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DINNER NETWORKING MEETING

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July 18, 2012

6:00 P.M.

Przybylo's White Eagle
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By July 16

To 847-635-0883 or

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

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Folak's Lincoln Tavern

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, July 18—
General Dinner Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

Wednesday, August 15—
General Dinner Meeting
Sawa's Old Warsaw, Broadview

Sunday, August 19—
Family and Friends Picnic
Busse Woods

Wednesday, September 19—
Business Expo and General Meeting
Przybylo's White Eagle Banquets

FOOD, FOLKS AND FUN

The Annual Chicago Society Family and Friends Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 19, in Busse Woods West Forest Preserve in Elk Grove Village, Grove #30. The entrance is from Golf Rd., west of Northwest Highway (see map on p. 7.) The picnic is free for everyone attending. Freshly grilled and cold foods along with various beverages will be served under the covered pavilion. There is ample open space surrounding that platform, and everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and pillows. There are proper rest room facilities nearby. Games will be provided for children. Chairman Brother **Richard Bivins** (the Chicago Society Grill Master) encourages everyone to attend this always enjoyable event. The ever-popular Raffle will again be run by Brother **Ro Matuszczak** and his wife Chris. Brother Ro is asking members to donate any worthwhile prizes for the raffle. Musical entertainment is also being planned. Come, bring your friends for an afternoon of fun and relaxation.



DO YOU DRESS FOR SUCCESS?



How a man dresses is key to his success. A man's physical appearance is very powerful in ensuring his success. At our July meeting, Jeff Schuster of Aster and Black Clothiers will speak on the importance of how a man dresses and how his appearance can bolster his image. Please join your brother members for this informative talk, and enjoy a summer barbeque buffet from the staff at Przybylo's.

CHICAGO SOCIETY BUSINESS EXPO

At our September meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with a Business Expo. The Expo will be held on September 19 at Przybylo's 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 what your business is and get new referrals. If you would like to promote your business at this Expo, please inform Brother **John Cieslik** at 312-859-5404 or Brother **Ro Matuszczak** 847-635-0883. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing your materials and your business cards. Please bring a guest to that meeting. It will be a one-of-a-kind opportunity to showcase our organization and the talents of our members.





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Brothers,

I hope everyone is surviving the many days of heat we have been having. Where is the rain when we need it? Even though, I hope everyone enjoyed the Fourth of July Holiday and had a safe and enjoyable celebration. If you have been on vacation, I hope it was memorable. If you will be going on vacation, enjoy and be safe.

I want to thank Brother **Komosa** and Brother **Orwat** for all their work and effort to make our annual golf outing a success. My gratitude also goes to sign chairman Brother **Skaja** and all those who helped at the golf-outing. A great time was had by all. There were some new faces among the golfers, and I hope they will return again and again. As always, the raffle was outstanding due to the generous donations of our members and sponsoring businesses; so all were greatly appreciated. If you enjoyed yourself this year, or even if you were unable to join us, please remember to keep this outstanding and fun event in your plans next year.

Please remember to check out our web site for the latest info on events and pictures from events and meetings. You can also peruse *The Forum* there. Brother **T. Ron Jasinski Herbert** is doing an excellent job keeping the web site up to date.

Remember to save the date of August 19, 2012, so you and your family can join us for our annual picnic. As usual, there will be great food, music, games for the children and exciting prizes. Also, make your plans now for our 100th Anniversary celebration on Oct 6. This is a very big event. Not many organizations can say they have reached the century mark. Let us show everyone the pride we have in the Chicago Society by attending.

An amendment to the constitution was presented to the Board lowering the age of membership from 21 to 18. The Board approved this amendment. So now you, the general membership, will vote on it at our August meeting. Remember, any amendment to the constitution should not be taken lightly. This change will affect present as well as future members. So carefully consider your position on the matter and make sure you attend the August meeting to vote.

Last, but not least: Congratulations and welcome to our new member.

