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NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 17, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

**Elks Club
495 Lee St.
Des Plaines, Illinois**

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Monday, August 29, 7:00 P.M.
Folak's Lincoln Tavern

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 17–
General Meeting
Elks Club, Des Plaines

Sunday, August 21–
Family & Friends Picnic
Elk Grove Village

Wednesday, September 21–
General Meeting/Business Expo
The White Eagle, Niles

On Sunday, August 21, beginning at noon, everyone is invited to the Chicago Society's Annual Family and Friends Picnic. The event will be held in the Busse Woods West Forest Preserve in Elk Grove Village, as it was back in 2009. The grove number is 31, located on the north side of Higgins Road (Rte. 72), west of Arlington Heights Road. The area is south of the Northwest Toll Road.



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 is a small lake nearby. Fishing permits and equipment are a necessity, although trophy fish are rare at this location. There are proper bathroom facilities on the scenic property. Games will be provided for children and adults.

Social Director Ro Matuszczak encourages everyone to attend this worthwhile event, where camaraderie is at its peak. Your friends and family do

not have to be Polish, it's enough if they support our organization in any shape or form.

Co-Chairmen Brother Richard Bivins (an unquestionable Chicago Society Grill Master) and Brother James Kopka are busy finalizing all the details. A great way to contribute to the event, other than simply showing up with your guests, is to donate a raffle prize. It could be anything you would be happy to win.

Musical entertainment is also being planned.

AUGUST MEETING PRESENTATION

Our speaker at the August General Meeting will be Tom Day from Bugles Across America. **Bugles Across America, NFP** was founded in 2000 by Tom Day, when Congress passed legislation stating Veterans had a right to at least 2 uniformed military people to fold the flag and play taps on a CD player. Bugles Across America was begun to take this a step further, and in recognition of the service these Veterans provided their country, we felt that every Veteran deserved a live rendition of taps played by a live Bugler. To this end, we are actively seeking volunteers to provide this valuable service to Veterans and their families.

Bugles Across America now has over 7500 bugler volunteers located in all 50 states and growing number overseas. Since the Department of Veterans Affairs is expecting more than 1/2 million veterans to pass every year for the next 7 years, Bugles Across America is ALWAYS recruiting new volunteers.

Bugler Volunteers can be male or female. They can play a traditional bugle with no valves, or they can perform the ceremony on a Trumpet, Cornet, Flugelhorn, or a 1, 2 or 3 valved bugle. The bugler can be of any age as long as they can play the 24 notes of Taps with an ease and style that will do honor to both the Veterans, their families, and the burial detail performing the service.

Please don't forget to make your meeting reservation and keep in mind the new location for our meeting in Des Plaines. You can find a map with directions in this issue of FORUM.





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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

Again the weather is making the headlines here in Chicago. The obsessive heat and severe thunderstorms and flash flooding seem like a daily occurrence. Do we wish it was December? I hope that all of you have fared okay, and that you have not experienced long power outages and/or flooding. I wish all of you the best in these circumstances. With some luck, the weather will resume to the normal range.

Please reserve the date of August 21 for our annual Family and Friends' Picnic. In the perfect setting, a great time and experience will be provided for by chairman Richard Bivins and co-chair Tom Kopka including food, games, raffles and music. So plan to attend and invite your family and friends.

Join us once again as we volunteer for the Taste of Polonia to bartend at the beer tent on Saturday, September 3, 2011. This is an annual tradition for the Chicago Society. Contact me to include you as a volunteer. You will certainly have fun and enjoy a day of camaraderie with your fellow members.

In the spirit of brotherhood and outreach, we would like to know what is one of your favorite causes. Are you active in a charity? Would you like the Chicago Society to help in an event as volunteers or as a sponsor? Maybe you would like to chair an event from the Chicago Society to help with your cause. Contact Ro Matuszczak if you think it would be considered a social event, or contact Fred Koziol if you think it might be considered a special project. We are always willing to help a good cause.

I would like to thank all members for attending our general meetings and our affairs. We love to see as many members as possible participate.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Czaja

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

hit its lowest point since 2008. If I was sitting on suitcases full of cash to invest, I would probably be pulling my hair in a nervous breakdown, trying to figure out what to do with all that money, so that it doesn't lose value. What is a safe investment these days? Does it even exist any more? Fortunately, or not, my suitcase are only used for occasional travel, and even then, they don't hold things that would trouble my mind all that much.

