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POLSKIE RADIO WNVR 1030AM, WRDZ 1300AM AND 104.7FM, 107.1FM, W276BM 103.1 FM (“The Station”) is the oldest full-time Polish-language radio station in Chicago, serving the Polish American community since 1985. For over 35 years, the station remains the #1 source of news and information for the Polish-speaking public, offering programming that informs, educates and explains the American reality to the Polish-speaking immigrants. With weekly shows providing expert advice and Q&A sessions for the listeners, the station helps the Polish-speaking public to become a part of the main-stream and encourages them to actively participate in their new communities through both service and politics – on local and national level.

The following is a list of public and community affairs covered and public services offered to the Polish-speaking listeners of the area by WNVR 1030AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM from October 1 to December 31, 2022:

1. Community events & issues
2. Education
3. Health
4. Immigration Issues
5. Charitable endeavors
6. Cultural events
7. Senior Citizen Care
8. Local government issues
9. Religion
10. Crime prevention
11. State and Local Elections
12. Voter registration & Election Process

WNVR 1030AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 FM 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM produces and airs programs, news and information segments in following categories:

1. International News and Reports
2. National News and Reports
3. State and Local News and Reports
4. Elections – state and local
5. Sports – local, national and international
6. Business and Finance
7. Entertainment and Culture – both general market and Polish American
8. Children programming
9. Health – general interest topics and mental health as well

In the 4th quarter of 2022 the Station continued to raise awareness of the Russian War in Ukraine, and highlight different ways to support both the refugees and the local NGOs here in Illinois and abroad, in Poland helping with the crisis. The Station also continued to provide the listeners with updates to COVID19 rules, regulations and recommendations set forth by the City, State and Federal Government – like booster shots and ways to safely return to work. And with the elections in November, the Station continued to provide pertinent information on voter registration, the election calendar and changes to voting locations, especially in Chicago, so the public was aware of changes which would impact their participation. In local political issues the upcoming mayoral election in Chicago are the most important, so the Station continues to provide information on voters registration and election calendar with the help of the Polish-speaking reps from the Chicago's Board of Elections. The most important community endeavour this quarter was the 23rd Annual Wigilia (or Christmas Eve Dinner) for the Elderly and Homeless, which the Station organizes with support and in collaboration with community organizations, like Klub Przyjaciol Elku and hundreds of volunteers.

The main goal of WNVR 1030AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 FM 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM is to air programs which cover issues important to the Polish American community in Chicago and surrounding areas – those that inform the public of current affairs and those which enrich their lives and help to cultivate Polish traditions, highlight Polish culture and language and promote achievements of Polish Americans in all aspects of life, including education, sport, art and culture.

To this end WNVR 1030AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 FM 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM airs programming which:

- The Station helps to promote the understanding of the necessity for vaccinations and provides latest news and regulations to the Polish American immigrant community.
- Supports the local Polish American businesses in the post-pandemic world by providing information on programs and assistance offered by the City, State and/or Federal Government. To this end the station continues the partnership with the Polish American Chamber of Commerce to help provide news on various grants, training sessions and seminars organized by the City of Chicago and surrounding counties.
- Informs the Polish language listeners of the latest political news and events on local, national and international levels, including the news coverage and interviewing various Polish government officials visiting Chicago.
- Informs the Polish language audience on the rules and regulations regarding the upcoming mayoral elections in Chicago, including important dates and facts, voter registration and more
- Promotes Polish heritage and Polish-language cultural events such as conferences, music concerts, theatre performances, etc. This quarter the Station the NEXT conference of the Polish American Youth Council, 75th Anniversary Gala of the Polish American Medical Society, the PAMS Junior Board Annual Conference, 70th Anniversary of the Polish American Teachers Society, 45th Anniversary of the General Anders Polish Language School, Heritage Banquet & Awards of the Polish American Congress Illinois Division, Polish Independence Day celebrations,

“As we were never here” Concert, Annual Szlachetna Paczka Project, Polish American Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Dinner and the 23rd Annual Wigilia Dinner for Elderly and Homeless.