Have a great month, and get ready for August.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Czaja



Why did you join the Chicago Society? Was it for the camaraderie? For the networking? Was it to improve the lives of fellow Polonians? To promote pride in our Polish heritage? Or maybe it was to have an excuse to get out of the house for an evening. Whatever your reason was, as a member you are now part of a strong, perhaps elitist, Polonia organization. Unfortunately, our membership is decreasing. We now have 184 members—an all-time low. The reasons are certainly many: the economy, perhaps some apathy. This situation has been addressed by the Board. An amendment to the Constitution has been proposed to lower the minimum age of membership to 18. There has also been conversation about admitting women. However, I personally feel that these possible solutions don't fully address this issue. You will read elsewhere in this issue of *The Forum* that the Board has formed a committee to develop strategies to increase our membership. As chairman of this committee, I strongly encourage all members who believe in the strength of the Society—if you've been a member for 5 years or 25—to join this committee. Certainly we all would like to see the Society prosper in the next 100 years so our future generations can also enjoy the benefits of the Society. If you are interested in seeing the Society grow, if you feel you have some valuable insights in how to make that happen, please join this committee. Our future depends on your efforts.

DID YOU MAKE YOUR MEETING RESERVATION? PLEASE DO IT NOW!



◊ The Polish Museum of America recently held a reception to open an exhibit commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Museum. Attending this event were Brother **Don Gutowski** and his wife Lucille, Brother **Darek Kozlowski**, Brother **Andy Pawlowski**, and Brother **Ted Wiecek**.

◊ The Polish Arts Club held its Annual Installation of Officers on June 6, 2012, at the Park Ridge Country Club. The afternoon began with a concert by cellist Sarah Berger, accompanied by Danuta Berger. The Most Reverend Anthony Mikowski of the Polish National Catholic Church gave the invocation. Following a delicious luncheon, out-going president Vivian Wolkosz introduced the new officers of the Polish Arts Club, who were given their oath of office by Maria Ciesla, president of The Polish Museum of America. Our own Brother **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert** was installed as president along with the other officers. Enjoying the afternoon's festivities were Brother **Ed Blicharski**, Brother **Rich Ciesla** and his wife Maria, Brother **Tad Dabrowski**, Brother **Don Gutowski** and his wife Lucille, Brother **Ed Kuk** and Brother **Ted Wiecek**.

◊ Brother **Richard Jadczyk** scored the winning (and only) goal for the Eagles against Royal Wawel. This is the first time the Eagles have beat Royal Wawel in many years. Maybe we'll see Brother Richard on the pitch in Brazil in 2014.

◊ **Tie bar found!** A Brother member left a tie bar on the table at the April meeting (I hope that's all he took off). It has a round blue emblem. If you are the owner, please contact Ted at editor@chicagosocietypna.org or call him at 773-562-8006.

◊ Brother members, please remember to ...

... **donate your cell phones** and charger to the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program.

... **bring your old, unusable flags**, USA or any other national flag, for proper disposal

CHICAGO SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Brother **Ken Gill**, Chairman of the Chicago Society Scholarship Committee, announces that applications are now available for Chicago Society scholarships. The application is found on p. 6 of this issue of *The Forum*. It is also available, in fillable form, on our website <http://www.chicagosocietypna.org/forms>.

POLISH TRIVIA

The XXX Games of the Olympiad will be opened soon in London. Poland first participated at the Olympic Games in 1924, and has sent athletes to compete in every Summer Olympic Games since then, except for the 1984 Games. Over the years, Poland has won a total of 261 medals at the Summer Olympics, with the most medals awarded in Athletics. Which Polish athlete (in Athletics) has won the most Olympic medals (in Athletics)?

Answer to June's question: The sleigh on display at The Polish Museum of America was a gift from King Stanisław Leszczyński to his daughter Maria.

POLISH TRADITIONS IN JULY

Frankly, July is quite a "dead" month as far as holidays and other festivities go. The farmers are busy tending to their crops; the city-dwellers are going about their business. Other than *imieniny* and the occasional wedding, there are no occasions to celebrate.