I hope to see everyone with your families at the Annual Picnic in Busse Woods on Sunday, August 21. It is a great event and an opportunity to socialize with others outside of our regular monthly general meetings. Bring your families and friends, as we never had a situation where there wasn't enough room, food or drinks for everyone. Even if you won't win any of the prizes that will be raffled off at the event, you are guaranteed to have a good time and return home well fed.

My mother and my sister came to visit us this summer. My sister Ewa has had a chance to visit the United States before, but for my mother this was her first time ever. She retired on June 30 and on July 4 she was here. It is always an interesting experience to me to ask people what

Not only the summer heat is not letting us off the hook, but we also cannot complain about a shortage of exciting economic news. Just when the debt ceiling agreement has been reached in Washington and signed into law, and we thought we could catch a breath from the uncertainty facing our country's financial obligations, at least in the immediate future, the stock market



Norbert Barszczewski with his mother
Jolanta and sister Ewa at the Navy Pier.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR MEETING RESERVATION?

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AROUND THE SOCIETY

Brother **Norbert Barszczewski** would like to invite all those interested in learning more about how to use Social Networking sites like Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter for professional and business development, to an educational workshop that he will be conducting at the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn Hotel on August 17, 2011. A morning session from 9 AM till 11:45 AM ensures plenty of time will be left to make it to our monthly general meeting in Des Plaines on that same day. Online registration and more information are available at www.jpnetquest.com.

Beverly and **Frank Gondela** returned from an extended vacation from Williamsburg and Jamestown, Virginia. Personal recommendation: Do not visit this area during the summer months. It was exceptionally hot and humid. It is a great historical area to visit.

Irena Bronny, mother of PMA President Maria Ciesla, who is the wife of Brother **Richard Ciesla**, passed away on Thursday,

July 13, 2011. Our condolences are extended to Maria, Richard and their family.

Frank and Darlene Czaja, representing The Chicago Society, attended the Polish American Cultural Club College Scholarship Dinner/Dance on Sunday July 31 at The Glendora house. There was good times and food and entertainment by the Ampo Aires. Darlene also was fortunate enough to win a raffle prize. **Richard Kula**, a member of our club is the President, and **Voytek Putz**, also member of our Club, is the vice President. Also attending was **Stuart Sawa** and his wife and **Matt Kubistant** and his wife.

Notifying our St. Joseph. Brother members, if you have any information regarding another member who might be ill, in the hospital or having an operation please notify our St. Joseph **Walter Pieciewicz** at wmpiece@worldnet.att.net. Also, please inform him if you find out if one of our brother members passes away, and any pertinent information.

Save the date January 21, 2012 for our Inaugural Ball. New place, new menu and new venue, all to be announced soon.

The Governor has signed off on the new Congressional District map. The "new" 8th Congressional District is an open seat that is said to favor the Democrats. Two candidates have already announced to run in the upcoming Democratic primary (March 20, 2012). Thanks to Brother **Mark Kupiec** for providing this, and many other pieces of important information, that have often times been included in this publication.

Save the date October 28, 2011 for the Polish Beer Tasting Event at the Copernicus Foundation. The Polish Beer Tasting will be a joint venture between the Chicago Society and the Copernicus Foundation. The profits are to be split. Volunteers will be needed and more information will follow, but in the meantime you can check for any details with Brother **Don Gutowski** who is the chair of this event.

Brother **Norbert Barszczewski** would like to invite all those interested in establishing new business connections to the third quarterly Business Networking Mixer of 2011, an event organized by the Chicago Business Club. The event will take place on Wednesday, August

24, 2011 6-9 PM at the RAM Restaurant and Brewery in Wheeling. Traditionally over 50 business owners and professionals are expected, as well as lots of great raffle prizes, appetizers and professional atmosphere. Online registration and more information are available at www.ChicagoBusinessClub.com.

CHICAGO SOCIETY BUSINESS EXPO – SEPTEMBER

In our upcoming September meeting the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with a business expo which will be held at the White Eagle in Niles. The date is September 21. The purpose of the expo is simple: Why not support our own BROTHER MEMBERS IN BUSINESS!

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.

I strongly suggest that if you would like to promote your business at the September meeting, please let me know by calling me John Cieslik at 312-859-5404 or let brother Chuck Cwiakala 847-823-8747 know you would like to participate. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing materials and your business cards. Please also try to bring a guest to that meeting. It will be a one of a kind opportunity to showcase our organization.

