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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

May General Meeting
White Eagle Events &
Convention Center
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by May 13 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, June 3, 2019

June Board Meeting
D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub
Park Ridge - 6:00 pm
FORUM Deadline
Send all articles to

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Friday, July 12, 2019

Annual Golf Outing
Carriage Green Country Club
Darien, IL
11:30 am

**Do you know a
potential new member?
Point them to the
Chicago Society website
for a membership
application.**

May 2019 Meeting and Speaker

As Memorial Day approaches and we make travel plans and prepare our grills for a weekend of food, drink and relaxation, let's not forget the true meaning of the day. It is for remembering the sacrifice and honoring those who paid the ultimate price in defending our nation. To help us reflect on the upcoming holiday our very own veteran, Brother **Ro Matuszczak**, will be the speaker for our May general meeting. Please join me in saluting him and all of our veterans and fallen.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm with the dinner meeting starting at 7:00

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Chicago Society Golf Outing



Brother **Adam Konopka**, the Chicago Society's 2019 Golf Outing Chairman, invites all PNA members, business associates, family, and friends to reserve their spots for the golf outing.

The event is planned for Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Carriage Greens Country Club located at 8700 Carriage Greens Drive, Darien, IL 60561.

The day will begin with a cookout lunch along with check-in at 11:30 am. The Shot-Gun scramble starts at 1:00 pm sharp. There will be a fleet of beverage carts patrolling the golf course, and other surprises. Open bar and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm in the banquet room.

We are planning for the world famous grand raffle and a 50/50 raffle! Any prize donations would be greatly appreciated. Closest to the pin, longest drive and a few other goodies are planned for golfers.

All for the low cost of \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner/open bar.

To reserve your golf foursomes please contact Brother **Adam Konopka**, Event Chairman and 1st Vice President at akonopka@dowdanddowd.com or 312-762-9540 or register online at the Chicago Society website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/golf-outing>. Individual golfers also welcome. Payment can be made via check or PayPal.

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Dear Brothers,

Happy Polish Constitution Day Weekend! Hope you celebrated this special day in Polish history by attending the Polish parade or one of the other many events Polonia had going on. There were so many events going on that it was hard to keep up. It just shows you how proud we, as Polonians, are and what this day means to us. Through all the ups and downs Poland has endured, it just makes us even more prouder to be Polish and of Polish decent. For those of you who are not of Polish decent but are married to a beautiful Polish woman know what it means. The Polish customs, traditions, food and history would make anyone proud and happy to be associated with Polonia. Did I also mention about the great food we have! I was not able to attend the parade, which I only have missed 4 during the past 40 + years, as my family and I celebrated my daughter's First Holy Communion. However, we were able to attend events on Friday and Sunday.

As you may have seen, we are down to 104 members, as some have decided not to return. The Board and I talked about it. Whether it's personal reasons or just don't want to do it anymore, I would like to extend my hand out for those who have left. We are on the downhill and have heard reasons why. The Board has talked about possibly forming a committee to explore and to address all the issues. I will appoint members from the Board to do this. We have several fine men waiting to be inducted in the next couple of meetings, so that number would rise, slightly. Let's keep bringing new members. But please try to bring back those that you know.

As Poland struggled for some number of years and were nonexistent 3 times, they fought back, and become much more successful than ever before. We too will bounce back from this low membership and become stronger and smarter with your help. Please support our next events. Our guests say how much fun they have had at our recent events. Get in on the fun. And the more people attend, the more we can help our Polish youth. Proud to say that, this year we are donating monies to the Polish brownies, girls' cub scouts, to help them with some of the summer camp expenses.

So don't forget to come out to our golf outing which is back at Carriage Greens on Friday, July 12th. And watch our email blasts and come to our meetings to hear what else is in store.

Sincerely, Brother **Peter Dykas**

P.S. Thank you to Brothers **Ro Matuszczak** and **Zenon Kurdziel** for putting on an outstanding and successful Polish Constitution Day Brunch. I heard so many positive remarks that we can bring Polonia together to help celebrate this special day. Let's continue with the successful events that we run and add more new and unique events to our calendar.



