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QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 4 - 7:00 PM

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



Dear Friend of Polonia.

On behalf of the Board of the Polish American Congress Michigan Charitable Foundation, I would like to sincerely thank you for your generous donation to the Charitable Foundation, which is a tax deductible contribution.

Your gesture allows us to help promote the work and service of the Foundation by offering grants for projects, especially those which promote our beautiful Polish heritage within the Polonia community and beyond, here in Michigan.

In this momentous year, as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Poland's regaining her independence, we look forward to sharing all our good news with others, and encourage the PAC division and our organizations to continue this important mission.

Please keep the PAC MI Charitable Foundation in mind for future donations.

Dziękuję!

Ann Bankowski

President Polish American Congress "Michigan

Interim" Chairman Polish American Congress - Michigan, Charitable Foundation

Dr. John Grondelski's remarks inspire at the May 3 Polish Constitution Day Celebration

Dr. John Grondelski's address was one of the highlights of the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day annual Celebration co-organized by the Polish American Congress Michigan Division. The event took place Sunday, May 6, 2018, on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools. The first portion of the day-long celebration took place at the Adam Cardinal Maida Library. It included introduction by the President of the Polish American Congress Michigan Division, Ann Bankowski, performances by the students of local Polish Language Schools, Polish scouts and violinist Tomasz Mikulski, as well as short address by the Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, Rev. Miroslaw Krol. The event was accompanied by the exhibition about Polish Christianity.

Later, a special Mass was celebrated at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Orchard Lake with participation of the award-winning "Filarets" Chorus, under the direction of Piotr Szawiela, as well as Polish veterans.

The highlight of the event was an inspiring address by Dr. John Grondelski (pictured). In his speech he said that "the Constitution of the Third



of May matters to you and me. It matters because of its example to the world; because of what might have been had it survived; because of how its defeat shaped Poland and, by extension, American Polonia; because of its relationship to this great anniversary year of 1918; and because of how the values of freedom, faith, and the dignity of the person are shared by American Polonia and the Orchard Lake Schools."

FULL TEXT OF DR. GRONDELSKI'S REMARKS IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE - www.pacmi.org

PAC-MI remembers Katyn, Smolensk

The Polish American Congress Michigan Division organized a Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, April 7, at St. Faustina Church in Warren.

The Mass was celebrated to remember and honor the victims of the Katyn Forest Massacre of April 1940, commemorating the 78th anniversary of the brutal execution of more than 20,000 Polish officers, intellectuals, and clergy by the Soviets, as well as to remember the victims of the airplane crash near Smolensk on April 10, 2010, on the 8th anniversary of this tragedy, in which 96 members of Poland's elite died along with the late Polish President, Lech Kaczynski.

The Mass was celebrated by the Pastor of St. Faustina Parish, Fr. Bogdan Milosz, with participation of Chancellor of the Orchard Lake Schools, Rev. Miroslaw Krol. Present were



members of the Polish Scouting Organization, veterans and other Polonian organizations. Musical group "Adoramus" was there to perform throughout the Mass. We also had an honor to hear short patriotic speeches from Steve Bieda (candidate for the Macomb County Clerk), Andrzej "Rocky" Raczkowski (candidate for the U.S. Representative), Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, Richard Walawender and Warren Mayor, James Fouts.



Pictured: Rev. Bogdan Milosz (above top); "Adoramus" (above left); Polish girlscouts (above right); Richard Walawender (below).

"Those Who Risked Their Lives" gaining a much-needed Index

Thanks to Henrietta Nowakowski and Barbara Gronet, a Heralds-of-Truth produced book, "Those Who Risked Their Lives" by Ann Poray, will gain a much needed Index which will allow a quick research of the material in the book. The Index is completed and is available for everyone who has already purchased the book and will accompany the book for anyone interested. The Index will also be available at our next Quarterly Membership Meeting.

