



**Polish American Council of Texas  
Annual Report and  
Accomplishments  
Annual Report for November 2022-  
November 2023**

***By Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz***

**Meetings Held** in February, May, August, October & November. Membership meeting, celebrations, gala, procession, Silent Auction held in November, 2022, Hedwig, Tx

**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 Membership, List of all Members, Scholarship,  
Directory, Social Media, and Website Reports  
for Nov. 11, 2023 Annual Meeting  
Under Separate Cover**

**2023 Annual PACT President’s Report: November 4, 2022, to  
November 19, 2023.**

- ❖ November 4 to 25, 2022 - Kathy and Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted Professor Tomasz Kozłowski with the Historical research Office of the Institute of National Remembrance and the Polish Academy of Sciences at our home during his research about Former President George HW Bush. He is authoring a book about President Bush and his legacy of helping Poland transition from a Communist State to a Democratic Republic.
- ❖ November 11, 2022 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted and Kathy and Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz attended the Polish Independence Day celebration at St. Thomas University, organized by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Houston.
- ❖ November 17, 2022 - Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and his family were interviewed by reporter Irmina Somers with Dzień Dobry TVN “Good Morning America, Series” to highlight a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Polish ranching family in the Brazos Valley whose ancestors immigrated from Wielkopolska.
- ❖ December 2, 2022 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted a Polish booth with Polish Christmas ornaments and food during the Christmas at the Mall UST event
- ❖ December 3, 2022 – Kathy and Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted the Texas A&M Polish Association and the UT Polish Club for the student Christmas party at the Mazurkiewicz home.
- ❖ December 6, 2022 - the Polish Delegation from Kujawsko-Pomorskie were hosted by Dr. Jim and Kathy Mazurkiewicz at their home in Bryan, Texas. Mr. Sławomir Kopyść,

Executive Board Member of the regional parliament and the delegation were greeted with Bread & Salt by the officers of the Bryan/College Station Sister City International Organization.

- ❖ December 5- 8, 2022 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz organized B2B meetings for the Polish Delegation from Kujawsko-Pomorskie: Zuzanna & Paulina with the Polish Trade & Investment Agency, Christopher Olson, Director of Trade & International Affairs, Houston mayor's Office, SYSCO Corporation, Brookshire Brothers, Collin Street Bakery, Michael Morrissey with Lt. Dan Patrick's Office, Governor Greg Abbott's Economic Development Office, Margaret Meub, President of Austion Polonia, Jody Hall with HEB.
- ❖ December 1- 13, 2022 - Kosciuszko Lodge 165, of the Polish National Alliance sponsored a cultural exchange between Iszkierczanie (Polish Folk Group) and Polish Texan descendants led by Brian Marshall and Michael Kurtin.
- ❖ December 11, 2022 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted Iskierczanie, the musicians from Dębica, Poland at our home for a few hours after mass on Sunday. The members of the group are Jakub Czapla, Bogusław Kamiński, and Stanisław Czapla.
- ❖ December 13, 2022 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was the guest of Stephanie Mazurkiewicz at the Governor's Christmas party at the Governor's Mansion. Dr. Jim had a chance to visit with Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott about Polish investments and the Polish community in Texas. Mrs. Abbott encouraged Dr. Jim to contact a few Polish business friends.
- ❖ December 20, 2022, to April 26, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was working with Dr. Elzbieta Kowalczyk Dr. Piotr Przybylski concerning research about Andrzej Feliks Wardzinski & no new information was discovered.
- ❖ December 31, 2022 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz organized an interview with the kolęnicy and musicians (Marshall, Kosowski and Mazurkiewicz families) for the Chappell Hill kolędowania WERB Radio in the St. Stanislaus Parish Rectory.
- ❖ January 17, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and State Representative Cody Harris hosted Consul General Monika Sobczak to sit with the Texas House of Representatives and Texas Senate during the Texas Inauguration of Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick in Austin, Texas.
- ❖ January 22 & 23, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted Jacek Ostrowski and Roman their families to highlight TAMU and Texas Polonia.
- ❖ January 24, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was asked by Polish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Arkadiusz Mularczyk and U.S. Polonia to reach out to US Congressman Chairman Michael McCaul to set up a meeting between them in Washington D.C. for January 31 and February 1, 2023.
- ❖ January 25, 2023 – Ewa Winnicka met Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz at the annual PACT meeting in St. Hedwig and she interviewed Dr. Jim at his home in Bryan in January about the contemporary life of immigrants from Poland in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Dr. Jim furnished her with a link to one of his lectures about Polish Texas History for more information to include in the book she is writing.