- Informs the Polish-speaking audience of changes in laws and regulations which are important to the Polish American business community and also provides information on grants, seminars and information available to businesses through SBA, state and city resources. With new laws and tax regulations coming into effect on January 1, 2023, The Station utilized connections with the Polish American Chamber of Commerce to highlight the upcoming changes. In addition, as in previous quarters, the Station hosted representatives of the Dept. of Labor informing public of their rights as employees and employers. The Station also host weekly updates provided by the Polish American Association on any immigration/citizenship related info.
- Informs the Polish-speaking community of educational opportunities such as ESL classes, specific MS Office related courses, college and vocational courses and training, financial aid opportunities, etc. The station hosts the representatives of the Polish American Association regularly to present its roster of courses offered free of charge to the members of the Polish community by this organization, even when the offer is limited due to budget cuts and lack of federal founding.
- Informs the Polish American public of various community events including: food/medical supply drives for the Ukrainian refugees, seminars on lowering the property taxes and estate planning, healthy leaving seminars as well as online lectures of interest to the community, job fairs and free services available to the public.
- Promotes and provides coverage for various community sport events, including Polish American Soccer League, Polish American Golf Club and more.

WNVR 1030AM, WRDZ 1300AM AND 104.7FM, 107.1FM, W276BM 103.1 FM considers supporting Polish American charitable organizations and other non-profits as one of the most important missions and has been supporting various national, international and local charity organizations and charitable endeavors from the very beginning of its existence. In the 4th Quarter of 2022 the Station was actively supporting the following charities and charitable events by providing the organizations airtime to promote their events, reporting live and airing the segments filled with interviews/comments on the spot after the event for the Polish-speaking public:

- “Serce dla Psa” Helping Hearts for Animals Foundation’s annual fundraiser organized to provide funds for the 501©3 organization, so in turn they can help the local shelters and pet owners who are struggling due to high prices, Covid-19 related issues, abandonment and more.
- United Colors of Pink, the Polish American charity organization behind the Pink Ribbon Ball to raise awareness of breast cancer and funds to help the women impacted by breast cancer
- Polish American Medical Society’s 75th Anniversary Gala and Conference organized to raise funds to provide scholarships for Polish American medical students in US
- Polish American Congress Illinois Division’ Annual Heritage Dinner & Awards organized to recognized outstanding members of the Polish American community and to raise funds to support various community organizations and to fund scholarships for the Polish American youth
- Society for Arts, a non-profit behind the Polish Film Festival in America, featuring the best Polish language movies of 2022 and supporting local Polish American film makers

- The Spring Foundation, the force behind the Szlachetna Paczka USA project to raise awareness of their program through which needy Polish American families are gifted for Christmas with everything they need at the moment to survive the temporary hardship they find themselves in
- Polish American Chamber of Commerce's Annual Awards Dinner organized to highlight the achievement of the Polish American business community
- Paderewski Symphony Orchestra & the Little Stars Theatre Academy's Annual "Magic of Christmas" Concert organized to highlight the talents of the Polish American youth and to raise funds to fund music and theatrical scholarships for deserving Polish American children, whose families cannot afford tuition fees

