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QUARTERLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 - 10:00 am

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PAC MI to host "Pierogi Palooza"

Mark your calendars for the event of the season! The Polish American Congress Michigan Division is in the planning stages of the new entertaining and "delicious" event that we hope will attract young and younger, Poles, Polish-Americans and Americans!

On **Friday, June 3**, we will host the "**Pierogi Palooza**". The event will take place at the Polish National Alliance Council 122 Hall and will offer a variety of pierogi from local producers.



But that's not all. We will entertain guests (scheduled to perform are the Kielbasa Kings band and DJ Accent, as well as local Polish-American dance folk ensembles); you will also have a chance to buy other sweets at the Bake Sale booth and taste some Polish kielbasa. We also plan raffles, and possibly other attractions.

Other Polonian organizations are welcome to participate by preparing their own tables/booths (for minimum charge).

For more information, please contact our office at 313-365-9400.

Time to apply for scholarship!

The Polish American Congress Michigan Division Scholarship Committee is urging Polish-American students to apply for scholarships. Since its inception, PAC-MI Scholarship Fund has awarded over 260 students for more than \$200,000 in scholarship grants.

To apply for PAC-MI Scholarship a student must be a resident of Michigan, submit completed application and required verifications

of current grade point average, Polonian involvement, community involvement and financial need. College freshmen are not eligible for scholarship. Deadline for submitting your application is April 1.

To download the scholarship application, please visit: www.pacmi.org or you can pick up a copy of an application at the PAC-MI office (11333 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212).

KPA dziękuje pani Konsul

30 stycznia swoją pracę w Konsulacie Generalnym RP w Chicago zakończyła Konsul Generalna Paulina Kapuścińska. W oficjalnym komunikacie Pani Konsul podkreśliła, iż jest wdzięczna, że miała możliwość poznania wielu z Państwa i mogła doświadczyć Państwa entuzjazmu oraz niezłomnej pracowitości w swoich działaniach z pożytkiem dla Polski.

Z tej okazji prezeska michigańskiego wydziału KPA, Anna Bańkowska, wystosowała, w imieniu całego naszego wydziału, list w którym życzy Pani Konsul dalszych sukcesów w życiu osobistym i zawodowym. „Składam gorące słowa wdzięczności za dotychczasową przychylność i współpracę w załatwianiu spraw i zagadnień przedstawionych przez mieszkańców naszego stanu” - pisze w swym liście Anna Bańkowska. „Pozostawia Pani po sobie nie tylko miłe wspomnienia, ale także wysoki standard obsługi konsularnej” - dodaje.

Pani Konsul nie pozostawiła tego listu bez odpowiedzi przysyłając dodatkowe specjalne podziękowanie, w którym wyraża wdzięczność za owocną współpracę. „Jestem szczególnie wdzięczna za pomoc przy organizacji w 2015 roku jesiennych wyborów parlamentarnych” - pisze Pani Konsul Kapuścińska dodając: „Dziękuję za zrozumienie kwestii istotnych dla Polski oraz Polonii. Moja służba dla Polski i Polonii przez ostatnie trzy lata w Chicago była dla mnie niezwykłym i cennym doświadczeniem. Serdecznie dziękuję za Pani pomoc i wsparcie.”



Konsul Paulina Kapuścińska i prezeska KPA-MI, Anna Bańkowska.

PAC MI Supports Governor Snyder

Recently, the Polish American Congress Michigan Division President Ann Bankowski sent a letter of support to Michigan Governor, Rick Snyder. Below is the text of the letter.

February 3, 2016

Dear Governor Snyder,

In these challenging times the process of governing seems to be inundated with a constant stream of „got-ya” politics. What appears as a technical oversight (not adding anti-corrosive compound to the water), without minimizing its seriousness, has been committed at the local level in Flint. Unfortunately you are now being portrayed, by some, as a perpetrator of the disaster that followed.

We, in the Polish American Congress, Michigan Division do not see it this way and would like to express our continued support for the leadership and vision you are providing for the people of our great State of Michigan. We trust that the people affected by this tragedy will be made whole and the lessons learned will benefit others in the future.

*With confidence,
Ann S. Bankowski
President, Polish American Congress
Michigan Division*

PAC-MI at the Folk Festival



The Polish American Congress Michigan Division was present at the annual 9th Polish Folk Dance Festival on Saturday, February 6, organized by the American Polish Cultural Center, Troy, MI.

As one of the sponsors of the event, we prepared a table with information about our activities. Guests of the festival had a chance to visit our stand and pick up a membership application, scholarship application and other brochures produced especially for this occasion.