- ❖ January 26, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz received a request from The Novak Endowed Polish Chair together with the Quinnipiac University’s Music Department to invite two outstanding Polish musicians – The Polish Violin Duo for the Spring of 2023.
- ❖ January 30, 2023 – PACT voted to support a paid student internship for a youth social media intern. This information was posted.
- ❖ January 30, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz provided an interview on behalf of Our Future Foundation for Copernicus, a community of Polish scientists, professionals, and students. Their goal is to develop and strengthen collaboration between science and business.
- ❖ February 2, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was invited to represent PACT and PolCham to attend a business meeting with Consul General Monika Sobczak at the office of the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Houston.
- ❖ February 4, 2023 – John Dobkowski, President of the Polish American Baseball & Softball Foundation reached out to Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz about support from Texas Polonia and Dr. Jim provided several key Polish Texan athletes (Gary Kubiak, Michael Kopech & Nathan Jozwiak).
- ❖ February 5, 2023 – The Brazos Valley Symphony Orchestra conducted a concert “Polish Songs” and Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz helped them promote this event to the Polish community of Texas.
- ❖ February 17, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz invited US Ambassador to Poland Mark Brzezinski for the University of Texas Polish Club lecture series to discuss the War in Ukraine and US-Poland relations.
- ❖ February 27, 2023, Kathy and I attended a meeting of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Houston hosted by The Polish Consul General Monika Sobczak for a “Meet & Greet”.
- ❖ February 28, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted Dr. Lukasz Balwicki, Head of Department of Public Health & Social Medicine, Medical University of Gdansk at Texas A&M University School of Public Health in College Station.
- ❖ March 1, 2023 - Kathy and I attended “Ukraine Unbreakable” sponsored by the Texas A&M Ukrainian Club on Saturday, February 25 to represent the Texas A&M Polish Association and the Polish American Council of Texas.
- ❖ March 2, 2023 – Adam Zalewski with Genealogy Tour me with Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz to discuss joining PACT and providing his company with exposure for tours to Poland.
- ❖ March 6, 2023 – Kathy and I traveled to Austin to welcome the delegation from Kujawskie-Pomorskie that came for the South by Southwest Conference.
- ❖ March 8, 2023 –Waldemar Priebe, Matt Podskarbi, and Artur Dunal and I met in Houston with the Polish delegation from Orlen Company with special guests Adam Czyzewski Chief Economist and Marek Garniewski, CEO VC from Orlen Company to discuss partnerships, investments, and energy security.
- ❖ March 8, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz provided a virtual meeting with Dr. Paul Coyer, Research Fellow & Vice President of International Coalitions & Development. Dr. Coyer is authoring a book on the history Polish-American relations and he has asked Dr. Jim to provide historical information related to Texas Polonia related to this topic.