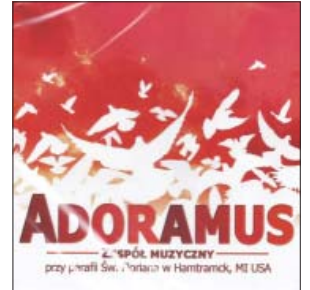
"Those Who Risked Their Lives" compiled, edited and annotated by Anna Poray, offers us a glimpse of some of the thousands of Poles who rescued Jews. Rabbi Harold Schulweis has observed that we needed to know the heroes and heroines, those exemplars of good, who helped Jews during the Holocaust. "Those Who Risked Their Lives" records the name and experiences of many of these remarkable individuals. Consider buying the book for your local library and school.



Najnowsze informacje o michigańskim wydziale Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej, a także zdjęcia i zawiadomienia, znajdziesz na stronie internetowej KPA (www.pacmi.org) oraz na naszej stronie internetowej na portalu Facebook.

ADORAMUS

Recording Available for Purchase at PAC



The music group "Adoramus" captivated everyone by its performance at the PAC-sponsored Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, April 7. Everyone who was there, agreed that "Adoramus" made the Mass that much more solemn and prominent. By purchasing "Adoramus" latest recording you can hear their beautiful singing any time of the day. The CD is available for purchase at the PAC office for \$10.00

The musical group "Adoramus" from St. Florian Parish, under the direction of the Parish Pastor, Fr. Miroslaw Frankowski, has performed since 2008. The group performs for the Church's liturgical celebrations. It has also performed for the Polish-American community in Metropolitan Detroit, Chicago, and Toledo in support of various religious and patriotic celebrations.

POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS MICHIGAN DIVISION
OFFICE HOURS:

TUESDAY: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM, THURSDAY: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM,
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PAC Board meets with new Honorary Consul

On March 21, some of the members of the Board of Polish American Congress, met with the newly appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, Richard Walawender (pictured).

Richard Walawender was appointed by the Poland's Foreign Ministry on February 10, 2018.

During the meeting with PAC Board members, a discussion took place about how we can work together for betterment of Polonia. Mr. Walawender expressed that he was honored to be appointed the Honorary Consul and said that he is ready to take on tasks which will benefit the Polonia in Michigan.



Polish Movies at PAC

Come for another screening of a Polish movie at the Polish American Congress headquarters (11333 Joseph Campau). Our next show will take place on Saturday, June 16, at 2:00 pm (movie title to be determined). Snacks, popcorn and beverages will be served.



DETROIT POLONIA CALENDAR



Stay informed about the upcoming Polonian events in Metro Detroit.

A "Detroit Polonia Calendar," compiled by Barbara Gronet, PAC-MI Vice President for American Affairs, is the best source to stay informed about upcoming Polonian events. The list can be found on PAC-MI website, Facebook and is also printed in local Polish American newspapers.

If you would like to add your event to the list, please send your information (who, what, when, where & more) by mail: PAC/MI Calendar, 11333 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212; by e-mail: DetPoloniaCalendar@comcast.net; or call: (313) 365-9400 (leave a detailed message including a call back number).

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

American Polish Cultural Center

Polish American Congress Michigan Division

invites you to a

BANQUET

celebrating 100th Anniversary of Poland's Independence

Polish American Congress of Michigan Scholarship Fund

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER / DINNER

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS PRESENTATION

Wednesday, August 1, 2018

Krakus Restaurant - Detroit

More Information by calling PAC-MI office: 313-365-9400.

POLISH DAY PARADE

Labor Day, September 3 - 1:30 pm

Downtown Hamtramck

Grand Marshal: Denny McLain

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POLISH MASSES

SPONSORED BY PAC-MI

St. Ladislaus Church

Every third Sunday of the Month - 9:00 am

2730 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212

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FOR PAC and POLONIA!

Polish American & Huron Valley Numismatic Society

COIN SHOW

Sunday, August 19 - 10am - 4pm

American Polish Cultural Center

2975 E. Maple Rd., Troy, MI

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Free Admission

More info: pans.-club.org

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