



Annual Executive Board Election Meeting

We are pleased to inform you that the annual PAC Ann Arbor executive board election meeting will be held on May 5th, Sunday, at 2:00 pm, at the Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2113. Your presence is strongly encouraged and will be very much appreciated!

Election Meeting

This year we will host *Geneviève Zubrzycki*, Director of Polish Studies and Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Michigan. Her research focuses on the linkages between religion, politics, and collective memory at moments of significant political transformation. Her work combines historical and ethnographic methods, and carefully considers evidence from material and visual culture.

Her first book, "The Crosses of Auschwitz: Nationalism and Religion in Post-Communist Poland" (U. of Chicago Press, 2006), studied the historical constitution of the relationship between Polish national identity and Catholicism,

and its reconfiguration after the fall of communism. Through a multi-layered analysis of the "War of the Crosses" at Auschwitz in the summer and fall of 1998 - during which ultra-nationalist Polish Catholics erected hundreds of crosses just outside the former death camp - Zubrzycki examined why and how religion and its symbols have mobilized in nationalist discourse and practice, and identified the socio-historical processes behind the relative fusion or fission of religious and national categories.

Election meeting will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. All members who want to participate in the election of the executive board **must** pay their 2013 membership dues before the meeting. The treasurer will be present during the

meeting to accept last minute payments!

The election meeting will be followed by the lecture and discussion, starting at 3:00 p.m.

As she has done last year, Mrs Malgorzata Myc, Assistant Reference Archivist at the Bentley Historical Library, will prepare a small exhibition dedicated to the history of Polish Americans in Michigan.

Plenty of parking spaces are available in the area of the library, so we would like to invite everyone to join us for the meeting.

Swieconka

On Saturday, April 6th, 2011, at 7:00 pm, at the St. Francis of Assisi church in Ann Arbor, monthly Polish mass will be held. Immediately after the mass, we will celebrate the traditional Polish "Swieconka".

Please join us in preparing to celebrate fast approaching Easter, and bring some traditional Lent food to share with others.

Upcoming Polish masses at the St. Francis of Assisi church

- April 6th, 2013
- May 4th, 2013
- June 1st, 2013

Polish "Happy Hour" at Bar Louie

It has been a few months since our last "Happy Hour" and we would like to meet all of you again on April 10th, at 6:30 PM, at Bar Louie (401 East Liberty, Suite 200, Ann Arbor, MI 48104). Come and have fun with us over a glass of beer or wine.

MAJOWKA (miejsmy nadzieje, ze nie "Zimowka")

Majowka will take place on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 PM. Please join us to celebrate the "passing of the baton" from the old to the new governing boards.

This is a potluck-style event, so please bring a dish or beverage to share with others. Also, be prepared to pay a small park fee, approximately \$5 (cash), collected at the entrance.

We will meet at the Central Shelter at Dexter-Huron Metropark (6535 Huron River Drive, Dexter, MI 48130).

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