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## Edward Alan Peckwas

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was **Gustav Pieprzny** of Chicago, who remained in the post, with one interruption, until his death in 1970. —*Donald E. Pienkos*

SOURCES: Arthur L. Waldo, *Sokolstwo: przednia straż narodu, dzieje idei i organizacji w Ameryce* (Pittsburgh: Nakł. Sokolstwa Polskiego w Ameryce, 1956); Donald E. Pienkos, *One Hundred Years Young: A History of the Polish Falcons of America* (Boulder, CO: East European Monographs, 1987).

**Pawlikowski, John T.** (b. Chicago, Illinois, November 2, 1940; d. —). Priest, educator. Pawlikowski received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1970. A Servite priest, he has served as professor at the Catholic Theological Union, part of the ecumenical cluster of theological schools at the University of Chicago, where he is also director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program. A noted scholar of Catholic ethics and Christian-Jewish Studies, he is also a leader in the Christian-Jewish dialogue nationally and internationally. He has served as President of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCCJ), and serves on its Board. His lengthy list of contributions to scholarly study includes ten books, notable among them especially *Catechetics and Prejudice*, *Sinai and the Calvary*, *The Challenge of the Holocaust for Christian Theology*, *Christ in the Light of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue*, and *Jesus and the Theology of Israel*. He served as the editor of *New Theology Review*, and a member of the editorial boards of the *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, *Journal of Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, and *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Jewish Studies*. His efforts on behalf of Christian-Jewish understanding led President Jimmy Carter to appoint him as a founding member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council in 1980, and to his re-appointment by President George H. W. Bush and two reappointments by President Bill Clinton. Pawlikowski served on the Council's Committee on Conscience and its Academic Committee, and chaired its Committee on Church Relations. He served on the Advisory Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for over twenty years, and is a member of the National Advisory Council of the **Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences** and vice president of the American Association for Polish-Jewish Studies. He twice chaired the **National Polish-American/Jewish-American Council** of which he was a founder, and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions, a member of the Board of the United States Committee of the World Conference of Religions for Peace, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Annual Conference on Holocaust, Genocide and

the Church Struggle. He was also a member of the Vatican Delegation for the International Jewish-Catholic Dialogues in Baltimore (1992), Jerusalem (1994), and New York (2001). Among his recognitions are the Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award for Distinguished Contributions to Religion, the Distinguished Service Award from the American Jewish Committee in Chicago, a Person of the Year Award from the Polish Council of Christians and Jews in Warsaw, the Nostra Aetate Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the Army Cross of Merit for Distinguished Service to the Polish Nation from the Republic of Poland. —*James S. Pula*

SOURCE: "Pawlikowski, John T.," *Contemporary Authors* (Detroit: Gale Research Company, New Revision Series), Vol. 24, 355-56.

**Payak, John** (b. Rossford, Ohio, November 20, 1926; d. Bowling Green, Ohio, February 27, 2009). Basketball player, official. John Payak, Jr., played collegiate basketball at Bowling Green State University from 1944 to 1949, interrupted by a stint in the U.S. Navy. A guard-forward, he played two seasons as a professional in the National Basketball Association with Philadelphia and Waterloo in 1949-50, and Milwaukee in 1952-53. In addition, Payak played for the Toledo Mercurys, a traveling opponent of the Harlem Globetrotters. After retiring as a player, he spent seventeen seasons as a college basketball referee, eventually becoming supervisor of officials for the Mid-American Conference. Payak is a member of the Bowling Green State University Athletics Hall of Fame, and in 1982 he was inducted into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame. —*Neal Pease*

SOURCE: "John Payak," National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame website, [www.polishsportshof.com](http://www.polishsportshof.com).

**Peckwas, Edward Alan** (originally Przekwas; b. Chicago, Illinois, May 1, 1942; d. Chicago, Illinois, June 25, 1993). Businessman, genealogist. The son of a businessman, contractor, and developer who designed and built Chicago's Midway Motel and operated Drake Motor Sales and Crane Motor Sales, Peckwas attended Hannibal-LaGrange College in Missouri where he earned an A.A. in Commerce (1962) and Northern Illinois University where he earned a B.S. in Liberal Arts (1968). Gaining employment as treasurer of Program Control and Information Systems, Inc., a computer data processing company (1970-71), he and his wife then established the Kiddie Corner Nursery School in Chicago in 1974. They later opened Captain Kidd Preschool (which closed in 1993), and then Children's Crossing Learning Center. A founding member and president of the Illinois Child

Care Association, he was an advocate for the concerns of private child care providers, and was instrumental in bringing those concerns to the attention of state legislators. Peckwas also owned and operated Ed Peckwas Construction Company beginning in 1979, a company involved in the construction of strip malls and the remodeling of child care centers.

Long interested in genealogy and heraldry, Peckwas was president of Heraldry Unlimited, Inc., from 1970-74, which specialized in detailed researching of individual family trees and heraldry, including the preparation of hand colored family crests for clients. Building on this, in 1978 he founded the Polish Genealogical Society with the goal of assisting its members with genealogical research and providing a forum to exchange information. Peckwas served as its first president (1978-91), as well as editor of the Society's *Newsletter* (1979-92), the title of which was later changed to *Rodziny* (The Family). In 1992, the organization changed its name to the **Polish Genealogical Society of America**. Several articles that Peckwas wrote for the *Post Eagle* newspaper were published as *Collection of Articles on Polish Heraldry* (1978). He also wrote the introductions to two small books that the Polish Genealogical Society translated into English: *Register of Vital Records of Roman Catholic Parishes Beyond the Bug River* (1984), and *A Historical Bibliography of Polish Towns, Villages, and Regions (Except Warsaw and Krakow)* (1990). Peckwas was a highly sought speaker on Polish heraldry and genealogy. During his tenure as president, the PGSA grew in membership from nine original members to nearly 900, and the *Newsletter* received first prize in the National Genealogical Society's Newsletter Competition. After his death, the family opened the Edward A. Peckwas Preparatory Academy (a private elementary school) in 1996, and Peckwas' extensive book collection was donated to the Library of the Polish Museum of America. Peckwas served on the Board of Directors of the **Polish Museum of America**, vice president of the National Child Care Association, and president of Society Number 1516 of the **Polish Roman Catholic Union of America**. He was awarded the Commander's Cross of the *Order of Polonia Restituta* in 1985 from the Polish Government-in-Exile. —*John Drobnicki*

SOURCES: obituary, *Chicago Tribune*, June 26, 1993; Mary Keysor Meyer and William P. Filby, eds., *Who's Who in Genealogy & Heraldry* (Detroit: Gale Research Company, 1990); *Who's Who in Polish America* (New York: Bicentennial Publishing, 1996).

**Pellowski, Anne** (b. Trempealeau County, Wisconsin; June 28, 1933; d. —). Author, children's advocate. A fourth-generation Polish