US Beef Promotion” by the National Cattleman’s Beef Council promoting US Beef.
- June 3, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz had the honor to represent Texas A&M University, Texas Polonia (PACT) and the Great State of Texas with a panel discussion about investing in youth through study abroad and exchange programs at “Our Future Forum” in Warsaw, Poland. Over

1,000 young adults were registered for this conference! Michał Mazur and his team organized this event, and I also provided a TV interview about this event for Polish TV.

- June 6, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz attended a conference of Polish farmer that had visited Texas in the past 10 years and he was interviewed by Polish TV.
- June 8, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with the Vice Prime Minister/Minister of Agriculture Henryk Kowalczyk and Vice Minister for Agriculture Anna Gembicka to discuss Texas and Poland cooperation and the impact of these programs over the past 12 years.
- June 8, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz had a private meeting with US Ambassador to Poland Mr. Mark Brzeziński in his home in Warsaw. We discussed bi-lateral cooperation between Texas and Poland for the past 12 years, the War in Ukraine, and a free and secure Poland.
- July 26 – 29, 2022: The Polish American Council of Texas (PACT) was a sponsor for The American Council for Polish Culture (ACPC) held in San Antonio and Panna Maria. In addition, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz provided an article for the ACPC program concerning “The History of Texas Polonia.”
- June 30: On behalf of PACT, Dr. Mazurkiewicz asked Vice President Eric Opiela to contact the Texas Congressional Representatives and Senators in support of House Resolution HR 82 as the request of Michael Niedzinski, President of the Polish American Congress Illinois Division.
- July 8, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz received a very warm and supportive email from U.S. Ambassador to Poland Mark Brzezinski concerning our meeting in Poland in June.
- August 11, 2022: As President of PACT, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz as asked to provide a written tribute about Bishop John W. Yanta for the Wilson County News about the life and impact of Bishop Yanta.
- September 15, 2022: Alicia Meier, Assistant Managing Editor, *Texas Monthly* contacted Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz to conduct an interview concerning the Texas Silesians in Panna Maria and the history of Polish Texas more broadly.
- September 16, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted Tomasz S. Wicherkiewicz, Professor from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan who visited Chappell Hill, Texas and prepared a paper on the Wielkopolska immigrants “The Second Wave to Texas” New Wavery/Brazos Valley.
- September 16-18, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, John Cebrowski, Michael Kurtin and Krzysztof Gajda co-hosted Polish photographer, Norbert Piwowarczyk from Warsaw, retained by KUL, who took exterior and interior photos of historic Polish churches in Texas originally built before WWII in the Brazos Valley and the Panna Maria Region. Prof. Jacek Gołębiowski, is Director of the Center of Polish Migration and Immigrant Pastoral Care of The JP II Catholic University of Lublin.
- October 3, 2022: Malgorzata Bujak, A PhD candidate at St. Thomas University in Houston is working with Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz to do research on the Brazos Valley Polish Immigrants with Father Grzegorz for her PhD dissertation.
- October 6, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz received a request for contacts from Adam Sciuk with the 23rd Annu Plis Film Festival for the Texas A&M Polish Association. Mr. Sciuk wanted TAMPA to help promote the event.
- October 8 & 9, 2022: Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted “Dzien Dobry” TVN Poland Discovery Channel to document the Mazurkiewicz family, Texas A&M University, and the Polish immigrants to the Brazos Valley.
- October 10, 2022: PACT Director Michael Kurtin and Brian Marshall with Kosciuszko Lodge 165, of the Polish National Alliance requested help in promoting a cultural exchange between Iszkierczanie, an authentic Polish village band from Debica, Poland and Polish Texan descendants in the month of December.
- October 15-19, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz Coordinated and connected KOWR with SYSCO Foods, HEB and Agri-West International and 15 Polish Food Companies invited by KOWR will meet with SYSCO Foods and HEB in Paris, France at the World Food Show “SIAL”. This was a result of the meetings held in Warsaw with KOWR on June 7, 2022 and follow up meetings by ZOOM upon return to Texas.
- October 25, 2022: The Chappell Hill Historical Society contacted Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz about a program for October during National Polish Heritage Month. Dr. Piotr Przbylski and Dr. John

Hittinger agreed to provide a program about the Institute of John Paul II and the Polish Studies program.

- October 29, 2022: Polish Heritage Day in the Park led by Chairman John Zientek and PACT Board Member focusing on National Polish Heritage Month highlighting Texas Polonia in Houston/Brazos Valley. This event is hosted by PACT and sponsored by Harris County Commissioner Jack Cagle, Rob Ryan, Adam Sciuk, M.D., Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Polish Home Inc., PNA Region H and Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School in Houston. The goal is to highlight our youth in Texas Polonia.
- November 5 – 25, 2022: Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz will be hosting Tomasz Kozłowski - Historian, PhD in political science to conduct research concerning NATO from 1889 to 1999 at the TAMU Bush School of Government funded by Narodowe Centrum Nauki (National Science Center) (<https://www.ncn.gov.pl/en>) lead by Professor Antoni Dudek.
- December 1, 2022: Dr. Mazurkiewicz organized a concert to be played at the Polish Heritage Center by a Polish Folk Group “Iszkierczanie” from Debica, Poland. This group is sponsored by PNA Kosciuszko Lodge 165, and they are hosted by PACT Director Michael Kurtin and Brian Marshall, Polish Texas Fiddler.
- December 4, 2022: Polish Home, PNA and Lodge 165, 163 Hosting Annual Christmas Party with Guests Polish Folk Group “Iszkierczanie” from Debica, Poland.
- Quarterly editorial contribution by PACT secretary Jolanta Mazewski Dryden to Zgoda Magazine, national magazine highlighting the Polish Events in Texas
- Polish Exhibit and PACT representation with information being distributed at various events by Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden – Houston Polish Festival – Spring/Fall; Slavic Heritage Festival, Events at Our Lady of Czestochowa, various Homecoming and church festival ...
- October 19, 2022 The Polish Club at the University of Texas at Austin, took part in learning to the Polonaise, taught by Michael Kurtin (member of the Wawel dance group in Houston and PACT board member) Mr. Kurtin taught the club the entire dance in just an hour and a half. Mr. Kurtin drove all the way from Houston just to be with the club. In doing so, he showed the group of Polish youth what it means to sacrifice for others and be a leader in the Polish community.
- October 23/24, 2022 – Historic Grand Opening of the Polish Heritage Center. PACT members were on hand at this historical event to assist in promotion and support. Bishop Emeritus John W. Yanta’s vision of a Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria, TX (the first and oldest permanent Polish settlement in the USA) has come to fruition for all to enjoy and to preserve this beautiful heritage. Bishop Yanta was the original organizer of the PACT.
- October 29th – Polish Heritage Day in the Park – 1st annual celebration chaired by John Zientek, Bill Ogrodowicz, Jerome Bielamowicz with assistance from Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden. A great Celebration with over attendees that featured Dance group Wawel, Mini Wawel and Babcia Wawel, the Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School Houston and was Hosted by Jack Cagle, Harris County Commissioner PCT. 4 and the Polish American Council of Texas (PACT). A great day out with great food and music by Edward Winiarski. Special thanks to Bradley Mushinski, Harris County Precinct 4 for the support and for the Tree Planting Ceremony honoring the Polish School in Houston. Thank you to our Sponsors: The 4 Polish Musketeers, Consulate General of the Republic of Poland, Chappell Hill Bakery & Deli, Adam Sciuk MD, Polish Home of Houston, PNA Progressive Region H, Jola Designs, Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School, Rob Ryan Construction.