KULZE SCHOLARSHIP

As most of our membership is aware, former Chicago Society President, now deceased, Jim Kulze, and his wife, Lillian, generously endowed a scholarship fund as part of the Chicago Society Foundation that would be available for meaningful scholarships to worthy college and graduate school candidates with financial need. The Committee selected Emily Bienasz, attending Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, Veronica Materna and Karolina Truszkowska, both attending Loyola University in Chicago, as the 2019 Kulze Scholars. Each will receive \$7,500. Their essays are being printed in several Forums.

This month is the essay from Veronica Materna.

The world is a truly wonderful place with many different groups of people. Although I have only lived a fifth of my life, I am extremely happy to have already met a great number of diverse people. I consider talking to them and learning about their different traditions and ideas as a true blessing and my passion in life. My interactions with these individuals opens up my eyes and heart in a way that allows me to see our world from different perspectives.

Most of these experience has been one I achieved in the Chicagoland area. As a first generation Polish-American, I have been in contact with not only my Polish and American cultures, but other cultures as well. Living in a diverse city, I am able to greatly cherish my friendships and connections with other cultural groups. Moreover, as a Polish folklore dancer in Wici Song and Dance Theater, I am able to share my Polish culture through dance. Once a year, Wici and I have the privilege of partaking in international folklore festivals where we are given the opportunity to learn more about other ethnicities and their cultures. Through these festivals, I learn about both the host country's culture and the cultures of the other folklore dance groups.

When looking at my life, I noticed that I have a passion for different cultures and giving back to the community. As a way to live the rest of my life by doing what I love, I am seeking a Bachelor's degree in History and a Bachelor's in Global and International Studies at Loyola University Chicago. Moreover, because I challenge myself to become the best version of myself, I am part of the Honors Program, an interdisciplinary program at Loyola. Even though I have learned about the language, grammar, history, and geography of Poland in Saturday Polish school, I am likewise minoring in Polish studies. I would like to continue learning about my culture so that I could provide myself with more resources to greatly help the Polish population in the future.

This past fall semester, I was given the opportunity to study abroad in Rome, Italy. It was a blessing to not only have the opportunity to meet different people from around the world, but to likewise continue my studies outside of the United States. I think it was important for me to have learned about international organizations such as the European Union outside of the United States. The entire experience has opened up my eyes and made me appreciate how globalized our world truly is.

During the fall break, a few classmates and I went on a study trip to Poland. We visited historical museums and monuments in Warszawa and Kraków and likewise visited the Auschwitz concentration camp. However, the central focus of this study trip was a human rights symposium at Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika in Toruń. There, human rights lawyers discussed the injustice of women in today's society. It was incredibly interesting to meet and discuss with these intellectual individuals. Not only was I able to contribute to the discussion, but I learned a little bit more on the injustice of women in the Polish society. I will cherish the memories and knowledge that I gained throughout the symposium forever.

Moreover, I believe that it is important for me to mention additional activities that I am doing this semester because they aid in highlighting my passion for my Polish culture. Aside from being a Polish language tutor

May Birthdays

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



- 03 Wojciech Putz
- 09 Walter Kazmierczak
- 11 Anthony J Szplit
- 11 Adam Konopka
- 13 Slawomir Lapinski
- 14 John J Domagalski
- 18 Len Krajkiwicz
- 21 Zygmunt J Dyrkacz
- 31 Zenon Cebula

May Anniversaries

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

Brother **Daniel G Pikarski** is celebrating his **20th Anniversary.**

Brother **Bernard L Pacyniak** is celebrating his **20th Anniversary.**

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

Summer Dress Code

Summer dress code is in effect from May to September for the General Meetings. Summer dress code includes casual shirt and slacks. Suits/sport coats are no longer required. Shorts, jeans and gym shoes are NOT permitted.

Inducted Into Membership

During the April general meeting two gentlemen were inducted into membership. Inducted into membership were David Rucci and Andrew Haszlakiewicz. *Witamy!!*



Easter Ham Raffle

During the April General meeting, Chicago Society held its annual ham raffle. Brother **Don Gutowski** chaired this event this year. A total of 10 hams were raffled. Thank you to all that participated in the raffle and congratulations to all of the winners. A portion of the proceeds will be used to directly support the Youth of Polonia!

