



# The Forum

## of the Chicago Society, Lodge 1450 PNA

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### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 21st

**General Meeting**

**ONLINE via ZOOM**

**6:45 pm "Happy Hour"**

**7:00 pm Call-to-Order**

Meeting ID: 969 2563 2546

Passcode: 080272

Call in at (312) 626-6799

Monday, May 3

**Board Meeting**

**ZOOM - 7:00 pm**

Friday, July 9

**Golf Outing at Glen Eagles**

A monthly news bulletin for the  
Chicago Society PNA

Director of Publications  
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Brothers and friends,

I trust everyone and their families had an enjoyable Easter holiday and an equally wet Śmigus-dyngus. The conversation at our tables were likely similar, in that we looked forward to a future where we can return to enjoying the activities we came to take for granted and considered routine. As things continue to trend that way, the Society is moving forward with identifying potential locations for in person meetings and planning its golf outing, which will take place on July 9, 2021 (flyer attached to the forum) at Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont, Illinois. As for the outing, the specifics are in the forum and flier but I want to make clear that the most important part of all of it, is that a portion of the proceeds will go directly to our youth fund for the support of the youth of Polonia. Previous Proceeds have allowed us to support recently orphaned children of immigrants, sponsor outings and events of the Polish Scouts, and support children's programs of the Polish Museum of America and more. Please spread the word and join us in July so we can continue that most important initiative while having a great time with a cookout lunch at registration, beer included on the course all day and a dinner with open bar and reception following.



As for in person meetings, what we know is that the April general meeting will take place via Zoom. We are preparing to move towards in-person meetings and a decision on the May meeting will be made at the next Board meeting and communicated via the May forum. Any suggestions can be provided directly to my attention or to any Board member, or at the next general meeting. All comments are welcome and will be considered.

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## CHICAGO SOCIETY FORUM

### Board of Directors

#### President:

Adam Konopka

#### 1st Vice President:

Chris Grzadziel

#### 2nd Vice President:

Chuck Cwiakala

#### Secretary:

Andy Haszlakiewicz

#### Financial Secretary:

Richard Ciesla

#### Treasurer:

Jan Plachta

#### Advocate:

Ed Wasilewski

#### Senior Director:

Peter Dykas

#### Social Activities Director:

Zenon Kurdziel

#### Director of Outreach:

Ro Matuszczak

#### Director of Personnel:

Ken Kogut

#### Director of Publications:

Ted Kozelka

## President's Message, continued...

The Social Media Committee has created new Facebook pages for the Society and the specifics of those and how they work will be communicated through them. I strongly urge all members to utilize this tool to let everyone know about what is happening in their personal and professional lives so that it can serve as a digital community for times between meetings, or when meetings are not possible. Thanks again to the committee for all its hard work!

Stay safe everyone!

*Adam Konopka*, President, Chicago Society PNA

## Chicago Society's New Facebook Page

Brothers, the Social Media Committee has met and discussed how to proceed with promoting Chicago Society on social media. The first action was to create a new public facing Facebook page that will be viewable by anyone. We will use this page to make event announcements and promote the work that Chicago Society and Chicago Society Foundation does for Polonia. You can reach the new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Chicago-Society-PNA-1450-101631775366877>. Please like and follow the page so that you can receive updates in your feed. Also share the page with the your friends so they can also like and follow our page.



A members only Facebook page has also been created. This site is only for Chicago Society members in good standing. It is a place where we can talk and discuss various topics. To join the members only page, in Facebook, search for "Chicago Society PNA Members". At this page you can click on the "join" button. You will be presented with a couple questions and will need to agree to the rules of the group.

The old Chicago Society Facebook page will be shutdown soon.

