



# The Forum

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### COMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 12

**Deserving Children's  
Christmas Party  
12'noon**

**PNA North Parking Lot**

Wednesday, December 16

**General Meeting**

**Will be ONLINE via ZOOM**

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

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

*(instructions will be sent by  
email)*

Monday, January 4

**Board Meeting**

**ZOOM - 7:00 pm**

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Brothers,

I hope all had a healthy and Happy Thanksgiving. I will miss seeing all my fellow Brothers and their spouses at our annual Christmas dinner. But we must continue to be safe and patient. We will get together soon.

As I wind down my Presidency, and yes it's been two years already, I want to say thank you to all the members. I hope I have represented and served you all to the best of my ability. It has been a challenge these two years, but I have tried to do what's best for the Chicago Society PNA. It was a pleasure to be your President. Naturally, I was not expecting to end it this way; being stuck at home and conducting meetings via Zoom, but all things happen for a reason. Good things will come from this. We will learn and adjust. The Chicago Society is in good hands with the new Board of Officers and Directors. I will continue to be there to help if they wish. And I will continue to represent the organization as an ambassador and bridge to Polonia. There are many who don't know who we are and what we do.

This past Board meeting, we donated funds to a Polish Dance Youth group, Lechici. This is part of our mission, to support public awareness of Polish culture and history. Let's continue to support the youth of Polonia as they are our future. I am also happy to announce that we are continuing with our annual Deserving Children's Christmas Party which is this Saturday, December 12th at noon at the PNA building north parking lot. We will be having a drive-by version this year as we practice safety for the volunteers, children, and parents. Still looking for monetary donations...please send checks to our PO Box or through PayPal. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to all that have donated and those who will.

And now, on behalf of the 2020 Officers and Directors, I want to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. May the pandemic and the restrictions it comes with ease up enough where we will be able to meet up with our families. And may 2021 be far better than 2020. *Wesołych Świąt* to all!



*Peter Dykas*



## CHICAGO SOCIETY FORUM

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**President:**

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Romuald Matuszczak

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Jan S. Plachta

**Financial Secretary:**

Richard Ciesla

**Treasurer:**

Richard Wiermanski

**Advocate:**

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**Social Activities Director:**

Anthony P. Kawalkowski

**Director of Outreach:**

Zenon Kurdziel

**Director of Personnel:**

Charles Cwiakala

**Director of Publications:**

Ted Kozelka

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**Charles Cwiakala** - 2nd Vice President

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**Kenneth J. Kogut** - Director of Personnel

**Ted Kozelka** - Director of Publications

**Romuald Matuszczak** - Director of Outreach

## Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Scheduled for Saturday, December 12th at noon.; the event will be held at the PNA parking lot. Our Chairman, Brother Peter Dykas, is seeking both monetary and food donations and help the day of (chips, soda and milk have been donated). Seeking contacts for pizza and/or chicken nugget lunches. Please contact Brother Dykas at [padykas@yahoo.com](mailto:padykas@yahoo.com) or 312-493-3046. The event will follow city and state guidelines for safety. Santa will be there.

## Around Chicago Polonia:

### From the Legion of Young Polish Women:

“We are truly disheartened that the circumstances of 2020 do not allow for us to have our wonderful Ball next year. For the safety of our members, debutantes, families, and supporters, we believe this is the best decision. With an extended preparation period, we know that the 2022 White and Red Ball will be absolutely marvelous! “



## 2021 Kulze Scholarships

The Chicago Society Foundation, affiliated with the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance, Lodge #1450 of the PNA, proudly announces it will be awarding up to four scholarships, consisting of one **\$7,500** scholarship and three **\$5,000** scholarships each, for the Fall 2021- Spring 2022 academic year, through its James and Lillian Kulze Scholarship Fund.

Jim Kulze, a former President of the Chicago Society, and his wife, Lillian, generously endowed the Fund to be able to provide meaningful scholarship support benefiting worthy student scholars each and every year. These scholarship awards are available to U.S. residents of Polish descent with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing academic studies in college, graduate or professional school.

