

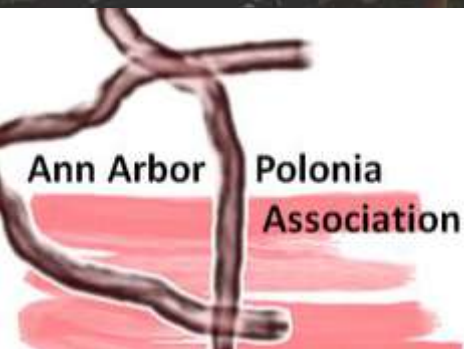
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KRYSTYNA BOBOWSKA HONORED

The AAPA honored Krystyna Bobowska, a beloved member of our organization and a pillar of the Ann Arbor Polonia with a diploma, flowers and heartfelt wishes during the AARP May meeting.



NEW AAPA BOARD

by Marcin Szczepanski

Our annual Ann Arbor Polonia Association meeting was held on May 4th. Members elected a new Executive Board and approved new community advisors. The AAPA President gave the annual President Report on the activities of the organization. Members reviewed, voted and approved new AAPA Bylaws.

New AAPA Board

Anna Bielinska – President
Alicja Bator-Naguib – Vice President
Ilona Kryczek – Treasurer
Marcin Szczepański – Secretary

New AAPA Advisors

Senior advisor: Wanda Walasek
Community Advisors:
Barbara Walkowc
Amy Olszewski
Dorota Poznanska
Anna Uchmanowicz



Polish Language Mass is held on the 1st Saturday of each month in St. Francis of Assisi church, lower chapel. For more info please contact Krystyna Bobowaka (kbobowski@gmail.com)



CELEBRATING FREE POLAND

Photo by Marian Krzyzowski

Members of the Ann Arbor Polonia gathered at the Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the June 4 elections in Poland. The 1989 elections led to the peaceful transition to democracy and paved the way for the fall of the Berlin Wall. The gathering was preceded by a bike ride from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti.

SUMMER PICNIC

Photos by Marcin Szczepanski

Our summer, potluck style picnic at the Dexter-Huron Metro Park has become a wonderful tradition. This year, over 60 participants gathered to enjoy the beautiful weather and splendid company. While adults chatted on the bank of the Huron River, kids explored the shallow water, waded and collected all kinds of river treasures.





UPCOMING POLISH BONFIRE

Polskie Ognisko (Polish Bonfire) will be held September 28-29 (Sat- Sun, overnight) at the MIGIZI CABIN, Brighton Recreation Area. The bonfire starts at 4 PM. The bonfire is a potluck event, please bring food and drinks to share. Don't forget about guitars and other musical instruments. We are known to break into song around the fire!

UPCOMING

START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Don't forget to enroll your kids in the Polish Language Center! We are starting fall semester this Saturday, September 14th. Classes are held every Saturday from 9 AM till 12 PM at the Eastern Michigan University, 215 Alexander Music Building in Ypsilanti.

The Polish Language Center of Ann Arbor was founded in 2011 by parents whose dream was for their children to learn Polish. Our primary aim is the study of the Polish language, the history and geography of Poland, and the transmission of Polish traditions and culture. We admit children from age 3 and up, and offer various levels of instruction according to age and linguistic proficiency. We also teach adult learners. The School is independently run and supported by parents. You can find more information on the school website, <https://polskaskola.weebly.com/>



UPCOMING

Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival

Mark your calendar! The best Polish documentaries and feature films of the year will be screened during the 26th Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival. This year, the festival's dates are Friday-Sunday, November 8-10, 2019. You can find more information about the festival on the website: <https://www.annarborpolishfilmfestival.com/>





LIVES OF POLISH ROMA TODAY

Ewa Małachowska-Pasek mentioned a unique, positive media campaign about Polish Roma.

Based on that campaign, Polish journalist Anna Łoś produced an interesting radio reportage "Doktor Rom" about present day lives of Polish Roma and Polish approaches to this minority group.

<http://www.radiokrakow.pl/audycje/reportaz-w-radiu-krakow/doktor-rom/>

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Ms. Pasek provided insights into what is now the seventh century of Polish-Roma cultural, social and political relations. She also provided an overview of the main principles of Roma culture. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion. We would like to thank the lecturer who gracefully forfeited her honorarium.



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** to be part of our next communication. Thank you!

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