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MONTHLY NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2017
6:00 p.m.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS
by September 16 to
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
847-823-8747

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, October 30, 2017
7:00 p.m.
PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 18, 2017—
Dinner Meeting & Business Expo
White Eagle Banquets
Cocktails 6:00 p.m, Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 2017—
Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner
AAC Eagles Club
Cocktails 6:00 p.m, Dinner 7:00 p.m

Wednesday, November 15, 2017—
Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting &
Elections
White Eagle Banquets
Cocktails 6:00 p.m, Dinner 7:00 p.m.

CHICAGO SOCIETY BUSINESS EXPO & OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING—PROBST!!

At our October meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with its Annual Business Expo. The Expo will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at the White Eagle in Niles. The purpose of the Expo is to give our brother members an opportunity to promote their businesses, and to encourage our own brother members to support them! Attorneys, roofers, plumbers, real estate agents, insurance agents, doctors, musicians, electricians, and all other professions are welcome. Let your brother members know what your business is and get new referrals. If you would like to promote your business at this Expo, please contact Brother **Peter Dykas** at padykas@yahoo.com. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing your materials and for your business cards. Please bring a guest to that meeting. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to showcase our organization and the talents of our members. This is also a wonderful opportunity for new members to find out what their brother members have to offer, and for them to showcase their business.



The October General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a Business Expo, but a delicious Octoberfest menu! The menu consists of German potato salad, skin-on pork loin, home made apple-sauce schnitzel, German sausage with red cabbage, buttered spaetzle, home-made apple strudel for dessert. Please contact Brother **Chuck Cwiakala** at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call 847- 823-8747 for reservations. Please note: Any guests at the meeting must be prospective new members and you must confirm the reservation with Brother Chuck. No exceptions! All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! At each general monthly meeting we offer a 50/50 raffle for the members. Please consider asking your wife or accountant for a few extra dollars to purchase \$5.00 or more in raffle tickets.



October is Polish-American Heritage Month!



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Dear Brothers,

Our organization has been in existence for 105 years. Not many fraternal groups can boast such longevity. We owe much of our success to the support we receive from the Polish National Alliance but the most thanks is due to the stewardship and wisdom of our brother members. Over the years our brothers generously donated time, talent and treasure in honor of the oath they took when sworn in as members.

In the last few years however, participation in fraternal and charitable organizations is down. Chicago Society has not been spared this reality and is also experiencing declining membership. Historically, our organization relied heavily on membership dues to pay operating costs and support our programs. Obviously, with fewer members our dues revenue is down. Yet, we continue to conduct business as usual. Consequently, Chicago Society must act to change this dynamic.

As many of you know, with Board approval I constituted a Past Presidents Committee to explore options for expense cutting, and resource reallocation, and good old-fashioned belt tightening. At our October general meeting you will be provided with a report of recommendations by the Past Presidents Committee and have an opportunity to vote on those initiatives that require membership ratification. Be assured that your executive committee and directors are considering all options to ensure that Chicago Society survives another hundred years. Please join us for our next couple meetings for an opportunity participate in the decisions on how best to manage our organization. I look forward to robust discussion on how best to right our listing ship.

Next up for the Chicago Society is our participation in the Heritage Dinner on October 22 sponsored by the Polish American Congress. Our own Brother Andrew Przybylo is being honored. Please come out for this event and support a sister organization and a brother member with your attendance. Soon after that on October 26th we will be hosting our Candidates Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. The attendance at this event has been growing in recent years both in the number of candidate participants and community members. Thanks to the efforts of Brothers Komosa and Orwat our members are provided an intimate setting to learn more about candidate platforms.

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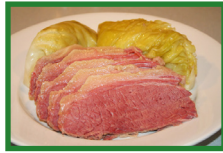
We Poles have a rich culture, a heritage, traditions, that unite us Poles throughout the world. Poles in every corner of the world, wherever they may be, observe Wigila by breaking *opłatek* and singing *kolędy*. I certainly hope that my brother members are exposing their children and grandchildren to these traditions and passing them on to future generations. Polish culture is much more than polka, pierogi and piwo. It is deeply rooted in the lives and experiences of previous generations of Poles, and has survived many years of oppression. Even when Poland was not on the map, Poles kept their culture alive, giving them the strength and courage to survive.

October is Polish American Heritage Month. Use this opportunity to expose the young ones of your families to the culture of their country. Take your families to an event listed elsewhere in this issue. Teach them some words in Polish, a Polish Song, a Polish dance, buy them a Polish doll or toy. I certainly hope that these series have not only educated you, but have also enriched and expanded your knowledge and appreciation of the heritage and culture of the land of your forefathers. Let's make sure our culture stays alive for many generations to come.



PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES' CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The 2018 Illinois gubernatorial and state elections will take place on November 6, 2018, to elect the Governor of Illinois. The Democratic and Republican primary elections will take place on March 20, 2018. The Chicago Society, PNA Lodge 1450 is hosting its Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 26, 2017.



