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MONTHLY NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
6:00 p.m.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS
by September 18 to
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
847-823-8747

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, October 2, 2017
7:00 p.m.
PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 20, 2017—
Dinner Meeting & Speaker
White Eagle Banquets
Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017—
Dinner Meeting & Business Expo
White Eagle Banquets
Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 26, 2017—
Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner
AAC Eagles Club
Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2017 SPEAKER & DINNER MEETING

Our featured speaker at the September General Meeting will be Mr. Jacek "Jack" Niemczyk, General Manager of Radio 103.1 FM and WPNA 1490 AM. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the White Eagle. The cocktail hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. 103.1 FM is PNA's newest achievement due to Mr. Niemczyk's vision. In his previous career he has served as Music Director, Program Director, Radio/TV Producer and Host for Radio Pro Kolor - Opole, RH Kontakt - Warszawa, RMF FM - Kraków, TV WISŁA - Kraków, NASZE RADIO - Fort Lee, NJ, WRKL 910 AM - New City, NY, WNVR 1030 AM - Chicago, IL and TV Polvision TV - Chicago, IL. Mr. Niemczyk's education includes a Master of Arts in Journalism and Political Science, College of Social and Media Culture in Toruń Poland, Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Communications and Culture from Wrocław University, Media Marketing Specialist, American School of Advertising, Fort Lee, NJ and Audio Recording and Production Specialist from the Institute of Audio Research, New York, NY. Mr. Niemczyk will speak about Polish media and broadcasting and its impact on Polonia.



The September General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a featured speaker, but a gourmet dinner menu! The dinner menu includes tossed salad with choice of ranch and Italian dressings, herb crusted sirloin steak, chicken with dumplings, piped duchess potatoes, broccoli, carrots and cauliflower, and gelato for dessert, coffee, and tea. Please contact Brother **Chuck Cwiakala** at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call 847-823-8747 for reservations. Please note: Any guests at the meeting must be prospective new members and you must confirm the reservation with Brother Chuck. No exceptions! All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! At each general monthly meeting we offer 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.

PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES' CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The 2018 Illinois gubernatorial and state elections will take place on November 6, 2018, to elect the Governor of Illinois. The Democratic and Republican primary elections will take place on March 20, 2018. The Chicago Society, PNA Lodge 1450 is hosting its Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 26, 2017.



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Dear Brothers,

Summer is almost over and the days are getting shorter. I for one will miss the warm days and convenience of light clothing. But with fall comes a quickened pace and rededication of time and attention to job and interests. Hopefully, for more of you that rededication will inspire a closer participation in the Chicago Society.

The last two months were fantastic. Polonia is a thriving, if not disjointed, enterprise here in Chicago. Many organizations vie for dwindling man-hours. In the time since my last greeting to you I represented the Chicago Society by attending the soldier memorial mass, Dzień Wojska Polskiego, at St. Ferdinand Church, and Ziemia Podhalańska Way dedication of Belmont Avenue. I also attended the Polish American Association's beach volleyball tournament, the Advocate Society's Summer Reception, our picnic, and a PMA fundraising concert, Polskie Drogi, featuring Krzysztof Borysiewicz and Mira Sojka-Topor. I also volunteered at the Taste of Polonia, spending time at the Polish Chamber of Commerce booth and the beer tent. Especially inspiring was the response of our Polish community in support of relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Harvey at Our Lady Mother of the Church Polish Mission in Willow Springs. It is inspiring to see the care and concern of our brothers and sisters in support of so many Polish organizations.

In addition to the events described above I finally was able to pull off our Fishing Derby on September 3. Twenty fisherpersons were treated to a day of beautiful weather and camaraderie on Lake Michigan. The fish cooperated with 28 making it into our coolers. Our very own Brother Chris Grzadziel won the \$40 prize boating a 17-pound lake trout. And, Brother Frank Gondela caught the most fish with a total of three. Your humble host took the smallest fish in a 2-pound chinook salmon. Following fishing we again were welcomed by the captains of Salmon Unlimited in their pavilion on the Winthrop Harbor grounds. Many of our pictures are posted on the Chicago Society website. Thank you to the four Chicago Society brothers who helped make our event an enjoyable day.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

"A date which will live in infamy." That is how President Franklin Roosevelt described Dec. 7, 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, prompting the US to declare war on Japan and enter World War II in Asia and Europe. Poland's "day of infamy," however, was Sept. 1, 1939. On that date, Nazi troops attacked Poland by air, by land, and by sea at Westerplatte. On Sept. 3, 1939, Britain and France declared war on Germany, and World War II began. On September 17, the Soviet Union invaded Poland from the east. The invasion ended on October 6, 1939 with the division and annexing of the whole of the Second Polish Republic by Germany and the Soviet Union. The President of Poland, Ignacy Mościcki, transferred his power and appointed Władysław Raczkiewicz President of the Republic of Poland (in exile), which was housed initially in Paris, then located to London, where it remained until the return of a free and independent Poland in 1990.