During the dark days of Communism, July 22 was celebrated as *Narodowe Święto Odrodzenia Polski* (National Day of the Rebirth of Poland), commemorating the signing of the Manifesto of *PKWN Polski Komitet Wyzwolenia Narodowe* (Polish Committee of National Liberation). The Manifesto was officially proclaimed on July 22, 1944, in Chełm (near Lublin), although it was actually signed and approved by Stalin 2 days earlier in Moscow. This legitimized PKWN as the "true" government of Poland, essentially placing Poland under Communist rule and creating *Polska Rzeczpospolita Ludowa* (Polish People's Republic). Throughout Poland, this "holiday" was observed as a day free from work, with large "forced" demonstrations, marches and rallies.

With the fall of Communism and the formation of *III. Rzeczpospolita Polska* (3rd Republic of Poland), this date was removed as a holiday in 1990. Now, Poland's independence is observed, as it was prior to World War II, on November 11.

Did you know? July in Polish is *lipiec*, from the popular tree *lipa* (linden), which blooms at the beginning of July.

Upały lipcowe wróżą mrozy styczniowe. (The heat of July brings freezing in January.)

CHICAGO SOCIETY DIRECTORY AVAILABLE AT MEETING

The long anticipated Centennial Edition of the Chicago Society Directory of Members is now available. The Directory will be distributed to members at the next few meetings, so make sure you pick one up. If you know you will not be able to attend the next few meetings and would like to have your copy of the Directory mailed to you, contact Brother **Ted Wiecek** at <mailto:editor@chicagosocietypna.org> or 773-562-8006.

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CONDOLENCES

Joan Kosinski, widow of deceased Brother **George Kosinski**, passed away after a brief illness on June 29, 2012. Mrs. Kosinski was a prominent member and leader of a number of Polonia organizations, among them the Legion of Young Polish Women, the Polish Women's Civic Club, and the Polish Museum of America. Even after her husband's death, she was a staunch supporter of the Chicago Society, attending many of our events. She was most recently at our Inaugural Ball. She will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to her daughter Maria and the rest of her family.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN

Many organizations, among them the Chicago Society, are slowly losing members. Old members pass away; new ones aren't joining in the numbers that we hope. A committee has been formed to address this problem, chaired by Brother **Ted Wiecek**. Any brother member who is interested in exploring and developing ways to increase our membership is encouraged to join this committee. Simply contact Brother Ted at editor@chicagosocietypna.org or 773-562-8006.

Each brother member is strongly encouraged to recruit new members from among his business associates, his family, and colleagues. You as a member can bring a guest as a potential new member to one of our General Meetings. In fact, the Business Expo will be an excellent opportunity for your guest to explore what Chicago Society has to offer—an Open House in a way. If you wish to bring a guest, contact both the House Director Brother **Ro Matuszczak** and the President Brother **Frank Czaja**. Note that any guest you bring as a potential member must meet the criteria of membership.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
NOW FOR OUR 100TH
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
OCTOBER 6, 2012
WHITE EAGLE BANQUETS**

WE SURVIVED THE GOLF OUTING

Despite the record-breaking heat, 57 members and their buddies participated in the Chicago Society Golf Outing on July 6, 2012 at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien. The award for the Lowest Scramble (for the 3rd year in a row) went to Brother **Stan Jendzejec** and his team of Brother **Tom Pawelko**, Henry Ziemba and Arty Ziemba. After a delicious dinner, a number of valuable raffle prizes were awarded. Thanks to the following for their donation of items for the raffle: Brother **Stanley Stawski** for liquor and beer, Brother **Ted Przybylo** for a beautiful gift basket, and Brother **Ro Matuszczak** for a "mystery bag."



Thanks to Brother **Mark Orwat** for chairing this year's outing, and his co-chairman Brother **Charlie Komosa**. Kudos to Brother **Kamil Bartoszcze** for arranging to have donations from Technicraft for the golf outing. Thank you to Sebastian Jachymiak, owner of Technicraft, for his donation of golf towels, which each golfer received. Thank you to Sebastian for bringing one his Technicraft girls Ania Kogut to the outing. Ania helped with registration of golfers, handed out an autographed picture to each golfer, and took a photograph with each golfer who requested one. She also rode one of the beverage carts that drove around the course to keep the golfers stay hydrated and refreshed. Thank you also to Maciek Strzelczyk, photographer, for taking photos of the golfers with Ania. They helped make the outing more pleasant and the heat a little more bearable.

