



# The Forum

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### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 15th

**General Meeting  
IN PERSON**

**The Great Escape  
9450 W. Irving Park Rd.  
6:00 pm "Happy Hour"  
7:00 pm Call-to-Order**

RSVP to Chuck Cwiakala:  
**[cecwiakala@aol.com](mailto:cecwiakala@aol.com)  
847-204-8747 (cell)  
847-823-8747 (home)**

Monday, October 4th  
**Board Meeting- 7:00 pm**

A monthly news bulletin for the  
Chicago Society PNA

Director of Publications  
[editor@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org)

Brothers and friends,

As we continue to evaluate how the Society functions, the Board greatly appreciates and frankly needs the input of members. This is our Society, and while I think there is little debate that things must change in order to maintain relevance, solvency and attendance, the degree and nature of those changes is very much up for healthy debate. We raised the issue at our last general meeting and I encourage any members to voice their opinions and "out of the box" ideas for the good of the Society. More detailed information on changes will be provided once more time has passed for comment.

Thanks is in order for the recently approved nominating committee consisting of brothers Bill Marutzky, Rick Wiermanski and Marian Skawski. In accordance with our constitution, they will provide a slate of nominees at the next general meeting and will be accepting further nominations in October in preparation for our November vote. If you are interested in a position on the Board, please let them, or anyone else on the board know ASAP!

Let me be the first to congratulate PAPA on a successful golf outing! Great weather, great company and a great organization is a winning combination.

Finally, I would direct everyone's attention to a controversial law being proposed in Poland known as "Lex TVN" which seeks to prevent non-European ownership of Polish Media companies. Many of our fellow Polonia organizations have spoken out about the bill as an affront to democracy, freedom of speech, and independence of the media. I encourage everyone to research and educate themselves on the bill.

*Adam Konopka*

President, Chicago Society PNA





## CHICAGO SOCIETY FORUM

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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



January, 2022—We don't yet know what it's going to be, but it's going to be big, it's going to be loud, and it's going to be great. The Chicago Society is facing a crisis in both declining membership and event attendance. The Board has decided not to go silently into that go night. More details to come, but the January event to welcome in the New Year will be one for the record books. Stay tuned for more. Ideas welcome from all!

## Chicago Society's Facebook Page

The Social Media Committee has created a new public 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.

<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.

## Chicago Society—Mark Calendars for Upcoming Events

### Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Never too early to think about Christmas and Santa. The Deserving Children's Christmas Party to be held tentatively on **Saturday, December 11th** at The PNA building on Cicero Ave.



**The Legion of  
Young Polish Women**  
Women With A Cause



*Save the Date*

*82nd*

*White and Red Ball  
February 26, 2022*



**October 24, 2021—51st  
Polish American Heritage  
Month Awards Banquet**



**October 8, 2021—Virtual  
Night at the Polish  
Museum – 41st Gala.**



**November 17, 2021—Keep your  
calendars marked for the Society's  
annual turkey raffle! Gobble, gobble!**

### October 20th Business Expo:

Take advantage of the October General Meeting business expo to share your profession/business with our membership! All participants will be given 2-5 minutes of time to present before the attendees during general meetings.

In addition, all presenters will be able to advertise in the Forum for 1 year free. Please contact brother Chris Grzadziel at [cgrzadziel@gmail.com](mailto:cgrzadziel@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.



## Chicago Society Nominating Committee

Per our constitution, the Nominating Committee shall select one candidate for each elected position who shall be required to sign an acceptance of nomination, and shall thereafter submit a list of candidates to the Society at the regular meeting in September. At the regular meeting in October, the Nominating Committee shall accept for nomination such additional lists of candidates for the respective offices as may be submitted by the petitions of ten or more members, provided however that the signed acceptance of each candidate is attached to each such petition. The adjournment of the meeting shall close the nominations in the absence of a motion for that purpose. Immediately thereafter the Nominating Committee shall submit a list containing all of the names of the candidates to the Director of Publications who shall cause the publishing of such list to all members in good standing at least ten days prior to the date of the November election meeting.

