

# POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS MICHIGAN DIVISION

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## QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - 7:00 pm

PAC-MI Headquarters: 11333 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212

## PAC-MI MICHIGAN PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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The Polish American Congress Michigan Division Scholarship Committee presented the 2016 Scholarship Recipients during the Dinner/Fundraiser on Wednesday, August 3, at Krakus Restaurant in Detroit.

The 2016 PAC-MI Scholarship Recipients are: **Michelle Syty** (attending Central Michigan University; majoring in Advertising), **Michał Hałoń** (attending Wayne State University; majoring in Medicine), **Beata Sas** (attending Wayne State University; majoring in Psychology), **Andrew Pietrzak** (attending University of Michigan - Dearborn; majoring in Accounting), **Alexandra Konopka** (attending Michigan State University; majoring in Engineering), **Monika Dziuba** (attending Michigan State University; majoring in Animal Science), **Eveline Kutyma** (attending University of Michigan; majoring in Public Health), **Michael Chrusciel** (attending Wayne State University; majoring in Medicine), **Hannah Gove** (attending Grand Valley University; majoring in Occupational Therapy), **Brandon Hejza** (attending Wayne State University; majoring in Global Finance), **Pamela Jabłoński**

(attending University of Michigan - Dearborn; majoring in Pre-Business Management), **Danielle Miller** (attending Oakland University; majoring in Pre-Health Management).

The Scholarship Committee conducted, for the second year, a fundraising campaign. Named "Invest in the Future," the mailing campaign met with a good response from the community. The most generous contribution came, as in previous years, from Mr. Ray Okonski who is instrumental in promoting and sponsoring many scholarship programs of local Polish-American organizations. His contribution allowed PAC-MI Scholarship Committee to award this year's recipients with \$1,000 scholarship each.

Congratulations to all PAC-MI Scholarship Recipients and best wishes for the future!

Pictured (l. to r.): Ann Bankowski (PAC-MI President), Ray Okonski, Hannah Gove, Eveline Kutyma, Andrew Pietrzak, Monika Dziuba, Michał Hałoń, Beata Sas, Michelle Syty's brother Michael, Michael Chrusciel, Pamela Jabłoński's sister Monica, Danielle Miller and Wally Ozog (PAC-MI Scholarship Committee Chair).

MORE PICTURES FROM THE PAC-MI SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS ON PAC-MI'S FACEBOOK PAGE

## Pierogi Palooza - A Huge Success

FULL STORY ON [WWW.PACMI.ORG](http://WWW.PACMI.ORG)

On June 3, 2016 the Michigan Division of Polish American Congress held a fundraiser at the PNA Council 122 Hall in Hamtramck. It was called "Pierogi Palooza" and its purpose, aside from raising funds for this umbrella organization, was to offer the area public an opportunity to come together to taste some popular Polish food, enjoy Polish American music, be entertained by Polish folk dance groups, view displays about our beautiful culture and legacy, be informed about Polish American Congress and its member organizations, and purchase Polish and Polish American merchandise which expresses pride in our rich heritage. The response, to everyone's surprise, was phenomenal. If we counted all the entry tickets, and added the young children, the volunteers, and the performers, the number would approach 900 persons in attendance in one evening.

### Pierogi Palooza 2016 Sponsors and Donors

These are the individuals, organizations, and businesses that contributed monetarily to the Pierogi Palooza event, ensuring that we have a nice venue and such good entertainment all evening.

Raymond Okonski /Farmington Hills, MI  
Polish American Federal Credit Union/Troy, MI  
George Lukowski/Troy, MI  
American Polish Cultural Center/Troy, MI  
Polish National Alliance Council 122  
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Polish American Congress Polish Day Parade  
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Michael Lacey/Mount Clemens, MI  
Whisky in a Jar (Tom Jankowski)/Hamtramck, MI  
Dr. Ted Radzilowski/Hamtramck, MI  
Irena Bankowska/Hamtramck, MI  
Polish American Congress Seniors Club / Hamtramck, MI

The following are donors of their time and talents, delicious food and desserts, attractive merchandise featured at the event, as well as for planning and advertising, set up, items for the gift baskets of "Polish Cheer", food prep and service, entertainment, raffles, and all efforts in making it an all-around successful fundraiser for Polish American Congress of Michigan:

Pierogi Palooza Committee: Barbara Lemecha, Barbara Gronet, Stella Szczesny, Donna Bielecki, Christine Kuczara, Jacqueline Kolowski, Teresa Wiacek, Helena Zmurkiewicz, Jolanta Bujny, Sebastian Szczepanski, Amelia Pietraszak, and Ann Bankowski

Carolyn Wietrzykowski- owner of Polish Village Café Hamtramck, MI  
Rodney Srodek and Srodek Family of Srodek's Campau Quality Sausage  
PNA Council 122- Members and Club Manager Tadeusz Palac  
Bar service: Kasia Schemanski and Anna Chrin  
Kielbasa Kings Polka Band  
DJ Accent  
Stanislaw Smigielski- accordion entertainment  
Zamek Dancers of the Polish Women's Alliance  
Wawel Folk Dance Ensemble  
Czarny Dunajec Folk Dance Ensemble  
Anna Brozda- face painting  
Sweet Dreams Bakery- Warren, MI  
Srodek's Deli and Bakery- Shelby Twp., MI  
Natalie's Bakery- Madison Hts., MI  
New Palace Bakery- Hamtramck, MI  
Polish Art Center- Hamtramck, MI  
Doreen and Craig Geml of Warren, MI  
Katherine and Robert Joseph of Canton, MI  
Stanislawa Rogal- main cook of pierogi  
Hamtramck Police Reserves  
Bronco Printing, Copy Copy, and PBS Printing  
PNA Lodge 1758  
PNA District X