*Chris Grzadziel*, 1st Vice President, Chicago Society PNA



# Chicago Society of the PNA GOLF OUTING

## JULY 9, 2021

### GLENEAGLES COUNTRY CLUB

13070 McCarthy Rd, Lemont, IL 60439

Registration 12:00 PM

Shotgun Start 1:30 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

- Lunch and beer provided on course
- Dinner and open bar to follow

### GOLF & DINNER

\$150 Per Golfer | \$600 Per Foursome

- 18 Holes with cart
- Lunch & beer on course
- Dinner with open bar

### DINNER ONLY

\$60 Per Person

- Dinner with open bar

### SPONSORSHIPS

A portion of all proceeds will be used to directly support the Youth of Polonia!

#### HOST SPONSOR - \$1,500

- Golf for four with VIP hospitality bags
- Tee box signage
- Name/logo on registration and dinner table
- Banner at registration sign in "VIP Sponsor Area"
- Name/logo on Chicago Society PNA Website (June & July)

#### EVENT SPONSOR - \$750

- Tee sign at hole
- Name/logo on registration and dinner table
- Sign in "VIP Sponsor Area"
- Name/logo on Chicago Society PNA Website (June & July)

#### BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$500

- Tee box signage
- Beverage cart and beer station signage
- Name/logo on Chicago Society PNA Website (June & July)

#### HOLE SPONSOR - \$100

- Tee box signage

Donations for raffle prizes or cash in any amount are welcome.



## Pisanki!



The Chicago Society PNA is proud to be co-sponsors of the Polish Museum America's Pisanki Event that was held on March 27th. This year's event was a virtual event where many more children were able to partake in this annual workshop. School children from various Polish schools and the Polish Scouts were taught how to decorate Easter eggs the way our parents and grandparents did. If you were unable to join the event that day, you can view the video on our Facebook page or thru the Museum's web site at <https://www.polishmuseumofamerica.org/get-egg-cited-about-easter-at-the-virtual-pisanki-workshop/>

This donation was made possible from our Youth Fund by sharing a portion of the profits from our events from years past.

Events like this for the children are much needed so that our youth remember Polish customs and traditions. This year's event was co-sponsored by the Edward T. & Ellen K. Dryer Charitable Foundation and the Chicago Society PNA.





# Chicago Society of the PNA GOLF OUTING

Thank you for joining us and supporting our mission!  
Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will directly impact the lives of the Youth of Polonia.

☐ **GOLF & DINNER**

\$150 Per golfer - \_\_\_\_ golfer(s)

☐ **DINNER ONLY**

\$60 Per diner - \_\_\_\_ diner(s)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Select Sponsorship**

☐ \$1,500 | Host Sponsor

☐ \$750 | Event Sponsor

☐ \$500 | Beverage Cart Sponsor

☐ \$100 | Hole Sponsor

☐ I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to  
the Chicago Society of the PNA

## GOLFER(S) INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL	PHONE
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3.				
4.				

**Deadline for Registration, Payment and Tee Sign Logos is July 1st**

To submit logos, make a donation or for more information, please contact:

Adam Konopka , Event Chairman & President at  
president@chicagosocietypna.org or (773) 220-1891

Register, Pay and Submit Tee Sign Logos Electronically at

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/golf-outing> or

Checks and registration can also be mailed to:

Attn: Rich Ciesla | 1808 Weeg Way, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1230



## Chicago Society, P.N.A.

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Held on Monday April 5, 2021

Due to the corona virus emergency this was a ZOOM meeting



Call to Order: President Konopka called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Roll Call of Officers and Directors present: Brs. Ciesla, Cwiakala, Dykas, Grzadziel, Haszlakiewicz,

Kogut, Konopka, Kurdziel, Matuszczak, Plachta, Wasilewski, Absent was: Br. Kozelka. Br. Konopka declared a quorum.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The March board meeting minutes having been published in the Form and approved during the March general meeting, Br. Ciesla moved to dispense of the reading of the minutes of the March general meeting and to accept them as posted via email. Br. Kogut seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Br. Ciesla: none in the PO Box. Br. Konopka received an invitation from the Polish-American Chamber of Commerce (PACC) to their golf outing on April 30, 2021. Cost is \$125 a person. Br. Dykas moved to buy a ticket for President Konopka and a guest (\$250) so as to have a Chicago Society presence at the PACC golf outing. Seconded by Br. Kurdziel. Motion passed.