Also a big thank you to Brother "**Topper**" **Topczewski** for braving the heat and running a hole contest, Brother **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert** for riding a cart with Brother **Ted Wiecek** to take photographs of the hole signs and the golfers in action. *Bóg zapłać!* to all you gentlemen.

CONNECT. INSPIRE. GROW.

Our speaker at the June General Meeting was Monika Rydz (Ryszewski). Ms. Rydz is originally from Grajewo, near Łomża in north-eastern Poland. She is the founder of Connect.Inspire.Grow. She is also the marketing director at Chicago Web Video Marketing and an all-around video marketing specialist. She attended Columbia College and has moved on to help businesses make their name online through video marketing. She began her talk with some startling statistics. Facebook has 800 million users, You Tube has 89 million viewers in the U.S. daily (and 1.2 billion world-wide), LinkedIn sings up one new member every second, Twitter has 200 million business accounts. It is projected that within just a few years, there will be more advertising on-line than in print.



Frank Czaja, Monika Rydz, Kamil Bartoszcze and Robert Groszek at the June meeting.

Ms. Rydz, in preparing marketing videos, focuses on content, consistency, and collaboration. She spoke of the many forces controlling marketing: economic forces, social forces, and technological forces. She gave some tips on how one can double his business: build an on-line presence, develop and use a marketing plan, provide value in your marketing, and use social media. There are three things every customer wants to know: What have you done for yourself? What have you done for others? What can you do for me? The answers to these questions are what should drive every business's marketing strategy.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHICAGO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

The Officers and Board of Directors of the Chicago Society have approved the following as a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Chicago Society:

Article III, Section 3, Paragraph A: Active Membership. Any male of Polish lineage or affinity, over ~~21~~ 18 years of age, of good character and reputation, whose acceptance will add to the welfare and progress of the Chicago Society and who is a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States residing in Cook County or its contiguous counties may be admitted to membership in the Society at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Note that a strikethrough means the word or number will be deleted; an italicized word or number means it will be added. In this case, "21" will be deleted and "18" will replace it.

According to the Constitution, the vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing in attendance at either the regular meeting or the special business meeting shall be effective to either adopt or reject the proposed amendment. This Amendment will be voted on at the August General Meeting.

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!

- 1 Mark Cwiakala
- Zenon Kurdziel
- 7 William Drozd
- 10 Romuald Matuszczak
- 14 Thadeus Makarewicz
- Tomasz Pawelko
- 17 Alexander Tzanos
- 20 William Wojcik
- 22 Edward Marsalek
- 23 Donald Gutowski
- 24 Jack Skaja, Sr.
- 27 Edward Sawa
- 30 Gary Kenzer

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate the following brother members, who are celebrating the anniversary of their induction in July.

Walter S. Bialka	1977	35 Years
Carlton R. Marcyan	1977	35 Years

FROM THE ANNALS OF THE CHICAGO SOCIETY

The Chicago Society, through one of its members, County Judge E. K. Jarecki, enlisted the aid of the late President Harding in the project of providing special care and treatment of the neglected insane veterans, as the result of which the Hospitalization Committee ordered immediate provision for the treatment and care of our mentally incapacitated service men, the most pitiable of all service men.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Chicago Society [now the Polish Women's Civic Club] was organized in 1924 to give effective aid in the social service work conducted by our Society. At their various meetings the Ladies have been addressed by social workers, studied the needs of their immediate communities to aid they cheerfully responded with acts of charity, such as the distribution of food baskets and milk among the destitute in Polish settlements.

In brief, it must be noted that the Chicago Society has at every step worked for a political, economical and social amelioration of Americans of Polish descent. It donates each year large sums towards an educational fund for Polish Youth.

During the War [World War I] the Chicago Society took an active part in every Red Cross and Liberty Loan drive. It subscribed literally to the various loans and gave a soldier to Uncle Sam for every three of its members and an officer for every three soldiers. It has inaugurated Annual Memorial Services for those who died in the military service of the U.S. as well as those who died in civil life. The two members who died on the field of glory in the service of the U. S. Army are Sigmund Misiewicz and Edmund J. Roth.

