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**QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER**

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2017**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD

SATURDAY, MARCH 18 - 10:00 am

PNA COUNCIL 122 BANQUET HALL - 10211 CONANT, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**

**INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY
ELECTED OFFICERS and MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**
SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - 1:00 SOCIAL HOUR, 2:00 - LUNCHEON/ PROGRAM
PNA COUNCIL 122 BANQUET HALL - 10211 CONANT, HAMTRAMCK, MI 48212

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UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) has taken over patronage of observances marking Tadeusz Kosciuszko's death bicentenary, planned for this year. A motion for UNESCO patronage over the bicentenary was submitted jointly by the Kosciuszko Mound Committee in Krakow (south Poland), the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York and Kosciuszko Heritage Inc. in Sydney.

Tadeusz Kosciuszko (1746-1817) was a Polish military engineer and a military leader who became a national hero in Poland, Lithuania, Belarus, and the United States. He fought in the Polish-Lithuanian

Commonwealth's struggles against Russia and Prussia, and on the American side in the American Revolutionary War. As Supreme Commander of the Polish National Armed Forces, he led the 1794 Kosciuszko Uprising.

One of Kosciuszko's most significant and poignant achievements was his pursuit into freeing African-American slaves. He made several wills, notably one in 1798 stipulating that the proceeds of his American estate be spent on freeing and educating African-American slaves, including those of his friend Thomas Jefferson, whom he named as the will's executor.

**2017
THE YEAR
OF KOŚCIUSZKO**



TADEUSZ KOŚCIUSZKO
1746 - 1817

**UNESCO PATRONS KOŚCIUSZKO'S
DEATH BICENTENARY**

The City of Detroit is graced with a marvelous monument of Tadeusz Kościuszko. It is located on the corner of Third Street and Michigan Avenue in downtown Detroit. This cast statue is the work of the Warsaw-born Italian-Polish sculptor, Leonard Marconi. It was cast in 1889 for the grounds of the Wawel Castle in Kraków. To honor Detroit on the bicentennial of the United States, the city of Kraków had the statue donated to the city.

The Polish American Congress Michigan Division is joining in celebration marking Tadeusz Kościuszko's death bicentenary. We have produced a special pamphlet (pictured) about the life and accomplishments of

Kościuszko. The pamphlet will

be available for anyone interested to find out about this great Polish man at the Polish Folk Dance Festival at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy on Saturday, February 11, where we will have our booth with promotional materials including the Kosciuszko pamphlet and his statue for viewing. Come visit us there.

Also, check our Facebook and website frequently for information about more commemorative events at the Kosciuszko monument in Detroit (cleaning of the statue, wreath-laying ceremony). Join us in celebrating this Polish and American hero!

PAC-MI TO HOLD ELECTION MEETING

On Saturday, March 18, 2017, the Polish American Congress-Michigan Division will hold its Annual General Membership Meeting. The officers and chairmen of all committees will present their annual reports.

During the meeting, an election of officers and members of the board will take place.

Until February 16 the Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for all the elected positions in the governing body of the PAC-MI.

The Nominating Committee accepts only written nominations, and only of those candidates that are eligible, according to the PAC-MI By-Laws (candidate must be a member of the PAC Michigan Division for at least one year prior to the date of the election; i.e., prior to March 18, 2017 and, in case of Executive Offices must have attended at least one quarterly membership meeting during the 12 months preceding the date of the election meeting). The Nominating Committee shall verify the willingness of each candidate nominated and at the Election Meeting will present the list of nominations.

If the election meeting requires voting, only PAC-MI members in good standings (with paid dues for 2016) and delegates of the organizations in good standings (with paid dues for 2016) will be eligible to participate in the voting process (the eligibility will be checked at the door).

On Saturday, April 8, all the newly elected officers and members of the board, will give the oath of office, during an Installation Ceremony, at the Polish National Alliance Council 122 Banquet Hall in Hamtramck.

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!**

PIEROGI PALOOZA II IS A GO!



After overwhelming success of the Pierogi Palooza hosted last year by the Polish American Congress Michigan Division, the event will see its second edition later this year. To make it as successful, we need volunteers to assist us in every stage of organizing it. Please, join us to make it even more festive, fun and... delicious. Call our office (313-365-9400) to find out how you can be a part of this memorable event!