Bills: Br. Konopka stated that we are up to date with System Forms, Inc., for the cost of the Forum.

Directors and Officers Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Br. Grzadziel had nothing new to report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Br. Cwiakala stated that restaurants continue to have seating restrictions. If the city eases those restrictions we might start in-person meetings in May. Still checking to have our board meetings at Smak Tak. The concern is whether enough members will be vaccinated and willing to come out for these meetings. Br. Dykas suggested polling our members to see how many would come out. Br. Wasilewski will check out other organizations to see if they use a waiver or disclaimer to protect themselves from liability during in-person meetings. Br. Matuszczak mentioned that the Lone Tree Banquet hall has been having events and is holding the Parade Queen selection on April 25. We can wait to see how that works out before deciding on our meetings. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Seconded by Br. Kurdziel. Motion passed.

Secretary: Br. Haszlakiewicz reported on available "cloud" document storage services – Dropbox, iDrive, Google Drive, pCloud, Mega drive. Dropbox is free up to 2GB and Google Drive allows 15GB of storage for free. The others include a charge, either monthly or per year. We may exceed 2GB but probably not 15 so the recommendation would be to use Google Drive. Question was asked how much is the cost for more than 15GB. Br. Haszlakiewicz will report back next month with the volume of current documents on file and what the cost would Google Drive be over and above 15GB of storage. Br. Cwiakala moved to accept report, Br. Kurdziel seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Br. Ciesla reported that our total deposits to date are \$11,990.11. The Wiecek repayments are on schedule and has a balance of \$5,191.04 (24+more payments). We have 101 members; which includes 3 members with waived dues. Eighty-eight members have paid their dues for 2021. One applicant is to be inducted. Br. Ron Wolosewicz has submitted a letter of resignation due to his health and inability to attend events. Br. Wolosewicz is 83 years old and has been a member for 22 years. Br. Ciesla is recommending he be granted a waiver of dues in order to maintain him as a member. The following members have not paid dues as of April 1 and are therefore suspended: Brs., Augustynski, Bauerle, Csoke, Kaszubski, Mance, Marcyan, Mikola, Noyszewski, Obrecki, Sieja, Spula, and Sufranski. According to our constitution these unpaid members can be given a grace period (at the discretion of the board) to pay their dues before their membership is forfeited.

Br. Matuszczak moved that the waiver of dues be granted to Br. Wolosewicz and seconded by Br. Dykas. Motion passed.

Br. Dykas moved that unpaid members have until June 1 to pay their dues, after which time they will forfeit their membership. Seconded by Br. Plachta. Motion passed.

Br. Kurdziel indicated that he will contact Br. Mikoda about the dues and Br. Matuszczak will call Br. Spula. Board members are encouraged to contact the other delinquent members. All 101 members will continue to receive the Forum until June 1.

Treasurer: Br. Plachta stated that he sent the Treasurer report to the board members electronically. There were no comments. Br. Plachta is still waiting for a response regarding the IRS sales tax exemption. Br. Haszlakiewicz questioned why the large balance is in the checking account and not in savings where it could earn some interest. It was agreed that this should be looked into. Br. Dykas pointed out that the \$1000 we sent to the PMA was for the Pisanki workshop, not a competition, as listed in the report. The report will be corrected. Motion to accept report made by Br. Kurdziel and, seconded by Br. Ciesla. Motion passed.

Advocate: Br. Wasilewski - the Wiecek payments are on time. Nothing else to report.

