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## GOBBLE SOME TURKEY AND CAST YOUR BALLOT AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

### MONTHLY NETWORKING- DINNER MEETING

**WEDNESDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 16, 2016**  
6:00 p.m.  
White Eagle Banquets  
Niles, Illinois

**RESERVATIONS**  
**by November 14 to**  
[meeting@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:meeting@chicagosocietypna.org)  
847-635-0883

### NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, December 5, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
PNA Home Office

### COMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016—**  
Thanksgiving Dinner Meeting  
White Eagle Banquets  
Cocktails 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 21, 2016—**  
CS Texas Hold 'em Casino Night  
White Eagle Banquets  
1:30 p.m.- 12:00 midnight

**Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016—**  
Christmas Dinner Meeting  
White Eagle Banquets  
Cocktails 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

The Chicago Society Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Election Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at White Eagle Banquets on Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. The delicious dinner menu includes mushroom-barley soup, carved roast turkey with giblet gravy, herb stuffing, mashed and sweet potatoes, a vegetable medley, assorted pastries and coffee. Please ask your wife or personal finance administrator for a few extra dollars that evening as we will hold our annual turkey raffle which will give you the opportunity to win one or several of 15 gourmet birds weighing between 21 and 23 lbs. Reservations are mandatory. Please contact Brother Ro Matuszczak for reservations at 847-635-0883 or at [meeting@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:meeting@chicagosocietypna.org). NOTE: The deadline to make your reservation is Monday, November 14. As in past years, there will be no charge for the November meal this year.



The Election of Officers and Directors for the Chicago Society for 2017 will also be held on that day. The candidates are as follows:

President	Steve Rakowski
Executive Vice-President	Peter A. Dykas
Civic Vice-President	vacancy
Recording Secretary	Richard Ciesla
Financial Secretary	Richard Jadczak
Treasurer	John Wojciechowski
Advocate	Adam Konopka
Senior Director	Ted Makarewicz
Social Activities Director	Romuald Matuszczak
Club House Director	Charles "Chuck" Cwiakala
Directors at Large:	Richard Wiemanski, Jr.
	Charles A. Komosa
	Ronald Topczewski
	Christopher Grzadziel
	Mark Orwat



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Dear Brothers,

What a glorious November! The weather has been in the 60s and 70s! What a difference a year makes. Last year our first Annual Pheasant Hunt was snowed out with 11 inches of snow. This year, the temperature was in the mid 60s with blue skies. I must admit, some of the fields were very challenging being wet and muddy with field growth over our heads. It was a work out for dog and man, but everyone had a good time and promised to be back next year. I would like to thank Brother **Steve Rakowski** for putting this event together at his hunt club, Coon Creek and supplying the bigos and pheasant chili with some delectable Polish libations.

Another successful event hosted by the Chicago Society during the latter part of October was our Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner chaired by Brother **Charley Komosa** with Brothers **Mark Orwat** and Master of Ceremonies **John Cieslik**. It was one of our larger corned beef dinners with a lot of county and municipal officials along with a table of judicial candidates. Thank you Judge Diane Marsalek for putting that together. Judge Marsalek has been and continues to be a big supporter of the Chicago Society.

Finally, I would encourage all our members to attend the upcoming Thanksgiving meeting. This meeting seems to be one of our better attended meetings where we will serve our traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. And of course, we will raffle off 15 frozen turkeys. But more importantly, we will vote in our new officers and directors for the upcoming year. I hope to see you all there, Brothers.

Fraternally,  
Brother Ted Makarewicz,  
President



Dear Brothers,  
Please try to attend the November General Meeting, Elections & Thanksgiving Dinner featuring our Annual Turkey Raffle. Although it is a non-contested race, all the brother candidates are civic minded, ethical, fraternal, and a bunch of good guys! Speaking of elections: a big thanks to all who attended our Annual Candidate's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner--no complaints and much fun! I wish you and your family a very warm and blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Fraternally,  
Brother Charles Komosa,  
Editor



## CHICAGO SOCIETY DESERVING CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

As in the past years, the Annual Chicago Society Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December



17, 2016, at the Polish National Alliance Headquarters. Chairman Ro Matuszczak (his 53rd year) states there will be about 75 children present. A thank you to Brothers **Frank Spula**, President of the PNA and **Charley Komosa**, PNA National Secretary for allowing the event to be held at the PNA. Brother **Robert Radkowski**, Vice President of the Polish and Slavic Federal Credit Union states the organization will make a donation for the party. Naturally, donations are accepted. Call Brother Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883 if you wish to donate. A complete report will be in the January edition of *The Forum*.

