



# The Forum

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### COMING EVENTS

Friday, July 12, 2019

Annual Golf Outing  
Carriage Green Country Club  
Darien, IL  
11:30 am

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

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

RESERVATIONS

by July 15 to

[meeting@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:meeting@chicagosocietypna.org)

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, August 5, 2019

August Board Meeting  
D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub  
Park Ridge - 6:00 pm  
FORUM Deadline  
Send all articles to

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Corned Beef and  
Cabbage Dinner  
Date and Location TBA

### July 2019 Meeting and Speaker

Please join us in welcoming this month's speaker, Mariusz Folta. Mariusz is a long time businessman with 26 years of experience in accounting and business consulting. He is the owner of Taxpol Mt. Prospect Corporation. In addition to his impressive professional resume Mariusz is a husband and father who uses his free time to referee youth soccer across the state.



The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714.

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### Chicago Society Golf Outing



Please join us for our annual golf outing on Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Carriage Greens Country Club located at 8700 Carriage Greens Drive, Darien, IL 60561.

Registration and check-in starts at 11:30 am with the Shotgun scramble starting at 1:00 pm sharp. Lunch will be provided and supplemented with a fleet of beverage carts patrolling the golf course, and other surprises. Please join us after golf for open bar and dinner.

We are planning for the world-famous grand raffle with a possibility to win Bears pre-season tickets and a 50/50 raffle! Any prize donations would be greatly appreciated. Closest to the pin, longest drive and a few other goodies are planned for golfers.

**All for the low cost of \$125 per golfer or \$50 for only dinner/open bar**

To reserve your golf foursomes please contact Brother **Adam Konopka**, Event Chairman and 1st Vice President at [akonopka@dowdanddowd.com](mailto:akonopka@dowdanddowd.com) or 312-762-9540 or register online at the Chicago Society website at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/golf-outing>. Individual golfers also welcome. Payment can be made via check or PayPal.

Thank you to those that have already pledged to sponsor the event.

The golf outing flyer can be downloaded at  
<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/golf-outing-flyer>.



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Dear Brothers,

Happy 4th of July! I hope all had a happy and safe holiday. Whether you stayed home or went away, let's not forget what the Independence Day represents to us all, celebration of the history, government and traditions of the United States.

Now that summer is here, especially the really warm weather that we waited for such a long time, we have our annual Golf Outing on Friday July 12th at Carriage Greens Golf Course in Darien. I hear that we have some really cool things planned for the golf outing. Hope to see many of you there and I hear spots are still available. If you are not a golfer, come to Dinner.

There is a message that our Director of Social Events wants to pass along. He is looking for a Chairman to put together an event/social get together at Arlington Park Race Course. Please contact Brother **Anthony Kawalkowski** if anyone is interested.

Brother **Mario Mikoda** is looking for bartenders for the Taste of Polonia for various shifts throughout the weekend. Chicago Society currently does not have a time to serve but check with us at the July or August meetings.

With the summer months upon us, and not many events happening, the fall should get busier. I encourage all to make an effort to attend our events. Portions of the profits at these events will go toward our Youth Fund. Our latest recipients were the Polish Scouting Brownies (the girls Zuchy) who received \$1,000 from us to help with some of the expenses that they have. As Brother **Chris Grzadziel** and I presented them with the check, we received a customary BRAVO chant from the Zuchy as well as from the parents. They really appreciated what we did and that is why we really want to help Polonia's Youth. A little extra effort on our part goes a long way for others. Who will be our next recipient?

Many of us plan to travel on summer trips, Please be safe and see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely, Brother **Peter Dykas**



### Summer Dress Code

**Do you know a potential new member? Point them to the Chicago Society website for a membership application.**

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.

## KULZE SCHOLARSHIP

As most of our membership is aware, former Chicago Society President, now deceased, Jim Kulze, and his wife, Lillian, generously endowed a scholarship fund as part of the Chicago Society Foundation that would be available for meaningful scholarships to worthy college and graduate school candidates with financial need. The Committee selected Emily Bienasz, attending Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, Veronica Materna and Karolina Truskowska, both attending Loyola University in Chicago, as the 2019 Kulze Scholars. Each will receive \$7,500. Their essays are being printed in several Forums.