PAC-MI board, directors, members, and other volunteers: Tom Schemanski, John and Joan Baritche, Marcia Lewandowski, Ed and Francine Nizienski, Rick Lapham, Walt Bankowski, Tom Wolski, Anna Huk-Glaeser, Krzysztof and Grazyna Adamczyk, Irena Bankowska, Stanislawa Jakobek, Tony and Christine Kryszko, Nancy Szczotka, Carol Bennett, Mirosław and Michal Halon, Pat Bargowski, Norm Golembiewski, Marianna Konrad, Jim Kaczor

We appreciate all media that helped to advertise and cover the event, including Channel 7, WWJ- 950-AM radio, Detroit Free Press, Telewizja Detroit, Polish Varieties Radio, Polish Weekly, Hamtramck Review, Queen of Apostles (parish bulletin) and the many Facebook participants who enthusiastically spread the word.

Of course we thank everyone who came to support and enjoy the food and our fundraiser event. We invite you and others to come back next year. We hope to make it an even more improved Pierogi Palooza for everyone's enjoyment.

Ann Bankowski, President  
Polish American Congress-Michigan

## PAC at Ste. Anne Church



On Wednesday, July 20, the Polish American Congress Michigan Division hosted a Polish Novena Mass at the historic Ste. Anne Church in Detroit, as part of the 9-day Novena organized by different ethnic groups. Thank you to everyone who helped organizing this memorable event and to all the participants. Ste. Anne is the oldest Catholic Church in the state of Michigan, and only second oldest in the country (est. 1701).

## Delightful evening on St. John's Eve



St. John's Eve Celebration ("Noc Świętojańska") was celebrated at the Polish American Congress Headquarters in Hamtramck on Friday, June 24. A delicious dinner was served (dishes prepared by members of PAC board and volunteers). Guests had a chance to find out about Polish traditions and customs of "Noc Świętojańska".

## MOVIE SCREENINGS COMING BACK



After the summer break, the "Afternoon at the Movies" series comes back to PAC. Our conference room at the PAC headquarters in Hamtramck, is for that afternoon transformed into a movie theatre with a large screen, comfortable chairs, snacks (including popcorn) and other refreshments. The moviegoers have a chance to see either a classic Polish film or a Polish movie hit from recent years. Our next screening is planned for

**Saturday, September 24, at 2:00 pm.** We will show a Polish melodrama "Trędowata" ("Leper") from 1976 directed by one of the masters of Polish cinematography, Jerzy Hoffman. The film, based on the novel by Helena Mniszkówna, tells the tragic story of a simple governess and a wealthy aristocrat who fall madly in love with each other. However, his family are prejudiced towards her and have other plans for him. The film stars Elżbieta Starostecka, Leszek Teleszyński, Czesław Wołłejko, Anna Dymna, Piotr Fronczewski and Gabriela Kownacka.



## POLISH DAY PARADE

Join us (either by walking with us, or cheering us from the sidelines) for the annual Polish Day Parade on Labor Day, September 5, at 1:30 pm, in downtown Hamtramck. The annual parade is organized by the PAC-MI Parade Committee, and this year will honor the Polish American Federal Credit Union celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The parade Grand Marshal this year is Mr. George Lukowski (pictured), a local businessman and philanthropist.



A long, rich history is associated with the founding of the Polish Day Parade. In the 1930s, the roots of the present day Polish Day Parade took hold with the May 3 Polish Constitution Day observance held on Detroit's Belle Isle. The Polish Day Parade evolved into the Pulaski Day

Parade and was held in the fall of each year in downtown Detroit.

In 1977, Paul C.

Odrobina, as president of the Polish American Congress, Michigan Division and as city council member saw the need for the Polish Day Parade to continue in Hamtramck. Odrobina said, "I was happy to continue the tradition in the city of Hamtramck by having the

parade committee agree to stage the parade on Joseph Campau Avenue during the city's annual festival." He continued, "The Polish Day Parade is an annual tradition that celebrates Polish American life. The parade brings out all that is good about one's Polish heritage. We all should be proud of who we are and what we contribute to America."

For more information, call 313-365-9400.

## ZAPRASZAMY NA PARADĘ!

Całą Polonię zapraszamy na tegoroczną Polską Paradę, która tradycyjnie odbędzie się w święto Labor Day, w poniedziałek, 5 września, o godzinie 1:30 po poł. w śródmieściu Hamtramck. Parada przejdzie główną ulicą tego miasteczka, Joseph Campau. Parada organizowana jest pod auspicjami michigańskiego wydziału Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej. Tegorocznym Marszałkiem Parady jest pan George Łukowski, znany biznesmen i filantrop, a tematem przewodnim parady jest 40-lecie Polsko-Amerykańskiej Federalnej Unii Kredytowej. Zapraszamy nie tylko do oglądania parady, ale także do przyłączenia się do nas w pochodzie. Po szczegóły, prosimy dzwonić do naszego biura - tel: 313-365-9400.

### DINNER WITH FRIENDS

*The Polish American Congress  
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*Saturday, September 10*

*2:30 pm*

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