Event Chairs Needed

If you are interested in chairing an event, please contact **Tony Kawalkowski** at a.kawalkowski@comcast.net. We are still looking for a chairman to resurrect the picnic normally held in August. Also, to continue with the success of this year's Śledź we are looking for a chair for this event for 2020.

Proposed for Chicago Society Membership

The following gentleman has applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the PNA. If any member has an objection regarding the admission of this prospective member, he should contact the Personnel Director prior to the next general meeting. Sponsors are to attend the general meeting in which the new member will be inducted and to introduce him to the Personnel Director and to others before the Induction Ceremony.

Stan J. Nowak

Address: 1845 S Michigan Ave. Unit 606, Chicago, IL 60616

Phone: 630-258-5158 **Spouse:** Michelle

Occupation: Insurance Broker, Shield Insurance Agency

Birth Date: March 5 **Birthplace:** Chicago

Education: BA in Marketing, DePaul University

Hobbies: Music, books, sports especially golf

Sponsors: Brothers Adam Konopka and Mark Orwat

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KULZE SCHOLARSHIP

for the students who are taking a Polish language course at Loyola, I am likewise working on a political and historical paper under the guidance of Professor Suszko, a professor who specializes in Eastern European history, especially Polish history. Titled, the "Myth and memory of the Polish Underground State in Post-Communist Poland," this research paper will explain how both the Polish Underground State and the more recently glorified Polish Armed Forces during the Second World War affect Poland's contemporary politics. It is a complex topic, but it is one which I believe is an important one to research.

After I obtain my undergraduate degree, my goal is to attend law school to either become an immigration lawyer or an international lawyer. Since the world is becoming more globalized and there are more and more problems emerging with each given day, I want to dedicate my life trying to help relieve those situations. I desire to beneficially impact as many lives as I possibly can. Human rights are incredibly important in today's world. It is a shame that it is not a priority in some parts of the world and/or in some situations. My job will be to make these rights more known — if not everywhere, then in some parts of the world. As Jean de La Fontaine once said, "People must help one another; it is nature's law."

Before attending law school, however, I would like to teach abroad. Since I know that it is important to enrich oneself in different cultures, I believe this would be an advantageous opportunity for me and my future career. Although I have not specifically chosen which country I would like to teach English in yet, I know that whichever country I will choose, I will make the right choice.

Thank you for creating this scholarship. It is a wonderful way to assist Polish-American students who seek to obtain a higher education. Moreover, I greatly appreciate the Scholarship Foundation for taking the time to look through my application. Once again, thank you!

Veronica Materna

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pm. Please contact Brother **Ro Matuszczak** at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call (847) 635-0883 for reservations. You can also RSVP by going to the Chicago Society website. All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! At each general monthly meeting, we offer and split 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. Based on a resolution voted in by the Officers and Directors, all proceeds from the raffles will be placed into a special Youth Fund.



Brothers,

I hope this Forum finds you well. I hope all of you were able to partake in the Polish Constitution Day Parade activities. The weather was perfect for a parade and as always there was a very nice crowd in attendance. We will have a full article and recap of the pre-parade brunch in the June Forum since the printing of the Forum is shortly after the parade weekend. If you have any pictures from the brunch or parade, please send them to editor@chicagosocietypna.org.

Shortly after publishing this month's Forum, the Chicago Society membership directory will be updated and a new version will be posted on the website. This is on the member's only page located in the "About Us" menu. Also, a couple of months ago I switched to a new mass e-mailing vendor since I was having issues with the previous vendor. Please make sure to mark the e-mail address "editor@chicagosocietypna.org" as a safe address in whatever email interface you use.

Fraternally, Brother **Christopher T. Grzadziel**, Editor

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Chicago Society Golf Outing

There are several sponsorships available for this year’s event.

\$550 — Event Sponsor - Includes tee box sponsor signage and name/logo at registration table and on scorecards

\$350 — Beverage Cart Sponsor - Includes Tee Box Signage and Beverage Cart Signage

\$100 — Hole Sponsor - Includes sign with name/logo displayed at tee box

Tee box signs will be 11”x17”.

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

The deadline for registration, payment and tee sign logos is July 1st .

The golf outing flyer can be downloaded at

[https://
www.chicagosocietypna.org/golf-outing-flyer](https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/golf-outing-flyer).

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