



Seated (l-r): Guests with Mrs. Virginia Taylor
 Standing (l-r): Mr. & Mrs. Suresh Kalani, Mr. Michael Chenoweth, Ms. Valeria Berk, Mr. Gul Moorjani, Ms. Julia Tirella



Mr. Jerzy Sieminginowski, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Dr. Irena Sieminginowska with a friend

A CENTURY OF INDEPENDENCE 1918 - 2018

The year 2018 marked the centennial of Poland regaining her independence, inspiring Poles around the world to commemorate this important anniversary. On November 17th, the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, The American Institute of Polish Culture, the Chopin Foundation, and the Polish-American Club (PAC) joined together to celebrate in Miami.

A gala dinner took place at the Miami Magyar Ház/Hungarian Center for over 100 guests. The event started with a cocktail hour which was a great way to network and meet new people. With Douglas Evans as the evening's emcee, guests enjoyed a delicious dinner during which Lady Blanka Rosenstiel welcomed guests - Beata Paszyc, Director of AIPC, said a few words about the Institute's activities; Jadwiga Gewert, Executive Director of the Chopin Foundation, spoke about the organization's upcoming plans; and

Greg Okon, President of PAC, talked about the Club's revitalization efforts. Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz, who flew in from Washington, DC where he is a professor at the Kosciuszko Chair of Polish Studies at the Institute of World Politics, spoke about Poland's history and the resilience of the Polish people.

The real treat of the evening was a concert by world renowned pianist, Kevin Kenner, who beautifully played pieces by Polish composers, such as Szymanowski, Paderewski and Chopin. He also spoke eloquently about each composer and his work, and on a personal note, about his own love and admiration for Poland and her people.

It was a lovely evening honoring the rich heritage of Poland, remembering its history, and the perseverance of Poles throughout the centuries.



Mr. Kevin Kenner



Seated (l-r): Ms. Kontek, Ms. Sasha Staszewski, Mrs. Natalia Staszewski, Ms. Angie Chirino
 Standing (l-r): Mr. Thaddeus Kontek, Mr. Zygmunt Staszewski, Mr. Michael Murawski, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bolko



Dr. Patricia Riley, Col. Jason Psaltides



Mr. Peter Kosinski, Mrs. Maria Kosinski



Ms. Deborah Rozniewski, Mr. Gerardo Quinones, Mrs. Ewa Quinones-Witek,
Mr. Ignacio Guerrero, Mrs. Anna Lukaszek-Guerrero



Ms. Jadwiga Garbacik, Mr. Mark Greenberg, Mrs. Viga Gewert



Seated (l-r) Dr. Irena Sieminginowska, Mr. Jerzy Sieminginowski, Ms. Mirela Miron,
Mrs. Kazimiera Rekosz, Mr. Stanley Bulski
Standing (l-r) Mr. & Mrs. Dariusz Raczek, Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Tinnoco



Seated (l-r) Mrs. Eva Kordos, Ms. Susan Cox, Ms. Teresa Szczepanik
Standing (l-r) Mr. Janusz Burzynski, Mr. Andrzej Bytnar



Mr. Gregorz Okon, Mr. Stephen Karski, Mrs. Joanna Wiela, Dr. Mencia Gomez, Ms. Rikky Itzkowitz



Mr. Bartosz Piasecki, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Ms. Anna Maria Porowska



Seated (l-r): Mrs. Sonia Bauer, Dr. Grazyna Pajunen, Dr. Maria Kozlowski
 Standing (l-r): Mr. Mikolaj Bauer, Mr. Alan Pajunen, Mrs. Beata Paszyc,
 Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz, Mr. Leonard Nock, Mr. Janusz Kozlowski, Mr. Douglas Evans



Ms. Margarita Garcia, Mrs. Olga Melin, Mrs. Viga Gewert, Mr. John Kolasinski,
 Ms. Kontek, Mr. David Melin



Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, Mr. Albert Slugocki



Mr. Douglas Evans, Mrs. Sonia Bauer, Mr. Mikolaj Bauer