The evening starts with a Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m., followed by the candidates and elected officials running for election to address the guests and introduce themselves. The event is usually sold out and many candidates and professionals attend. The evening concludes with our Executive Raffle of great prizes. We invite you to join us for a fantastic evening filled with a delicious dinner of famous Harrington's had carved corned beef brisket, cabbage wedges, boiled red potatoes in the jackets, homemade Pumpernickel bread and horseradish, Hot Irish mustard and homemade apple pie for dessert. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes an open bar all evening. Tickets will not be sold at the door! Please call Brother Charles Komosa at (773) 286-7123 or email me at charles.komosa@pna-znp.org or Brother Mark Orwat at (773) 502-6969 for information or reservations. To make reservations easily and conveniently via PayPal using your credit card or checking account simply go to www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.

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(JACKET REQUIRED)
IN EFFECT
BEGINNING WITH
OCTOBER MEETING**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Finally, at our next general meeting we will have our Business Expo. Brother members will have an opportunity to make brief presentations on the goods and services their businesses provide. Remember that as an organization our principal reason for existence is to support each other-in all ways. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about you brother members and their businesses. Then, patronize and refer them.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Steven Rakowski

TOYS FOR KIDS

Brother Members,

It is never too early to look ahead on our calendars. Approaching very quickly will be October and Halloween, our elections and Thanksgiving and then, yes, Christmas.

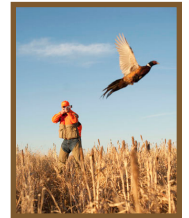
I am filling some big shoes as Chairman of the Deserving Children's Christmas Party. Brother Ro Matuszcak has chaired this event so smoothly and with so dedication, it will be hard for me to come close. But I have some ideas. One of them being that since this organization is a giving one, I ask and plead that you can help. How? Please be kind and donate an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl, young and not so young. As you go out looking for your son or daughter, grandkids or nieces or nephews, grab one more. Monetary gifts are welcome too and we will do the shopping for you. Those who do, will be rewarded more ways than one. You will get something special in return when you bring me a gift during our September, October or November meeting. P.S. Sponsorships are welcome too. Thank you!



CHICAGO SOCIETY

PHEASANT HUNTING OUTING!

Brother **Steve Rakowski**, chairman of the CS Pheasant Hunting Outing, invites fellow members, hunting enthusiasts and friends for our inaugural hunting outing scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8:00



a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at Coon Creek Hunt Club, located at 11050 Slough Road, Garden Prairie, Illinois 61038 (near Marengo, IL). Late Fall is a perfect time to pheasant hunt and the Chicago Society has arranged for a great experience for members and friends in one of Northern Illinois' premier hunt clubs. The cost will be \$150.00 per person and our event is limited to the first twenty hunters who deliver their reservation form with a check payable to the PNA-Chicago Society. The hunt will include a guide and three birds per hunter.* All hunters will also need to have in their possession a one-day hunting license with a habitat stamp.* Licenses are not available at the Club. We will be meeting at 7:45 a.m. sharp for check-in, release signing, and field assignments. Loaner guns are available on a limited basis on a first-come-first-served basis and arrangements will need to be made prior to the day of the hunt. Only a non-toxic shot is allowed and is available for purchase at the Club. Professional guides with seasoned dogs will be provided for each group as needed. Of course, if you have a hunt-trained dog, you are encouraged to use it.

After the event please stay for a chili lunch and to share pictures and stories of the hunt. *Additional pheasants are available at \$25/per bird. Please inquire about availability and cost of chucker, quail and partridge. For more information contact Steve Rakowski at 847-204-4106 or via e-mail at steve@lsrfamilylaw.com

*Available on-line at <http://www.dnr-ilinois.gov/LPR/Pages/HuntingLicenses-Fees.aspx>

INDUCTED TO MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Mr. Tomas Nowinski, sponsored by Brothers **Ted Makarewicz** and **Chris Grzadziel**; Mr. Gregory Sarwa, sponsored by Brothers **Steve Rakowski** and **Pete Dykas**; and Mr. Paul Stolarczyk, sponsored by Brothers **Ken Kogut** and **Ted Makarewicz** who were sworn in as members at our last meeting. *Witamy!!*



Do you know a potential member?

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The membership directory is ready for distribution. It will be e-mailed to all members in PDF format. You can print it (standard 8.5 x 11 pages) or store it on your mobile device for easy access. If you would prefer a paper copy please contact the Director of Personnel, Chris Grzadziel, at cgrzadziel@gmail.com or 847-630-2863.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



02	Victor J Kay
	John C Cieslik
	Richard W Ciesla
06	Richard Kula
08	John J Pikarski Jr.
15	Stanley W Sawa
20	Wojtek V Skonieczny
22	Dariusz Kozlowski
25	Martin Obrecki
26	Mark Orwat
28	Robert A Michalak

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother **Wojciech Putz** who is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of his induction into the Chicago Society.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHICAGO SOCIETY

The Board of Directors recently approved two amendments to the Constitution of the Chicago Society. The first is to allow female members; the second is to eliminate general meetings in July and August. The members will be asked to vote on these amendments at the November General Meeting. The specific language is as follows.

