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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. Over the years it has become 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 January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023:

1. Community events & issues
2. Health & Education
3. Voters registration and voting process
4. Immigration Issues
5. Charitable endeavors
6. Cultural events
7. Senior Citizen Care
8. Local government issues
9. Religion

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 Regional News and Reports
4. Local News and Reports
5. Sports – local, national and international
6. Business and Finance
7. Entertainment and Culture – both general market and Polish American
8. Children programming

The Russian invasion of the Ukraine continues to be one of the most important issues covered by the Station. The Polish American community continues to support the Ukrainian refugees in Poland & NGOs helping them ‘on the ground’ as well as Ukrainian community organizations & Ukrainian refugees here in

Chicago. To this end, the Station partnered with the Polish American Association (PAA) which became a hub for Ukrainian refugees looking for help – from qualifying for state and federal aid programs to simple everyday issues, like furniture and/or clothing donations for the new arrivals, the Station supports the PAA in their mission of helping immigrant communities in Chicago and Illinois. The Station was on hand to support various Ukrainian community organizations in their fundraising efforts via publicity and on-air interviews to encourage listeners to support those efforts by providing information on how to volunteer, how to donate, how to get involved. Stations employees also volunteered in most of those events. With the COVID19 under control, the Station continues to dedicate segments to interviews with Polish-speaking doctors and researchers to provide the latest information, prevention methods, latest medical discoveries and proposed treatments, etc. In addition, the municipal elections in Chicago & surrounding suburbs was one of the most important issues covered by the Station this quarter, with election day on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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:

- Informs the audience of the latest news, reports and announcements in regards to the COVID-19 vaccinations and ways in which listeners can strengthen their immune systems, ensure a healthy life style, etc. 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 “getting back to normal” 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, covering visits and interviewing various Polish government officials visiting Chicago.
- Promotes Polish heritage and Polish-language cultural events such as music concerts, theatre performances, etc. This quarter the Station covered quite a few local events important for Polish-American community – including the annual “Three Kings Procession – Epiphany”, the Polish Saturday Schools Annual Prom Night, the Annual White and Red Ball and Debutante Presentation of the Legion of Young Polish Women, Annual Radiothon for the Gift From the Heart Foundation, the Annual WOSP – the Grand Orchestra of Christmas Charity fundraiser which this year was raising funds for sepsis research. In addition, the Station covered also the following events: Jaselka at the Polish Highlanders Association of North America (Zwiazek Podhalan w Ameryce Polnocnej – ZPPA), the Chicago Boat Show, the Chicago Auto Show, The Sport Ball, the Annual Pulaski Day celebration at the Polish Museum of America, International Women’s Day

Celebration & Fundraiser with the Helping Hearts for Animals Foundation (DBA Serce dla Psa), St Patrick Day in Chicago, the Person of the Year event by Dziennik Zwiazkowy, Annual Chopin in the City Festival, Annual Polish Parade Queen election and the Annual International Theatre Day events, the Annual Exhibition and Fundraiser for the Laski School for the Blind, the Future Doctor Career & Education Summit organized by the Polish American Medical Society (PAMS), and many more

- Informs the Polish-speaking audience of changes in laws and regulations which are important to the Polish American community in many facets of their lives. Throughout the quarter our station hosted: representatives of the Polish American Association explaining various changes to immigrations rules and regulations & free citizenship classes offered by the organizations, representatives of the Dept. of Labor informing public of their rights as employees, representatives of Polish American Contractors and Builders Association as the real estate market continues strong, representatives of the Polish American Chamber of Commerce talking about various City and State programs aimed at providing the small business owners with information and resources to continue to grow their businesses, and many more experts in various fields to keep the Polish-language listeners well informed and up to date with vital information.
- 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. In cooperation with the Illinois Student Assistant Commission (ISAC) and Polish American Youth Council (PAYC) and the Kosciuszko Foundation and the PAMS the station educates parents and potential students on ways to finance college education and provides resources for changing their lives.
- Informs the Polish American public of various community events including: food/supply drives for the Ukrainian refugees in Chicago, seminars on lowering the property taxes and estate planning, healthy leaving seminars as well as online lectures of interest to the community
- Promotes and provides coverage for various community sport events, including Polish American Medical Society annual Ski Championships, Polish American Chess Competition, Ski Jumping Competition, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2023 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:

