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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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

RESERVATIONS

by May 14 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (773) 444-0744 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Fishing Derby
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois
5:30 am

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Casino Day
White Eagle Events &
Convention Center
1:30pm to midnight

Monday, June 4, 2018

June Board Meeting
PNA Home Office 6:00 pm
FORUM Deadline
Send all articles to
editor@chicagosocietypna.org

Friday, July 13, 2018

Chicago Society/ Charles
Komosa Memorial Golf Outing
Gleneagles Country Club
Lemont, IL

May 2018 Speaker & Dinner Meeting

Our speaker for the May General Meeting will be our **Brother William Marutzky**. He will speak to us on the topic of Estate Planning. William F. Marutzky maintains his practice in the areas of asset protection, business planning, estate planning, and matters of tax controversy. In addition, he is a frequent presenter at seminars and conferences for professional organizations on these subject areas.

An attorney and CPA, Bill previously was a Professor of Law at DePaul University and IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law. He also taught business classes at DePaul University, Northern Illinois University and North Central College. He is licensed to practice before the Federal District Courts in Illinois and Wisconsin, the U.S. 7th Circuit, the U.S. Court of Claims, the U.S. Tax Court and the United States Supreme Court. Previously, he was Chair for Federal Tax Procedures Committees for the Chicago Bar Association and also for the Illinois CPA Society.

Bill's educational achievements include a Master of Tax Law (L.L.M.) from DePaul University, a J. D. with Honors from IIT/Chicago-Kent College of Law, an M.S. and a B.S. in Accounting from Northern Illinois University.

Most recently, Bill has received recognition as an Accredited Estate

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Chicago Society Annual Fishing Derby

Fishing Derby Chairman **Steve Rakowski** has announced that the 2018 Chicago Society Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2018. It wouldn't be spring without a trip out on Lake Michigan to take advantage of the famous COHO run. Join fellow fishing enthusiasts for a relaxing outing under the experienced supervision of licensed captains.



The cost will be \$140 per person and our event is limited to the first twenty-five people who deliver their reservation form with a check payable to the Chicago Society. All fisher-persons will also need to purchase a one-day fishing license. Fishing licenses are available on-line at <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/lpr/pages/fishinglicensesfees.aspx>.

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Dear Brothers,

May has arrived! It's Springtime!! The weather is nicer and warmer. Flowers are starting to bloom and buds are visible on the trees. Its Mother Nature's time to grow.

What an interesting and exciting April meeting it was. Proud to have such a large number of members come out to show their feelings on the issue of whether we allow women into our organization. Which side of the fence you are on does not hide the issue of how low our membership has become. All that matters is that we need to grow in size and show interest in events sponsored by Chicago Society. It's the same group of members doing things, attending events, and volunteering. LET'S GO OUT and talk to past members on why they left, what we can do to bring them back. The Board does not know everything that is going on and needs your help. Let's also get a new member into our organization each month. This is a hard task but doable. Many other organizations have and had declining memberships and bounced back stronger. Let's not forget where we came from, our history and success in creating assistance in Polonia. Public relations is a very important part of any business and organization. "The mission of the Society is to share a leadership role in the improvement of life of Polonia institutions, groups, and individuals; promote public awareness, especially among youth, of Polish and Polonia history and culture; and support and nurture the business and civic endeavors of its members." Let's go out and DO IT!! The parade will be a great time to start. Bring a friend, a family member, a co-worker to our meetings and events.

I was able, along with other Board members, to represent Chicago Society at the PAPA's Pre-Parade Dinner where they honor their Person of the year. This year they honored two. On behalf of the Board and members of Chicago Society, I would like to give a BIG CONGRATULATIONS to our President Brother **Steve Rakowski** who was honored by PAPA (Polish American Police Association) as one of their 2018 Persons of the Year. Chicago Society is proud to have one of our very own receive such a great distinction to be honored for his hard work and dedication to support Polonia.

