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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Deserving Children's
Christmas Party
PNA Home Office Cafeteria
1:00 pm

Wednesday, Dec 19, 2018

December Christmas Meeting
White Eagle Events &
Convention Center
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by December 17 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

January Board Meeting
PNA Home Office 6:00 pm
FORUM Deadline
Send all articles to

editor@chicagosocietypna.org

Saturday, January 26, 2019

2019 Inaugural Ball
Victoria in the Park Banquet
Mt. Prospect, Illinois
6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Śledź Mardi Gras
Dinner & Pageant
More info to come

December 2018 Christmas Meeting

The December Christmas Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714. We invite members and significant others to attend this meeting. This year members will be free and all guests will be \$25. We will have a special performance by the Polonia Dance Ensemble.

Cash bar cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm with the dinner starting at 7:00 pm. Reservations are mandatory. 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! We will have a raffle at this meeting. If you have any items to donate, please contact Brother Ro.

2019 Inaugural Ball

Chairman Brother **Chris Grzadziel** along with co-chairmen Brothers **Ro Matuszczak** and **Peter Dykas** invite you to the 2019 Annual Inaugural Ball and Installation of Officers and Directors. The event will be held on January 26, 2019. We will once again be at the elegant Victoria in the Park Banquet facility in Mt. Prospect, Illinois. This year we are honoring the Polish American Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is dedicated to fostering its members' business interests, educating and facilitating commercial contacts, and building relations.



The evening will start at 6:30 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner will be served in the main dining room followed by the installation of officers and directors and presentation of our honorees. Music will be provided by our own Brother **Anthony Kawalkowski** and his Orchestra. Tickets for this event will be \$135 per person which will include an open bar before and after dinner as well as a dinner choice of Filet Mignon, Chicken Marsala, Salmon with Tomato Dill Sauce or Vegetarian. There may be some surprises but you have to be there to see what they are. Black-tie is optional for this event but always welcome. Look out for the invitation in the near future.

We will also have a program book for this event. The program book will

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Brothers,

First I would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and happy and healthy New Year!!

2018 is coming to a close very quickly and 2019 will be here before you know it. This past year was very interesting within our organization. We had our past President, Steve Rakowski resign to pursue his goals. We continue to wish him well. The Board nominated me to serve the remaining months of his term and I THANK YOU for giving me the opportunity to be your President of this fine organization. We have a great group of brothers both on the board to serve the members and you, the members, yourselves. None of this cannot be done without you. This made my job easier. But we still have many things to do; many activities planned. I hope all can come out to the Christmas Party that we will have in place of our meeting. We are working on having our lovely wives and or girlfriends join us and hope to see many there. Prior to our Christmas Party, its the deserving children's Christmas party on the 15th of December. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we lost our major sponsor this year, our Brother **Peter Dykas**, who is the Chairman of this event is still looking for sponsors. Please contact him or through PayPal if you would like to donate and become a sponsor. We already have had a few members step up and give. Please show your support. As I depart, I would like to welcome the new 2019 Board and give them my full support and ask that we all give them the support that they need. Not an easy job.

Once again, Thank You to the Board and to all of our members. And MERRY CHRISTMAS!! And a HAPPY NEW YEAR!! WESOŁYCH SWIĄT.

Fraternally, Brother **Mario Mikoda**



December Birthdays

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



03	Kenneth J Kogut	21	Dean J Niedospial
09	Frank W Czaja	22	Jack F Rohner
14	Charles E Cwiakala	23	Thomas P Laskowski
16	Benjamin Sipiara	27	Ronald M Wolosewicz
17	Greg Sarwa	30	Robert Pietryka
21	Ronald J Olech		

December Anniversaries

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

Brother **Anthony P Kawalkowski** is celebrating his **35th Anniversary**.

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

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allow you to demonstrate your support for the Chicago Society and the Polish American Chamber of Commerce by placing a congratulatory message or advertisement. Full page ads are \$100, half page are \$60 and quarter page are \$40. Inside front and back as well as outside back covers are also available on a first come first serve basis. Letters and ad contracts will be handed out at the December meeting. This information can also be found on our website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/ball-ad-contract>. Please contact Chris Grzadziel with any questions — cgrzadziel@gmail.com or 847-630-2863.

James and Lillian Kulze Scholarship

The Chicago Society Foundation, affiliated with the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance, Lodge 1450 of the PNA, announces that it will again be funding up to three \$7,500.00 scholarships through its James and Lillian Kulze Scholarship Fund. These scholarship awards are available to U.S. residents of Polish descent with financial need who are pursuing academic studies in college, graduate, or professional school.

Initial applications will be accepted through February 15, 2019. Selections will be made in April 2019 for the subsequent fall academic term. Forms, dates, and other information regarding selection criteria and requirements can be found on the Chicago Society's website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/foundation-kulze-scholarship>. Please email **Brother Walter M. Pieciewicz** for further information at wpieciewicz@immaculaw.com.

Mailing of Printed Forums

As of January 2019, the mailing of The Forum via USPS will be to those that opt-in for the mailing. Please send your opt-in requests to Chris Grzadziel at cgrzadziel@gmail.com or 847-630-2863. Please respond by December 31, 2018. The Forum will be e-mailed to members and is available on the Chicago Society website. Please send your current e-mail address if you are not receiving any Chicago Society e-mails.

Deserving Children's Christmas Party



The Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 1:00pm. The event will be held at the Polish National Alliance home office cafeteria. Brother **Peter Dykas** took the reigns over from Brother **Ro Matuszczak** who chaired this event for over 50 years. Last year we hosted about 65 boys and girls ranging in age from 3 to 13. This event requires a lot of onsite help so if you are interested in helping please contact Peter.

Special Request from Brother Dykas... "Fellow Brothers, I have a request of all. We have a slight set back in our major sponsor. The PNC bank has undergone some reorganization and cut backs in their company. They will be unable to donate any funds this year. I ask from you all if anyone is willing to donate to this long lasting tradition that Chicago Society and Co -Chair Ro Matuszczak have done. Any little funds will help. We can even promote your business if you donate over \$300. Thank You!"

Donations can also be made via PayPal at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/children-xmas>.

November Meeting

In lieu of our speaker for November, Brother **Peter Dykas** called upon all members who are Veterans and asked for the members in attendance to warmly thank them for their services in defending our country and our constitution. The following members were in attendance: Brothers **Ro Matuszczak, Tom Seija, Harold Brown, Joe Kotlarz, Don Gutowski,** and **Frank Gondela.** And to all those who were unable to make it to the dinner and meeting "We Thank You Too!!"



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