John Cieslik

VOLUNTEERS FOR TASTE OF POLONIA RSVP BY AUG. 17!

The members of the Chicago Society are once again volunteering to man the main bar and side bars at the Taste of Polonia. The date is September 4, 2011. We have two shifts. First shift is 12 noon until 5pm. Second shift is 5pm until 11 pm. This has been a tradition with us for many years. We always have a good time. If you are interested please email me at frankcz@usa.net and tell me which shift you would like to work. You can also let me know at the July general meeting. Thank you

Frank Czaja

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BENEFIT DINNER FOR BISHOP ABRAMOWICZ SEMINARY

On Sunday, September 11, 2011, the annual benefit dinner for Bishop Abramowicz Seminary will be celebrated at the Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile Hotel, Chicago, IL. There will be a Silent Auction and Cocktails at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.

Bishop Abramowicz Seminary program is unique. Commencing in September, 1999, it has annually recruited seminarians in Poland who, with the approval of their respective bishops there, have each freely elected to leave their native Poland with the idea of completing their seminary training here, first at Bishop Abramowicz Seminary program in Chicago, then at Mundelein Seminary.

These seminarians and priests are serving in all parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago, both "American" and traditionally "Polish" parishes. Thus, the entire Archdiocese and all of us, its members, benefit. The selfless generosity of these young men from Poland deserves the fullest support from all of us as members of the Archdiocese.

This unique Seminary Program is nearly self-sustaining, as are other Archdiocese seminaries. We need your help. Please match the remarkably generous gift of self of these young men by supporting the Annual Benefit Dinner on Sunday evening, September 11, 2011. Please support this event by reserving your tickets early. Tickets are \$175 per person. Checks should be made payable to Bishop Abramowicz Seminary Program. These payments are tax-deductible donations to the extent permitted by law.

Among those attending will be His Eminence Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop of Chicago and the auxiliary bishops of Chicago. During the dinner we will honor His Excellency Thomas J. Paprocki, Bishop of

Springfield, IL with the Caritas Christi Award. Our honorary guest will be His Excellency Edward Ozorowski, Archbishop of Bialystok, Poland.

For tickets and reservations please call Mrs. Camille Kopielski 847-394-2520. For further information call also Marian Skawski 708-246-9165.

Thank you in advance for your much appreciated generosity.

Bishop Abramowicz Seminary Program
Public Relations Committee

INDUCTED TO MEMBERSHIP

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to wish the following gentlemen, who were sworn in last month, a greeting of *Witamy!*

Frank Cizon sponsored by Brothers Ron Olech and Ciesla

John Garrido sponsored by Brothers Orwat and Cieslik

Christopher P. Zwiercan sponsored by Brothers Gill and Czaja.

POLISH TRIVIA

In the 1993 version of the film *The Fugitive*, Dr. Kimble rents a room from a Polish landlady. What is the name of the local Polish woman who played the landlady?

The question was submitted by Brother Ted Wiecek. If you know the answer, please email it to editor@chicagosocietypna.org. First person who emails the correct answer will be featured as the winner in the next Forum.

The answer to the July Polish Trivia is: www.SawaSoldWarsaw.com, or as some people type it www.SawasOldWarsaw.com. As a reminder the question was: Who sold Warsaw? I checked with Brother Sawa, the owner of Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant, and

he said he didn't mind the little humor we played with his business web site. As a side note, URLs, or web site addresses, are not case sensitive.

The winner is Brother Marian Skawski who was the first to provide the correct answer. Congratulations!

POLAND ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF EU COUNCIL

Warsaw (PMN)—Donald Tusk, Poland's Prime Minister, whose nation recently assumed the presidency of the European Union, met with top EU officials on July 8, 2011, to discuss key issues including the financial crisis and immigration.

Tusk first met with European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, after which they both led talks involving 26 EU commissioners and Polish Cabinet ministers. They discussed ways to stimulate the EU's economic growth, steps toward EU enlargement, immigration policy amid a sudden influx of North Africans and the EU's long-term budget.

Tusk told a news conference following the talks that Poland's presidency will "apply all forces to help Europe come out of the crisis painlessly" and stressed the need for close cooperation of all EU offices in overcoming the financial and economic difficulties.