Excerpted from *Chicago Society News* from 1925 (forerunner of *The Forum*)



Michael W. Kitkowski, President of the Chicago Society 1917-1918, known as the "War time President"

INDUCTED TO MEMBERSHIP

We welcome **Walter Kazmierczak**, sponsored by Brothers **John Teschky** and **Romuald Matuszczak**, who was sworn in as a member at our last meeting. *Witamy!*

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CHICAGO SOCIETY, PNA
2012 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

SUBMIT A ONE TO THREE PAGE ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

HOW WOULD YOU MOTIVATE PEOPLE OF POLISH DESCENT TO UNITE POLONIA?

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR E-MAILED BY OCTOBER 3, 2012.

Applicant's Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, ZIP _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____
Telephone number: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Chicago Society Sponsor: _____ Relationship: _____
College or University: _____
Major: _____ Started: _____ Anticipated Graduation: _____

SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

1. Applicant must be a full time undergraduate student who has completed one semester and is currently enrolled in a two or four year accredited college or university.
2. The applicant must demonstrate a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4 point scale or its equivalent as supported by an official college transcript.
3. Scholarship grants will be based on the quality and thoughtfulness of the applicant's essay, not financial need.
4. A sponsored applicant must be a child, stepchild, grandchild, great grandchild, niece or nephew of a member of the Chicago Society in good standing for three continuous years.
5. Non-relative sponsored applicants must prove Polish ancestry.
6. The applicant agrees that Chicago Society may publish his or her essay in its organization's publication.

AMOUNT OF GRANTS

There will be three one-time awards not to exceed \$6,000.00 in total, the sums to depend on the quality and number of applications received.