Even though WWI was known as "the war to end all wars," WWII was truly a world war, fought on many theatres throughout the world. At the insistence of Joseph Stalin, the Yalta Conference of 1945 sanctioned the formation of a new Polish pro-Communist government in Moscow, which ignored the Polish government-in-exile based in London. Upon achieving victory in 1945, the occupying Soviet authorities organized an election which constituted nothing more than a sham and was ultimately used to claim the 'legitimacy' of Soviet

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The evening starts with a Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m., followed by the candidates and elected officials running for election to address the guests and introduce themselves. The event is usually sold out and many candidates and professionals attend. The evening concludes with our Executive Raffle of great prizes. We invite you to join us for a fantastic evening filled with a delicious dinner of famous Harrington's hand carved corned beef brisket, cabbage wedges, boiled red potatoes in the jackets, homemade Pumpernickel bread and horseradish, Hot Irish mustard and homemade apple pie for dessert. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes an open bar all evening. Tickets will not be sold at the door! Please call Brother Charles Komosa at (773) 286-7123 or email me at charles.komosa@pna-znp.org or Brother Mark Orwat at (773) 502-6969 for information or reservations. To make reservations easily and conveniently via PayPal using your credit card or checking account simply go to www.chicago-societypna.org/payments.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

hegemony over Polish affairs. The Soviet Union instituted a new communist government in Poland, similar to much of the rest of the Eastern Bloc. And Poland again lost her independence. Poland found herself under the paws of the Soviets until the fall of communism in 1990, when the independent III Republic of Poland was formed.

Due to her unfortunate geographic location, Poland has for centuries been a pawn in the face of Europe. She now enjoys a prominent place in Europe, a member of both NATO and the European Union, with the strongest economy of all countries in the EU. It is important, however, for all those of Polish descent to remember those dark days in Poland's history, and to appreciate the struggles the Poles endured to finally enjoy independence. Members, please make sure your children and grandchildren are taught the history of your and their country. We owe this to all those who so gallantly fought on all fronts for a free and independent Poland.

CHICAGO SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO IN OCTOBER!

At our October meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with its Annual Business Expo. The Expo will be held on October 18th 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 Peter Dykas at padykas@yahoo.com. 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. This is also a wonderful opportunity for new members to find out what their brother members have to offer, and for them to showcase their business.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

. Our election process is ramping up and our Nomination Committee is hard at work vetting members for the development of a slate of candidates. Nominations are due by the September General Meeting and are to be finalized at the October meeting. Elections will be held during our November membership meeting. Please make use of this important opportunity to have your voice heard in selecting the new officers and directors of the Chicago Society.

You will soon see the flier being circulated for our fall hunting outing. This year's event will take place on November 18. Stay posted for more details.

Recently, a committee of past presidents has been commissioned with the task of proposing solutions to the problems of dwindling membership and revenue. Presently, we spend more money feeding members at our meeting than we collect from those members in dues. That cannot continue. I do not make a habit of chastising membership but the Chicago Society desperately needs YOU to recruit new members and to patronize our events. Without your assistance in these tasks drastic policy changes will need to be instituted.

Finally, we will be welcoming three new members who are scheduled to be sworn in at the September meeting on September 18. Please attend the meeting to join me in welcoming new Brother-members to the Chicago Society. It is important for our members to make reasonable efforts expressing appreciation for the sorely needed infusion of new time and talent represented by these new members.

Fraternally,
Brother Steve Rakowski



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.

Name: Robert J. Tomczyk
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Occupation: Commercial Banker,
Hospitality Banking
Birth date: April. 24, 1969
Birthplace: Poland
Education: Institute, College of Technology, Poland
Sponsors: Brothers Romuald
Matuszczak, Charles Komosa

**Do you know a
potential member?**

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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



- 10 John P Teschky
- 11 Ronald Osioł
- 15 Marian Skawski
- 17 Thomas A Sieja
- 18 Daniel J Mateja
- Warren C Dulski
- 19 Andrew B Batorski
- 20 Mark Kaszubski
- 23 David P Uting
- 25 Dan Zolkowski
- Kenneth Walczak
- 26 Mario Mikoda
- 27 Michael Schneider
- 28 Richard M Wiermanski
- 29 Chester A Lizak

