



From the President

I have the honor to be a President of PAC Ann Arbor Chapter this year. Thank you for choosing me for this position. I will try to meet all your expectation as well as I can, but I also need help and ideas from all of you.

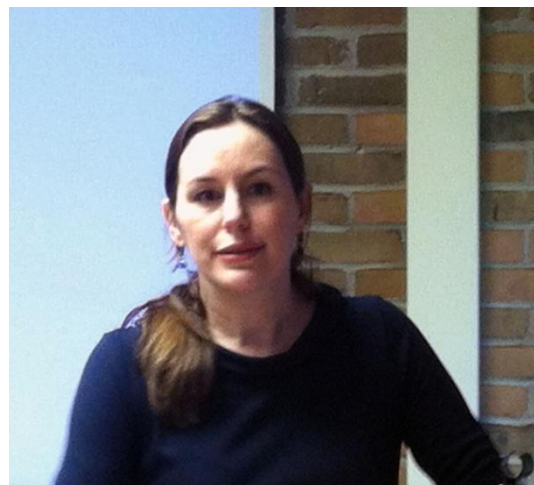
At the annual Executive Board Meeting on May 5th, our guest Geneviève Zubrzycki, Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the Polish Studies Program at the University of Michigan, gave a very interesting lecture "Religious symbols and national identity in Poland and Quebec". It was a great pleasure to meet her and learn about the fascinating research she conducts. Prof. Zubrzycki made a gift from our honorarium to the Copernicus Endowment, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year!

On behalf of PAC Ann Arbor Chapter I would like to express our gratitude to Ms. Małgosia Myc for preparing a fantastic exhibit "Polish Americans in Michigan" with materials from the Bentley Historical Library, on display at the annual Executive Board Meeting. Thank you, Małgosiu!

During this year we are planning to have our annual picnic, the bonfire, Polish Film Festival, Pasterka and New Year's Eve or Carnival Ball. We will also try to start renting Polish books and films. Maybe we will have an opportunity to watch films together. I open to all new ideas from our members. Please contact me at any time.

Thank you, again. I wish all of you a wonderful summer.

*Wanda Walasek
President, PAC Ann Arbor Chapter*



Prof. Geneviève Zubrzycki at the PAC meeting.

Executive Board Election

The results of the Executive Board election conducted on May 5th by Andrzej Dolata are as follows:

President: Wanda Walasek

Vice-President: Jolanta Grembecka

Treasurer: Andrzej Wierzbicki

Secretary: Barbara Alvarez

We thank all the members who participated in the election.

Membership Dues

The membership year starts with the Executive Board elections in May. The dues are \$30 and can be paid by mailing a check to PAC AA, PO Box 130763, Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0763 or at any of our events. Please try to remember to renew your membership as this is the only source of funding for our activities!

News from Our Members

Welcome new members, Ela Magiera and Nanette Rutka!

We know Ela as a long-time active participant of Polish community events, and are delighted that she decided to formally join our organization.

Nanette, daughter of Edward, who served as a past President of PAC, wrote: “He is my hero and in a way, it is because of him and his past service and the many wonderful memories I have of Professor Ehrenkreutz, Cas Cimoszko, and so many others, that I have joined. I feel close to him, joining the group.”

The Myc team, Andrzej and Filip, in Dexter-Ann Arbor Run.



Congratulations for a successful 5K!

Upcoming Events

Polish Music Days

Time: July 12 & 13 @ 7pm

Place: Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324

We invite you to participate in the Polish Music Days sponsored by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the initiative “Cooperation with Polish Diaspora and Poles Abroad, 2013”.

On July 12, Marian Sobula, one of the most talented Polish pianists of the young generation, will give a concert of Chopin, Paderewski and Szymanowski.

On July 13, Patrycja Piekutowska on violin and Anna Miernik-Sobula on piano will play Paderewski, Lutoslawski, Bacewicz, Lachert, Penderecki, Borkowski.

For more information see

<http://www.polishmusicdays.com>

Picnic**Time:** Saturday, August 25 @ 2pm**Place:** Central Shelter, Dexter Huron Metropark, 6535 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI 48130

This is a potluck event, so please bring a dish and a beverage to share. Sausages, soft drinks and tableware will be provided by PAC.

Also, be prepared to pay a small park entrance fee (cash only).

We invite everybody to participate in the Most Original Hat and Beer Mug Contests, and to contribute fun items to our traditional auction (1 item per person).

Polish Mass**Time:** Saturday, September 7 @ 7pm**Place:** St. Francis of Assisi**Bonfire / Ognisko****Time:** Saturday, September 21 @ 4pm**Place:** Frontier Cabin, Brighton Recreation Area, 6360 Chilson Rd, Howell, MI 48843

The cabin sleeps 20 and will be rented from Friday Sept. 20, 3pm. If you would like to come earlier and spend the night there, please contact Andrzej Myc, andrzej.myc@gmail.com. On Saturday Sept. 21 everyone is welcome to join us at any time prior to the bonfire, to walk around the lake, bike, and have fun. The bonfire will start at 4pm.

We are looking for a donation of firewood. Please contact Wanda Walasek. Participants bring their own food. Don't forget about kielbasa and "kielbasa sticks".

Contact Us

Whenever you have a question, comment or complaint, please contact us:

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