Initial applications will be accepted through March 1, 2021. Selections will be made in April 2021 for the subsequent Fall academic term. Forms, dates and other information regarding selection criteria and requirements will be found on the Chicago Society's website, [www.chicagosocietypna.org](http://www.chicagosocietypna.org).

**Chicago Society, P.N.A.**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Held on Monday November 30, 2020**  
**Due to the corona virus emergency this was a ZOOM meeting**



Call to Order: President Dykas called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Roll Call of Officers and Directors present: Brs. Ciesla, Cwiakala, Dykas, Kawalkowski, Konopka, Kozelka, Matuszczak, Pieciewicz, Plachta, Wiermanski. Absent were: Brs. Kurdziel and Mikoda. Br. Dykas declared a quorum.

Bills: Br. Matuszczak moved to pay the bill of \$125.65 from System Forms, Inc., for printing and mailing of the November Forum. Additional bill for \$31 to Br. Pieciewicz as a reimbursement for the payment of \$31 to get our 1913 Chicago Society Articles of Incorporation from the Illinois Secretary of State. Br. Kawalkowski moved to pay the bills. Br. Konopka seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Br. Ciesla informed about a letter that was received from the PNA National Secretary, Alicja Kuklinska, who is requesting a list of Delegates of the Chicago Society to the Council. In accordance with Rules and Regulations we are entitled to elect 3 delegates to the Council. It has been proposed that our Lodge will be represented by: Brs. Peter Dykas, Adam Konopka and Chris Grzadziel. Br. Kawalkowski moved to accept the proposal. Br. Pieciewicz seconded. Motion passed.

Directors and Officers Reports:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Br. Konopka had nothing to report. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept to accept the report. Br. Ciesla seconded. Motion passed.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Br. Matuszczak stated that the next General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 16 and again it will be a ZOOM meeting. Our next Board Meeting will be on Monday, January 4, 2021. Br. Konopka will provide the link to the ZOOM meeting. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the report. Br. Cwiakala seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary: Br. Ciesla reported that our total deposits to date are: (redacted). The Wiecek repayments are on schedule and has a balance of (redacted) (27+more payments). We have 102 members; which includes 3 members with waived dues. Br. Chris Laskowski has to be added to the mailing list. One applicant is to be inducted. Br. Richard "Rick" Wiermanski is now Out-of-Town member. His phone and email remain unchanged. We are still looking for more advertisers. Directory hasn't been updated yet. Dues invoices for 2021 will be mailed this week. Br. Cwiakala moved to accept the report. Br. Matuszczak seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Br. Wiermanski stated that last week he send his report to the Board members. There were no comments. Br. Wiermanski stated that due to his move to Florida his name should be removed, and a new name should be added to our signature cards at the bank. Needed will be end of year financial report. Br. Dykas stated that he received a check in the amount of \$300 as a donation from the Polish-Slavic Federal Credit Union in support of our Deserving Children's Christmas Party. Br. Wiermanski said that this check should be given to Br. Ciesla for deposit at our bank. Br. Konopka moved to accept the report. Br. Cwiakala seconded. Motion passed.

Advocate: Br. Pieciewicz had nothing to report. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the report. Br. Matuszczak seconded. Motion passed.