As we are approaching the warmer months, we all have activities that are planned for the outdoors, along with our own Chicago Society's calendar. First off was the Polish Day Constitution Day Parade and Brunch that happened on May 5th. The brunch was chaired by Brother **Ro Matusczak** assisted by his co-chairs Brother **Adam Konopka** and Brother **Christopher Grzadziel**. We had a crowd of nearly 300 attendees. This made the event one of the most successful 3-Maj events in Polonia. Thank you to those who helped make this event such a huge success. Next up, May 19th, will be an audience with the President of Poland, President Andrzej Duda. At time of publication, we are hoping to take part in the procession and speech at Millennium Park. Other events include the fishing derby on May 20th chaired by Brother President **Steve Rakowski**, the annual golf outing chaired by Brother **Mark Orwat** and our annual picnic chaired by Brother **Ro Matuszczak**. Please don't hesitate to get your RSVPs in as quickly as you can so you may not miss out on anything. We are also looking for volunteers for the picnic in different areas such as children's activities, games for adults, entertainment. Please contact brother Ro to help out.

We have talented and successful members among us. Please come out to our meetings, listen to great speakers and their presentations, catch up with old friends and make new ones. As May is time for Mother Nature to rebirth again, so is it for Chicago Society.

And finally, Let's not forget that May is the month for the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us pray.

Fraternally yours,

1st Vice President, Brother Peter Dykas

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE



Kulze Scholarship Winners

The Kulze Scholarship winners were announced in the April Forum. This year, the awards are being made to Piotr Królikowski, studying medicine at the Jagiellonian University Medical School in Kraków, Poland, Sylwia Osos, a psychology major at Loyola University, and Monica Zawisza, studying finance and management information systems at DePaul. These worthy students were chosen from a highly competitive group of qualified applicants.

Essays prepared by the awardees will be published over the succeeding months in the Forum. This month is the essay from Piotr Królikowski.

Piotr Królikowski

Currently, I am studying Medicine at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. I am in my second year of a four year program. I grew up in Chicago and graduated from Loyola University Chicago with a B.S. I am also a graduate of Lane Technical High School. I learned to appreciate my Polish heritage and community as a teenager and young adult. While I was a high school student I began volunteering at a legal clinic operated by the Polish National Alliance. Over a period of two years I worked with attorneys volunteering their time to help the financially disadvantaged members of the Polish community. Often, I assisted with bridging the language gap between the primarily Polish speaking clients of the clinic and the many attorneys who did not speak Polish. First hand, I was able to observe the difference they were able to make. Over time, I also realized that my interests lay in the medical field, rather than in the legal field. During my time at Presence Health I realized that I could make an even greater impact and help the Polish Community if I continued to pursue my dream of becoming a doctor. Ultimately pursuing that dream took me to back to Poland, the land of my birth.

I arrived in Poland in August of 2016. I was there to begin my studies as a medical student at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. Initially the experience was a scary one, and required a lot of adjustments. Although I had grown up in a primarily Polish neighborhood in Chicago, have spoken Polish since I was a child the reality of living in Poland was quite different than anything I had previously experienced. Being in a foreign city has allowed me to discover new things about myself and helped reveal what is important to me in my life. It has emphasized to me the often overlooked importance of family, as well as community. It also allowed me to greatly improve my fluency in Polish. My ability to speak Polish certainly has allowed me to communicate with patients during our clinical sections. Most of my studies up to this point have I focused primarily on the theoretical side of medicine with a sprinkling of exposure to the clinical side. Ultimately all the sacrifices, all the challenges, and all the adjustments were worth it. I am happy with the decision I made to study medicine in Poland.

At present time, my current concerns primarily lie in performing well on my USMLE Step 1 examination, which is my gateway into the larger number of tests that will be required in order for me to be licensed to practice medicine in the United States. In the future, I would desire to specialize in Neurology or Internal Medicine. Working in the hospital setting is greatly appealing to me as it is a unique environment. Internal Medicine interests me as Internists are able to treat a wide range of patients. On the other hand, Neurology interests me because of a familial familiarity with a neurological disorder and its impact that it can have on the individual as well as the extended family. Future plans involve me returning to Chicago if I am able to obtain a residency there. Undoubtedly because of the large Polish-American community in Chicago, it would be my hope that some future patients of mine would come from within this community.

After volunteering at Amicus Poloniae I saw firsthand how a helping hand can be a transformative experience for an individual in a desperate situation. It reinforced for me the bonds of community, and showed me how individuals with nowhere else to turn can find guidance and assistance through people going through a

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 Krajkiewicz
- 21 Zygmunt J Dyrkacz
- 24 Frederick J Poska
- 31 Zenon Cebula

Inducted Into Membership

We welcome Slawomir Lapinski, sponsored by **Brothers Mark Orwat and Robert Groszek**, who was sworn in as a member at our April meeting. *Witamy!!*



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.