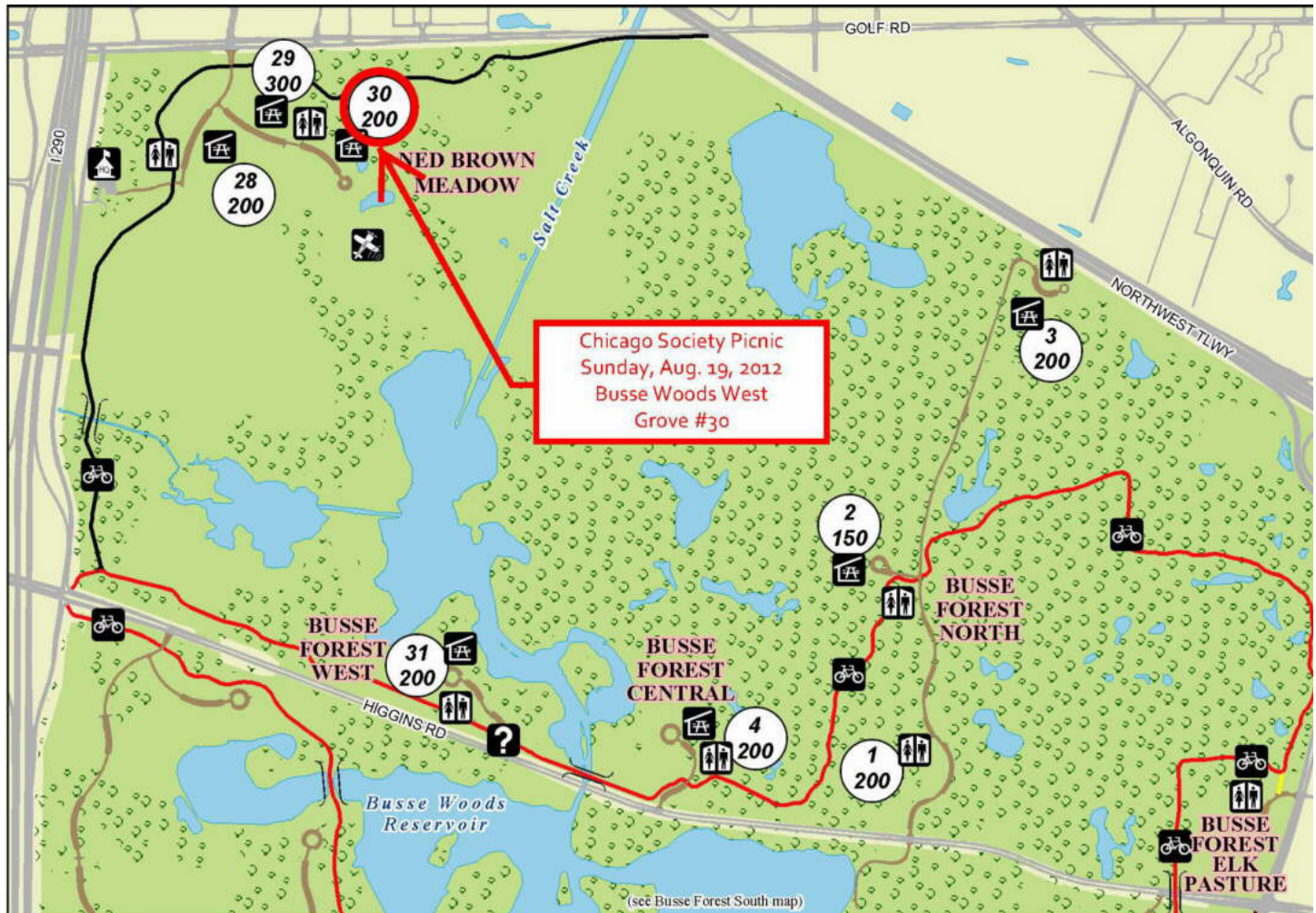
APPLICATION PROCESS

1. The application for a scholarship grant shall consist of the submission of this application form, transcript of academic record, and the essay on 8½ x 11 sized paper, 12 point font, one to three pages written in English concerning the above topic. It must be submitted by the date stated above.
2. The essay will be reviewed on an anonymous basis. The essay must NOT identify the applicant or any sponsor or the application will be disqualified.
- 3 A non-relative applicant should state the basis of his or her Polish ancestry on the reverse side of this application form.
4. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify an application if it is incomplete, submitted after the deadline or not in compliance with these rules.
5. The applicant must SEND completed application and all materials on or before October 3, 2012 to:

Chicago Society Scholarship Committee
c/o Kenneth P. Gill, Chairman
556 Garland Court
Lake Zurich, IL 60047
or e-mail Ken29gill@aol.com

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

CHICAGO SOCIETY PICNIC, BUSSE WOODS WEST FOREST PRESERVE, GROVE #30, ELK GROVE



AD MULTOS ANNOS

Our congratulations go out to Brother **Andy Pawlowski** and his wife Ania, who were married on April 8, 2012. We wish the happy couple many years of love and happiness.

Brother **Frank Gondela** and his wife Barbara have enjoyed love and happiness for 50 years. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 27 on a Mediterranean Cruise to the Greek Islands and Athens. They also visited Istanbul, Turkey, and Ephesus, where the Blessed Virgin Mary lived for 40 years with St. John her protector. Other stops were Naples and Rome. Needless to say, among the many cruises, this was the most outstanding, even though they, along with 22 others, missed the ship for 3 days due to mechanical problems. Other 50 year highlights for Frank include: 50 years as a business owner (now retired), 50-year Drake University Reunion.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

On Thursday, June 21, 2012, the Chicago Society held its first Texas Hold 'em for this year. As in the past, the event was held at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle. The Polish Museum of America will share in the profits.

The following persons gave of their time: Chairman Brother **Chuck Cwiakala**; Co-Chair and Chief of Staff Brother **Ro Matuszczak**; Brothers **Ken Gill** (who worked one shift for the Polish Museum and one for the Chicago Society), **Don Gutowski** and his wife Lucille, **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**, **Stan Jendzjec** (who worked both shifts), **Tom Pawelko**, **Ted Wiecek**; **John Wojciechowski**, and Mary Robles. *Bóg zapłać!* volunteers.

The next Texas Hold 'em will be Thursday, Sept. 27. Please mark your calendar, and let brother Ro know if you are able to give some of your time.



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