- ❖ March 9, 2023 – Dr. Mazurkiewicz organized a meeting with Mr. Todd Staples, President of the Texas Oil & Gas Association with representatives from Orlen Company including Marek Garniewski, Adam Czyzewski, & Hanna Beister and Artur Dunal representing PolCam to learn more about TXOGA and PKN Orlen Company, energy sustainability, innovations in the industry, potential collaboration/partnerships, investments and energy security.
- ❖ March 9, 2023 – Irmina Somers with TVN Warner Bros Discovery Poland contacted Dr. Jim & James Mazurkiewicz about locating a ranch to host “Marcin” an extremely popular person in Poland.
- ❖ March 11, Kathy and I traveled to Austin to meet a Polish delegation from Toruń, Poland to welcome them to Texas. They attended the SXSW Conference in Austin this week.
- ❖ March 17, 2023 – Kathy and I attended a reception and dinner at the GROTTTO Downtown sponsored by CHIPOLBROK and organized by Sławek Piankowski, President of CHIPOLBROK America Inc. Guests of honor were Mr. Marek Gróbarczyk, Secretary of State and Katarzyna Figlewicz, Deputy Director for Corporate Governance both with the Ministry of Infrastructure, Republic of Poland, and Jacek Sadaj, President & Maciej Bąk, Vice President with the Port of Gdynia, Poland.
- ❖ March 20, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted Bishop Sławomir Oder at Jones Hall, UST who conducted a speech explaining the Beatification and Canonization processes of St. Pope John Paul II
- ❖ March 20, 2023 to present – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Dr. Piotr Przybylski has been working with Malgorzata Bujak with information and contacts related to her research dissertation at St. Thomas University concerning the 19<sup>th</sup> Polish immigrants of the Brazos Valley.
- ❖ March 20, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz prepared a narrative about the History of the Early Polish immigrants of St. Joseph Catholic Parish to be presented at the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- ❖ March 21, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski moderated and Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz attended the presentation by Bishop Sławomir Oder who shared a personal conversation about the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński and Bishop Karol Wojtyła.
- ❖ March 25, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended the Fryderyk Chopin’s Celebration Week in Corpus Christi where his children Isabela and Christopher performed
- ❖ March 27, 2023 – Dr. Mazurkiewicz was contacted by the Polish Consulate in Los Angeles through a virtual meeting with Consul General Marta Wolanska, Vice Consul Tomasz Polewaczyk and Director Adrian Gawłowski concerning contacts with US Food Companies. This meeting was suggested by Adrian Gawłowski with Krajowy Ośrodek Wsparcia Rolnictwa (KOWR). The mission was to help find buyers for Polish food products in the U.S.
- ❖ March 29, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz connected the Texas Governor’s Office of Economic Development with several Texas and National Beef Cattle organizations & companies concerning Digitanimal SL is a Spanish SME founded in 2015 that develops smart solutions for livestock farming based on IoT devices, AI algorithms and blockchain service.

- ❖ April 4, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz shared the presentation “The Legacy of Stalin's Leadership During World War II and Its Relevance to Today's War in Ukraine” with both the US and Polish Embassies to share with key national leaders.
- ❖ April 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz contacted the California’s Governor’s office on behalf of the Polish Consulate in Los Angeles to research opportunities for economic development between California and Poland.
- ❖ April 6, 2023 – Dr. Jim introduced Janusz Utrata and Anthony Rudnicki bringing together to companies of mutual interest together between Poland and Texas.
- ❖ April 7, 2023 – Wojciech Sipak with Ampol-Merol Company and Ewa Banaszczuk-Kisiel, Jakub Tomajczyk and Kasia Boczek to discuss agriculture products and distribution into the U.S. market.
- ❖ April 16, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended a symphony concert at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Houston commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Jewish Uprising in Warsaw Ghetto in 1943.
- ❖ April 17, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TALL Cohort met Adam Krzwośdzki, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Republic of Poland and Batosz Folusiak, First Counselor Head of Economic Section Embassy of the Republic of Poland for dinner to discuss Poland, B2B and the War in Ukraine.
- ❖ April 20, 2023, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz had the honor of meeting the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York City in the Polish Consulate. It was a pleasure to meet Consul General Adrian Kupicki and Mateusz Dębowski. We had in-depth discussions about Polonia, Poland, B2B and Ukraine.
- ❖ April 20, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston hosted by Cardinal DiNardo
- ❖ April 22, 2023 – Dr. Jim and Kathy Mazurkiewicz hosted the end of school party for the Texas A&M Polish Association and the UT Polish Club
- ❖ April 22, 2023 - Dr. Jim and Kathy Mazurkiewicz attended the Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas meeting in Austin, Texas. The idea was to reach out to communities outside of Houston, Texas to expand membership, increase contacts and build relationships.
- ❖ April 24, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Anie Ktora with the Polish Ministry of Defense at the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum.
- ❖ April 26, 2023 - Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz introduced Maciej Baginski and Smart rodent & pest control device to Typhoon Texas for a test site in Texas.
- ❖ April 26, 2023 - Dr. Piotr Przybylski & Consul General Monika Sobczak hosted a Polish booth at the UST International Fest
- ❖ May 1, 2023 – Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz and Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended a reception hosted by Mary McIntyre, President, Merrimac International Executive Search.
- ❖ May 2, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Paul and Jolanta Hardej to discuss contacts, Texas Polonia activities, PACT, PolCham, B2B, and promoting Texas/US ad Poland/EU. Paul and Jolanta recently moved to Austin from Chicago.
- ❖ May 2, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski gave a lecture about “Wojciech Korfanty and Striving for Freedom of Polish Silesians” for the Polish Heritage Center in Panna Maria, TX

