

**ANN ARBOR**

**POLONIA ASSOCIATION**

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August 17<sup>th</sup> Picnic

September 28-29<sup>th</sup> Ognisko

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# ANNUAL MEETING



It's time for Ann Arbor Polonia Association's Annual Meeting to be held this year on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The location is convenient with free parking adjacent: Washtenaw Community College, Business Education Building (BE), Room 160 ([link](#)). The Business Education Building is right next to Parking Lot 4, which is just off of Huron River Drive.

Current members will receive an agenda and materials prior to the meeting. We will have the opportunity to revisit the last year of activities and sponsorships, along with reviewing and approving by-laws for the association. In addition, we will have the opportunity to enjoy this year's annual meeting's lecture.

## ANNUAL MEETING & LECTURE

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Business Education Bldg.

Room 160

Washtenaw Community

College

## LECTURE

„Cyganie czy Romowie”  
„Gypsies vs Roma: Reshaping  
the Public Image of Roma  
in Poland”

**Lecturer Ewa Małachowska-Pasek**

Ms. Małachowska-Pasek will present an overview of the Romani presence in Poland and provide insight into what is now the seventh century of Polish-Roma cultural, social and political relations. [Ewa Małachowska-Pasek](#) is a lecturer in Polish and Czech Studies in the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a certified ACTFL



OPI tester for Polish. She previously worked in the Institute of the Polish Language, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland. Her teaching and research interests include Polish and Czech

language acquisition, cultural linguistics, critical discourse analysis (CDA), and Romani Studies. She publishes articles on teaching Slavic languages and cultures, she is also a co-editor of the first five fascicles of *The Dictionary of the 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century Polish Language*, and a co-translator of *The Romance of Teresa Hennert* by Zofia Nałkowska.

## Call for Candidates AAPA Executive Board

**We need you!** How can you make a difference in our local Polish-American community? By serving on the AAPA Executive Board! Our dedicated, veteran board of directors is looking for new ideas and your energetic commitment!



**Time commitment:** There are about three board meetings per year, and we host approximately four events per year. The commitment is relatively small, but the

rewards are great! Please consider volunteering with us. Contact President Anna Bielińska if you are interested: [poloniaannarbor@gmail.com](mailto:poloniaannarbor@gmail.com).

## Irena Thiel Scholarship Announcement Call for Applications 2019



It is our annual call for applications for the Irena Thiel Scholarship, which is awarded to graduate or undergraduate students in our community in memory of Pani Irena Thiel, a beloved member of the Polish community, who was an advocate for Poland and Polish language here in Ann Arbor.

Application is simple and can be completed through email. Applicants need to show a connection to the local community, either as a student or the child of a local resident. The committee gives preference to students who are active in local Polish-American community events. [Click here for the application and instructions.](#)

Deadline: June 30, 2019.

## Polska Szkoła – End of the Year Presentation Open Invitation

Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor invites members of our community to the end of the semester celebration on April 13th, at 10 am in the Recital Hall of the [Alexander Music Building](#), Eastern Michigan University, E Circle Dr, Ypsilanti. The event will include class presentations and a cabaret performance by the group Dekadenci. Following the presentation, there will be a pot-luck lunch reception. Information can be found at the [school's website](#) or contact the school by email: [poledu@yahoo.com](mailto:poledu@yahoo.com). All are welcome!

## Past Events-Highlights

### 2019 NAATPI Award



March 13, 2019: AAPA congratulates Agnieszka Jeżyk (UCLA, UIC) for receiving the 2019 Award for Exemplary Teaching and Learning

Materials from the [North American Association of Teachers of Polish](#). The annual award showcases Polish language teaching and learning materials created by members of the organization. AAPA is a co-sponsor of this award.

### “Kawka” with Festival Bakers



March 10, 2019: In recognition of 25 years of providing yummy treats at the Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival, AAPA hosted an event to say a thank-you to those women (and men) who work and bake as part of the Festival fundraiser. Here are a couple pictures highlighting those who were able to join us at Haab's in Ypsilanti. THANK YOU!