This month is the essay from Karolina Truskowska.

Everyone has a story, a compilation of experiences, memories, emotions integrated into our intricately wired brains - the master of our personalities, dreams, behaviors, and virtually everything that makes us who we are. My brother and I were unfortunate and yet fortunate enough to survive and recover from a debilitating condition, a rare case of congenital bilateral vocal cord paralysis. While rendering us six years of daily tracheostomy, six years of hospital visits, surgeries, stress, and our parents' recurring heart rendering stories, these experiences and recollections had a significant impact on who I am today. I am a twenty-year-old who spent half of her life in Poland and more than half of it breathing in hospital air and walking down hospital corridors, things I evidently never let go and conceivably never will.

As a sophomore at Loyola University Chicago studying Neuroscience with a minor in Polish Studies, I take rigorous courses in biology, chemistry, and neuroscience in congruence with my major and the premedical track. From a young girl playing doctor, sewing up teddy bears and auscultating my parents, my interest in medicine never tempered, rather advanced from a fantasy to an aspired goal. Indubitably, my experiences coupled with my parents' poignant stories of my birth helped to instill this inexplicable passion I have for medicine and my sense of identification with the sick, especially children. Children are one of the most innocent, fragile, and vulnerable tiny humans, sometimes forced to fight debilitating, life-threatening conditions from the very first minute they are born. Some are born prematurely and suffer from complications like undeveloped lungs, heart, GI tract, or slow growth and weight. Others are born with birth defects, congenital disorders, or omphalocele, organs growing outside of the body, all risking babies' survival. Neonatology, one of the most intensive subspecialties of pediatrics, involves the diagnosis, treatment, and care of such premature and critically ill newborns. Becoming one requires critical traits like compassion, determination, stamina, but also extensive knowledge acquired after years of vigorous studying, residency, and fellowship. Despite being a highly demanding and oftentimes painful profession, the rewarding outcomes, medical miracles, and my love for children are what motivate me to become a neonatologist, and as a premed student, I began my path in reaching that dream.

Unlike my childhood hospital visits, albeit certainly influential, my current healthcare endeavors intertwine with my compassion and career aspirations. Since high school, I have undertaken several volunteering positions that exposed me to a range of working environments of the medical and nursing staff. While interacting with patients, offering bedside support, nursing assistance, and observing a variety of conditions and incoming emergencies, I experienced an enriching preliminary healthcare exposure that further inspired me to become a nursing assistant. Despite the sometimes arduous and demanding aspects of being a CNA, the rewarding ones, such as helping long term nursing home patients or Alzheimer's patients with personal care, bathing, dressing, or feeding, always suppress the latter. As it turns out, however, physical help not always suffices the innermost human needs. While working with a bed ridden and paralyzed elderly woman with expressive aphasia, I learned an important lesson. Despite her inability to articulate words, I noticed that nothing can bring out a more radiant smile on her face than simply talking to her, which many CNAs simply belittled. Notwithstanding the meaningful contributions of healthcare providers, our exceptional

### July Birthdays

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



- 01 Zenon Kurdziel
- 04 John Wasilewski
- 07 Krzysztof Zadło
- 07 William B Drozd
- 10 Romuald E Matuszczak
- 14 Tomasz P Pawelko
- 14 Thaddeus Makarewicz
- 22 Edward H Marsalek
- 23 Donald A Gutowski
- 24 Jack Skaja Sr.
- 27 Edward T Sawa

### July Anniversaries

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

Brother **Thomas A Sieja** is celebrating his **5th Anniversary**.

Brother **Gregory R Ciesla** is celebrating his **25th Anniversary**.

Brother **John J Pikarski Jr** is celebrating his **30th Anniversary**.

