



Annual Executive Board Election Meeting

All members are invited to the annual PAC Ann Arbor Executive Board Election Meeting.

Date: Sunday, April 17th at 2pm

Place: Bentley Historical Library
1150 Beal Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2113
(Ample parking is available in the vicinity of the library.)

Members who would like to participate in the election of the Executive Board must be up-to-date with their 2015-2016 membership dues. The treasurer will be present to accept last minute payments!

All members are welcome to submit their nominations for the new Executive Board by contacting the Chair of the Election Committee, Ewa Józefiak, at ejozefiak@comcast.net or 734-994-4570 by April 10.

The election meeting will start promptly at 2pm, and will be followed by a lecture at 3pm. The invited speaker is Anna Muller, the Frank and Mary Padzieski Endowed Professor in Polish, Polish American and Eastern European Studies at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her talk will present a project and a recent exhibit "Faces of the Polish Diaspora: People of Hamtramck" created in cooperation with the Museum of Emigration in Gdynia, Poland. The project documents life of the Polish community that, at the beginning of the century, constituted the majority of Hamtramck's population. The authors of the project, Anna Muller and Tomasz Zerek, interviewed representatives of the local Polonia, photographed people, and examined home archives that tell us about the rich life of Hamtramck's Polonia throughout the 20th century.

We will also have the opportunity to see archival materials from the collection of the Bentley Historical Library, that

document the history of Polish Americans in Michigan.

Light refreshments will be served.

All are welcome!!!

Membership Dues

The membership year starts with the Executive Board election in April. The dues are \$35 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 remember to renew your membership as this is the only source of funding for our activities!

2016 Irena Thiel Scholarship

We are accepting applications for Ms. Irena Thiel academic scholarship.

Deadline: April 30th

Up to three scholarships of \$500 are awarded annually to students that fulfill the following criteria:

1. Residence of the Washtenaw County
2. Current college enrollment
3. Proof of scholastic achievement
4. Involvement in the Polonian activities
5. Community service

Detailed instructions and forms can be found in the attached document.

Pasterka

This year, for the first time, we celebrated our Pasterka together with St. Francis of Assisi Parish community at their regular Saturday evening Mass at 5pm. Fr. James and Fr. Tom presided over the liturgy both in English and in Polish, and the choir Filareci sang Polish Christmas carols before and during the Mass. We have heard many voices of appreciation for the beautiful choir performance as well as for the shared celebration of our Christmas tradition.

The PAC Board would like to thank all our members and St. Francis parishioners who brought baked good for the reception.



Children getting ready for the procession opening Pasterka.

Upcoming Events

March 17 & 18: Teatr Ósmego Dnia from Poznań performs *Teczki* (in English) Duderstadt Center, Video Studio, Room 1356, [Details](#)

March 21 at 5:30: Copernicus Lecture: “Breaking Boundaries Before and After Censorship: A Personal Story of When and How You Should Say No” by Ewa Wójciak, actor and director, Teatr Ósmego Dnia from Poznań. Walgreen Drama Center, Stamps Auditorium, [Details](#)

April 2 at 7pm: Polish Mass with “Święconka”, St. Francis of Assisi

April 17 at 2pm: Annual Executive Board Election Meeting, Bentley Historical Library

April 30: Deadline for Irena Thiel Scholarship applications

May 3 & June 4: Polish Mass, St. Francis of Assisi

Contact Us

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

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