One of the most important Polish American organizations supported by the Station is the Polish American Association (PAA), a social services organization which has been serving the Polish American community in Chicago since 1928 by providing resources for changing lives, providing assistance to the Polish immigrants in adjusting to their new life in US, including assistance in applying for social programs (city, state and federal), education (ESL classes, GED classes, specific computer program training, CNA classes, literacy classes), immigration advice (citizenship classes, help with translation and filling applications), unemployment and public assistance services, domestic violence counseling, substance abuse counseling and much more. The PAA representatives have a standing invitation to the Station and are regulars on Tuesday afternoons. Among other Polish American organizations frequently featured on-air are Polish American Chamber of Commerce, Polish American Contractors and Builder Association, Society of Polish American Travel Agents, Polish American Congress – Illinois Division, Polish National Alliance, The Alliance of Polish Clubs, Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America, Gift from the Heart Foundation, The Spring Foundation, The Dom Dziecka Foundation, Polish Consulate General in Chicago, The Polish American Medical Society, The Polish American Police Association, The Polish American Engineers Association, Polish Teachers Association in America, The Kosciuszko Foundation, the Polish Museum of America. With current Ukrainian refugee crisis in Poland, the Station featured interviews with many NGOs located in Poland and directly involved in helping the refugees, located along the Polish-Ukrainian border.

As part of its mission WNVR 1030 AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 FM 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM puts much effort into providing its listenership with up-to-the-minute news and information. To this end, the Station airs an hourly news update on the top of the hour (up to 10 minutes) from 6am to 6pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 3pm on Saturday. The most important and the most listened to program segment is the hour-long news cast produced every day Monday through Friday at 12pm. In fact WNVR 1030AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 FM 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM remains the only Polish-language station in Chicago with such program offered to its listeners. The program (RAI – Power News) covers local, national and international breaking news, the most important Polish news of the day and interviews with politicians on both sides of the ocean in regards to what's happening in the world. In addition, the program features expert commentary in areas of economy, politics and culture as well as a solid sport news section, with interviews with coaches and athletes as well. To provide the Polish-speaking public with more detailed information and expert point of view on what's happening in the world, the Station airs regular segments in its programming, including:

- Mondays at 10:30am – Language Skills with Blazej Krupik, a Wright College professor who helps the listeners master their language skills, especially American idioms and pronunciation
- Mondays at 11:30am – interview and Q&A for the listeners with Ms. Elzbieta Baumgartner, a tax and Social Security expert, author of multiple publications in this field and expert when it comes to the Polish laws as well.
- Mondays at 2:30pm – Know your Rights – a weekly talk with Polish speaking representatives from the US Department of Labor to highlight employee rights and explain issues
- Wednesdays at 9:30am – Polish History of Chicago with Dan Pogorzelski, writer and editor, history buff and expert on all things Polish in Chicago.
- Wednesdays at 2:30pm – from the Right to the Left – political interviews from both sides of the isle conducted by Marcin Pospiech – famous journalist from Poland;
- Thursdays at 10:30am – American Culinary Journeys – a weekly talk highlighting American culinary traditions and stories behind some of the famous American dishes
- Thursdays at 11:30am – What to read now – a weekly talk about new Polish books, fiction and non-fiction, and the most important events in the literary world
- Fridays at 9:30 am – Kasia's Settee is a weekly talk with mental health professionals, which aims to bring mental health issues to the forefront, as these are often swept under the carpet and not considered 'real', especially in the older generation of Polish immigrants
- Fridays at 10:30am – Lukasz Warzecha explains – a weekly talk with renowned Polish journalist about hot-button issues in world, European and US politics

Doing its part in building public awareness to important issues, WNVR 1030 AM WRDZ 1300 AM and 104.7 FM 107.1 FM, W276BM 103.1 FM continues to air Public Service Announcements in the following categories:

- COVID-19 Recovery – PSA how to get vaccinated with a booster shot and also on grants for business, grants for renters, and so on
- Health – PSA announcing free medical seminars, free medical exams and tests, free health clinic locations, Social Security Administration seminars, Medicare and Medicaid news
- Finance – PSA announcing free investing seminars, free tax info seminars
- Crime – PSA regarding child abuse, substance abuse, drunk driving
- Military Service – PSA regarding military service and life opportunities it provides
- Environment – PSA concerning recycling, saving energy and so on
- Law – PSA concerning equal housing laws, labor laws, civic rights and so on
- Elections – PSA on how to register to vote, early voting and mail vote and absentee ballots
- Community life – PSA announcing free programs, classes and seminars in Polish for the Polish American community in Chicago, Polish American cultural events and various public free events which could be of interest to the Polish American community and various religious events (important funerals, music, concerts, etc.)

