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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

September General Meeting

Copernicus Center

6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by October 14 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, November 4, 2019

November Board Meeting

D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub

Park Ridge - 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

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Thursday, November 7, 2019

Candidates' Corned Beef and

Cabbage Dinner

Copernicus Center - 6:00 pm

RSVP at <https://>

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Saturday, December 14, 2019

Deserving Children's

Christmas Party

1:00 pm

PNA Office Building

October 2019 Meeting and Speaker

The speaker for our October meeting will be former member Lester Bogdanowicz. Lester is a Medical Device Developer (amdd.com) acting currently as the Chief Technology Officer and VP of Development for Nova Scan a medical device startup developing a cancer detection device. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor and Polish Scout Instructor. What is even more impressive than his resume is his ability to find time for his hobby of yacht racing. Please join us in welcoming Lester to our meeting where he will share his hobby as he introduces us to yacht racing in Chicago, the Mackinac Island Race and a storm rescue in 2011.



The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Copernicus Center, 5216 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60630, 3rd floor "Kings Room". 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 or call (847) 635-0883 for reservations.

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Candidates' Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



You are invited to the Annual Candidates' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at The Copernicus Center - 5216 West Lawrence Ave in Chicago.

The evening starts with a Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The candidates and elected officials running for election will address the guests and introduce themselves. We invite you to join us for a fantastic evening filled with a delicious dinner. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes dinner and open bar. For more info and to purchase tickets go to <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/corned-beef>. Since this is a catered event, tickets will not be sold at the door. RSVP by November 4, 2019

All State, County, Judicial and Local Elected Officials and Candidates running for Office are welcome.

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Greetings Fellow Brothers,

It was so nice to see so many of our members come out to show their support and cast a vote on whether women should be allowed to join. It just shows how much of you care about Chicago Society. We had a really good turnout, 48 members, but not nearly half of the members came out. The vote went 30 to 18, 2 votes short of passage, 67% is required to change the constitution and by laws. I wish we can get this many members to come and attend all of our general meetings regularly. With this latest vote, we need to start looking toward the organization's future. How much longer can we thrive. We have been on the decline for some years now. We lost 12 members in 2019 for non payment of dues. That's a large number. How do we promote ourselves, as an organization that wants to be on top of all others and lead the way or just be a men's club that wants to hang out for dinner. We, as the board, need help from you, the members, in many ways. We are looking for Chairman and co-chairman, attendees to our events and leaders just to name a few. Just a few of us cannot be running all of these events. Members who are sponsors must lead by example and bring the newer members farther into the organization. We cant have them leave after one year. See our calendar of events and come and participate in some of them.

The next several months will be busy months for us as we will have several events starting with the Annual Candidates Corned Beef and Cabbage November 7th, a possible election meeting in November, our annual Christmas dinner meeting in December, our Evening of Elegance also known as our Inaugural Dinner in January and the Sledz. I hope we can get support from all.

Speaking of elections, November is the meeting month of possible election of officers. In September, the Nominating Committee announced their recommendations to us and there was an opening for Director of Publication. A tough job but our current Director, Brother Grzadziel, will be lending his help to make the transition and duties an easy task for the new Director. This is not to say that nobody else can run for Office. Any position, including the President, can be contested. So if you are unhappy about how some things are going, feel free to put your name on a petition, get your signatures and present them to the committee. All will be good.

Our efforts so far has seen the bounty of our fruit. for one, we just received a THANK YOU note from a few recipients of grants and donations that we have made. The Girls Kolonia Committee sent us a Thank You note with pictures and a signed card of their appreciation they have that we supported their summer camp. Seeing this really makes our efforts worth while. Let's keep it up!

Thank you,

Brother **Peter Dykas.**



2020 Election of Officers and Directors

During the September meeting the Nominating Committee announced the 2019 slate of officers and directors. The Chairman is **Ted Makarewicz** and committee members are **Ken Kogut, Andrew Zapalski, Andrew Noyszewski, Jim Kolak and Chester Konopka** (alternate). The 2020 slate is as follows:

President: Peter Dykas

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Secretary: Jan S Plachta

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Director of Social Activities: Anthony P Kawalkowski

Director of Personnel: Charles Cwiakala

Director of Outreach: Zenon Kurdziel

Director of Publications: Vacant

Those that have not been 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 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 November general meeting a vote will be conducted for any contested positions.

