

ANN ARBOR POLONIA ASSOCIATION

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September 2018

Ognisko September 29-30th!

Our Fall rustic campfire event (Ognisko) is scheduled for a Saturday afternoon through Sunday at the Brighton Recreation Area. We will be meeting this year at Windigo Frontier Cabin. This is a Michigan State Park. If you do not have an annual recreation pass, be prepared to buy one at the entrance to the park.

Arrival and departure times are flexible; please come for any length of time that works for you and your family's schedule. On Saturday, before the bonfire, everyone is welcome to walk around Bishop Lake and in the beautiful woods. This is a great event to relax and enjoy Michigan's lovely Fall weather!

Begins: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Bonfire begins: 4:00 p.m.

Where: WINDIGO Frontier Cabin, Brighton Recreation Area, 6360 Chilson Rd, Howell, MI 48843 ([Map PARK in HOWELL](#)) ([Map Windigo Cabin](#)) Windigo Cabin is located in the SW portion of the map.



Bring:

- Dish to share/items to grill (potluck)
- Beverage of your choice

You may also wish to bring:

- Lawn chair(s)
- Campfire cooking equipment (e.g., grilling tongs, fire sticks)
- Musical instrument(s)
- Anything to make time in the woods enjoyable (e.g., change of clothes, insect repellent)

AAPA provides:

- Firewood (let us know if you can help bring donated firewood)
- Overnight lodging for those who wish. The cabin provides eight (8) cots. Contact us for details
poloniaannarbor@gmail.com.

Annual Picnic in August – Thank you!

We had a terrific turnout for our picnic in August, with about 70 people attending. Everyone commented that the weather was very cooperative, with the sun showing its face right on time at 12 noon!



*A great buffet of yummy Polish and American foods!
(photo: A. Dolata)*

There are so many to thank for this successful event:

- The Grillers and everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up.
- All who donated to the Book Exchange and those who took books home. Happy reading!
- Our very generous donors and super supporters who participated in the Silent Auction and Gift Basket Raffle.

Thank you again for your support of our Polish-American community and attending this annual event.



The silent auction really highlighted the talents and treasures of our community. (photo: A. Dolata)

Irena Thiel Scholarship Announcement

It is with great pleasure that we announce the 2018 recipients of the Irena Thiel Scholarship: Antoni Alvarez and Adam Olszewski.

I am very grateful to receive the Thiel Scholarship. This scholarship will be a great help with paying for the books I will be using!

Antoni Alvarez, Vancouver

This scholarship was established in 2008 by Irena Thiel to support the educational aspirations of local Polish-American adults.

I'd like to thank you for the donation towards continuing my education in music. I intend to use the funds to help pay for finishing my Master's in Music (Jazz) at The Juilliard School.

Adam Olszewski, New York City

Irena Thiel Scholarship (cont.)

The scholarship awards would not be possible without the selection committee: Wanda Walasek, coordinator and Chair, Krystyna Dolata, Marcin Walasek and Jadwiga Sipowska. Thank you for your time and devotion to this cause.

How to help: The Irena Thiel Scholarship has been in existence for 10 years. You can send in your financial support via check to AAPA, P.O. Box 130763 Ann Arbor, MI 48113. Please make out your check to Ann Arbor Polonia Association and indicate "Irena Thiel" in the memo portion.

Thank you in advance for helping us maintain a solid foundation for future recipients.

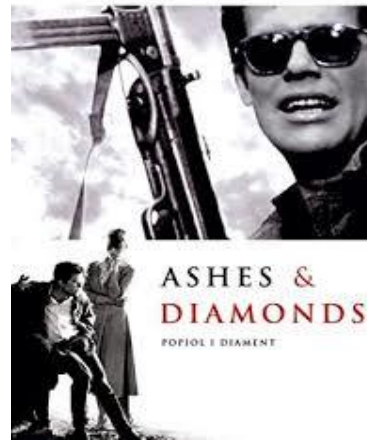
Don't forget to submit logo ideas!



With a new name, comes the need for a new logo! Please submit your logo design ideas for AAPA by **September 15, 2018**. Our expert review committee of Simone Shemshedini and Mirabella Olszewski are waiting to see your ideas on a new look for 2019. Send your drafts and thoughts to poloniaannarbor@gmail.com today.

100 Years of Poland's Regained Independence: Polish History in Film Masterpieces

To celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Poland's regained independence, the Polish Filmmakers Association is organizing a series of screenings of films with a historical theme.



The screenings of these masterpieces of Polish cinema will be held throughout 2018 in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia. The Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival is proud to be the sponsor of the series in Ann Arbor.

Films will be shown on **Wednesdays at 7 pm at the Michigan Theater:**

Oct. 3: Noce i dnie / Nights and Days, dir. Jerzy Antczak

Oct. 10: Ziemia obiecana / The Promised Land, dir. Andrzej Wajda

Oct. 17: Pianista / The Pianist, dir. Roman Polanski

Oct. 24: Popiół i diament / Ashes and Diamonds, dir. Andrzej Wajda

Oct. 31: Człowiek z marmuru / Man of Marble, dir. Andrzej Wajda, and,

Saturday, Nov. 10: Miasto 44 / Warsaw 44, dir. Jan Komasa (Note: this screening occurs during Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival)

Upcoming Events

***September 8:** Adult Polish Language Classes Begin: [Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor](#), Ypsilanti, MI.

***September 15:** Children's Polish Language Classes Begin: [Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor](#), Ypsilanti, MI.

September 15-16: [100 Years of Polish Independence](#) Events at Orchard Lake, MI.

September 28: [Chopin Concert](#) (free of charge), EMU, Ypsilanti, MI.

***September 29:** **OGNISKO!** (see article), Brighton Recreation Center, Howell, MI.

October 3-31: Polish History in Film Masterpieces (see article) Wednesdays, 7pm, Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor, MI.

***October 7:** Polish Mass, 6pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, lower chapel, Ann Arbor, MI (Note: no mass in September)

October 28: [Polish Bilingual Day](#), American Polish Cultural Center, Troy, MI

***November 4:** Polish Mass, 6pm, St. Francis of Assisi Church, lower chapel, Ann Arbor, MI

***November 9-11:** 25th [Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival](#) - Jubilee Year, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, MI

*AAPA sponsored and co-sponsored events

Note about email communications:

You may have noticed we have begun using an email platform to send out communications. This allows us to send you emails without causing problems with spam and privacy filters. It also helps us to easily update and maintain our mailing list.

Joining is easy! Just click [here](#) or send us an email. We'll put you on the list!

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