Most Public Service Announcements come from the Ad Council (in English) and other PSAs are produced locally by The Station and/or various Polish American organizations and non-profits, as well as

the City of Chicago (COVID19 related) and various companies which aim to benefit and contribute to the Polish American community development and well-being.

4th Quarter programming was as follows:

October 1 – December 31, 2022

Monday

- **6am – 10am** **DZIEN DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good morning, Chicago”**
Hosted by Katarzyna Popko and featuring hourly news cast, sport info, commentary, expert interviews and the latest in lifestyle, pop-culture, health, education
Including daily:
 - 6:20 am – Kartka z kalendarza - “Card from the Calendar”
 - 6:30am – HOROSKOP – “Daily Horoscope”
 - 6:40 am – Karta z historii – “OnThis Day in History”
 - 6:45 – Interviews on current Sport events by LeszekDorosz
 - 9:30am -MATKA NIE WARIATKA or “She’s not crazy, she’s a mother” a weekly show centered on moms and issues important to them
- **10am – 12pm** **DO POLUDNIA – „Until noon”**
Hosted by Jakub Barwinski, presents different points of view on current political, social, economic issues, aided by experts provides cultural, educational and linguistic advice, as well as talks about scientific discoveries, innovations and curiosities
 - 10:30am – Blazej Krupik explains the intricacies of the English language
 - 11:30am - Elzbieta Baumgartner’s Guide – weekly tax and social security specialist recommendations, advice and answers to listeners’ questions
- **12pm – 1pm** **RAI Radiowa Audycja Informacyjna - “Power News”**
An hour long news program containing international, national, local news as well as sports and weather prepared and read by the newsroom crew: Mateusz Malec, Paweł Nawrocki, LeszekZuwalski, Filip Konarkowski and Piotr Lukasik with help from Jacek Zielinski, Justyna Dobrzynska and Polish speaking correspondents from around the world. The show features also interviews and commentary on current hot button issues – in Poland, US and the world at large
- **1pm – 3pm** **WOLNA AMERYKANKA – „FREESTYLE”**
Hosted by Jola Santocka. As name suggest, the show features hot button issues of the day with experts weight in and listeners calling in to voice their opinion. Show covers current political, social, economic issues, well as anything new, interesting or just curious happening in today’s world

-2:30pm – Now your rights – weekly talk with Polish speaking representatives of Department of Labor

- **3pm – 6pm** **POPOŁUDNIÓWKA – „Afternoon Show”**
Hosted by Jacek Zielinski and various guest hosts, the show features hourly news updates in addition to entertainment news and anecdotes presented by the host as well as on-air contests and giveaways and listener call-ins, allowing the listeners to express their opinion and raise concerns.
Including daily:
-4:15pm – Voice from the Past – a daily look at one major event from the past, something that happened on this particular day, complete with historical radio recordings
-5:00pm - Spotlight - daily commentary on the main events by JacekZielinski and Andrzej Jarmakowski
- **6pm – 8pm** **Radio Echo**
Hosted by Pawel Flisiak, daily show featuring just the right mix of sport, politics and music for the ride home – with interviews with giants of music industry in Poland, journalists from US and Poland, local happening experts and discussion on all things Chicago
- **8pm – 9pm** **ŚWIAT OCZAMI BAB - “World According to Women”**
Hosted by Agnieszka Wroclawska – show dedicated to social and health issues, psychology and self-improvement, Polish history, culture and tradition.
- **9pm – 6am** **RADIO PO GODZINACH - “Afterhours”**
“The Best of” type of programming, featuring the most interesting interviews from the day, hot commentaries, funny lines from the shows, most interesting facts and music
9:15 pm Audiobook (in Polish)

Tuesday

- **6am – 10am** **DZIEN DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago”**
- **10am – 12pm** **CO SLYCHAC? – „What’s up?”**
Hosted by Idalia Blaszczyk, the show strives to highlight good/positive news and issues important to the seniors in the Polish American community, trying to engage the listeners in volunteering, getting involved in their communities to make sure they are not isolated and forgotten. The show features listener call-ins with tried and true advice from lowering your taxes to gardening and everything in between.