- ❖ May 3, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was asked to reach out to Paul Mydlo who is establishing his business in Austin and welcome him to Texas.
- ❖ May 4, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz gave a presentation to the Hockley Community Center in Harris County “Polish Texas History: The History of Texas Polonia”.
- ❖ May 6, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended a concert on Nicolaus Copernicus at the Our Lady of Czestochowa church
- ❖ May 7, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Houston City Council Member Amy Peck to share information about the Polish Community and Polish Businesses in Houston.
- ❖ May 7, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz addressed parishioners at Our Lady of Czestochowa soliciting support for Mine-Wawel to represent Texas at the International Dance Festival in Poland.
- ❖ May 11, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz has met with Mateusz Masłowski with Smart School AI Tutor to help him with Texas contacts and Texas culture.
- ❖ May 18, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz received a request from Professor Grzegorz Liskiewicz from Lodz University of Technology about a Fullbright Commission to study at Texas A&M and he was connected to Professor Paul Cizmas at TAMU-TEES.
- ❖ May 18, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted a symphony concert on John Paul II at Cullen Hall, UST
- ❖ May 22, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz attended a regional meeting of PolCham in Austin for a business mixer to meet Polish businesses in the region and recruit them to join PolCham and PACT.
- ❖ May 28 – June 30, 2023, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz led a Polish Study Abroad for Texas A&M University Students for 6 credit hours to study Polish agriculture, markets, history, policies, and culture.
- ❖ May 29, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TAMU students met with SGGW University in Warsaw meeting with the Food & Nutrition Department.
- ❖ May 30, 2023 Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with KOWR (National Center supporting Agriculture) in Warsaw. As a result of our Texas/Polish working relationship, we have connected Sysco Foods and HEB with KOWR at the World Food Show in Paris resulting in B2B activities.
- ❖ May 30, 2023 - Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TALL Emerging Leaders met with the International Academy of Science in Łomża specializing in agriculture economics and we were hosted by Andrzej Borusiewicz.
- ❖ May 30, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TALL Emerging Leaders met with AGROCENTRUM in Grajewo, Poland near Bialystok, Poland and Adam Pietruszynski, President/co-owner of Agrocentrum.
- ❖ May 31, 2024 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TALL Emerging Leaders participants met with Mr. Dariusz Dąbrowski, Director of the Investors Assistance and Business Promotion Bureau at the Podlaskie Voivodeship Marshal’s Office.
- ❖ May 31, 2024 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TALL Emerging Leaders participants met with the Mayor of Tykocin.