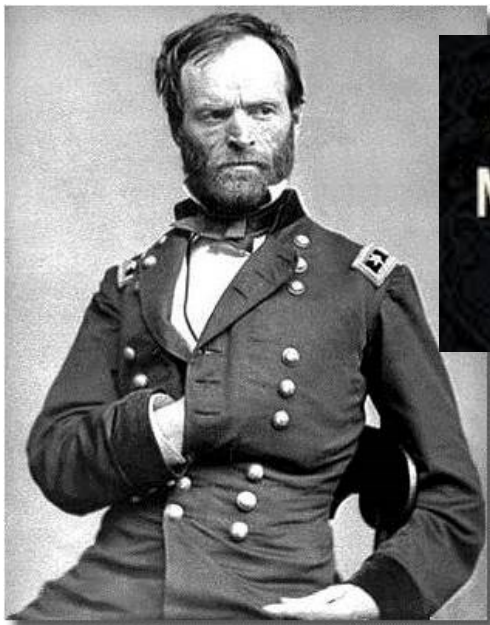
Nominating committee has been approved as follows:

**Bill Marutzky (Chairman)**

**Rick Wiermanski**

**Marian Skawski**

Loosely translated; we will present a list of candidates that have accepted a nomination at the September general and informing the remaining attendees that we will accept petitions for additional nominations at the October meeting. The final list is to be published before the November meeting which is when we vote.



**IF NOMINATED, I WILL  
NOT RUN; IF ELECTED, I  
WILL NOT SERVE.**

**William Tecumseh Sherman**



## Serving the Polish Community in Need: The Kwiatek Family

The Chicago Society PNA Board voted unanimously to support a local Polish family in need. Many thanks to Brother Ro Matuszczak for identifying this opportunity to help:

Stanislaw Jacek Kwiatek, age 52, is the husband of Marta and father of 3: Sebastian (24), Oscar (10) and Olivier (8). In July 2020, he underwent surgery to remove a tumor on the spine. The surgery had complications and lasted 11 hours, leaving him in critical condition. After a year of rehabilitation, he still has not regained his ability to perform simple tasks, such as getting dressed, feeding himself, or driving a car. His wife is the only provider for the family right now, and she must also focus on finding care for her husband and two younger sons.



Oscar and Oliver both attend the Polish School of Casimir the Great in Orland Hills. Given the challenges the family is facing, the cost of tuition and books for continued Polish language education is not possible without assistance. These costs will be covered by the Chicago Society-PNA and paid directly to the school. We wish the Kwiatek family all the best and especially Stan in his recovery.

### September Birthdays

Andrew B. Batorski  
Mark Kaszubski  
Theodore R. Kozelka  
Daniel J. Mateja  
Mario Mikoda  
Andrew R. Noyszewski  
Ronald S. Osioł  
Thomas A. Sieja  
Marian Skawski  
Kenneth S. Walczak



### September Anniversaries

Mark Kaszubski  
Romuald Matuszczak  
Richard W. Wiermanski



**Chicago Society, P.N.A.  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
Held on September 7, 2021  
At D'Agostino's restaurant, 7530 W. Oakton**



1. Call to Order: President Konopka called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm.

2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors present: Brs. Konopka, Grzadziel, Cwiakala, Haszlakiewicz, Ciesla, Plachta, Dykas, Kurdziel, Kozelka, Matuszczak. Absent: Brs. Kogut & Wasilewski. Quorum achieved.

3. Correspondence: Letter from Sig Nicia regarding offensive radio ads by First American Bank was noted and filed. Second, request from PMA for donation and attendance at their "Virtual Gala". It was mentioned that The Chicago Society Foundation gave a donation and this request was filed and action on it was tabled to our next Board Mtg. Third, invitation for an ad and participation in the PAC, ILL Div. annual Heritage Awards Banquet. It was moved and approved to purchase two tickets and a quarter page ad. This motion was subsequently amended to: Two tickets and a FULL page ad. Approved. Br. Kozelka offered to design the ad with our upcoming events included. Finally, an invitation from The Milwaukee Society of the Polish Nation Alliance for their Annual Pulaski Day Banquet. It was moved and approved to purchase two tickets pending confirmation that they are in fact still a viable org. Br, Konopka will reach out to them.