## Reception with Maciej Krupa

February 2019: We had an opportunity to meet Mr. Krupa, a mountain guide and journalist from Zakopane who presented two lectures on “100 years of Polish Independence – Zakopane 1918”, and to kick-off his photo exhibition which runs through May 3rd. His visit was sponsored by the Program in Polish Studies at The University of Michigan. Thank you to Inka Kryczek and Wojciech Szeliga for hosting this reception for AAPA members to meet and speak to Mr. Krupa.

## Vigil for Mayor Adamowicz



January 22, 2019: In solidarity with people of Poland mourning the death of the murdered

mayor of Gdansk, Paweł Adamowicz, AAPA held a vigil on the University's campus. Over 20 community supporters braved the cold to honor his memory. Thank you to Inka Kryczek, who organized this event.

## Annual Polish Shepard's Mass (Pasterka)



January 12, 2019: Our annual Polish Shepherd's Mass (Pasterka) was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Ann Arbor. Thank you to Barbara Walkowc, who organized the event with Scott Wright and the St. Francis parish community.

## Polish Spirit of Independence Exhibit

December 2018: AAPA co-sponsored an exhibit, the Polish Spirit of Independence. Thank you to Andrzej Myc, who organized

this on behalf of the Polish Cultural Fund. It is estimated over 200 people viewed this exhibit. View a short 5-minute video of the opening of the exhibit, featuring members of our community at the following link:  
<https://youtu.be/lpNx8zeCNS4>.

## Upcoming Events

**NOW through May 3:** Daily. “Zakopanie 1918.” Recent article on this photography exhibit.([link](#)). Copernicus Program in Polish Studies, The University of Michigan.  
[Information](#).

**April 7:** 3:00 p.m., Sunday. Play “Nie Bój się Kochać: Zaduszki z ks. Twardowskim”. Preceded by Polish Mass and Dinner. Orchard Lake Polish Mission 1-248-464-7153 or [www.polishmission.com](http://www.polishmission.com). Orchard Lake, MI.

**\*April 7:** 6:00 p.m., Sunday. Mass (in Polish), St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor, MI.

**\*April 13:** 10:00 a.m., Saturday. Polska Szkoła: End of the Year Presentation. Recital Hall, Alexander Music Building, Eastern Michigan University, E. Circle Drive, Ypsilanti, MI. (see article)

**April 27:** 10:30 a.m., Saturday. Detroit Polonia Eleventh Annual Spring Pilgrimage & Świąconka: Historical lecture, tour and Polish dinner. RSVP by April 16. Details:  
<https://www.detroitpolonia.org/calendar/>  
Polish National Catholic Church, 610 N. Beech-Daly Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI.

**\*April 28:** 6:00 p.m., Sunday. Mass (in Polish), St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor, MI.  
Approx. 7:00 p.m., immediately following mass, Polish community celebration of Easter “Świąconka” potluck in the Parish Activity Center. Please bring dish to pass.

**\*May 4:** 2:00 p.m., Saturday. AAPA Annual Meeting followed by the lecture, “Cyganie czy Romowie” (see article on page 1). Washtenaw Community College, Business Education Building, Room 160, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

**\*May 5:** Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Mass (in Polish), St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor, MI.

**\*August 17:** 12 noon, Saturday. Save the Date! Polish Picnic!

**\*September 28-29:** Saturday-Sunday. Save the Date! Polish Ognisko!

\*AAPA sponsored or co-sponsored event

## Membership Dues

Joining Ann Arbor Polonia Association has never been so easy! Take advantage of our new electronic PayPal account and invest in supporting Ann Arbor Polonia events for this year. Annual dues are \$35/member.

**Electronic payments:** <https://paypal.me/aapolonia> Click on the link or type this into your search bar. You’ll be linked directly to our PayPal account.

## Contact us

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## Newsletter Photos and Events

Please don't forget to send us a photo or two from your events which are highlighted in our newsletter. We can share these photos on our Facebook page and/or in our next newsletter.

Just send ideas, information and photos to [poloniaannarbor@gmail.com](mailto:poloniaannarbor@gmail.com) to be part of our next communication.

Thank you!