

I recommend this applicant for membership.

Sponsor Signature

Sponsor Name (print)

Relationship

How long acquainted?

Screening committee use:

REMARKS:

Horizontal lines for remarks.

Date of Interview

Chairman Screening Committee

### Membership Benefits

- Monthly membership meeting
- Use of our club room
- Annual Golf Outing
- Annual Sportsmen's Party
- Family Scholarship Opportunities
- Membership in one of the oldest ethnic clubs in Michigan and the United States

*We also give financial support to Polish Orphanages and local Foster Children through our The Polish Century Club Orphans Fund. A Michigan Non-Profit 501(c)(3) Corporation.*



East Grand Blvd, Detroit Michigan



East Outer Dr, Detroit Michigan

## Polish Century Club of Detroit

*Established 1916*



Polish Century Club  
2004 - Present

*The Polish Century Club will be Celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday coming up in in 2016*

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## POLISH CENTURY CLUB HISTORY

Over 95 years ago, a group of American citizens of Polish descent formed the Polish Century Club. The first official meeting of the club was held on February 18, 1916 at the Skrzycki Hall located at Russell and Forest in the city of Detroit. On October 14, 1916 the Articles of Association in the state of Michigan, county of Wayne were signed by twenty members of the newly formed club. They included Joseph W. Pilarski, Joseph A. Popiel (the first President), Stephen S. Skrzycki, J.M. Podlewski, John A. Seefeld, Michael Nowicki, Henry A. Subkowial, Frank A. Skelnik, William D. Melin, Martin Stoinski, Michael Grajewski, Frank Matyniak, Jacob Gaffke, Casmer Skaleski, Michael Kluczynski, Teofil T. Dysarz, W.A. Brocki, Walter Nowicki, Frank A. Schwartz and John Brzezinski.

The first trustees or directors of the Polish Century Club were William J. Melin, Anthony Kloka, John Zynda, Walter Nowicki, John Seefeld, Joseph Miotke and Michael Kluczynski.

Originally the club was limited to one hundred members from the east side of Detroit and also, what was known as the Village of Hamtramck. To qualify you had to be a Polish American Citizen of good moral character. The primary purpose of the Polish Century Club has been to cultivate the goodwill and the welfare of its members, promote Polish culture, traditions and customs while always encouraging pride in our Polish heritage. The P C C of Detroit is also dedicated to making a meaningful contribution to the enhancement of the general welfare of the local community and the USA as a whole.

For the first ten years of existence, the Club held meetings in various halls in the Chene Street area. They include Skrzycki, Nowicki, and Dom Polski Halls. In 1926 the club purchased a building on East Grand Boulevard and Elmwood Street, which became our home for thirty eight years. During these years, the Club grew rapidly and became one of the leading ethnic organizations in the state of Michigan. During those years the Club was host to many dignitaries. Included among them were Senators, Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, Judges and other governmental representatives. We welcomed well known luminaries as Leopold Stokowski, Arthur Rubenstein, Jan Kiepura and his wife, Martha Eggarth, and Prince Radziwill. In addition, we often hosted Cardinals Szoka and Maida from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Over the years, the Club outgrew its quarters. On April

1, 1964, we acquired the former Sibley Lumber Company at 5181 East Outer Drive on Detroit's East Side. After extensive renovating, the facility was transformed into one of the most beautiful private club rooms in Michigan.

On January 13, 1965, the club held its first function, at which time Mayor Jerome P. Cavanaugh swore in the elected officers for the year 1965. On May 23, 1965, the dedication of the building and the blessing of the cornerstone were conducted by Rev. Monsignor Vincent Borkowicz and Rev. Monsignor Albert A. Mrowka, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish.

During the 1960's, it was felt that an increase in the membership was important to the continued growth of the organization. For the first time in its history, the Club roster was increased to 150 members. In 2001, it was increased to 300 members.

In April of 1999, the members voted to sell the building on East Outer Drive, and moved into temporary quarters in Clinton Township. Then, about one year later, we moved into an office on Twelve Mile Road, in Warren.

In February of 2004, the club relocated to the newly expanded American Polish Cultural Center facility at Maple and Dequindre Roads in Troy.

We will continue with our efforts to promote Polonia in the Polish American community. Our efforts to recognize the academic achievement of deserving Polish American students. In the past years we have awarded a total of one hundred forty-nine (149) scholarships valued at \$161,050.00 dollars. We also donated through our Polish Century Club Orphans Fund approximately \$32,000 to orphanages in Poland and local help organizations.

On this, the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Polish Century Club of Detroit, we hereby dedicate our accomplishments and future endeavors to all of the members, both deceased and alive, as well as the friends of the P C C, who have contributed to the goodwill of the Club.

## JOIN THE POLISH CENTURY CLUB

If you are interested in joining the Polish Century Club. Please fill out the short application and mail it in. Someone will contact you about your application.

Regular members shall be restricted to males who are of Polish descent, be twenty-one (21) year of age and a citizen of the United States of America.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes  No

Married? Yes  No

If yes, wife's first name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor traffic offense?

Yes  No

Is your Father or Mother of Polish Decent?

Yes  No

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Is (or was he) a Club member?

Yes  No

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_