- WOSP Chicago – The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Finale of “The Grand Orchestra of Christmas Charity” which took place on January 29, 2023. For over 30 years this Polish NGO has been collecting

- donations one weekend in January for a very specific cause each year and Poles and Polish Americans hold this organization close to their hearts connecting over the ocean this one weekend, with local fundraising events supporting “The Grand Orchestra of Christmas Charity”.
- The Station was instrumental in helping to raise over \$165,000 in one weekend for this cause
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Radiothon for the Gift from the Heart Foundation – the two day event always takes place over the Valentine’s Day Weekend (February 11-12, 2023) and organized in cooperation with TV Polvision to raise funds for this charity organization. The Annual Radiothon is the main fundraiser for the organization, with a goal of raising enough funds to cover expenses of assisting Polish children and their families during their stay in the US for life saving medical treatments and procedures not available anywhere else in the world. This year, the Station helped raise close to \$300,000 for the cause
  - Year of Copernicus – the Station partnered with the Copernicus Foundation in their year-long celebration of the 550 anniversary of the genius Polish astronomer’s birth with concert, exhibits, seminars scheduled throughout 2023. The first event, held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, was a world premiere of the new piece of music, a symphony inspired by the Copernicus’ groundbreaking work “On the Revolutions of Heavenly Spheres” and commissioned by the Foundation for this occasion. The concert was performed by the Chopin Music University’s Chamber Orchestra from Warsaw, Poland in cooperation with various local Polish American artists in Chicago

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. 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 in towns of Lublin, Rzeszow and Zamosc.

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. However the jewel in the crown of the news department 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 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 2:30 pm – from the Right to the Left – political interviews from both sides of the isle conducted by Marcin Pospiech – famous journalist from Poland;
- 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 in hopes to bring mental health issues to 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 – PSA regarding local and national actions, including education on how to stop the spread of the virus and how to get vaccinated and help available to those affected by pandemic, including 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
- Animal Welfare – PSA concerning adoptions, free spay/neuter clinics and screenings and so on
- Community life – PSA announcing free programs, classes and seminars in Polish for the Polish American community in Chicago, Polish American cultural events, public free events 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 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter programming was as follows:

## January 1 – March 31, 2023

### Monday

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- **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 & family 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 – Horyzonty – “Horizons” – a weekly segment on world travel
  - 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, 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 Agnieszka Wroclawska & Jacek Zielinski, 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 – Radiowy Glos Historii – “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 – Reflektorem po Swiecie – “In the 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 form 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

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- 6am – 10am DZIEN DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago”**
  - 10am – 12pm DO POLUDNIA – „Until noon”**

- **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

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- **6am – 10am** **DZIEN 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 MarcinPospiech – 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

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- **6am – 10am** **DZIEN DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago!”**
- **10am – 12pm** **DO POLUDNIA – „Until noon”**  
-11:30am – Co Czytac – “What to read now?” – Zbigniew Kruczalak 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

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- 6am – 10am **DZIEN DOBRY CHICAGO – “Good Morning, Chicago!”**  
-9:30 – “Kozetka Kasi” – Kasia’s settee - Weekly talks with mental health professionals
- 10am – 12pm **DO POLUDNIA – „Until Noon”**  
-10:20am – “Komentarz Lukasa 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

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- 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

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- **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 – “Elctronic ABCs” with Mieczyslaw Kaszuba,  
talking about the latest news in electronics, phones, tvs, etc

- **3pm – 5 pm 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)**

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