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Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Monday, September 14th -7:00 pm

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

Masks and social distancing will be observed

Battle of Warsaw



Cud nad Wisłą

On August 15, 2020 we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Warsaw, known also as the “Miracle on the Vistula”, together with remembering Święto Żołnierza that was established to remember the faith and valor of our nation and to honor those who died defending freedom.

The anniversary of the battle was commemorated among Polish communities around the globe, including Michigan's Polonia, who gathered Saturday, August 15th at 'Our Lady of Częstochowa Church' in Sterling Heights for a special outdoor Mass celebrated by its pastor, Fr. Andrzej Maślejka, and 2 guest priests, to pray and pay tribute to the Polish soldiers who fought for

Poland's independence in 1920 and to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Among the worshipers were representatives of organized Polonia, including Polish Veterans and Polish Scouts, Polish Schools, and many parishoners. During the event the Filarets Choir inspired all assembled with patriotic and religious hymns, including “Boże coś Polskę”, moving many to tears. Fr. Maślejka's stirring homily, the Honorary Consul Richard Walawender's inspiring address and the powerful speech by our State Director, Marian Rogowski, all highlighted this day of remembrance.

*Pamiętamy o Bohaterach
Cudu nad Wisłą*



To commemorate this monumental anniversary, Polish American Congress of Michigan proudly introduces a brochure, a special historical manuscript, written by Frank Dmuchowski who devoted countless hours of research for accuracy to this project.



The "Battle of Warsaw 1920" is a beautifully illustrated brochure which addresses not only the courage, determination, faith, and intelligence of the Polish nation in defeating the Soviets, but also speaks about the recently discovered documents about the critical role of Polish cyber military code breakers in Piłsudski's battle planning. It also discusses the importance of French military and American humanitarian support for Poland in this epic battle, which

saved not only Poland, but also much of Europe from the international deliberate and destabilizing spread of Soviet-Bolshevik communism.

A special thank you goes to our supporters who helped to cover the cost of printing 2000 brochures.

- Polish American Congress of Michigan Charitable Foundation
- Polish American Federal Credit Union
- Polish American Central Citizens Committee, Friends of Polish Art
- Polish Army Veterans Association District VI
- Polish Mission of Orchard Lake Schools
- Polish National Alliance Council 122
- Frank J. Dmuchowski & Zofia Duniec-Dmuchowski
- Carl F. Dmuchowski
- Ray Okonski,
- Richard Walawender, Honorary Consul of Poland & Brenda Walawender
- Stefan Żmuda, Polish Second Army Corps WWII Veteran

We plan to distribute these brochures to schools, organizations, and individuals around the US. Be assured, that this brochure will educate you and inspire you as you learn more of this epic triumph of 1920. This brochure is available at the PAC office free of charge.

PAC-MI at Ste. Anne Church

On Friday, July 24, 2020 Polish American Congress MI, once again co-sponsored the Polish Novena Mass at the historic Ste. Anne de Detroit Church as a part of the 9-day Novena each day's mass devoted to area ethnic groups. Ste. Anne Church, now designated a Basilica by the Vatican, is the oldest church in the state of Michigan and the second oldest functioning church in the US. (Est.1701) Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual event.



Congratulations ~ 2020 Scholarship Recipients



The beginning of 2020 has been a very difficult time for students of all ages. It has been a time of change,

challenges and uncertainty. However, life must go on and the following students have applied and have received the Polish American Congress (PAC) of Michigan Scholarship for 2020.

KARINA CIESLAK is the recipient of the **Frank and Sophia Filipek Grant**. She is interested and involved in events at the American Polish Cultural Center in Troy, Michigan and volunteers at Sparrow Hospital. Karina is attending Michigan State University and is studying Microbiology-Pre Medicine.

AURELIA CZESKI has received a grant from the **PAC Scholarship Fund**. She is very active in Polonia and at school. She is a member of the Rodacy Dancers and volunteers her time as a Sunday school teacher. This year Aurelia will be a senior at Siena Hts. University and she has a double major-Elementary Education and Early Childhood.

GABRIELA ANDRZEJEWSKA is the recipient of the **Dr. Stanley A. Ozog Grant**. Prior to attending college, she attended the Adam Mickiewicz Polish School where she participated in various events. Presently, she volunteers at Ascension Macomb-Oakland hospital. This year Gabriela will be a junior at Central Michigan University where her area of study is Neuroscience and Spanish (Pre-Medicine).