Senior Director: Br. Dykas reported that our sponsorship of the Pisanki workshop at the PMA was very well received and that the program was featured on PolVision and a clip was posted to FaceBook. Our co-sponsorship was prominently displayed with our name, logo and mission statement and sent out to Polish schools, scouts and other organizations. This was very good exposure for us. Br. Kogut moved to accept report, Br. Wasilewski seconded. Motion passed.

Social Activities Director: Br. Kurdziel waiting for things to open up, so no report at this time. July 9<sup>th</sup> Golf Outing update from Br. Konopka: The flyer has been finalized, sponsors to be lined up by end of next week, an accordion player has been booked (for registration and lunch), we still need lots of help – golfers, raffle prizes, volunteers. Time is getting short. The registration will be available on the website. Br. Ciesla moved to accept report, Br. Kogut seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Outreach: Br. Matuszczak – still waiting to see when things open up so we can get out and talk with people. The PACC golf outing should be a good exposure for us. Br. Dykas informed that there is a new editor at the PNA Zgoda magazine and she would be glad to publish our upcoming events. Br. Ciesla moved to accept report, Br. Dykas seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Publications: Br. Kozelka was absent and there was no report. Br. Konopka mentioned that Br. Kozelka continues to do an excellent job of putting out the Forum and thanked him for that. Also, any content to be included in the Forum should be forwarded to Br. Kozelka.

Director of Personnel: Br. Kogut reported that he will continue to pass on birthdays and anniversaries to the director of publications to put in the Forum. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Kurdziel seconded. Motion passed.

Audit Committee: The audit for 2020 was prepared and made available for review at last months' board meeting. Br. Konopka thanked Br. Kogut for chairing the committee and the work he put in. Br. Wiermanski was asked to comment on the audit and those comments were circulated to the board prior to this meeting. Br. Kogut pointed out that the purpose of the audit is to match up the expenses incurred with the proper documentation. There were two instances of deficiencies in January and one in October which we need to rectify so we could move forward in a balanced format. Br. Ciesla offered an explanation for those deficiencies being that he, as Financial Secretary, does not see the monthly checking account statements causing items to be missed or recorded out of order. Br. Konopka stated that going forward all these statements and records need to be up-to-date and available for review. Br. Plachta will confer with the previous treasurer (Br. Wiermanski) and together with Br. Ciesla resolve the outstanding deficiencies. Br. Kogut pointed out that the committee struggled with the poor organization of the documentation and that he will seek advice on how a non-profit like ours could be better prepared for future audits. The move to accept the report was made by Br. Ciesla and seconded by Br. Wasilewski. Motion passed.

Social Media Committee: Br. Grzadziel reported that he has set up a general use Chicago Society Facebook page available to the public for sharing all our activities and events. It is already up and running and will be announced in the next Forum. Members will be encouraged to view it, like it, and share with everyone. A second Facebook page will be set up for members only, to be used mainly as a discussion platform for Chicago Society business. The existing Facebook page will be discontinued in the near future. Also in the works is a LinkedIn page. Br. Kurdziel moved to accept the report, Br. Matuszczak seconded. Motion passed.

Custodial Committee: No report at this time.

Old Business: Br. Plachta shared that The Polish American Congress wrote a letter to the Secretary of State regarding the mistreatment of Polish citizens in Belarus. A 1992 agreement giving Poles living in Belarus normal civil rights is being undermined by the current government. In the letter, PAC is asking the Secretary of State to send a letter of protest to the Belarus government. Br. Konopka suggested this information be included in the next Forum.

New Business: Br. Grzadziel observed that as our membership number dwindles, it may be necessary to review and adjust our constitution with regards to qualifications and limitations in the selection of officers and members in positions of responsibility. He went on to say that the pool of available and willing members is limited and getting smaller. Br. Konopka will bring this up for discussion at our next board meeting.

