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## COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Sept 19, 2018

September General Meeting

White Eagle Events &

Convention Center

6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by September 17 to

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

or (847) 331-8007 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, October 1, 2018

October Board Meeting

PNA Home Office 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

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

Thursday, October 25, 2018

Candidates' Corned Beef &

Cabbage Dinner

Copernicus Center 6:00 pm

## September 2018 Business Expo & Dinner Meeting

At our September meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with its Annual Business Expo. 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 what your business is 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](mailto:rtopper2347@sbcglobal.net) or (773) 294-1334. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing your materials and for your business cards.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave, Nilas, IL 60714. 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) 331-8007 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 **Ro Matuszczak**. 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.

## Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

The Chicago Society, PNA Lodge 1450 is hosting its Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at The Copernicus Center - 5216 West Lawrence Ave in Chicago.

The evening starts with a Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner being served at 7:00 p.m. The candidates and elected officials running for election will 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 Pumpnickel 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! For more info and to purchase tickets go to <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/corned-beef>.



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Dear Friends and Brother Members, I am honored to be your next president of the Chicago Society. Our Society has a long history of helping and working with each other. Likewise, we have a long history of being the professional lodge of the Polish National Alliance. I have learned from working with historic and notorious past presidents such as T. Ron Herbert Jasinski, Charles Komosa, and Ro Matuszczak who continue to shape our great society.



I thank our past presidents who all have left their special mark on our society. I honor them and will continue to honor the customs and traditions of those who have shaped us. As president, I plan to continue to grow the Society, but continue to work with the needs of those of you who have been members. I will work with those of you who honor our great traditions and the traditions that make us the premier group in Polonia.

As President, I strive to work with new Polonia, and reestablish connections with groups in Polonia who have previously supported our great Society. For instance, I believe a strong connection with the Copernicus Foundation will only make us stronger while decreasing our cost structures. I will continue to work with businesses in Polonia to cross promote and gain members who own Polish businesses. Likewise, we must continue to patronize our Polish brothers to foster the fellowship of membership. We will continue to provide scholarship to young Polonia to help them build a better PNA while making sure that they remember that the Chicago Society membership helped shape them. I ask any and all members to bring their children, friends and even grandchildren to come to build a stronger Society. I've already begun by reaching out to past members and inviting them back into the Society to show all the great things that are brewing within Lodge 1450.

Again, I am honored to be your president and promise to work with each and every member and every other group in Polonia to make this Society the best Chicago Society!

Fraternally,

**Brother Mario Mikoda**

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


### Advertise in the Forum

Are you looking to advertise your business? Please contact the Forum editor at [editor@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org) for more information on advertising rates. Also available are full page inserts on a per month basis.

### Summer Camp

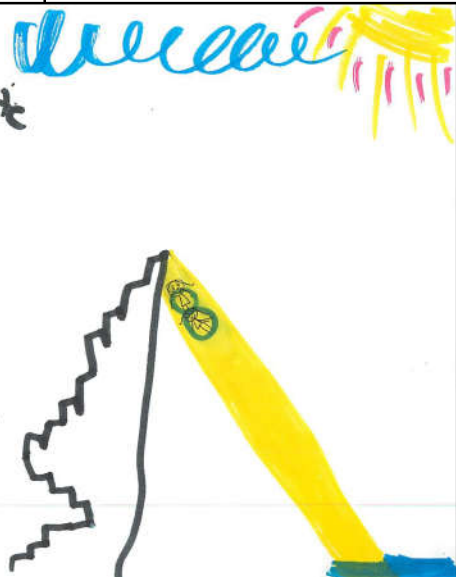
As part of Chicago Society’s mission to help the youth of Polonia, this summer the Chicago Society sponsored three sisters (Emilia, Anna and Natalia Zwolinski) to attend the PNA Youth Camp in Yorkville. The girls enjoyed their time at the camp and sent us pictures and thank you notes. Please take a look at their thank you notes and artwork.

Dear Chicago Society of PNA,  
 Thank you so much for sponsoring us to come for camp. My favorite part of this camp was dancing and doing the pranks on other people. Thank you so much!!  
 From: Emilia Zwolinski




I liked going to the waterpark and I liked dancing.  
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 Natalia Zwolinski

Dear Chicago Society of PNA camp. My favorite part was dancing and quite hour. I like the playground because i go on the top of the monkey bars. The water park was awesome.  
 Thank you  
 Love, Anna Zwolinski




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### 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!