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

**Polish American Congress MI
invites you to
POLISH MASS
for the intention of PAC and Polonia**

**Sunday, February 19
9:00 am**

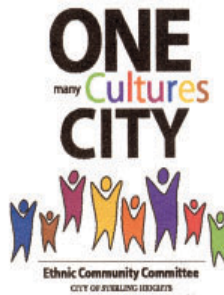
**St. Ladislaus Church
(Chapel of St. Florian Parish)**

**2697 Caniff,
Hamtramck, MI 48212**



Coffee to follow Mass - Everyone is invited!

PAC-MI to be present at the Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange



The Polish American Congress Michigan Division will be present at this year's edition of the Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange event planned for Friday, March 3, 2017, at the Sterling Heights Senior Center (40200 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313). The goal of this event is to increase appreciation of different cultures and to develop a spirit of cooperation and friendship between people of different ethnic background. Come visit our booth with promotional material about Polonia and Poland.

GET WELL WISHES!

Officers and members of the Board of the Polish American Congress - Michigan Division would like to extend warmest get-well wishes to Hon. Judge John Chmura, the chairman of the PAC Polish Day Parade Committee.

Speedy Recovery! Sending good, healthy vibes your way!



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR POL-AM STUDENTS

Applications for the Polish American Congress Michigan Division Scholarships are available to download on our website - www.pacmi.org (or you can pick a copy at our office). Scholarships are available for Polish American students (note that freshmen are not eligible). Applicants, only full-time students, must be residents of Michigan. Applications are evaluated based on four criteria: scholastic average, Polonian involvement, community service and financial need of the applicant. Deadline for submitting applications and required documentation/evidence is April 1. The PAC-MI Scholarship Committee encourages every student to apply!

W hołdzie polonijnym nauczycielom



W sobotę, 19 października, w siedzibie michigańskiego wydziału KPAw Hamtramck, odbyło się spotkanie polonijnych nauczycieli pracujących w lokalnych szkołach języka polskiego działających na terenie stanu Michigan.

Podczas spotkania prezeska KPA, Anna Bańkowska, złożyła życzenia wszystkim nauczycielom dalszej owocnej pracy. Przypomniała także słowa prezydenta RP, Andrzeja Dudy, który w liście do nauczycieli

polonijnych pisze m.in.: „Praca nauczyciela w polskiej szkole za granicą jest szczególną misją i wyzwaniem. Oprócz głębokiej wiedzy i wszechstronnych umiejętności wymaga pełnego zaangażowania w kształtowanie charakteru i ducha nowego pokolenia, często urodzonego i wychowanego poza Polską. Niesie wiele wyrzeczeń, wymaga poświęcenia”.

Każdy z nauczycieli otrzymał specjalny Dyplom Uznania, a po części oficjalnej zaproszono wszystkich obecnych na smaczny obiad.

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 the “Polish Weekly” newspaper.

If you would like to add your event to the list, please send your information (who, what, when, where & more) by mail: PAC/MI Polonia 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).

Seniors Club holds “Opłatek” Luncheon



During its December meeting the Seniors Club of the Polish American Congress held a special Christmas Luncheon („Opłatek”). Members of the Club prepared some of the traditional Polish dishes of the Wigilia dinner. It was a memorable time among friends in a warm, festive, Christmas atmosphere. Seniors Club meets first



discussion on current Polonian, Polish and world events and special projects. For more information, call PAC office (313-365-9400).

Wednesday of the month, at 12:00 Noon, at the PAC office in Hamtramck. Come and join the club. Meeting

consists of luncheon, discussion on current Polonian, Polish and world events and special projects. For more information, call PAC office (313-365-9400).

**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.**

COOKING CLASS

LEARN TO MAKE PĄCZKI



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 12:00 PM
PAC OFFICE (1133 Jos. Campau, Hamtramck)

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“PRIDE OF POLAND” EXHIBIT AT APCC IN TROY



The exhibition “Pride of Poland” will be on display at the American Polish Cultural Center (2975 E. Maple Road, Troy, MI 48083) on Saturday, February 11 (during the annual Polish Folk Dance Festival). The exhibit, created by the Grand Rapids Polish Heritage Society, celebrates Poland's historical, scientific, military, cultural and sports contributions to America and the world. Learn much more about Poland, its history and its influence by visiting the “Pride of Poland” Exhibit in the east hallway of the American Polish Cultural Center.

Polish American Numismatic Society & Windsor Coin Club presents 8th International

COIN SHOW

OVER 90 US & World Coin Dealer Tables

**Sunday, February 19, 2017 - 10AM-4PM - FREE Admission
AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER - 2975 EAST MAPLE RD., TROY, MI**

MORE INFO:
www.pans-club.org
www.windsorcoinclub.com