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Kulze Scholarship Winners

similar circumstance. Being in Poland has also greatly shown me how comforting having similar cultural circumstances and speaking the language can be to a person’s psychological health. Classmates of mine who cannot speak the language are far more likely to speak of being lonely and feeling out of place. The cultural differences can be interesting at times but this isolation is a negative consequence that is hard to remedy. Furthermore, observing patients in the hematology ward who are dealing with various cancer diagnoses has allowed me to see the strength and fragility of human beings up close. It has reinforced how small actions can impact the lives of human beings in their worst moments. Small actions have the ability to provide renewed hope for life even in the face of overwhelming odds.

Consequently, in the future it would be my goal to volunteer at an organization similar to Amicus Poloniae that is dedicated to medicine. My former job as a registrar allowed me to see that many individuals have to fight to even receive basic medical care. Being able to give back to the community would be an opportunity for me to pay forward the many blessings I was given when I initially volunteered at Amicus Poloniae so many years ago. It would be my hope that I would be able to provide others with even a tiny grain of the sense of community and compassion that I felt.

Chicago Society May Casino Day

Our next Casino Day will be on May 22nd at the White Eagle Events & Convention Center. Volunteers are needed for this event. Shifts are 1:30 - 6:30 and 6:30 - midnight. There is no need to know how to play any of the games. The volunteer work is for administrative functions of the event. If you can give a few hours of your time, please contact co-chairmen **Brothers Chuck Cwiakala** or **Ro Matuszczak** at 847-635-0883 or send an e-mail to casinoday@chicagosocietypna.org.



AROUND THE SOCIETY

On April 18, 2018, **Brother Frank Gondela** received a “Voluntary Service Certificate” from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The certificate was in recognition of 3,241 hours and 15 years of volunteer service. The awards ceremony was held at the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center. We send our congratulations to Brother Frank.

Our sympathy to **Brother Mark Matker** on the passing of his mother, Carol A. Matker. The funeral was held on Friday, May 4, 2018. May she rest in peace.

Golf Outing

It's not too early to think about golf. Chairman **Mark Orwat** and co-chairman **Steve Rakowski** invite you to the Chicago Society/ Charles Komosa Memorial Golf Outing on July 13, 2018 at the swanky Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont. The day will begin with a cookout lunch in the outdoor pavilion followed by a shotgun scramble start. There will be a fleet of beverage carts patrolling the golf course with free drinks, snacks and other surprises. After a great day of golf there will be an open bar, appetizers and dinner followed by awards and raffle. Schedule and costs will be announced in future Forum articles. Reservations and payments will be accepted on the Chicago Society website.



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May 2018 Speaker & Dinner Meeting

Planner (ARP)[®] and accreditation as an Estate Planning Law Specialist (EPLS).

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 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 pm. Please contact Brother **Mario Mikoda** at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call (773) 444-0744 for reservations. You can also RSVP by going to the Chicago Society website. Please note: Any guests at the meeting must be prospective new members and you must confirm the reservation with Brother **Mario Mikoda**. No exceptions! 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.

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Chicago Society Annual Fishing Derby

We will meet at dock AA of North Point Marina in beautiful Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. Meeting time is 5:30 a.m. for check-in and to receive boat assignments. Boats depart the dock at 6:00 a.m.-sharp!

Plenty of free parking will be available. Our boat captains will provide all equipment and clean and package your catch for the drive home. Included in the price is a BBQ lunch. Join us to share pictures and stories of your morning experience. If you'd like to just attend the BBQ, the cost per person is \$35 and will start at 1:00pm at the Salmon Unlimited Pavilion on the North side of the Marina.

For more information call **Steve Rakowski** at (847) 204-4106. You can also RSVP and pay online at the Chicago Society website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/fishing-derby>.

All participants please cut out and fill out this registration form

Chicago Society Fishing Derby 2018

Your name: _____ Preferred fishing partners: _____
Cell phone: _____
E-mail address: _____

Participant assumes all liability for loss or injury suffered by Participant while engaging in the Fishing Derby.
Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Chicago Society, its officers and agents for and against all claims, charges, or expense suffered by Participant.

Participant's signature



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