- **12pm – 1pm** **RAI - Radiowa Audycja Informacyjna - “Power News”**
- **1pm – 3pm** **WOLNA AMERYKANKA – „Freestyle”**
-2:30pm – Weekly Interviews with Polish American Association’s representatives on issues such as education, immigration, domestic violence, suicide prevention, substance abuse, senior care and many more.
- **3pm – 6pm** **POPOŁUDNIÓWKA – „Afternoon Show”**
- **6pm – 8pm** **Radio Echo**
- **8pm – 9am** **ŚWIAT OCZAMI BAB - “World According to Women”**
- **9pm – 6am** **RADIO PO GODZINACH - “Afterhours”**
9:15pm Audiobook (in Polish)

Wednesday

- **6am – 10am** **DZIEŃ DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago”**

9:30am – POLSKIE CHICAGO - Polish History of Chicago with Dan Pogorzelski, writer and editor, history buff and expert on all things Polish in Chicago
- **10am – 12pm** **DO POLUDNIA – „Until noon”**
-11:30am – Elzbieta Mierzynska Opowiada “Elzbieta Mierzynska talks about...” – a weekly commentary on current cultural events in Poland as well as Polish traditions, customs and places worth visiting
- **12pm – 1pm** **RAI - Radiowa Audycja Informacyjna - “Power News”**
- **1pm – 3pm** **WOLNA AMERYKANKA – „Freestyle”**
-2:30 pm – Prawy do Lewego – from the Right to the Left – reports on major political issues of the week by Marcin Pospiech – famous journalist from Poland
- **3pm – 6pm** **POPOŁUDNIÓWKA – „Afternoon Show”**
- **6pm – 8pm** **Radio Echo**
- **8pm – 6am** **RADIO PO GODZINACH – “Afterhours”**
9:15pm Audiobook (in Polish)

Thursday

- **6am – 10am** **DZIEŃ DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago!”**

- **10am – 12pm CO SLYCHAC? – „What’s up?”**
Hosted by Idalia Blaszczyk
-10:30am – Amerykańskie Kulinarium – “American Culinary Journeys” – Anna Czerwinska, food & history expert, talks about why we eat what we eat in US and what is the story behind particular dish
-11:30am – Co Czytać – “What to read now?” – Zbigniew Kruczałak talks about new & old books and publications both Polish language and international
- **12pm – 1pm RAI - Radiowa Audycja Informacyjna - “Power News”**
- **1pm – 3pm WOLNA AMERYKANKA – „Freestyle”**
- **3pm – 6pm POPOŁUDNIÓWKA – „Afternoon Show”**
- 3:30 pm – On immigration with Grazyna Zajackowska from the PAA
- **6pm – 8pm Radio Echo**
- **8pm – 6am RADIO PO GODZINACH – “Afterhours”**
9:15pm Audiobook (in Polish)