“1050 Years of Poland’s Christianity” was one of them. This pamphlet informs about the important anniversary of the founding of the Polish state. On April 14, 966, after his marriage to the Christian Dobrawa of Bohemia, pagan ruler of the Poland Mieszko I was baptized and converted to Christianity. The event is considered to be the founding of the Polish state and the entry of Poland into the community of western European Latin rite Christian states.

Other interesting pamphlets available for guests of the festival included a list with names and short descriptions of some of the well-known public figures that have Polish roots, including Jon Bon Jovi, Mike Krzyzewski, Keith Urban and Pat Sajak.

PAC-MI officers were present to welcome guests at our booth, including Ann Bankowski, Barbara Lemecha, Donna Bielecki and Barbara Gronet. Also, thank you to volunteers who helped throughout the afternoon.

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 detailed message including a call back number).

DUES REMINDER

It is important for all members to pay dues in timely manner. Only paid members are allowed to vote during PAC-MI meetings! Thank you!

Have you thought of remembering us in your will?

Leaving us a gift in your will is a way to ensure that we can continue our mission.

Najnowsze informacje o michigańskim wydziale KPA znajdziesz na stronie internetowej KPA na portalu Facebook. www.pacmi.org LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

Computer Classes a Big Success!



Since Wednesday, January 20, the PAC-MI is co-hosting weekly Computer Classes. Sessions take place every Wednesday, at 2:00 pm, at our headquarters in Hamtramck. Marcin Organiściak, of ABC Computers Detroit, LLC, is the instructor and co-host. Every Wednesday several people participate in the beginners' course. You can still join the class. For more information, call: 313-365-9400.

Od środy, 20 stycznia, michigański wydział Kongresu Polonii Amerykańskiej jest współgospodarzem cotygodniowych lekcji podstawowej obsługi komputera. Marcin Organiściak z firmy ABC Computers Detroit, LLC jest instruktorem i współorganizatorem lekcji. Spotkania okazały się sukcesem, albowiem co tydzień w lekcjach bierze udział kilkanaście osób. Wciąż mogą Państwo dołączyć na kurs. Po więcej informacji dzwonić prosimy na numer telefonu: 313-365-9400.

COIN SHOW

Our member-organization, **Polish American Numismatic Society** is extending its invitation to visit the upcoming COIN SHOW that will take place on Sunday, February 21, at the American Polish Cultural Center (2975 E. Maple Rd. in Troy, MI). The event is co-organized by the Windsor Coin Club. For more information, please visit www.pans-club.org.

DYŻUR PRAWNICZY

W sobotę, 20 lutego, w biurze KPA odbędzie się dyżur prawniczy w godzinach 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Darmowych konsultacji udzielać będzie mecenas Michael Lacey. Aby umówić się na spotkanie z prawnikiem należy wcześniej zarejestrować się dzwoniąc na numer telefonu: 313-365-9400.

Please Join Us!

Dinner with Friends

*An afternoon of comradery, exchanging ideas,
in a social environment.*

Saturday, February 27, 2016

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Doors open at 2:00 pm - Dinner (buffet style) at 2:30 pm

Reservations requested - Call: 313-365-9400 (Seating Limited)

A book "Those Who Risked Their Lives" available for purchase at PAC-MI

In the cynical age in which we live, accounts of altruistic behavior by individuals who risked their lives for others during World War II should be especially welcome to readers.

In wartime Poland, unlike in other German-occupied countries, gentiles who extended any form of assistance to Jews risked execution by Nazis.

Despite cultural, religious, and linguistic differences between Polish Jews and Polish Christians, most Poles were sympathetic to the plight of the Jewish people. Hundreds of thousands of Poles sheltered, fed, clothed, provided forged documents, and looked after the medical needs of Jews on a regular basis. There were additionally hundreds of thousands of Poles whose assistance, though occasional and indirect, was no less dangerous.

Poles who risked their lives by aiding Jews acted on values they had learned from their parents. Often these virtues – compensation, empathy and generosity – were rooted in religious faith. Moreover, many Poles, including those who had prewar anti-Semitic views, responded positively to the Jews as an expression of resistance against the hated Germans, who terrorized and killed Polish citizens longer than any other people in Europe. "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. Several years ago, Rabbi Harold Schulweis 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.

This important book is available for purchase at the Polish American Congress Michigan Division office. Consider buying the book for your local library and school.

**Those
Who
Risked
Their
Lives**

Anna Poray

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różnorodnymi typami
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