## CS CANDIDATES' ANNUAL CORNED BEEF AND CASBBAGE DINNER

On Thursday, October 27, 2016, the Chicago Society held its Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cab-



bage Dinner at the AAC Eagles Club in Chicago. Brother **John Cieslik**, Brother **Mark Orwat** and Brother **Charles Komosa** co-chaired a very successful event with 90 guests, elected officials and candidates. Tremendous help came from Brother **Ro Matuszczak**, Jean Cieslik and Agata Komosa. All enjoyed a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner provided by Harrington's World Famous Corned Beef. Brother **Ted Makarewicz** opened the program and greeted all the guests then introduced co chairs Brother Cieslik, Brother Komosa and Brother Orwat. After the outstanding Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, President Makarewicz introduced the elected officials and candidates for elected office. Many officials and candidates were in attendance, including Brother Hon. **Robert Martwick**, State Representative 19th District, purchased a table but was unable to attend, Brother Hon. **Andrew Przybylo**, Mayor of the Village of Niles, Hon. Judge Diann Marsalek, Hon. Judge Clare Quish, Hon. Judge Gerald Cleary, Hon. Judge Mike Forti, Hon. Joseph Berrios, Cook County Assessor, Steve Kozicki, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, 10th Sub circuit, Hon. Judge Stephanie Saltouros, Diann Shapiro, candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court, State Representative Michael McAuliffe, State Representative 20th District, and Dan Patlak, Commissioner, Cook County Board of Review. The program ended with an executive raffle for various gifts. All of the guests had a great fraternal evening!

## 2ND ANNUAL HUNTING OUTING

On November 5th, 15 of our Brothers and their guests assembled at the Coon Creek Hunt Club to participate in the Chicago Society Second Annual Hunting Outing. We were blessed with very pleasant conditions of sunny skies and temperatures in the 50s in the morning and upper 60s in the afternoon. It was much better than the 11 inches of snow on hunt day last year.



Our destination was Marengo, IL and was a long drive for some of our members, but everyone was pleased with how accessible it was to the highway. The Club is situated on over 2,000 acres with a comfortable and roomy clubhouse with kitchen facilities and bathrooms. It provided all the accommodations needed for our event.

Our hosts at Coon Creek provided guides and the fields and our Brothers and guests provided excellent marksmanship-even though three participants had no prior hunting experience. 30 birds were harvested and sent home with the hunters. Every hunter had a meal to take home along with some excellent memories.

Due to the warm day and early season heavy cover the birds preferred to run more than fly. It was a challenge for the dogs and hunters to make their way through the thick, tall grass. Everyone got a great workout by the end of the morning. Despite the extra effort needed all of our guides were dedicated to providing their group with a great hunting experience. None of our participants had any complaints

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## 2017 CHICAGO SOCIETY DUES STATEMENTS MAILED!

Financial Secretary Brother **Richard Jadcak** has recently mailed members their 2017 Chicago Society dues statements. Dues can be paid on the Chicago Society website's PayPal link, by mail, or given to a Chicago Society director at a meeting if Brother Richard Jadcak is not available. As usual, the 2017 CS Membership Dues are due by February 28, 2017. To make dues payments easily and conveniently via PayPal, with no convenience fee, using your credit card or checking account simply go to <http://www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.html>

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



- 2 Stan Lesniak
- 4 Henry Kurzydowski
- 5 Jesse Soszko
- 6 Edmund Boduch
- Steven Rakowski
- 11 Andrew Csoke
- Chester Przybylo
- 12 Robert Groszek
- 16 Martin Weihing
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about the skill or work ethic of their guide or dog.

After the hunt, everyone was treated to a meal of bigos and pheasant chili. Cigars and stories were shared and the common refrain was "When are doing this again?"

Our illustrious President, Brother Ted Makarewicz, presided over the gathering with his usual charm and enthusiasm. Everyone ate their fill while exchanging stories of flushing birds and well placed shots.

On behalf of Brother Ted, thank you to everyone who helped make this year's outing so much fun. We hope you will join us again next year and bring a friend (or two). Until then, barrels up and safeties on.

submitted by

Brother **Steve Rakowski**

## FINAL CASINO DAY FOR 2016 SCHEDULED!

The Final Casino Day to benefit the Chicago Society is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21, 2016, at the White Eagle. Volunteers are needed for this events. Shifts are 1:30—6:30 and 6:30—midnight. If you can give a few hours of your time on this day, please contact co chairmen Brothers Chuck Cwiakala or Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883.



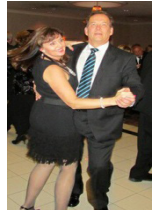
## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother **Chester Klos** and Brother **Chester Lizak**, who are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of their induction into the Chicago Society, Brother Peter Dykas and Brother David Uting, both celebrating the 20th Anniversary of their induction into the Chicago Society, and Brother William Przybylski, celebrating the 10th anniversary of his induction into the Chicago Society.

## Save the date!

## THE 2017 INAUGURAL BALL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017!

The Annual Inaugural Ball with Installation of Officers of the Chicago Society will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017, at Café La Cave located at 2777 Mannheim Rd, in Des Plaines. Ball Chairman Brother Romuald 'Ro' Matuszczak ensured that the evening will meet the high standards of the Chicago Society with scrumptious appetizers and wine service, gourmet dinner selections, top shelf spirits and cordials, and high quality entertainment. More information to follow in the December Forum!