4. Bills: Presented were: SFI for Form printing, renewal for Post Office Box, upcoming "Domain" expenses, cost of meeting meal. All moved and accepted.

5. Directors and Officers Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Br. Chris Grzadziel – there being no speaker for September and none planned for the near future due to our themed meetings – Business Expo in Oct., Turkey raffle in Nov. Christmas Family mtg. in Dec., Inaugural event in Jan.,- Br. Chris questioned the "optics" of our future meetings if we invite speakers and only twenty members show up. The resulting consensus was that we need to increase attendance to our general meetings to be at least 30 - 35 members. A number of suggestions were made to make out meetings more "attractive".

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Br. Chuck Cwiakala – The Great Escape has been VERY generous to us even though our numbers have been too low. Unless we increase our numbers, who knows how long they will work with us. Checking other venues, the cost would be \$25 to \$30 a person, but in most cases, with a minimum of 30+ in attendance. Catering is about the same after figuring the room cost. Bottom line: we need more members attending the meetings. Ideas offered by Br. Konopka: mtgs. every other month, monthly mtgs. on different days, combine events with gen. mtgs. such as; corned beef & cabbage, at race track, golf course, bocce ball, card playing night, combine mtg. with other Polish org. etc. Charge extra for the event not the dinner. We should have a plan/schedule in place by this January for 2022. Brs. Kurdziel and Topper have suggested venues to be explored. Motion to accept report made and carried.

Secretary: Br. Haszlakiewicz – No report

Financial Secretary: Br. Ciesla - report was emailed to board prior to meeting. Current balance is (redacted). We have 91 paid members plus 3 with waived dues. Br. Orwat still owes half dues for this year. Three members live out of state. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept report, seconded by Br. Kurdziel. Accepted. Raising dues for new incoming members to \$200 should be considered, per Br. Konopka.

Treasurer: Br. Plachta – report emailed to board prior to meeting. Current balance is (redacted) Youth Fund balance is (redacted) which includes (redacted) from the golf outing. The Deserving Children Fund amount is undetermined and will be reported at the next board mtg. Br. Cwiakala moved to accept report, Br. Kozelka seconded. Accepted.

Advocate: Br. Wasilewski – Absent. Mr. Wiecek’s payments are up to date.

Senior Director: Br. Dykas – no report.

Social Activities Director: Br. Kurdziel – October 20 mtg will be our Business Expo – members are invited to speak about their businesses (need volunteers). November 17 will be our annual Turkey Raffle. December 11, Deserving Children Christmas Party at the PNA. December 15 mtg. at an upscale venue and spouses invited. January Inaugural Event, and Sledz in February need to be planned. Br. Grzadziel moved to accept report, seconded by Br. Matuszczak. Accepted.

Director of Personnel: Br. Kogut – Absent due to illness. There is a new member waiting to be inducted. Possibly to be done at Christmas mtg.

Director of Publications: Br. Kozelka – please send content for Forum. Special mention will be made in the next Form of all our upcoming events. Motion to approve report made by Br. Ciesla, seconded by Br. Cwiakala. Motion carried.

Director of Outreach: Br. Matuszczak – Arrangements were discussed with a director of the Yorkville Youth Camp to sponsor two children for next years’ camp at a cost of around \$450. The director also asked us to support a family that wants to send two of their children to Saturday Polish School in Orland Park. Motion to pay \$910 for tuition and books was made by Br. Cwiakala, seconded by Br. Ciesla. Approved. Motion to accept Br. Matuszczak’s report made by Br. Grzadziel, seconded by Br. Dykas. Accepted.

6. Social Media Committee: Br. Grzadziel – No report.

7. Custodial Committee: Br. Wasilewski - No report.

8. Foundation: Br. Dykas – No report.

9. Old Business: Still waiting for decision from the Illinois dept. of revenue regarding our Not-for-profit designation and tax exemption. A status conference is scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>. Need to resolve why we can’t use the PNA tax exemption.