RULES FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE IF NOT SLATED

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society of the PNA's election of 2018 officers and directors invites anyone is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director, please contact the Chairman or another member of the nominating committee to find out the procedure and qualifications. You must contact them as soon as possible because the slate will be announced at the September meeting. Rules for Voting and Running for Office if not Slated The Nominating Committee shall select at least one candidate for each elective position who shall be required to sign an acceptance of nomination. At the October meeting, the chairman of the Nominating Committee will announce the slate of candidates that has been selected. Any member may run against a slated candidate for a particular office. The rules and procedures for doing such are stated in the Constitution, Article VII: Election of Officers and Directors. At the regular meeting in October the Nominating Committee shall accept for nomination such additional lists of candidates for the respective offices of ten or more members, provided however that the signed acceptance of each candidate is attached to each such petition. The adjournment of the meeting shall close the nominations in the absence of a motion for that purpose. Immediately thereafter, the nominating committee shall submit a list containing all of the names of the candidates to the Recording Secretary who shall cause the publicizing of such list to all members in good standing at least ten days prior to the date of the November election meeting. The President shall appoint five Judges of Election, if necessary, who shall prepare a ballot, have charge of the polls of election, canvass the votes and certify the results to the Recording Secretary. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to be elected, to sign petitions or to vote. No member admitted to membership in the Society within five days of election shall be eligible to vote at the election.



Marynia Kolak, daughter of Brother **James Kolak**, recently received a PhD in Geography from the Arizona State University and is working at the University of Chicago as a researcher, teacher and Assistant Director of Health Informatics in the Center for Spatial Data Science..

Brother **Richard Kula** was featured in an August 16, 2017, article in the *Park Ridge Journal* about the Northside Senior Polka Association, where he serves as president. Brother Rich is quoted as saying, "The social group keeps the music and dance alive." The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at Lone Tree Manor, 7730. Milwaukee in Niles. "We get new members almost every month. Even if you attend once, it's worth it. We'll try to seat prospective members with new members to meet new people," said Kula.



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Brother Frank Gondela is celebrating another volunteer award from Edward Hines, Jr., Hospital of the Department of Veterans Affairs in appreciation of 2947 hours and 13 years of volunteer service. This coincides with former solo honoree award as Volunteer-of-the-Year 2017 for the Fisher Home Foundation, which includes all 80 homes in the United States, Germany, and United Kingdom, with 14 additional ones slated this year for completion. The Hines Fisher House is a home-away-from-home with 20 suites to accommodate family members while their loved ones are hospitalized at no charge. The Fisher Foundation sponsored the Chicago Warrior Olympics.

CHICAGO SOCIETY PICNIC REPORT

On Sunday, August 20, 2017, the annual Chicago Society Picnic was held at Busse Woods. The weather was perfect. The food was catered by Brother Member Bill Wojcik of Laramie Bakery and Deli which included hot dogs, brats, hamburgers and sausage and sauerkraut. There was more than enough food for everyone.

Chairman Ro Matuszczak thanks his co-chairs for making the picnic possible. They were Fred Koziol, who donated the coffee; Chris and Kasia Grzadziel; Tanya Theodosakis, Chuck Cwiakala's daughter who helped organize games for the children; Peter and Agnieszka Dykas for their general help and distribution of gifts to the children; Charlie and Agata Komosa; President Steve Rakowski and Mark Orwat. To Ted Makarewicz for the selling of raffle tickets for the annual raffle. It was one of the most successful to date. There were 33 winners. The following persons donated prizes: Frank and Beverly Gondela; Walter and Anne Pieciewicz; Chris Matuszczak; Alina Tondryk; Steve Rakowski; Mrs. Biedack; Lottie Pilarski; Casey and Lucja Baczynski; Stan Jendzejec; Jan Plachta; Matt and Ruth Rodriguez and Chuck and Teresa Cwiakala. There were approximately 70-75 persons present including 12 children.

Special thanks to Chris Matuszczak, Fred Koziol, Charlie Komosa, and to Mark Orwat who supplied beverages; Chris and Kasia Grzadziel, Bill Wojcik for donating pastry; Ted Wiecek, our photographer, and Ted Makarewicz for picking up the food.

All in all, Ro Matuszczak states it was a cooperative effort on the part of all to help make the event a success.



Cut this out and tape it to your refrigerator

Thursday, October 26, 2017
Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, November 18, 2017
Hunting Outing

Saturday, December 16, 2017
Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, January 27, 2018
Inaugural Ball

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.



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