## CHICAGO SOCIETY FOUNDATION'S 4TH QUARTERLY MEETING

The Chicago Society Foundation (CSF) Board of Directors met on Monday, October 24, 2016, at Colletti's Restaurant in Chicago to discuss grant requests submitted during the past quarter. The Board approved a grant to the Wisconsin Division of the Polish American Congress for \$500 to help promote the national PAC regarding P.R. activities and a portion to the state division to showcase 2017 as the "Year of Kosciuszko." The next CSF meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017.

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Ten-year-old Vanessa Hazard, a 5th grade student at St. Juliana School, daughter of Hazard, granddaughter of Brother **Don & Lucille Gutowski**, wrote the winning essay for a Chicago Black Hawks fan contest. Vanessa appeared on the ice with the Chicago Black Hawks Team before a night game on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 as the Hawks hosted the St. Louis Blues at the United Center in Chicago. The game was televised on NBC Sports Network.

Brother **Mark Orwat** and fiancée Gina motored to Iowa to spend a long Columbus Day weekend at Gina's family's house in Iowa. Brother Mark & Gina survived with no internet or cable access, zero texting or instant messenger service, and very limited cell phone service. Instead they enjoyed the weekend with rough riding ATV four wheel motor vehicles on her family's 80 acres of land, bon fires until 3:00 a.m. in the morning grilling kielbasa on sticks and enjoying Polish Spirytus Rektyfikowany "Rectified Spirit" infused cocktail shots, hiking, sleeping in late, fresh air, family, and each other's love!

Sto lat & Happy "50th" Birthday!—Brother **Dave Uting** celebrated his big 50th Birthday Bash in September with a grand celebration of friends & fun planned by his wife Tasneem "Tas" Uting, who incorporated all of her learned planning skills from years of watching her iconic Marta Stewart on television. The birthday bash was celebrated at Whirly Ball, and all of Brother Dave's birthday guests, including his childhood friend when they lived in Jackowo, Brother **Charles Komosa**, enjoyed an open, bar gourmet appetizers, and 50,000 square feet of fun times with three Whirly Ball courts, 12 bowling lanes and a multi-level laser tag arena.

Great to hear that Brother **Andrew Zapalski** successfully had cancer com-

pletely removed and is out and about post surgery with a clean bill of health from his doctor!

The Presidential Campaigns continue to pass through the PNA HQ! On October 10, 2016, PNA & PAC President Brother **Frank Spula** welcomed former Secretary of State Madeline Albright, who met with representatives of the Polish American Congress (PAC) as well as other leaders of the Polish American community, including Brother **Don Versen** and Brother **Romuald Poplawski**, President of the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress, Maureen Pikarski-Murphy, Vice Chair of the National Democratic Ethnic Coordinating Council and Chair of its Women's Committee, and daughter of Brother **John Pikarski**, and sisiter of Brother **Dan Pikarski**, at the office of the Polish National Alliance in Chicago. Secretary Albright—a founder and a partner of DC-based advisory firm the Albright Stonebridge Group—spoke on behalf of the Clinton Presidential Campaign. President Spula asked Secretary Albright to explain Hillary Clinton's views on issues of importance to Polish Americans and Poland, specifically, the critical need for a strong NATO engagement in Poland in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as Poland's inclusion into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program. This was the first time that a present or former United States Secretary of State had visited the headquarters of the Polish National Alliance.

It's a boy! Congratulations to proud parents State Representative Brother **Rob Martwick** and his wife Sharon on the birth of their son Robert Francis Martwick, who came into this world on September 3, 2016, weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces.

Brother **Carlton Marcyan** recently experienced a two-week exhilarating, physically challenging trip motorcycling through the Pyrenees. A complete report of his memorable experiences will be published in the December issue of *The Forum*.

## PNA'S SINGLE PREMIUM PLAN CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS

PNA's Christmas promotions earmarked for children ages 0-15. For a limited time (October 21 through December 23, 2016) we are featuring the Single Premium Plan with



a 5% discount on the premium payment. Please, have in mind the great benefits PNA offers to our young members: Scholarship Program, Tuition Rewards Program and various fraternal activities when offering this plan to your prospective members. In order to provide a discounted premium promotion for our members, the commission rate for the discounted Single Premium plan is \$5 per thousand. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brother **Richard Jadczyk**, PNA Sales Representative, at 847-224-1326.

## BRIDGING AMERICA: THE STORY OF RALPH MODJESKI

This is a film celebrating the life of Ralph Modjeski, one of America's greatest bridge designers and some of the 20th century's most significant bridges and how they transformed America: San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge, Huey P. Long Bridge in New Orleans, and Quebec Bridge in Canada, among others. The film takes a deeper look at the scientific mind of a virtuoso pianist and artistic soul of a Polish-born Paris-trained immigrant who contributed to the building of a modern America.

The film is being shown at the Polish Film Festival on Nov. 18 at 8:30 pm and Nov. 19 at 5 pm at the Gallery Theatre. For more information, visit <http://www.pffamerica.org/en/bridging-urban-america-the-story-of-ralph-modjeski/>. Please note that the Chicago Society Foundation was a major funder of this project; Chicago Society members are urged to attend this premiere.

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