POLISH EMBASSY IN LIBYA MOVED TO BENGHAZI

Warsaw (PMN)—Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski announced that as of July 7, 2011, Poland's ambassador in Libya is residing in Benghazi.

Sikorski stated, "This is because we consider the provisional council based in that town as the only credible partner for talks."



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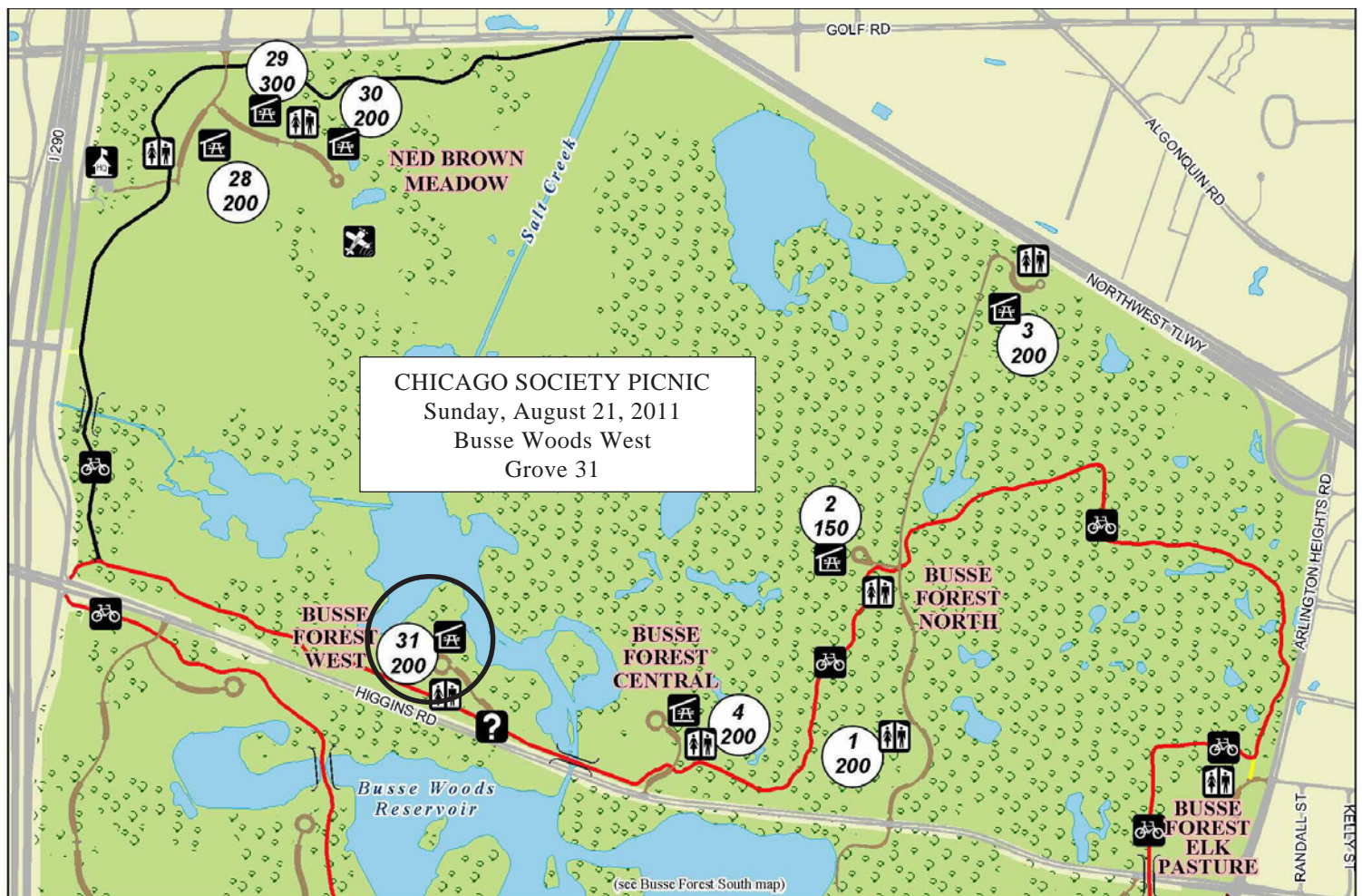
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EDITORIAL (Continued from page 2)

they think after coming here, especially the first timers. