



The PAC Executive Board wishes all members and friends a beautiful and happy Easter!

Annual Executive Board Election Meeting

The annual PAC Ann Arbor Chapter Executive Board Election Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6 at 2 pm, at Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal Ave, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The election meeting will start at 2 pm, and will be followed by a lecture by Patricia Yocum - "The 100 Jubilee of the Independence of Poland: Utica, NY

Polonia - Złota Księga: Five Years of Work for Poland 1914-1919".

Throughout the Great War, Poles in the United States worked tirelessly to provide relief services for war victims in the Polish lands and for the re-establishment of an independent Poland. In cities such as Utica, NY they worked with civic and national leaders to further their cause. To acknowledge and thank the thousands of people involved, local Polonia published a keepsake book *Złota Księga, czyli Pięć Lat Pracy dla Polski w Utica, N. Y. 1914-1919*. This talk will discuss the war-time efforts which stand proudly by themselves and also as an example of those undertaken in places with a concentration of Polish immigrants. Patricia Yocum is a U-M librarian emerita, avid researcher of Polish immigration and long-time member of PAC Ann Arbor Chapter.

The lecture will be accompanied by an exhibit "Michigan Polonia in the years leading to Independence of Poland" prepared by Małgosia Myc, Assistant

Director for Reference and Academic Programs, Bentley Historical Library.

Light refreshments will be served.

New Candidates for PAC Executive Board

We invite every eligible member to consider becoming a candidate for the 2018- 2019 board positions. All members are encouraged to submit nominations and self-nominations for the new Executive Board by contacting the Chair of the Election Committee, Jerzy Petryniak at jpetryni@umich.edu or (734) 322-4949 by May 1.

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 – *Ann Arbor Polonia Association*. As stipulated by our bylaws, such change will be proposed and voted on by all active members present at the Executive Board Election Meeting.

Commemorating March 68

Please join us for the screening of the documentary film *The Peretzniaks* (*Perecowicze*) by Sławomir Grünberg commemorating the 50th anniversary of the March 68 events in Poland.

Sunday, March 25 at 2 pm

Screening Room, Shapiro Library, 2nd floor ([floor plan](#))

919 South University Avenue

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

([map + parking info](#))

The event is sponsored by the University of Michigan Library, Polish Cultural Fund and PAC Ann Arbor Chapter. All are welcome!

2018 Irena Thiel Scholarship

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

Instructions and forms can be found in the attached document. Applications should be submitted to

pac.ann.arbor@gmail.com or by mail to
PAC Ann Arbor Chapter, P.O. Box
130763, Ann Arbor, MI 48113

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. Only members who are up-to-date with their 2017-2018 membership dues are eligible to vote. Please remember to renew your membership as this is the only source of funding for our activities!

Upcoming Events

March 25: Screening of *The Peretzniks* (*Perecowicze*), 2 pm, Screening Room, Shapiro Library, 919 South University Ave, Ann Arbor.

March 31: Blessing of the Easter baskets, 12 pm, St Francis of Assisi

April 8: Easter Celebration, 6 pm at St. Francis of Assisi, lower chapel. Please contact Mrs. Krystyna Bobowski or Mrs. Elzbieta 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.

May 6: Executive Board Election Meeting, 2 pm, Bentley Historical Library, 1150 Beal Ave, Ann Arbor.

May 6: Polish Mass, 6 pm, St. Francis of Assisi, lower chapel.

Contact us

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

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