



What you told us

44 people responded to our recent survey – thank you very much! – and although not every question was answered by all, the response rate was pretty good and gave us useful information to help in our planning.

We learned that:

- More than a third of those, who did not pay membership dues, reported not knowing that there *were* any dues to be paid. (Apparently, we need to do a better job informing and educating.)
- Family Picnic and Bonfire remain popular, and the unusually low participation in the Bonfire this year was due to a combination of bad weather and bad luck, with many people wanting to, but unable to come.
- Awareness of our events is pretty high (ranging from 48% to 78%), although it could be increased for some events. Most of them are quite popular: those with the highest percentage of people interested in attending are: film festival (82% - no surprise here), carnival ball (72%), and general assembly (72% - big surprise!). Least popular appear to be the monthly Polish mass (33%) and Pasterka (45%) – an indication, perhaps, of secular orientation of our members and fans, although these percentages are not small.
- Clear majority of respondents (61%) wants us to organize more events, with specific ideas focusing on the cultural kind: concerts and performances of

visiting artists; poetry recitals; discussion groups; cabaret. We will do our best, but we are too small to afford an invitation to an artist or a band to perform for us – we can, and we will try to “divert” artists coming to Chicago or Toronto. We should also be looking a bit more closely at the many talents we have locally. Finally, sorry to disappoint one respondent, but dating service is not on our horizon. ☺

- Sadly, only one person indicated interest in serving on the Board next year ☹, but 10 answered “not sure”, so we prefer to remain hopeful.

Polish Film Festival

The 16th Ann Arbor Polish Film Festival will open in less than a month, on November 14. You will find all the relevant info, including descriptions of movies, screening times, ticket prices, associated events, etc., on our website at <http://www.annarborpolonia.org/filmfestival> - no point in repeating all of this here. However, we would like to bring your attention to the following important changes in this year's festival:

- The festival will occupy two theaters in downtown Ann Arbor, with the feature films shown in the State Theater, and the documentaries and shorts in the Michigan Theater
- Admission to documentaries and short films will be free

- The best non-feature film of the Festival will be selected by a 5-person jury

We have a great lineup of films this year, so please check out the website, and come to see them!

Sylwester

Our Chapter will sponsor Sylwester (New Year's Eve) Ball this year! We have reserved a wonderful ballroom (pictured below) in the Earhart Village in Ann Arbor. Details to follow, but we wanted to give you this advance notice so that you can stop fretting over how and where you will greet the year 2010. You are invited! ☺



Important anniversaries

Handful of important dates in Polish history for September and October:

September 1, 1939: Nazi Germany invades Poland, starting World War II.

September 4, 1809: birth of Juliusz Słowacki - the greatest poet of Polish Romanticism, next to Adam Mickiewicz.

September 17, 1939: Soviet Union invades Poland

September 18, 1993: last of the Soviet troops stationed in Poland leave the country

September 25, 1764: coronation of Stanisław August Poniatowski – the last king of Poland

October 11, 1779: dies Kazimierz Pułaski, of wounds sustained in the battle of Savannah.

October 15, 1817: death of Tadeusz

(Thaddeus) Kościuszko, a hero in both Poland and United States.

October 16, 1978: Karol Wojtyła is elected pope and assumes the name John Paul II.

October 17, 1849: death of Fryderyk Chopin, brilliant Polish pianist and composer

October 19, 1984: Jerzy Popiełuszko, priest and chaplain of “Solidarity”, is murdered by the secret police (SB)

October 24, 1795: Russia, Prussia, and Austria sign the act of the third division of Poland

Comic relief

Encouraged by the positive reception of the first “Society Chronicle”, Blue Noses offer us second installment below (in Polish). *(Note: the following is for entertainment purposes only and does not reflect the views and opinions of PAC or our Chapter.)*

Kronika Towarzyska Agencji JPP (Jedna Pani Powiedziała)

Lista gości na weselu Bartka K., według działań w restauracji “Amadeusz”

Nazwisko	Jada	Pije	Śpi	Przychodzi
Jola N.	X	X		X
Jola S.				X
Jola K. z mężem		X		X
Krzysztof G.	X	X		X
Krystyna A.				
Adam i Żaneta S.				
Paweł S.	X	X	X	X

Moda na pikniku: Sylwia R. założyła przewiewne sandały w kolorach tęczy. Zbigniew R. pojawił się w gustownym meloniku. Danuta P. z okazji pikniku przefarbowała włosy na niebiesko. Elżbieta M. założyła białe rybaczki. Dorota R. posiadała trawę na głowie. Bartek K. pojawił się

zakapturzony. Nasz były prezydent, Marcin, założył elegancką wojskową marynarkę z poligonu.

W związku z Międzynarodowym Turniejem Brydżowym, mafia brydżowa nie wysłała swoich przedstawicieli na piknik, co zostało zresztą natychmiast wykorzystane przez mafię grzybową.

Leszek i Jadwiga S. pojawili się na kursie tanga i milongują z wielkim zapałem.

Niemiecki samochód należący do Danuty P. w wyniku poważnego wypadku został kompletnie zniszczony. Pasażerka, produkcji polskiej, wyszła z wypadku bez szwanku. Oponent z rywalizującego samochodu został zabrany do szpitala przez pogotowie.

Poważne zainteresowanie wywołała nieobecność na pikniku powszechnie lubianego

Andrzeja M. Niebieskie Nosy wciąż węższą przyczyn tej sensacji. Jak tylko dotrą do źródeł, natychmiast opublikują informacje na łamach prasy.

Prezydent K., robiąc zakupy w delikatesach "Kopernik", obcałował Teresę C. w godzinach pracy. Z dobrze poinformowanych źródeł wiemy, że Prezydent K. ma chorobę filipińską.

W następnym numerze opublikujemy listę nieobecności na wrześniowym ognisku. A fe!

Z wielką dumą pragniemy donieść, że Niebieskie Nosy podniosły swe nosy jeszcze wyżej po zagranicznych wozach na szekspirowki festiwal do Stratford.

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