- ❖ June 1, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the TALL Emerging Leaders were hosted by Vice Chairman of the Sejm Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, Mr. Jarosław Sachajko. He also provided a personal tour of the Sejm and Senate.
- ❖ June 3, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was invited to the retirement celebration of Stanislaus Kacperczyk in Zwolen, Poland at the meeting of the Polish National Association of Cereal Producers. In addition, Dr. Jim was recognized with a plaque of commemoration for bi-lateral cooperation.
- ❖ June 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was invited to the home of US Ambassador to Poland, Mark Brzezinski to discuss Texas/Poland bi-lateral visits concerning business, education, government, and the arts. Dr. Jim invited Kasia Boczek and Stanislaus Kacperczyk to join him on this visit.
- ❖ June 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Orlen company executives Adam Czyzewski, Korad Biniewicz and Marek Garniewski in Warsaw to discuss continued cooperation and support.
- ❖ June 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Maciej Baginski, Dr. Waldemar Priebe and Kasia Boczek met with the Polish Vice Minister of Education and Science and Tomasz Rzymkowski, PhD to discuss support/funding for the TAMU Bush School Certificate supplementing a master's degree provided by a Polish university.
- ❖ June 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Hubert Kamola with Chemirol Company to discuss a visit to Brussels in 2024 and a visit of Chemirol to Texas in 2024.
- ❖ June 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Maja Meissner, Managing Partner with ECI Meissner & Partners concerning mutual friends with “Our Futures Foundation” and the opportunity to leverage our contacts to benefit investors in both Poland and Texas/US.
- ❖ June 6 & 7, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was introduced to the Vice Mayor of Wroclaw and the University Administration of the University of Life Sciences in Wroclaw by Maciej Baginski. Our discussions included bi-lateral cooperation and mutual areas of interest.
- ❖ June 7, 2023 - Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz visited Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences and he was hosted by Vice-Rector for International Cooperation Professor Anna Chełmońska-Soyta. Dr. Jim made two presentations about Texas A&M AgriLife.
- ❖ June 7, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Maciej Baginski met with the Vice Mayor of Wrocław Mr. Bartłomiej Ciężyński and Coordinator for Foreign Relations for the City of Wrocław, Ms. Mariola Apanel to discuss building relations, contacts and encouraging business investments/startups between Austin, Texas and Wrocław, Poland.
- ❖ June 9 – 16, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted the Bryan/College Station Sister City International Association in Poland to visit Warsaw, Torun, Bydgoszcz, Lodz, Auschwitz, and Krakow. The mission of the visit was to establish a Sister City with Torun.
- ❖ June 11, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the Bryan/College Station Sister City International Association were hosted by the Vice Marshal of Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Mr. Zbigniew Ostrowski for dinner. After dinner, we were entertained by Zespół Pieśni i Tańca Ziemia Bydgoska!
- ❖ June 13, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the Bryan/College Station Sister City International Association met with the U.S. troops stationed in Toruń, Poland to thank them for their service.

- ❖ June 13, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the Bryan/College Station Sister City International Association met with Mayor of Toruń, Poland to begin discussions about cooperation between Bryan/College Station and Toruń. Topics of discussion were high school student exchanges, Economic Development/ Business to Business related to IT, energy security, trade & startups, and university faculty & student exchanges.
- ❖ June 13, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and the Bryan/College Station Sister City International Association met with Mr. Piotr Całbecki, Marshal of the Kujawski-Pomorskie Voivodeship. Marshal Calbecki was our sponsor and major host in the three days we were in Torun.
- ❖ June 15, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Maciej Baginski met with Director/Professor Krzysztof Duda at the Instytut Zootechniki – Państwowy Instytut Badawczy to discuss cooperation and sharing new technology.
- ❖ June 15, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Grzegorz Pytel, Dr. Tomasz Kozłowski met with Father Artur Demkowicz, Konrad Oswiecimski and the team at Ignatianum University in Kraków to discuss a master’s degree in international affairs supplemented by the Texas A&M Bush School of Government & Foreign Affairs Certificate Program for Polish students.
- ❖ June 18 – July 21, 2023 - Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted a Polish Study Abroad for Polish University Students for 5 weeks to study Texas agriculture, markets, history, policies, and culture.
- ❖ July 12, 2023 – Maja Meissner contacted Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz to connect him with Piotr Trabinski, Formerly IMF Director and currently with the Heritage Polonia Foundation to promote cultural exchange, educational opportunities, and bilateral cooperation between Poland/US.
- ❖ July 18, 2023 – PACT was asked to post information from SHARE, a non-profit established in 1974 concerning 7 Polish exchange students wanting to come to the U.S.
- ❖ July 18, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz attended a meeting between Ukrainian representatives and senior members of the Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture and leadership in agricultural research and extension at Texas A&M University was held to discuss how to help Ukraine connect with assistance and resources regarding agriculture.
- ❖ July 19, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was asked to provide sociolinguistic surveys for Dr. Katarzyna Klessa, Professor at Adam Mickiewicz University concerning the 19<sup>th</sup> century Wielkopolska dialect of Washington County Texas.
- ❖ August 1, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was requested by the Polish Consulate in Houston to provide contact information for the Office of the Governor of Texas, Texas Secretary of State and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- ❖ August 8, 2023 - Dr. Mazurkiewicz provided Adam Bozko at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the lecture of “Polish Texas History: The History of Texas Polonia”.
- ❖ August 15, 2023 – In Praha, Texas Dr. Mazurkiewicz met with 6 students of the “The Culture Project” and several seminarians. Dr. Jim hosted them for lunch and educated them about Polish History and the PACT organization.



