



Polish American Congress, Ann Arbor Chapter  
"Serving Polish-American Community of Washtenaw County"

# Newsletter

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## Annual Executive Board Election Meeting

The annual PAC Ann Arbor Chapter Executive Board Election Meeting is planned for Sunday, May 6 at 2 pm, at Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

All members are welcome to submit nominations and self-nominations for the new Executive Board, and participate in the election, but in order to do so they must be up-to-date with their 2017-2018 membership dues. More details to follow.

## New Candidates for PAC Executive Board

For over 45 years Polish American Congress Ann Arbor Chapter has been serving the Polish community of Ann Arbor and vicinity. Organizations like ours strongly rely on the involvement and work of their members and their dedication to serve on the Executive

Board. As every year, we remind and invite every eligible member to consider becoming a candidate for the 2018- 2019 board positions. The Election Committee will be established shortly. For more information, please contact us at [pac.ann.arbor@gmail.com](mailto:pac.ann.arbor@gmail.com) or Vice-President Wanda Walasek.

## New Name for PAC Ann Arbor Chapter

Polish American Congress, Ann Arbor Chapter is a registered non-profit organization, and is no longer a branch of the national Polish American Congress. We would like to underscore our independent character by adopting a new name of the organization. As stipulated by our bylaws, such change will be proposed and voted on by all active members present at the Executive Board Election Meeting.

## PAC Winter Lecture

## **Shifting Sands: Laws, Social Norms, and Controversies Related to the Issue of Sexual Harassment in the U.S. and Poland by Kasia Kietlińska**

Thursday, Feb 22 at 6:30 pm

U of M Palmer Commons

Great Lakes South Room

100 Washtenaw Ave

Ann Arbor, MI 48109



Kasia Kietlińska will discuss the context, including the history, of sexual harassment as a form of gender discrimination. Since the issue is strongly related to social and cultural norms, its understanding will most likely vary from country to country, so it is different in Poland and in the United States. The talk will touch many questions that have recently gained a lot of social traction and media attention: What is sexual harassment? Is it a form of gender discrimination? Which walks of life have been the most affected? Should we believe women? What do women think about this issue? What are the possible solutions? The presenter will use these questions as a segue to invite the audience into the open discussion.

Kasia Kietlińska has taught in the Writing and Rhetoric Department at Oakland University since 1989. She teaches mostly First-Year Writing courses, usually with umbrella themes of education, teens at risk, family, immigration, ethnicity, race, and gender. She is also interested in issues related to foreign speakers and has taught ESL classes as well as courses of Polish to native speakers of English. Apart from teaching, she has been involved in numerous translation projects, including those for the CREES and the Copernicus Endowment at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor.

The event is organized by PAC Ann Arbor Chapter with support of the UM Polish Student Association.

**Nearest visitor parking** is located on Palmer Drive just west of Washtenaw Ave, <http://www.pts.umich.edu/parking/vis-structures.php>

## **2018 Irena Thiel Scholarship**

PAC Ann Arbor Chapter is accepting applications for Irena Thiel Academic Scholarship. **Submission deadline:**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Instructions and forms can be found in the attached document. Applications should be submitted to [pac.ann.arbor@gmail.com](mailto:pac.ann.arbor@gmail.com) or by mail to PAC Ann Arbor Chapter, P.O. Box 130763, Ann Arbor, MI 48113

## Pasterka 2018

Continuing our over 35 years long tradition, the PAC Ann Arbor Chapter together with the parish of St. Francis of Assisi celebrated of the traditional Pasterka (Shepherds Mass) and Święto Trzech Króli (Epiphany). The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Earl Boyea, fr. James Conlon, pastor of St. Francis, fr. Tomasz Wasilewski, and fr. Ludwik Madej. The performance of Polish Christmas carols by the Polish choir Filareci from Troy, and the colorful procession of children in the traditional Polish costumes marked the special character of the event.



## Wolverine Charity Ball

The University of Michigan Polish Student Association and Ann Arbor Polonia share an interest in collaboration and are involved in a variety of activities. This year's Wolverine Charity Ball organized by the students, took place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Michigan League Ballroom. It was a great opportunity for many members of our organization, students and guests from Ann Arbor and the area to enjoy a great party and support The Kosciuszko Foundation – Teaching English in Poland Program. <https://www.thekf.org/kf/programs/teaching-english-in-poland/>



## Membership Dues

The membership year starts with the Executive Board election in May. 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!

## Upcoming Events

**February 22:** Shifting Sands: Laws, Social Norms, and Controversies Related to the Issue of Sexual Harassment in the U.S. and Poland – lecture by Kasia Kietlińska; details above.

**March 4:** Polish Mass, 6 pm at St. Francis of Assisi

**April 8:** Easter Celebration, 6pm at St. Francis of Assisi, lower chapel. Please contact Mrs. Krystyna Bobowski or Mrs. Elżbieta Magiera for more information. Easter reception will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Parish Activities Center. Just a reminder – the Polish Mass takes place every first Sunday of the month at 6 pm, in the lower chapel.

**April 30:** Deadline for Irena Thiel Scholarship applications

## Contact us

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

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