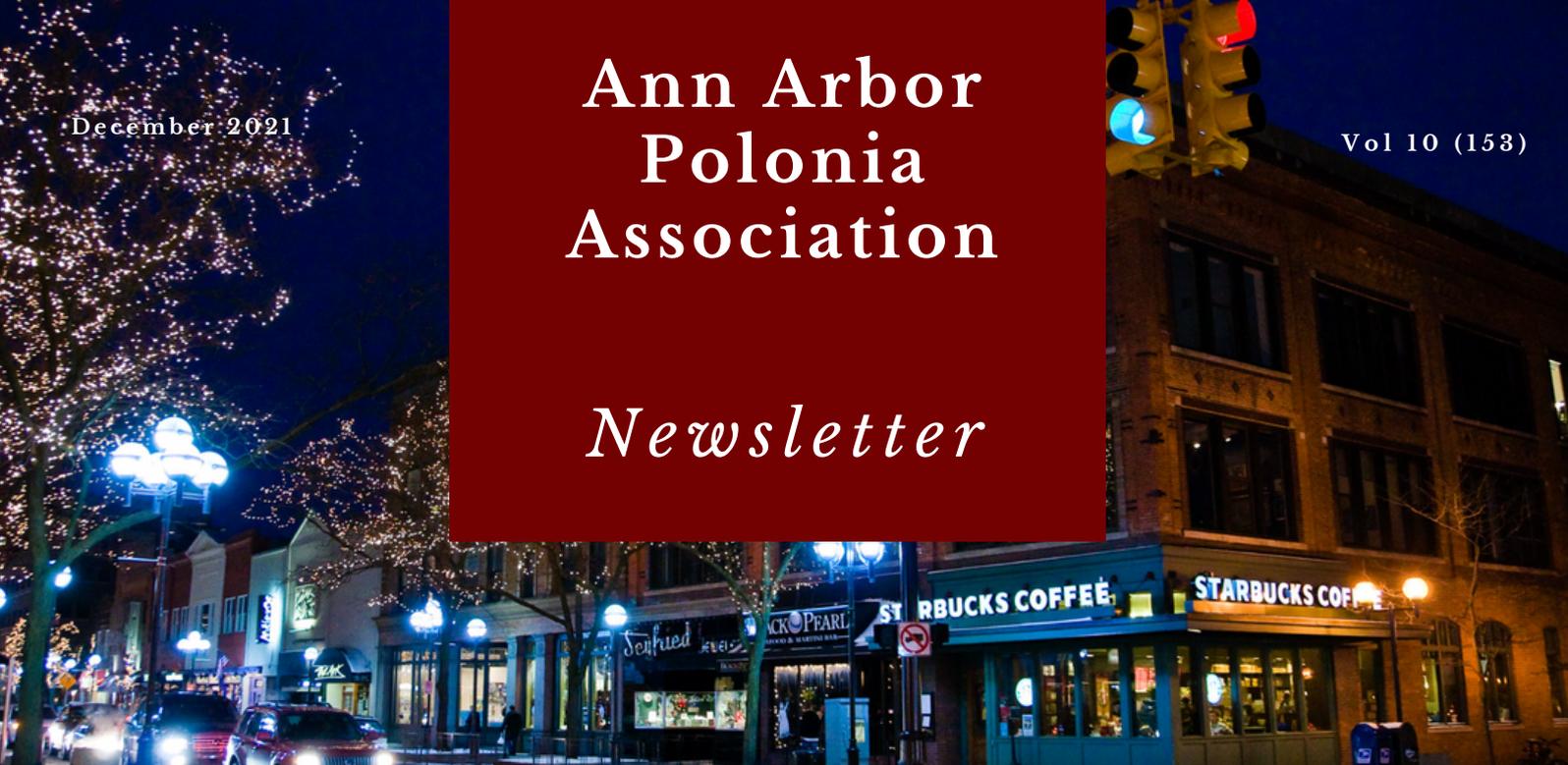


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# Ann Arbor Polonia Association

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## *Newsletter*



# Wszystkiego Najlepszego z Okazji Świąt!

May this Holiday and Christmas season bring you closer to all those you love. Best wishes for the season and a wonderful New Year!



## Summer Picnic 2021

We are happy to report that we restarted our annual Ann Arbor Polonia Association Summer Picnic this summer. After a year hiatus due to Covid-19, the picnic took place in August at the Dexter-Huron Metropark. Over 50 AAPA members and guests gathered for a potluck, grilling kielbasa and kaszanka and for a great conversation. We also had a raffle for a Mystery Basket. The proceeds from the raffle went to support AAPA. The winning ticket was drawn by Ania, a lovely little girl from our community. This year we also had a Book Fair, an exchange of Polish books, DVDs and even VHS tapes. We had a great weather and a joyous atmosphere. It was a chance to catch up on what everyone had been doing this year.



# Fall Bonfire -Ognisko!



After a pandemic break, the Ann Arbor Polonia Association enjoyed seeing dozens of our members and friends, along with lots of energetic kids, and several tired dogs at our bonfire in Brighton.

Although it rained heavily for an hour, we were surprised and delighted to see not only a huge turnout but virtually nobody leaving despite the rain. Folks covered up the food on the picnic tables, some pulled out the umbrellas and raincoats, and one family graciously put up a portable roof tent, where people could huddle while the party continued.

Asia Wierzbicka and Helenka organized children's games and the kids had a ton of fun. After several rounds of grilled sausage and potluck dishes, much of the crowd gathered around the fire to sing with Iza and Gabriś Ostromecki. They lead the group in singing Polish songs, including ravishing rendition of Hej Sokoły, with lots of participation and enjoyment by some wide-eyed kids.

Thank you to everybody who helped with the event!

# 2021 Bake Sale Fundraiser

Every year Ann Arbor Polonia Association runs a Baker's Sale fundraiser at the Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. Our last fundraiser brought in \$560, not a small feat considering the ongoing pandemic.

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# 2021 Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival

The Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival (AAPFF) was back again this year for the 28th time! Organized by the Polish Cultural Fund (PCF), the festival took place **November 5th through 7th** at the **Michigan Theater**. This year, we had a mix of in-person and remote screenings and events.



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## AAPA Board news

One of our vice presidents, Alicja Bator-Naguib, will be away in Germany and Poland until the end of the summer of 2022. She is accompanying her husband, Ahmed Naguib, on a Fulbright scholarship at Rostock University, Rostock, Germany in the spring semester of 2022. We wish Alicja and Ahmed good luck with their travel and look forward to their return to our Polonia community.



# MEMBERSHIP DUES

Joining the 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.

# NEWSLETTER PHOTOS AND EVENTS

Please don't forget to send us information and photos from your events so we can highlight them in our Newsletter.

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

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