- ❖ August 22 & 23, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz hosted Peter Trabinski, President of the Heritage Polonia Foundation highlighting Texas Polonia.
- ❖ August 24, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Kathy attended the Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration in Houston honoring 32 years of Independence and paying tribute to the men and women fighting for their freedom in Ukraine hosted by the Ukrainian Consul General Vitalii Tarasiuk.
- ❖ September 3, 2023 – Vice Consul Andrzej Fafara was the special guest at the 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming & Dozynki Mass at St. Stanislaus Catholic Parish celebrating 134 years in Chappell Hill, Texas.
- ❖ September 5, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz received a call from Bogdan Kotnis from Buffalo, New York about a book Bogdan had written “Kaz: WA, Love & Betrayal”. The US military was requesting 1,200 books to hand out to the military in Poland and he needed help in advertising.
- ❖ September 7, 2023 – In Austin, Texas, Zuzanna Kobrzynski and Paulina Mieczkowska Licon introduced me to Matt Romanow and Gabi Czesak who just moved from Wroclaw, Poland to Austin. Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with them to provide contacts in the region.
- ❖ September 12, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz provided Dr. Licjan Witkowski with SGGW University in Warsaw a list of Polish Schools and Polish University student organizations. He represents INSTYTUT ROZWOJU JEZYKA POLSKIEGO an institute to support Polish language abroad.
- ❖ September 18, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met virtually with Jaroslaw Krajewski, Warsaw University to discuss key contacts in Texas.
- ❖ September 17, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz invited/hosted 6 Texas A&M Polish Association university students at Cestohowa’s 150<sup>th</sup> parish celebration.
- ❖ September 17, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was interviewed by Texas Monthly Magazine about the Polish immigrants that came to Texas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.
- ❖ September 18, 2023 – The University of St. Thomas and Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted the Poetry Night of Wislawa Szymborska by children of the Houston Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School (org. by the Polish Consulate General)
- ❖ September 21, 2023 – Dr. John Hittinger from the Institute of John Paul II at UST paneled a ZOOM lecture – “The Treasure of His Youth: The Life and Death of Jan Rodowicz ”Anoda.”” – Kurtyka Foundation from Poland
- ❖ September 23-24, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended Houston Slavic Heritage Festival; Sept 23, 5:30pm (Mass), Sept 24, 12-6pm (celebration), this year hosted by the Polish diaspora and Yessica Krozel, Director of the Wawel dance group; Wawel & Mini Wawel groups performed during the festival
- ❖ September 23, 2023 – Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz attended the Polish Association of Texas (Dallas Region) meeting in Dallas and to watch the film “Katyń” with Marek Wierzbicki, Historian and Marta Golińska representing the Polish Institute of National Remembrance.
- ❖ September 25, 2023 – As a result of the Brazos Valley committee Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz led and the South Texas Committee John Cebrowski led, there were 15 Texas Polish parishes listed of the 100 in the book published by Ewa Barczyk “Footprint of Polonia” Polish Historical Sites Across North America.