- Art III, Sec. 3A: Any ~~male~~ **person** of Polish lineage or affinity, over 18 years of age, of good character and reputation, whose acceptance will add to the welfare and progress of the Society and who is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States residing in Cook County or its contiguous counties may be admitted to membership in the Society at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Art V, Sec. 2: insert **"with the exception of July and August"**

The addition of females will necessitate the following changes in various articles throughout the Constitution, as indicated below:

Article III: Sec. 2: Replace the word "his" with "their."; Sec. 3 A: Replace the word "male" with the word "person."; Sec. 3 B: Delete the word "his."; Sec. 3 C: Delete the additional "C" and replace the phrase "his years" with the phrase "the duration."; Sec. 3 D: Replace "C" with "D."; Sec. 4: Delete the word "his" and insert the word "a."; Sec. 5: Delete the word "his" each place it appears. Sec. 6: Delete the word "his."

Article IV: Sec. 1: Delete the words "his" and insert instead the word "their." Further, insert the word "and" after the word "application."

Article VII: Sec. 9: Delete the last sentence and insert "No person administering the oath of office to the aforesaid officers and board members shall be one of the incoming officers or board members."

Article VIII: Sec. 1: Delete the semi-colon and the word "he" and insert a period after the word "Directors." In all other places "he" appears insert the phrase, "the President."; Sec. 2: Each place appearing delete the words "he" and "his." In the last sentence delete the words "to him."; Sec. 3: Delete the word "he" in the first sentence. In the second sentence insert "Said officer" and delete the phrase "to him." Sec. 4: Delete the word "he" in each place it appears. Delete the phrase "to him." Sec. 5: Delete the word "he" in each place it appears. Delete the phrase "by him." Delete the phrase "to him." Delete "he shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the Society;". Replace it with "shall give a bond for faithful duty performance issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the Society;". Sec. 6: Delete the word "he" each place it appears. Delete "he shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the Society;". Replace it with "shall give a bond for faithful duty performance issued by a responsible surety company in an amount as approved by the Board of Directors, the premium for which shall be paid by the Society;". Sec. 7: Delete the word "his" and insert the word "the." Delete the phrase "to him."

Article IX: Sec. 6(E): Delete the phrase "to him." Sec. 7: Delete the Sec. and insert "Any Director may recommend the creation of such committees and members thereof who shall, under the direction of the President, assist in the performance of the President's duties."



Brother **Frank Gondela** received yet another recognition for his endless volunteering for the benefit of our veterans. This man does not sleep.



Brothers **Charlie Komosa** and **Ted Wiecek** travelled to Franklin, Wisconsin to attend the Pulaaski Day Dinner of the Milwaukee Society. The Society honored Dr. Mark Pienkos for his years of service both as an educator and to the Polish community.

Polish American Heritage Month

There are many events in the Chicago area commemorating Polish-American Heritage month. Please take time to share some of these events with your children and grandchildren so they can appreciate their Polish heritage.

EVENTS AT THE

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join CPL in October in celebrating the history, traditions, culture and contributions of Poles and Polish Americans. The month includes a wide variety of events, workshops and exhibits for everyone to enjoy. These events include

- Craft workshops for making your own unique decorative mobiles, hand-made cards, ornaments and Wycinanki designs.

- Music performances include the locally loved and much-celebrated Chicago polka band Eddie Korosa Jr. and the Boys from Illinois as well as an intimate concert featuring

2018 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society PNA's election of 2018 officers and directors has presented the following slate of officers and directors for 2018:

President	Steve Rakowski
First Vice-President	Peter Dykas
Second Vice-President	Mario Mikoda
Secretary	Charles Komosa
Financial Secretary	Richard Wiermanski
Treasurer	Robert Nowaczyk
Advocate	Adam Konopka
Director of Social Activities	Romuald E. Matuszczak
Director of Personnel	Chris Grzadzil
Director of Outreach	Ron Topczewski
Director of Publications	vacancy

In accordance with the Constitution, any additional nomination must be presented with a petition signed by ten members in good standing before the conclusion of the October meeting.

soloist Marlena Dzis and noted composer Jaroslaw Golembiowski as they perform classical, jazz and art songs.

- A series of dynamic storytelling events exploring Polish culture and tales, featuring well-recognized professional storytellers Megan Wells, Lynne Clayton and Sue Black.

- Book discussions for adults and storytime and craft programs for kids.

- Art exhibits at CPL locations around the city highlight the works of artists of Polish descent.

- For a full schedule, go to [https://chi-publib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=program:\(52ec52e0cb8b1e00000000017\)](https://chi-publib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=program:(52ec52e0cb8b1e00000000017)).

WORKS BY POLISH AMERICAN ARTISTS ON DISPLAY AT PERKOLATOR CAFE

The works of four Polish American artists will fill the walls of the Perkulator Cafe, located at 6032 W. Irving Park Road through Nov. 30. The artists will discuss their work from 2:30-4 p.m. Oct. 25.



Cut this out and tape it to your refrigerator
Thursday, October 26, 2017
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Hunting Outing

Saturday, December 16, 2017
Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, January 27, 2018
Inaugural Ball

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.



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