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Irena Thiel Educational Fund

Through the great generosity of our long-time member, Ms. Irena Thiel, an education fund is available now to benefit the Polish community in Ann Arbor.

The fund, named "Irena Thiel Educational Fund" is intended for college students from Polish and Polish-American Ann Arbor families. It is envisioned as 3-per-year stipends of \$500 towards college tuition/expenses awarded on competitive basis to college students from our community. Stipends will be awarded and the entire process administered by the Fund Committee formed from Ann Arbor Chapter members.

We are pleased to announce that the [application form](#) is available now on the PAC web site for all interested candidates to apply. More information about the process, deadlines and eligibility is provided on the form.

The Ann Arbor PAC Chapter expresses deep gratitude to Ms. Irena Thiel for her great generosity, vision and love for the Polish community in Ann Arbor in supporting college education of our children.

Next Event: Carnival Ball.

This year PAC Ann Arbor is organizing our traditional Carnival Ball on February 21, 2009 at the "Chapel Hill" Clubhouse, located at 3350 Green Road in Ann Arbor (734-761-2430). The Ball starts at 7:00 p.m. Ticket prices are: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, \$1 for students. Please bring a dish and a beverage to share.

A package of dried mushrooms forwarded to PAC Ann Arbor as a gift will be available in a lottery draw at the ball. Individual tickets are \$5 (or 4 tickets for \$20). The proceeds will benefit the fundraising action of Polmed Assist (see more details below). We are looking forward to an evening of fun and dancing... hope to see you there!

Membership Dues

Everyone is encouraged to check if his/her membership dues are satisfied for the current year. Let's support our Chapter's continuing activities by paying dues regularly and on time. Another opportunity to pay dues in person will be the Carnival Ball.

Polish Mass

We are pleased to announce an upcoming Polish Mass on 3/7/2009 at 7:00 pm. at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 2250 E. Stadium Blvd. lower level Chapel. Everyone is invited to join.

Charitable Efforts

As in the previous years our Chapter will organize a charitable action. This year we will no longer prepare and mail the parcels to Poland, due to increasing shipping cost and decreased number of request for used clothing. The Board of PAC Ann Arbor voted to continue the charitable action this year by supporting organization Doctors of Hope (Lekarze Nadziei). 'Lekarze Nadziei' is an

organization based in Poland's that provides medical care for homeless and low income people. This group is represented here by Polmed Assist and they currently collect funds for medical equipment. We appeal to all our members to give their support to our action by forwarding donations to our cause. The checks with "charitable action" note in "memo" can be forwarded to us at any time or handed as cash or checks to our treasurer Monika Magiera. The collection box will be also set at our Carnival Bal and Polish Mass to create multiple opportunities for all of us to participate. Independently of individual donations \$300.00 donation from PAC Ann Arbor Chapter will supplement this charitable action. We would like to thank Ewa and Rafal Sobotowski for their work in this arena, and all of PAC-Ann Arbor Members and Friends (in advance) for their generous donations.

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