Good of the Order: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Br. Matuszczak and was seconded by Br. Kurdziel. There being no other business, Br. Konopka adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Br. *Andy Hasz Sakiewicz,*

Secretary





## POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS ILLINOIS DIVISION

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March 29, 2021

**The Honorable Anthony J. Blinken**  
**Secretary of State**

### Chicago Society FYI:

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Polish American Congress, Illinois Division protests the escalation of repression against ethnic Poles by the Lukashenko regime in Belarus. We seek diplomatic action from U.S. Department of State, on behalf of ethnic Poles living in Belarus. For many years the Lukashenko regime targeted ethnic Poles for cultural obliteration, essentially cultural genocide, attempting to stamp out any signs of the existence of Poles in Belarus, a region that has, for centuries, been home to both Belarus and Polish people.

Regime actions include forbidding the teaching and use of Polish language, forbidding the creation of independent Polish organizations, which teach and promote Polish language, culture and Catholic religion, harassment of activists, blocking contact with foreign press, access to news in the Polish language, as well as forbidding membership in any foreign NGO's.

Recently these actions were escalated, culminating in the arrest of Andzelika Orechwo, (Borys), on March 23rd, recently re-elected as the President of Alliance of Poles in Belarus. She was arrested, together with some other members of the Alliance; namely Mr. Andrzej Poczobut, a publicist, reporter and noted author, and two regional Directors of the Alliance. Mrs. Borys was immediately sentenced to 15 days in jail, time the regime needs to prepare charges against her. Since her first election as the President of the Alliance, Ms. Borys was detained over 90 times by the Security Police, subjected to psychological torture, had her home searched dozens of times and personal property destroyed. Now, the regime plans to put her on trial on trumped up charges, with high probability she may be convicted and jailed for up to 12 years. Mr. Poczobut, likewise was arrested several times for his activities and may face similar fate.

The actions of the Lukashenko regime not only violate the June 23, 1992 Copenhagen Agreement between Poland and Belarus regarding protection of ethnic minorities, but also violates universal human decency standards.

We implore US Department of State to take a stand and request the Lukashenko regime to immediately release Ms. Borys and Mr. Poczobut as well as others arrested or detained in this reprehensible and vile action, Lukashenko's continuing attempts to obliterate any traces of ethnic Poles in Belarus.

Sincerely yours,

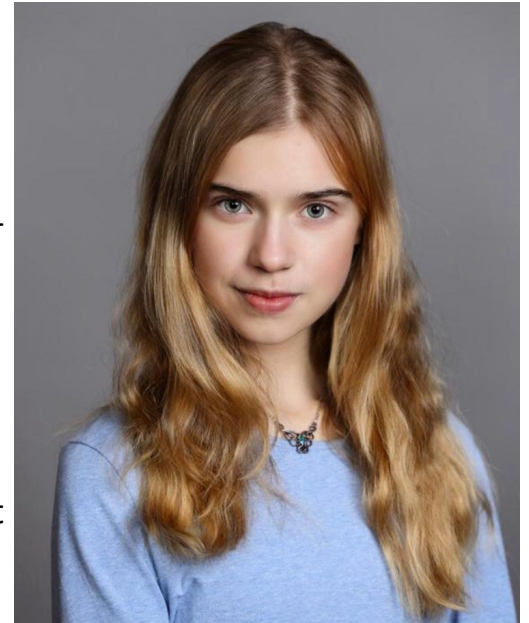
*Michael M. Niedzinski*

Michael M. Niedzinski,  
President,

## Congratulations Isabella Wnek: \$7,500 Kulze Scholarship Winner

I am studying Communications and Media Arts with a minor in Business at Montclair State University in New Jersey, which are my intended fields of interest. Being in my fourth semester, I was already nominated 3 times for the University's Dean's List and named a Presidential Scholar for my academic excellence maintaining a 3.8 GPA. During my studies at MSU, I took courses from Harvard University where I was granted certifications for my studies and passing marks.

My biggest goal after graduating University is to become a diplomatic spokesperson, public affairs specialist, or ambassador. Based on my current studies, I am cultivating a skillset that will allow me to represent and act on behalf of our Polish community on a much grander scale.