Deserving Children's Christmas Party



Chairman Brother **Peter Dykas** has announced that the Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 1:00pm. The event will be held at the Polish National Alliance home office cafeteria. Peter took the reigns over from Brother **Ro Matuszczak** who chaired this event for over 50 years. Last year we hosted about 60 boys and girls ranging in age from 3 to 13. They were treated to a reptile show. For lunch they had hot dogs, chips and a drink. Then the surprise of the day was a visit from Santa Claus pulling in a hand cart full of gifts.

This event requires a lot of onsite help so if you are interested in helping please contact Peter. Setup for the day starts at noon. To help make this event special, we ask your help in supporting us with a donation of a gift to give to a needy child. We are looking for new, unopened and unwrapped toys for a boy or girl ages 3 to 13. If you don't know what to get, cash donations or sponsorships are also accepted. You too can be a part of this event just by giving. It is the Holiday that gives and makes us Happy. So please see Brother **Peter Dykas**, at our General meetings if you want to help. Thank You in advance. Donations can also be made via PayPal at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/children-xmas>.



October Birthdays

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



- 02 Victor J Kay
- 02 Richard W Ciesla
- 06 Richard Kula
- 08 John J Pikarski Jr.
- 15 Stanley W Sawa
- 20 Wojtek V Skonieczny
- 25 Martin Obrecki
- 26 Mark Orwat
- 28 Robert A Michalak

October Anniversaries

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

Brother **Theodore L Lipkowski** is celebrating his **25th Anniversary**.

Brother **Stan Lesniak** is celebrating his **70th Anniversary**.

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

Winter Dress Code

Winter dress code is in effect from October to April for the General Meetings. Winter dress code is Business Casual — suit or slacks, sports coat and business shirt; tie optional.



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October 2019 Meeting and Speaker

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.

2020 Evening of Elegance

Save the date... On Saturday, January 25, 2020, the Chicago Society, P.N.A. will host its "Evening of Elegance" and Installation of Officers. We are finalizing the venue. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.



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SOCIETY

Congratulations to Brother **Ted Makarewicz** on receiving the Catholic Lawyers Guild lifetime achievement award.

Polish Heritage Month

October is Polish Heritage Month. Please take time to share some information about Poland's history, culture and arts with your children and grandchildren so they can appreciate their Polish heritage. WTTW has special programming about Polish culture and history. The web address to their site with this information is <https://interactive.wttw.com/playlist/2019/10/03/polish-heritage-month-programming>

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.

Mariusz B Folta

Address: 832 E Rand Rd, Mt Prospect, IL 60056

Phone: 847-870-8000 **Occupation:** Taxpol Mt Prospect Corporation

Birth Date: April 18 **Birthplace:** Poland

Education: Secondary Technical School of Electrical Engineering, Krakow

Hobbies: Soccer

Sponsors: Brothers Adam Konopka and Rick Wiermanski

“Thank You” Letter From the Polish Scouting Organization

Over the summer 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. This donation is from the Chicago Society Youth Fund. Below is a “Thank You” letter as well as some pictures from the camping trip.

Chicago Society,

I would like to thank the Chicago Society for the generous donation to support the girls kolonia this year. This was extremely helpful in achieving our goals this year. We had 61 young girls and 13 young adult counselors which were able to spend 2 weeks in Crivitz Wisconsin having fun while immersed in a Polish community/ language. They experienced nature and cultural adventures. They grew and developed as individuals and leaders while in the presence of their Polish friends.

I am attaching some pictures from our adventures this year.

Thanks again,

Jolanta Zadło Boniak

Kolonia 2019 Director



Chicago Society Foundation Donations

During the September meeting, the Chicago Society Foundation presented donations to two organizations. Jawory Culture Group received a donation of \$1,000. The Polish Scouting Organization received a donation for \$4,000. Both organizations had representatives at the meeting to receive the ceremonial check.



More pictures from the Polish Scouting Organization's "Kolonias"



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