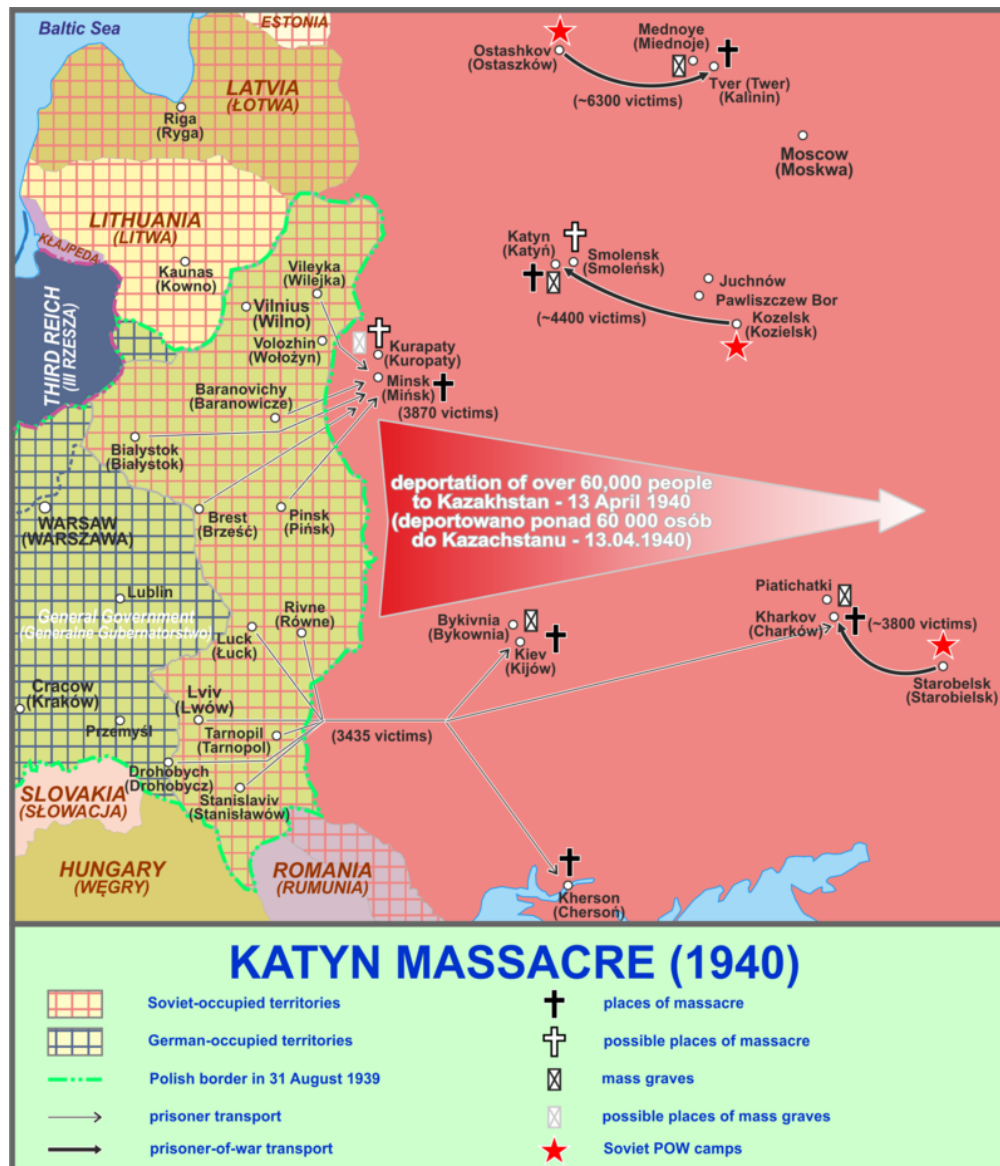
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**10. New Business:** Motion to approve the Nominating committee of: Bill Marutsky, Marian Skawski and Rick Wiermanski was made by Br. Grzadziel and seconded by Br. Dykas. Approved. All board members will receive an email to confirm their nomination for another term. Please reply to Br. Marutsky right away. The committee needs to present the slate at the next general meeting so that the election can occur in November. A proposal was made to move our PO Box to a better location. This was tabled to another time due to the logistics involved with making such a change.