Communication and public speech have always been my strengths and continue to grow with my practice. I was often selected to perform lead roles for theatrical productions, deliver important speeches in front of large crowds, and proudly network with important individuals on behalf of my community. In addition to my methods of speech and performance, I have much experience in improvisation and debating.

I speak fluently in English, Polish, and French which I mastered in high school. By studying the field of communication and media, I wish to expand my potential and use my skills for representing larger private institutions or the government. I am currently building my reputation in the world of television and media, constantly improving my expertise and networking with passionate individuals.

With every next step I take in my career, I am always very mindful of my Polish background and heritage, finding creative ways to keep our culture thriving. Through my projects, I would like to become a well-known representative of our community and promote our culture in the best ways. My dream is to become an ambassador for Polish and American relations through the world of modern media.

I am proud to be an active member of our Polish community. Growing up with parents who immigrated from Poland, I have a strong connection with my roots. I learned to speak Polish early on. It helped me develop my Polish identity. At age 6, I enrolled in the Polish Supplementary School in Clark, NJ. It was exciting for me because I met students and teachers who were all connected through Polish culture. I enjoyed learning Polish history, literature, traditions, music, even fencing and ballroom dancing!

Learning about ambitious minds like Mikolaj Kopernik, Maria Skłodowska-Curie, Frederik Chopin, or Kazimierz Pulaski inspired me to strive to become impactful. I developed a greater pride of being Polish. During my school years I became active in the Polish community. Also with the Polish Cultural Foundation, St. Theresa's Church, and other Polish organizations. My favorite activity was participating in the Polish theatrical group. Our performances won major awards.

I attended the Polish school for 11 years, being a teacher's assistant for 3rd grade classes (Maria Pazdzior), participating in the fencing club, volunteering at community gatherings, and representing our school for national events. In 2017, I was selected to participate in a summer camp in Poland sponsored by the Polish Senate. Through my involvement in the Polish Camp, I had the honor to meet the First Lady Of Poland Agata Kornhauser-Duda in 2018 in the Polish Consulate of New York. In May 2018 I passed the matura exam and officially graduated.

In 2020, at my University I created a Polish Cultural Club. We held weekly meetings on campus and created an instagram page @MSUPolacy connecting students even outside the University. Currently, my latest project is being a news anchor and segment host at the 90.3 FM WMSC Upper Montclair radio station (which happens to have a studio on the Montclair Statelsabella Wnek 3 University Campus). Here, I collaborate with other teams at the station and produce my own material for live broadcasts. Through my time on air I am developing a public persona and growing my personal brand as a spokesperson. I am also in contact with Polish TV channel TVN/ Dzień Dobry TVN who aired my videos during their show. These extra-curricular activities allow me to explore the professional field of communication and media, and are also a valuable addition to my studies in college.

Even though I am focused on developing the foundation to my professional career I am glad I am involved in the Polish initiatives. This scholarship will not only help me to continue focusing on career development but also pursue greater goals to help evolve our Polish community.

"With much gratitude, I would like to say I am honored to be the recipient of this year's Kulze Scholarship from the Chicago Society Foundation! I am very happy to see that my hard work through my journey in higher education is paying off and my efforts are being recognized. Winning this scholarship brings me more confidence and accountability to strive to and reach my greatest endeavors. I am very excited keep exploring my potential to its fullest! Let my accomplishment be a sign for others that anything is possible, if we believe in ourselves.

Thank you so much!"

Wishing you all the best,

*Isa Wnek*

## **UWAGA: OVERDUE Dues Notice**

The following members have not paid their dues and therefore are suspended from active membership in the Chicago Society, PNA. The Board on **April 2, 2021** has extended the date of membership forfeiture until **June 1, 2021**. That is, on that date if dues are not paid these members will no longer be considered members. They will be removed from the mailing list and from the list of dues paying members.

