New Book: “My Benjamin Franklin” and Its Predecessors

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Writer

When: **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 3 PM**

Where: **Associated Polish Home (Dom Polski), 9150 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114**

Free admission

Join us for the lecture, with pączki and coffee!

About the Lecture

The author will talk about his books published in Poland, devoting most of the time to the latest, “The Return” („Powrót”), and will then turn to the book he is currently working on. It is a biography of Franklin up to his departure for England in 1757, interwoven with translations of his letters and of “Poor Richard’s Almanack.”

About the Lecturer

Romuald “Aldek” Roman is the grandson of the well-known Lwów stage actor Władysław Roman and the nephew of the Polish stage and film actress Janina Romanówna. Mr. Roman is a graduate of the Faculty of Forestry of the Hugo Kołłątaj University of Agriculture in Kraków and of Temple University in Philadelphia. A Tatra climber, forester, teacher, and skier, he was a manager at the EPA, where he was an expert in applied industrial toxicology, and a UN consultant in Poland and Romania. He writes short literary sketches, stories, and essays; reminiscences of Poland full of wit and detachment, including from his Zakopane period; and personal impressions of his time in the United States. His book “The Zakopane Madhouse” („Zakopiański Dom Wariatów”) won the readers’ award in the “Best Book for Winter 2015” competition in the “Pearls from the Attic” category and was named one of the Best Books of 2015. Mr. Roman has lived in Philadelphia since 1984 with his wife, Jolanta. Mr. and Mrs. Roman are the parents of Katia Roman-Trzaska, Mateusz, and Piotr.