Social Activities Director: Br. Kawalkowski didn't have much to report. Br. Dykas said that so far, we have only 15 children for our Deserving Children's Christmas Party. Children will receive a lunch and Santa Claus will present them with some gifts. Party will be held on Saturday, December 12 at the PNA parking lot. Br. Matuszczak added that Br. Dykas will need to be reimbursed for his expenses prior to the next Board meeting. The funds will come out of our special account for Deserving Children's Christmas Party that was previously authorized. Br. Konopka moved to accept the report. Br. Wiermanski seconded. Motion passed. Br. Kawalkowski said that the Pre-Parade Brunch is still undecided. We need to wait before we could decide on it. Similarly, the fate of our next year Golf Outing, planned for July 9, at Glen Eagles Golf Course, is undecided. Br. Matuszczak moved to accept the report. Br. Kozielka seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Personnel: Br. Cwiakala reported that Chris Laskowski has been inducted during the November 18, 2020 General Meeting. He informed that the Initiation fee for the last three candidates got lost. Br. Cwiakala stated that he will have to talk to Br. Grzadziel to find out what happened. Br. Konopka moved to accept the report. Br. Matuszczak seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Outreach: Br. Kurdziel was absent. Br. Dykas reported that a letter was received from Conrad Wiecek, Artistic Director of LECHICI – Dancers of the Polish Scouting Organization, who is asking us for a \$1000 donation to subsidize the cost of repair and replacement of costumes. It was proposed to use the money that we have in the Youth Funds. Br. Kozelka moved to approve this proposal. Br. Konopka seconded. Motion passed.

Director of Publications: Br. Kozelka stated that within the next couple of days he will need an article on the Deserving Children's Christmas Party to be published in the December edition of our Forum. Br. Ciesla moved to accept the report. Br. Kawalkowski seconded. Motion passed.

New Business: Br. Konopka discussed our policy in regard to retention of our records, how long will we need to keep them and where to store them. IRS documents we will need to keep for seven years.

Good of the Order: Br. Pieciewicz informed about the Scholarship Program of the Chicago Society Foundation. Currently the Foundation will be awarding one \$7,500 and three \$5,000 Scholarships. In the past we had excellent applicants and the Foundation needs to recognize this. Br. Pieciewicz invited Board members to spread the word, encourage their relatives who knows of hardworking students to submit scholarship applications. Information about the Scholarship Program will be placed in our Forum. For the Scholarship Award Ceremony, we will use our oversize check and the photos of this event we would like to post it in the Dziennik Zwiaskowy. Br. Konopka moved to accept the report. Br. Ciesla seconded. Motion passed.

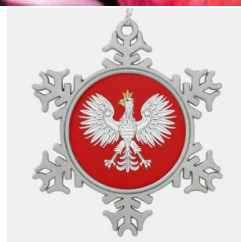
Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Br. Konopka and was seconded by Br. Matuszczak. There being no other business, Br. Dykas adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

*Jean S. Plachta* – Secretary









## NATIONAL POLISH-AMERICAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

### National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame to Induct Greats of the Past

Former Green Bay Packers President **Dominic Olejniczak**, track and field champion **Frances Sobczak Kaszubski**, Notre Dame football All-American **Emil Sitko**, World Champion billiards pro **Frank Taberski** and All-American Girls Professional Baseball League star **Connie Wisniewski** have been elected as Greats of the Past into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame (NPASHF). Unable to hold the normal induction ceremony, the NPASHF will use this year to induct well-deserving individuals in the Greats of the Past category. Greats of the Past are individuals whose accomplishments in sports were in an earlier era and merit recognition within the NPASHF's mission to recognize and preserve outstanding achievement by individuals of Polish heritage in the field of sports.

**Dominic Olejniczak** (1908-1989) Olejniczak served as a member of the board of directors of the Green Bay Packers from 1950-1989, including 24 years as president (1958-1982), the longest tenure of any Packers president. A soft-spoken consensus-builder, he headed the search committee that hired Vince Lombardi in 1959, and continued to oversee the organization as the Packers won five NFL championships and two Super Bowls in the 1960's. Olejniczak was inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame in 1979.

**Frances Sobczak Kaszubski** (1916-2010) Kaszubski was a four-time National AAU Champion in shot put (1943, 1945, 1948 and 1950), and two-time Indoor Champion in 1948 and 1951. She was the National Champion in the discus throw seven-times (1943, 1945, 1947-1951.) In 1951, Kaszubski won the bronze medal in discus at the Pan-Am Games. After competing, she was named the manager of the USA's track team at the Pan-Am Games in 1959 where USA women won gold medals in all but two events. In 1960, she managed the USA's track team for the Olympics held in Rome.