Brother members are encouraged, albeit unofficially, to reach out to these members. The Board will be taking official action (but a phone call from a friend is always a better way).

**Adam J. Augustynski**

**Joseph N. Bauerle**

**Andrew Csoke**

**Mark Kaszubski**

**Robert Mance**

**Carlton R. Marcyan**

**Mario Mikoda**

**Andrew Noyszewski**

**Martin Obrecki**

**Thomas A. Sieja**

**Frank Spula**

**William Sufranski**

## **Copernicus Ctr. Loses Bid for Jefferson Park Firehouse**

Plans to turn a former Jefferson Park fire station into a brewery and apartments are set to move forward after a legal battle over the site. Developer Ambrosia Homes intends to add a third story to the 115-year-old building and create nine market-rate rental units, and Lake Effect Brewing Company plans to move into the ground floor.

The \$208,000 sale of the city-owned building, at 4841 N. Lipps Ave., closed Tuesday, said Ambrosia principal Tim Pomaville. The funds will be used to reimburse the developers for the costs of removing hazardous materials, such as lead paint, from the property.

The purchase price was one sticking point for the nearby Copernicus Foundation, a Polish cultural organization that sought to buy the building for \$300,000. The city's Department of Housing denied the foundation's application, saying it "was found to be incomplete." The foundation sued Chicago in November. The city denied the foundation access to the inside of the fire station and "deprived Copernicus of the right to participate in a competitive, fair process toward purchase of the fire station," the foundation alleged in the lawsuit.

A Cook County judge denied the foundation's request for a temporary restraining order, and the lawsuit was voluntarily dismissed at the end of February. "We're just so disappointed," foundation chairman Hubert Cioromski said Thursday. "I'll tell you, it's a sore spot for us."

The firehouse was built in 1906 and served the Chicago Fire Department until the early 1980s, said Ward Miller, executive director of Preservation Chicago. For a time, it was used as a storage facility for city equipment but it has been vacant since around 2012, and has fallen into disrepair, he said.

Preservation Chicago is pleased with the plans for the firehouse, particularly since Ambrosia included changes to its plan that preserve some of the building's history, Miller said. "We're really, really hopeful for the future of this building," Miller said. "And excited for the community of Jefferson Park to have a historic building reactivated, and to a use where people can reenter it and enjoy its history."



## April Anniversaries

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following Brothers on their anniversary of being inducted into the Chicago Society.

**Zenon Cebula**  
**Robert Groszek**  
**Andrew Haszlakiewicz**  
**James Kolak**  
**Martin Obrecki**  
**Mark Orwat**  
**Jack Rohner**  
**Martin Weihing**

Thank you for your loyal membership & **STO LAT!**

## April Birthdays



The Chicago Society would like to extend to the following brother members, who are celebrating their birthday in April, a warm wish of **Sto Lat!**

**Peter Dykas**  
**Richard Jakubowski**  
**Anthony Kawalkowski**  
**Frederick Koziol**  
**William Przybylski**  
**John Wojciechowski**

## 1924 to 1925

Administration

of Leon C. Nyka. The Chicago Society Ladies Auxiliary was organized during the period. The concept of the Polish Day was now dedicated to support of charity, welfare, and education. These goals assumed definite and concrete form. Kindred societies were sponsored and established in New York (Manhattan Society), Cleveland (Cleveland Society), and Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids Society). These were prosperous years for the Society, marked by accomplishments of considerable importance and influence.

## 1926 to 1927

Administration of Edward J. Prebis. This period marks the highest development of the social aspect of the Society. A kindred society known as the South Bend Society was sponsored and established in South Bend, Indiana on January 5, 1927. Fellowship flourished and intra-organization meetings, attended with numerous social functions were held in Chicago, Milwaukee, Detroit, Buffalo, Cleveland, Grand Rapids, New York and South Bend. The fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Chicago Society was spectacularly commemorated in collaboration with the representatives of the kindred societies at the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel and the Rainbow Gardens in Chicago.