Friday

- **6am – 10am DZIEN DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago!”**
- 7:20 am - “At the movies”
-9:30 – “Kozetka Kasi” – Kasia’s settee - Weekly talks with mental health professionals
- **10am – 12pm DO POLUDNIA – „Until Noon”**
-10:20am – “Komentarz Lukasz Warzechy” - Lukasz Warzecha explains – a weekly talk with renowned Polish journalist about hot-button issues in world, European and US politics
-11:20am “Auto Show” with resident auto expert and enthusiast Wojciech Wielich , who dishes advice, talks with listeners and delivers the latest news from the automotive industry
- **12pm – 1pm RAI - Radiowa Audycja Informacyjna - “Power News”**
- **1pm – 3pm WOLNA AMERYKANKA – „Freestyle”**
- **3pm – 6pm POPOŁUDNIÓWKA – „Afternoon Show”**
- 3:30pm – Weekendówka – Weekend Show – segment dedicated to events and happenings over the weekend, promoting Polish American cultural events in the

city and suburbs, as well as main stream events of note to the community, often with guest & artists

- **6pm – 8pm** **Radio Echo**
- **8pm – 6am** **RADIO PO GODZINACH – “Afterhours”**
9:15pm Audiobook (in Polish)

Saturday

- **8am – 9am** **MIĘDZY NAMI DZIECIAKAMI – “Between Us Kids”**
Hosted by Krzysztof Arsenowicz and featuring young Polish American guests in-studio and (via Skype) Polish-speaking kids from around the world, talking about their issues, sharing experiences, sharing their accomplishments with the audience
- **9am – 3pm** **WSPÓLNA SOBOTA – “Our Saturday Together”**
Hosted by Krzysztof Arsenowicz and featuring hourly news updates, the show addresses current political and social events as well as any Polish American happenings, as well as golden oldies – the songs from another world – old Polish hits from 50s, 60s and 70s

-10:30am “Your Pocket” – financial advice segment with Zbigniew Karas, expert in finance, taxes and wealth management
- 11:30am “Smile from Warsaw” –cultural impressions with Elzbieta Kochanowska, a Polish American actress and cultural icon who moved to Warsaw Poland after 30 years in Chicago
- 12:30pm “Scientifically Speaking” – a short segment on the various important science revelations, recent and historic, a popular view on the importance of science with Andrzej Michalik
- 2:30pm “Health Engineering” – program segment hosted by Jerzy Zieba, PhD talking about way to improve our health with the right diet, exercise, rest and meditation etc
- **3pm – 5pm** **WEEK IN REVIEW – the best interviews, commentaries**
- **5pm – 6am** **RADIO PO GODZINACH – “Afterhours”**
9:15PM Audiobook (in Polish)

Sunday

- **8am-9am** **TRANSMISJA MSZY ŚW. – „Sunday Mass”**
Catholic Mass streaming live from the Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission in Willow Springs
- **9am-10am** **GODZINKA Z GORALAMI – „Highlander Hour”**

“Highlander Hour” show produced in cooperation with the Polish Highlanders Alliance of North America, featuring traditional music and poetry in the original dialect of the region and talking about tradition of the region and how it is reflected in clothes, recipes, architecture and customs

- **10am - 3pm** **LENIWA NIEDZIELA – “Lazy Sunday”**

Hosted by Krzysztof Arsenowicz. Featuring hourly news updates, the show addresses current cultural and social events as well as any Polish American happenings. The show features the golden oldies – the songs from another world – old Polish hits from 50s, 60s and 70s

1:30pm – Moto-history with Wojciech Wielich – a weekly segment on the most significant discoveries in history of automotive industry & famous people connected with cars

Every other week

2:30pm – Poradnik Elektroniczny – “Electronic ABCs” with Mieczysław Kaszuba, talking about the latest news in electronics, phones, tvs, etc

- **3pm – 5 pm** **LABORATORIUM DOBRYCH ŻYCZEŃ - „Good Wishes Laboratory”**

Hosted by Bożena Hutnicka & Jola Santocka with listener call-ins to request songs and relay good wishes to their friends and loved ones

- **5pm – 6am** **RADIO PO GODZINACH – “Afterhours”**

6pm Radio Zycie - Radio “Life

A weekly radio show centered on Christian values and music hosted by Andrzej Krupinski

9:15pm Audiobook (in Polish)