- ❖ October 2, 2023 – Dr. Jim and Dr. Piotr represented PACT at Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church in Houston for the Dozynki celebration.
- ❖ October 3-19, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz presented 5 lectures virtually for St. Thomas University about “Polish Texas History: The History of Texas Polonia”.
- ❖ October 10, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz connected Anthony “Tony” Coggiola, CEO of C3L Associates and Philip Clayton with the US Embassy in Warsaw concerning grain shipments out of Ukraine headed for Kenya.
- ❖ October 16, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was contacted by Executive Director (Retired US Lt. General) of the Bush School of Government in Washington D.C., Lt. General Jay Silveria and a private foundation wanting to support the next generation of Polish leadership through scholarships to attend the TAMU Bush School of Government in Washington D.C.
- ❖ October 16, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz met with Brig. Gen. Krzysztof Nolbert, Military Attache at the Embassy of Poland in Washington DC to discuss the support for two Polish Military candidates attending the TAMU Bush School on full scholarship.
- ❖ October 19, 2023 – Dr. Mazurkiewicz gave a presentation to the St. Joseph Senior Citizens group about “Polish Texas History: The History of Texas Polonia” and sang/played his concertina for the crowd.
- ❖ October 19, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was asked to reach out to the Mayor of Houston and the Governor of Texas to provide letters of support for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Polish Folk Dance Association of Americas (PFDA) to be read at the Gala on November 18.
- ❖ October 19, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and his students at Black Lab, UST for the graduation ceremony of his UST class “Polish Texas History: The History of Texas Polonia”
- ❖ October 24, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski gave an overview of new St. John Paul II classes and Polish Studies classes and events at UST for Chappell Hill Historical Society
- ❖ October 21, 2023 – Vice Consul Andrzej Fafara and his son Kasper were hosted by Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and James Mazurkiewicz at the Brazos Valley Fair & Rodeo.
- ❖ October 25, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz provided Father Lawrence Jozwiak, Pastor of Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church in Cypress, Texas about the history of the Polish immigrants from Washington County.
- ❖ October 26, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski hosted Mrs. Monika Jablonska-Chodakiewicz for her lecture about the St. John Paul II and book sell: “The Pope for all Seasons” at Black Lab, University of St. Thomas; the event was co-sponsored by The Polish Consulate General in Houston
- ❖ October 28, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz and Dr. Piotr Przybylski were asked to provide remarks at the opening of the Polish Heritage Day “Picnic in the Park”.
- ❖ October 30, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz had a virtual meeting with Bartek Konik, Krzysztof Borawski & Szymon Kucharski with SaMasz from near Bialystok, Poland and Paulina Mieczkowska-Licon with PAIH about Texas contacts interested in SaMasz agricultural equipment.

- ❖ November 3, 2023 – Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz was contacted by Bozena Wroblewska, President of the Polish Chamber of Commerce Promotion Center to invite buyers, representatives from HORECA, retail purchasing managers, wholesalers, gastronomy managers, importers, media on all all expense paid trip to discover the safe, wholesome, fresh, high quality organic foods available to the US market. Dr. Jim invited HEB and Brookshire Brothers to join the delegation.
- ❖ November 4, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski organized the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Polish Patriotic Evening with singing Polish military and patriotic songs, history lecture, Polish history competition with prizes, and a soldier-style dinner
- ❖ November 5, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski gave his remarks at the 18th Austin Polish Film Festival before projection of “The Prophet” and “Pilecki’s Report” movies
- ❖ November 9, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski attended the Poland’s Independence Day Celebration organized by the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in Houston
- ❖ November 11, 2023 – St. Joseph Catholic Parish will be hosting the annual Polish American Council of Texas (PACT) “Everything Polish in Texas” in Bryan, Texas.
- ❖ November 19, 2023 – Dr. Piotr Przybylski will give a lecture “The Ulma Family – A Path to the Sainthood” at the Holocaust Museum in Houston