## 1928 to 1929

Administration of Theodore Szmergalski. This period is marked by the development of a keener consciousness of the civic obligations of the Chicago Society. Definite impetus was given to support the Polish Welfare Association and to patronage of the Kosciuszko Foundation. The lectures of Professor Dybowski of Oxford University, England, at the University of Chicago were financed by the members of the Chicago Society. A kindred society, known as the Dearborn Society, was sponsored and established in Dearborn, Michigan, on March 5, 1929. The dinner meeting plan, retained in modified form at the present time, was adopted with a speaker of prominence at each meeting.

## 1930 to 1931

Administration of Casimir E. Midowicz. This represents a period of retrenchment in the affairs of the Chicago Society. The prevailing economic depression was making a definite inroad into the Society's membership and activities. Certain forms of activity were curtailed and the attention of the Society was concentrated upon the task of preserving membership. Measures were adopted looking to the protection and preservation of the Society's investments and the policy of endowing scholarships at leading universities was formulated to supplant the existing policy of educational subsidies.

*-Thanks to Brother Rich Ciesla for this information.*





## The Job Board

**Advancing Professionalism in Chicagoland**



The “Job Board” is a new section of the Chicago Society Forum designed to advance professional networking with an emphasis on job opportunities. If you know of a job opportunity within your company, or just one that you think a member could benefit from, please share!

We all know Linked-In and other major job search websites can amass incredible amount of information, but there’s nothing like that personal reference to get you name on the top of the pile. Please let other members know so we can share more opportunities!

***Sponsored by Brother Ted Kozelka***



### **CNC Machinists (Elk Grove Village):**

CGR Technologies is looking for CNC machinists to join our team - both experienced and novice. We have multiple positions available, either on our day shift or night shift. CGR Technologies provides a well-rounded benefits package with insurance, 401K and paid time-off offered to all full-time employees.

### **Requirements:**

- Work across different departments (milling, turning, grinding)
- Machine parts to blueprint specifications
- Ability to read and interpret blueprints and inspect parts
- Previous experience with Okuma controls is a plus
- U.S. Citizen
- High School Diploma or equivalent
- 2+ years experience
- Ability to work independently
- Working within tight tolerances



### **Contact:**

- Brother Ted Kozelka at [ted@cgrtech.com](mailto:ted@cgrtech.com) or 224-628-4207.

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**Legal Assistant:**

-Looking for legal assistant to work in an expanding, busy, fast-paced insurance litigation firm. Must be punctual, adaptable and have strong communication and organizational skills. Potential for starting part-time and transitioning to full time or starting full time. Proficiency in Word, Excel, Zoom, Outlook and PowerPoint required. Applicant needs to also be able to transcribe dictation, E-file circuit and federal court documents and maintain calendars/files.

**Legal Clerk:**

-Ideal candidate has experience in reviewing/drafting pleadings and discovery, is proficient in using technology to complete tasks, dependable, well organized and able to thrive in a fast-paced team environment. Task are assigned based on desire/ability and can range from administrative to legal. Great opportunity for exposure to major cases and complex legal concepts.

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**Marketing Intern (Elmhurst):**

-Responsibilities are geared around assisting the Associate Marketing Specialist with day-to-day marketing campaign activities and work-flow.

**Graphic Design Intern (Elmhurst):**

-Perform effectively as a member of the team and maintain update requests for web and print applications.  
-Design marketing/sales assets for new marketing initiatives.  
-Develop brand identities, new home communities, builder clients, and new internal divisions.  
-Research and analyze appropriate design options for client requests.

**New Home Sales Consultant (Elgin) and Associate (Bartlett):**

-Staff the model home during hours of operation, provide exceptional customer service, and educate customers on the homebuilding/buying process.  
-Drive traffic through marketing initiatives to generate traffic and sales in an effort to exceed sales goals.  
-Create marketing efforts to grow brand awareness with the community.

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