ELENA WIONCEK received the **MICHAEL AND HELEN BEDNARCZYK GRANT**. Prior to college, she was active in promoting her Polish culture by being involved in PRCUA Gwiazda dancers and PNA Centennial and Polanie dancers. Presently, she volunteers in various capacities in a sorority. Elena is attending Grand Valley State University where she is majoring in Business-Supply Chain Management.

AGNIESZKA MIKLASEWICZ has received a grant from the **PAC Scholarship Fund**. She works part time and attends school part time. She volunteers for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society where she is involved in fundraisers. Agnieszka also volunteers at Keller Williams Realty and Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home. This will be

Agnieszka's last year at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

TAYLOR WITHERS received the grant from the **PAC Scholarship Fund**. She is a member of PRCUA #1593 St. John Paul II Society where she helps out at various events. She also volunteers at the City Rescue Mission. Taylor is in her junior year at Great Lakes Christian College and her major is Family Life Education.

Congratulations to these young ladies and wishing them the best of luck during this year of change, challenges and uncertainty.

The annual PAC of Michigan Scholarship dinner was cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, we are still accepting donations to our "Invest in the Future"-Make a Difference Scholarship Appeal. Donors who donate \$100.00 or more will have their names displayed at the PAC office in Hamtramck, Michigan for one year. Checks are to be made payable to: **PAC of Michigan Scholarship Fund, Inc.** and sent to: **PAC of Michigan Scholarship Fund, Inc., c/o 30214 Woodhouse Dr., Warren, Michigan 48092**. Donations are tax deductible.

Submitted by: Joann S. Ozog (Secretary)



Solidarność 1980-2020 ~ Pamiętamy ~

31 sierpnia 1980 r., Po dwóch tygodniach negocjacji, podpisano porozumienie między strajkującymi w Stoczni im. Lenina w Gdańsku a władzami komunistycznymi. Ostatecznie doprowadziło to do powstania związku zawodowego Solidarność i zapoczątkowało odrzucenie systemu komunistycznego i niepowstrzymaną i nieodwracalną zmianę w całej Europie Wschodniej.



*Składamy serdecznie gratulacje
oraz najlepsze życzenia
Programowi Radiowemu
"Polskie Rozmaitości" z okazji
90-tej rocznicy założenia.
Dziękujemy za tyle lat nieustannej służby
dla naszej
Polonii i życzymy dalszych sukcesów,
Ad Multos Annos!*

*WNKZ 690 AM
Saturday 8-11am
Sunday 9-10am*

Up-Coming Event

Our division received an unexpected invitation from a unit commander with the Michigan National Guard in this area, asking if we would prepare and do a presentation about Poland for 69 soldiers who are being deployed to Poland the second half of September, to serve there for 10 months with NATO security forces.

The program of familiarization about Poland is scheduled for September 8 at the Michigan Light Guard Armory where a team of PAC-MI members will be introducing the soldiers to Poland.

We will show entertaining videos, share personal remarks and experiences, present cultural information, do audience language participation and a fun sampling of Polish songs and music.

A Polish style lunch, from an area restaurant, will be served, along with 7 dozen pączki donated by Bożek Market, for one of the coffee breaks. There will be interesting displays and a folder of various informational sheets and brochures with Polish tourist, history, and cultural topics for each soldier to keep.

We plan to include a short but vivid video with a power point presentation featuring significant moments of Polish history.

Our Honorary Consul of Poland, Richard Walawender, offered to talk about the significance of NATO forces in Poland and strong US-Polish relations. The afternoon will culminate with Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski doing a dynamic audience involved activity aimed to prepare and help the soldiers better understand the importance of their military mission in Poland.

The PAC-MI event team looks forward to this opportunity of presenting Poland in a positive and significant way. We will share with you much more after the event. Come to the quarterly meeting, September 14, to find out!

Dues Reminder

It is important for all members to pay dues in a timely matter.
Only paid members are able to vote during PAC-MI meetings.

Thank You!



Remember

Polish Mass (third Sunday each month) for PAC and Polonia at
Chapel of St. Ladislaus | 2697 Caniff | Hamtramck, MI