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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

August General Meeting
Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by August 13 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (773) 444-0744 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

September Board Meeting
PNA Home Office 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

editor@chicagosocietypna.org

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Candidates' Corned Beef &
Cabbage Dinner
More info to come

August 2018 Speaker & Dinner Meeting

Our speaker for the August General Meeting will be our own Brother **Kris Zadlo**. He will talk to us about Advanced Energy Storage. A registered P.E. with almost thirty years of electric power industry experience, Kris Zadlo oversees Invenergy's national and regional activities pertaining to commercial analytics, energy storage, governmental and regulatory affairs, and transmission analysis. He was responsible for establishing Invenergy's energy storage program and heads the storage development team. Previously, Zadlo was Vice President of Transmission for Calpine Corporation and earlier held various management positions during his ten years at Commonwealth Edison Company of Chicago. A Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois, Zadlo graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute. He has a Masters in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant, 9200 W Cermak Rd, Broadview, IL 60155. 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.

WOW!!! What a beautiful stretch of days we are having. As I write this, we have had some super

weather lately. The temps have been in the upper 70s to low 80s, no humidity, mostly sunny skies. The nights have been cool, open window nights, the planet Mars is really close to Earth and very bright. Would it be nice if the rest of the year stays like this? It was a little warmer than usual at the Annual Chicago Society Charles Komosa Memorial Golf Outing, but Charley wanted us to have a good time, so he ordered us that sunny warm day. But all good things don't last long.

If you did not make it to last month's meeting, you missed out on our speakers, the Polish Navy First Responders, about their travels to Texas to help those in need: children, adults and animals. Those stories on how others who thought they were safe experienced mother nature's fury. You missed out on a great dinner, Bbq ribs. And also that our President Steve Rakowski will be pursuing a big professional dream and unfortunately for us, he has stepped down from the board and asked to resign from Chicago Society. Our best wishes go out to Steve and to pursue his dream. GOOD LUCK BROTHER STEVE. You are always welcome to come back.

And now, may I introduce our new President, **Mario Mikoda**. He has gracefully accepted the appointment from the Board to serve the remaining months of our former president's term until the new president,

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President's Message

hopefully yours truly, gets nominated this year. The nominating committee is being contacted and will be announced to all shortly. It was felt that it was more important that we should have a President compared to have the position vacant and not be without a Chief. It just does not look right or feel right for our Society to go on without one. We fully support President Mikoda and lend our support for the next 5 months. And I ask all of you to feel at ease.

Speaking of the next 5 months, we have a full calendar planned going forward. However it is sad to say we will not be having our annual picnic this year due to lack of volunteers to help out Brother Matuszczak. The decision was made at the general meeting after no volunteers stepped forward.

And also we will not be having our fishing and hunting outings this year unless we can find someone to chair these events. We do have our contacts but no Chairman. If interested please contact **Brother Ro**. And now please come out for what we will have. We received a call to come and help bartend at the Taste of Polonia on Friday August 31st. And we gracefully accepted it. Let's get together and pour some beers and meet new people. We are working on the Business Expo meeting to be held at our September meeting. Anyone interested please contact **Brother Topper Topczewski** to set up a spot. October will feature our long running annual Candidates Corner Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Chairman **Brother Mikoda** and Co chairs **Orwat** and **Dykas** will have flyers very soon. Save the date, Thursday, October 25th. It should be packed with candidates running for office and is always well attended by our members and friends. Other important dates will be the Thanksgiving Dinner along with our election meeting that same night, our Deserving Children's Christmas Party in December and our Christmas party and meeting to close out the year.

Hope you are enjoying the speaker's and the food at the dinners.

Hope to see all at one of these events.

Yours truly, **Peter Dykas**, 1st vice president

Chicago Society Annual Business Expo

At our September meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with its Annual Business Expo. The Expo will be held on September 19th 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 about your business and get new referrals. If you would like to promote your business at this Expo, please contact Brother **Ron "Topper" Topczewski** at rtopper2347@sbcglobal.net or (773) 294-1334. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing your materials. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to showcase our organization and the talents of our members.

Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The Chicago Society, PNA Lodge 1450 is hosting its Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 25, 2018. More information will be provided in future Forums.

2019 Election of Officers and Directors

During the August Board of Directors meeting, President **Mario Mikoda** presented the Nominating Committee to the Board. The full committee will be announced during the August General Meeting. Anyone who is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director, should contact the Chairman or another member of the Nominating Committee.

The qualifications for office are located on the website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/constitution>. The duties and responsibilities for each office are located on the website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/by-laws>.

**AROUND
THE
SOCIETY**

Brother **Richard M. Wiermanski**, a member of 60 years, began his 90th Birthday celebration a few months early.



Although his birthday is September 28, his entire family gathered on July 14th at Hackney’s in Glenview. 85 people helped celebrate from 9 different states, as well as from Canada. Included in the gathering were all 5 of his children (including Brother **Richard “Rick” W. Wiermanski**), 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren (who are also Rick’s grand-children). Fellow Brothers, and long-time friends, **Ro Matuszczak** and **Richard** and **Maria Ciesla** were also there.

Congratulations to Brother **Terry Przybylski** who on June 18 earned Advanced Communicator Bronze from the Des Plaines Toastmasters #1645.

The Chicago Society will once again man the main beer tent at The Taste of Polonia. We will be working on the Friday of the fest which is August 31, 2018. For more information, contact **Frank Czaja** - frankcz@usa.net. More information is available on the Chicago Society website at www.chicagosocietypna.org/taste-of-polonia. All volunteers must fill out a volunteer form which is also on the Chicago Society website. The Taste of Polonia is also looking for volunteers throughout the weekend. Please contact **Mario Mikoda** for more information.

August Birthdays

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



- 08 **Chester S Slonina**
- 08 **Andrew Zapalski**
- 08 **John R Skaja Jr.**
- 08 **William F Marutzky C.P.A.**
- 11 **Anthony Zaskowski**
- 14 **Robert Nowaczyk "Rocky"**
- 17 **Theodore L Lipkowski**
- 18 **Ronald C Topczewski**
"Topper"
- 18 **Marek Kowalczyk**
- 18 **Scott Cisek**
- 26 **Stuart A Sawa**
- 29 **Mark Matker**
- 30 **Joseph A Kuechel**

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Chicago Society Picnic Cancelled

During the July general meeting Brother **Ro Matuszczak** asked for volunteers to help run the annual Chicago Society Friends and Family Picnic. Due to the lack of volunteers, this event has been cancelled.

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. Shorts, jeans and gym shoes are NOT permitted.

Chicago Socioety/Charles Komosa Golf Outing

Thank you to all who came out to the golf outing. We had over 70 golfers and great weather. A full recap of the event will be printed in a future Forum.



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