**11. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Br. Matuszczak, seconded by Br. Kurdziel. There being no other business, Br. Konopka adjourned the meeting at 8:39 pm.

*Andrew Haszlakiewicz*, Secretary



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8 września 2021 r.

Komitet Opieki nad Pomnikiem Katyńskim i Tablicą Smoleńską przy Związku Klubów Polskich w USA zaprasza wszystkie organizacje i całą Polonię na uroczystości obchodów 82. rocznicy wybuchu II. wojny światowej, 82. rocznicy agresji Rosji na Polskę oraz z okazji Światowego Dnia Sybiraka. Złożenie kwiatów i modlitwa w intencji poległych odbędzie się w sobotę, 18 września 2021 roku o godzinie 12:00 w południe pod pomnikiem Katyńskim i Tablicą Smoleńską na cmentarzu Św. Wojciecha w Niles, 6800 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714.

Zapraszamy organizacje do wystawienia pocztów sztandarowych.

*Jan Kopeć*



September 8, 2021



The Committee for the Care of the Katyn Monument and the Smolensk Plaque at the Association of Polish Clubs in the USA invites all organizations and the entire Polish community to the celebration of the 82nd anniversary of the outbreak of the 2nd. World War II, 82nd anniversary of Russia's aggression against Poland, and on the occasion of the World Siberian Day. The laying of flowers and prayer for the fallen will take place on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at 12:00 noon at the Katyn Monument and the Smolensk Plaque at the St. Wojciech in Niles, 6800 N Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714.

We invite organizations to issue banner posts.

*Jan Kopeć*

President of the Polish Composers' Union



By popular demand and the request of Brother Kurdziel, I am pleased to report the return of the tasting room; further expanding the booze soaked knowledge of all lovers of fine things and men of good taste.

And what better way to kick off the beginning of Fall with a review of this year's top Oktoberfest piwos! Oktoberfest is a German tradition that dates back to 1810. Originally a celebration of the marriage between Bavaria's Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen, this festival has persisted. Oktoberfest is a celebration of all things German—particularly beer.



1. **Jack's Abby Copper Legend:** One of the only operations in the country to exclusively brew lagers, and also adds the seldom seen step of a decoction mash to its brewing. The process boils a portion of the malted barley and brings out more caramel flavors.
2. **Ayinger Oktober Fest-Märzen:** Beers trolls would claim Ayinger doesn't make a real Oktoberfest since it's not in Munich—the town of Ayinger is 15 miles away. But it's the best German-import Oktoberfest you'll find in a well-stocked beer aisle.
3. **Paulaner Oktoberfest:** One of the six breweries served at Munich's Oktoberfest and our favorite of the bunch. The simple yet supremely delicious beer uses just two types of barley—a pale and light roast and traditional German hops.
4. **Schilling Konstantin:** This New Hampshire-brewed lager honors the Austrian take on the German style. The flavor was still as big as the best Oktoberfests we've tried, with toasty malts out ahead of the dry, lightly hoppy finish.
5. **New Glarus Staghorn:** Like all New Glarus brews, the only knock is that you have to go to Wisconsin to get it. However, this rich, yet refreshing lager is worth a good roadtrip.
6. **Sierra Nevada Oktoberfest:** This craft beer forefather typically partners with a different independent German brewer on its Oktoberfest every year. But 2020 being what it is, they has to brew solo. This latest iteration is hoppier than most in the style.
7. **Sam Adams Oktoberfest:** The ubiquity of Sam Adam's Oktoberfest makes it easy to take for granted, but we should count its easy availability as a blessing. This lager uses traditional German hops with a unique malt blend.



Are you a high school student? Do you speak a less commonly taught language? Join the translation competition organized by the EU Center at the University of Illinois!

- \* Translate a short text into English from one of the following languages: Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Polish and Swedish
- \* Work on your own time and send in your translation before Sept. 20
- \* Winners will get a prize and a certificate at an award ceremony in Chicago
- \* Contact [eucenter@illinois.edu](mailto:eucenter@illinois.edu) with any questions

To learn more and register,  
scan the QR code or visit  
<https://go.illinois.edu/TranslationCompetition>



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