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

### AROUND THE SOCIETY

Brother **Mario Mikoda** is looking for volunteer bartenders for Taste of Polonia over the Labor Day weekend. The following slots are open: 8/31 (12pm-5pm, 5pm-10:30pm), 9/1 (12pm-5pm, 5pm-10:30pm), 9/2 (12pm-5pm, 5pm-9:30pm). If you are interested, please contact Kamila Sumelka at [kamila.s@copernicuscenter.org](mailto:kamila.s@copernicuscenter.org).

On Sunday, June 9th, the Polish Fishing and Hunting Club hosted their annual "Polonijne Zawody Wędkarskie dla Dzieci" which translates to "Polish Children's Fishing Tournament". Chicago Society was represented by our Brother **Peter Dykas**. Peter also presented a donation from the Chicago Society for \$500 to help support the event. The event is free to all children and the Club provides all the gear for the event. There were 128 children this year with prizes for biggest fish caught in various age groups. This donation is from the Chicago Society Youth Fund.



On Saturday, June 29th, over 60 Polish Youth Organization "brownies" (Zuchy) departed for a two week camping trip to their camp grounds in Crivitz, WI. The Chicago Society presented a donation to the organization for \$1000 to help defer costs of the camping trip.



Presenting the donation were Brothers **Peter Dykas** and **Chris Grzadziel**. This donation is from the Chicago Society Youth Fund.

Can anyone guess who is in this picture and where it was taken? If you can and let the Brother member know you may (no guarantees) get a free drink.



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## KULZE SCHOLARSHIP

power lies in the seemingly intuitive, yet sometimes neglected human behavior - interaction. You can be a knowledgeable, diligent, scrupulous doctor, nurse, or aide, but none of these traits can replace the power of face to face interaction in forming mutual trust, understanding, and the fundamental connection between you and the patient. While obtaining significant healthcare experience and knowledge through my volunteering and clinical work, I also contributed to our ethnically diverse communities, comprised of an impressively vast Polish American population.

As a Poland citizen and resident of the Polish American community in Chicago and throughout the U.S, I will continue my involvement in our radiant community both as a student and future physician. As a Polish studies minor, I enjoy learning about and expanding my knowledge in Polish literature, Polish history, and culture. While continuing my involvement in Loyola's Polish club for the next two years, I will further contribute to the Polish community by volunteering in the Community Health Clinic for the uninsured residing in the Chicago area. Given Chicago's expansive population of uninsured Polish residents and the clinic's consequent need of Polish interpreters, I will be working alongside doctors and patients, ensuring comfortable patient experience as their translator. Moreover, upon entrance and hopeful completion of medical school, I look forwards to using my skills, knowledge, compassion, and Polish fluency to contribute to the Polish American community by ensuring a comfortable, soothing experience and quality-based care to my little patients and their families.

As a prospective medical student and, hopefully, a future neonatologist, I am determined use my knowledge, compassion, and skills to contribute to my community and, as a doctor, fight to give my patients the same chance of a vibrant, healthy, and promising life that I was given upon my birth. As a Loyola rambler, I will dream, fight, and conquer the world, both a mission of my school and the value of my own. I will make a change. I will set the world on fire!

## July 2019 Meeting and Speaker

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Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 pm with the dinner meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Please contact Brother **Ro Matuszczak** at [meeting@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto: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! 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. Based on a resolution voted in by the Officers and Directors, all proceeds from the raffles will be placed into a special Youth Fund.



Brothers,

As we start the second half of the year, I hope all of you are enjoying the warmer weather. While searching the vastness of the Internet, I came across the information that among other things, July is National Grilling Month. Who knew? With that, I wish you all good grilling and of course good eating. Smaczno!

As always, please share information and pictures about your summer activities so that we can publish them in the FORUM. The deadlines for each months FORUM is the monthly Board Meeting.

Fraternally, Brother **Christopher T. Grzadziel**, Editor

## Save the date...

We are targeting January 25, 2020 for the Chicago Society Officers and Directors Induction event. We are still reviewing several formats and venue options. The committee has reviewed the results from the surveys as well as other comments that were received. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

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