**Emil Sitko** (1923-1973) Sitko enrolled at Notre Dame as a 23-year-old freshman in 1946 after coming out of service in World War II. He was a starter on the football team three years at halfback and one year at fullback. In those four years the Notre Dame record was 36-0-2. He led his team in rushing all four years and his career average was 6.1 yards per carry. In 1949, he also led the team in kickoff returns, averaging 22 yards. He was a consensus All-American in 1948 and a unanimous All-American in 1949. Sitko was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1984.

**Frank Taberski** (1889-1941) Taberski began shooting pool at age 13, and by age 16 was already the Central New York champion. He turned pro in 1915 at the age of 26, and in 1916, he became world champion by defeating Johnny Layton. Nicknamed "The Gray Fox," he retained his world title 10 challenge matches in a row. Taberski retired in 1918, but returned to billiards in 1925 and regained the world title. He is ranked by Billiards Digest as number 7 of the 50 Greatest Players of the Century. In 1975, Taberski was inducted into the Billiard Congress of America Hall of Fame.

**Connie Wisniewski** (1922-1995) Wisniewski was a starting pitcher and outfielder in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (1944-1952). Considered by many historians as the best underhand pitcher, she posted a 107-48 career record to become one of only seven pitchers to collect 100 or more victories in AAGPBL history. Wisniewski also holds the league's all-time record for best winning percentage (.690) and the best single-season record for innings pitched (391). Among her career highlights, she was named Player of the Year in 1945, was a four-time All-Star, and played on two championship teams with eight playoff appearances.

Information on the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame is available at [www.polishsportshof.com](http://www.polishsportshof.com).





2020 notwithstanding, the holidays are upon us. Regarding the classic of Jack Daniel's, in the immortal words of "honorary" Brother Clark W. Griswold, "Trust me, you're gonna need it."

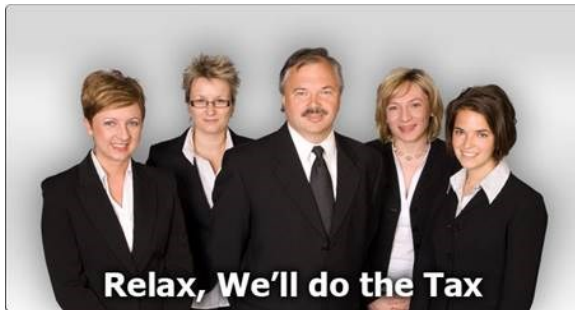
Jack Daniel's is a brand of Tennessee whiskey and the top-selling American whiskey in the world. It is produced in Lynchburg, Tennessee, by the Jack Daniel Distillery, which has been owned by the Brown–Forman Corporation since 1956. Jack Daniel's home county of Moore is a dry county, so the product is not available for purchase at stores or restaurants within the county.

The product meets the regulatory criteria for classification as a straight bourbon, though the company disavows this classification. It markets the liquor simply as Tennessee whiskey rather than as Tennessee bourbon. As defined in the North American Free Trade Agreement, Tennessee whiskey is classified as a straight bourbon authorized to be produced in the state of Tennessee. Tennessee law further requires most producers of Tennessee whiskey to filter the spirit through charcoal made from maple prior to aging, in addition to meeting the above requirements (the "Lincoln County Process").

Packaged in square bottles, Jack Daniel's "Black Label" Tennessee whiskey sold 12.5 million cases in the 2017 fiscal year. Other brand variations, such as Tennessee Honey, Gentleman Jack, and Tennessee Fire, added another 2.9 million cases to sales. Sales of an additional 800,000 equivalent cases in ready-to-drink (RTD) products brought the fiscal year total to more than 16.1 million equivalent adjusted cases for the entire Jack Daniel's family of brands.







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