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Wishing all the members, their families and friends of the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Polish American Congress a Happy New Year 2009.

Christmas Mass / Pasterka

A traditional Polish Christmas Mass / Pasterka, sponsored by the Ann Arbor Chapter of The Polish American Congress, will take place on the 3th of January 2009, at the St. Francis of Assisi Church, in Ann Arbor, 2250 E. Stadium Blvd.

The Holy Mass, celebrated both in Polish and English, will begin at 7 p.m. The special character of the event will be enhanced by the performance of two Polish choirs - the Filarets and the choir from the parish of Our Lady Queen of Apostles in Dearborn. The concert of the traditional Polish Christmas Carols - Koledy - will start at 6:30 pm. The Holly Mass will be followed by the informal dessert reception at the Parish Activity Center. Please bring homemade sweets to share with others! Thank you in advance.

Notes after the Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival

This year's Polish Film Festival in Ann Arbor was held again at the Michigan Theater in downtown Ann Arbor, which contributed to the Festival's visibility and prestige. This year's Audience Award was given to the directors of two documentaries: "Three Buddies" and "Stone Silence".

We want to forward our congratulations to everyone who helped organize or participated in running the Festival. Special thanks to the Festival Committee for their big effort, and to the U of M Polish Club for their sponsorship, as well as to those who brought delicious desserts.

The Festival established itself as the cultural event of our Polish community in Ann Arbor. We are looking forward to working on next year's event to make grow and develop.

Changes in our charitable program

This year we will not be conducting the 'Parcels to Poland' event in the spring due to low responses from the recipients in Poland. The PAC Board suggests focusing our charitable resources to help children of Polish decent in an orphanage in Lithuania. We have had contact with them for quite some time now. Through private contributions and collections we have of money to forward to that institution. If anyone is interested in contributing to this effort, you may sent your checks with appropriate note 'for the Orphanage in Lithuania'. Thank you for your help.

Charitable Effort Continues...

We are proud to forward the local news release informing that Maciek Dolata, son of Krystyna and Andrzej Dolata, joined the effort of his School of Dentistry in their community service, who collected and delivered more that 60 grocery bags of food to the Washtenaw County Salvation Army's. Congratulations to Maciek.

Carnival Ball

This year PAC Ann Arbor is organizing our traditional Carnival Ball on February 21, 2009 at the "Chapel Hill" Clubhouse, located at 3350 Green Road in Ann Arbor (734-761-2430). The Ball starts start at 7:30 p.m. and the ticket price is \$5. Please bring a dish and a beverage to share.

We are looking forward to an evening of fun and dancing... hope to see you there!

The Irena Thiel Educational Fund

PAC Ann Arbor Chapter Board has moved forward with defining the criteria and the process of administering the Educational Fund, generously donated by Ms. Irena Thiel with the mission to support higher education of our children. A Fund Committee has been established who will administer the process of awarding 3 stipends of \$500 each per year. An application form is to be developed soon. We will keep the community informed when the process is finalized and ready to start in the spring.

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