- 11 **Ronald Osiol**
- 15 **Marian Skawski**
- 17 **Thomas A Sieja**
- 18 **Daniel J Mateja**
- 18 **Warren C Dulski**
- 19 **Andrew B Batorski**
- 20 **Mark Kaszubski**
- 25 **Dan Zolkowski**
- 25 **Kenneth Walczak**
- 26 **Mario Mikoda**
- 27 **Michael Schneider**
- 28 **Richard M Wiermanski**

### September Anniversaries

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

- Brother Andrew Csoke** is celebrating his **5th Anniversary**,
- Brother George W Batorski** is celebrating his **30th Anniversary**,
- Brother Richard W Wiermanski** is celebrating his **35th Anniversary** and
- Brother Walter M Pieciewicz** is celebrating his **35th Anniversary**

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

### 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.

### 2019 Inaugural Ball

**Save the date...** On Saturday, January 26, 2019, the Chicago Society, P.N.A. will host its 2019 Annual Inaugural Ball and Installation of Officers. 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 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. More information will be provided in the next couple of months.



### 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](mailto:cgrzadziel@gmail.com) or 847-630-2863. Please respond by December 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.

### Chicago Society Membership Directory Online

The September 2018 Chicago Society Directory is now online on the **Members Only** page. To access this page you must login to the website by clicking on the **Login/Sign-up** link in the upper right hand side of the site. If you already setup your ID then you can login and proceed to the page. If you have not setup an ID then you need to click on the **Don't have an account? Sign up** link on the login page and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, send an e-mail to [webmaster@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:webmaster@chicagosocietypna.org).

### Summer Camp “Thank You” Cont...



## 2019 Election of Officers and Directors

During the August meeting Brother **Ken Kogut** was introduced as the chair of the Nominating Committee for the 2019 Officers and Directors. Other members of the committee are Brothers **Batorski, Kawalkowski, Zapalski and Kurdziel**. The alternate to the committee is Brother **Gondela**. Those interested in filling one of these roles should contact Brother Kogut ([kenk@kogutassoc.com](mailto:kenk@kogutassoc.com) or 708-560-0083) by Monday, September 17. The qualifications, roles and responsibilities for each office are outlined in the Chicago Society constitution and by-laws. They can be reviewed on the Chicago Society website -- <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/>.

During the September general meeting the Nominating Committee will present a recommended slate for 2019. Those that are not nominated by the committee and have interest in a position have until the October general meeting to present the Nominating Committee Chairman with a petition signed by 10 members in good standing to contest a certain position. The adjournment of the October meeting shall close all nominations. The Nominating Committee will then supply the final list of the slate as well as any contested positions which will be published in the Forum. During the November general meeting a vote will be conducted for any contested positions.

### AROUND THE SOCIETY

The Taste of Polonia was held over this past Labor Day weekend. Once again, the Chicago Society provided volunteers to man one of the bars as bartenders. We did this on Friday night, August 31st from 5 until 10. This year we worked the wheel bar. However, our time was cut short because the Taste had to shut down at 8:45 due to upcoming storms. A great time was had by all those who volunteered. We had great camaraderie and even met people we haven't seen for a while. A big thank you to the following who volunteered under the guidance of **Frank Czaja**. They are: **Bill Sufanski, Fred Koziol, Tom Sieja, Ron Topczewski, Rocky Nowaczyk, Ted Makarewicz, Jan Plachta** and **Peter Dykas**. Kudos to all, a great job was done.



Our sympathy to Urbaszewski family on the passing of our past member, Eugene R. Urbaszewski. The funeral was held on Friday, August 24, 2018. May he rest in peace.

### Check Your SPAM

Please check your SPAM folder to make sure the Chicago Society announcements are not getting trapped. We have switched to a new service to send out e-mails which will hopefully not end up in your SPAM folder. The e-mail address that will be used is [editor@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org). Each e-mail system will be different but please mark this address as a safe/non-spam address. In some cases, adding this address to your contacts list will also work. E-mails with Chicago Society information will be sent a few times a month depending on the events for that month.



### The Hunt for Chicago Society FORUMS

We are on the hunt for old Chicago Society FORUMS. We are missing copies for various years. Specifically we are missing FORUMS from 2000 to 2010. Other issues are missing as well and a list will be posted soon. Please contact the Forum editor at [editor@chicagosocietypna.org](mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org) if you have either a paper or electronic version of a Forum from this time period. In the near future, Forums from 1922 to 1999 will be available on-line.





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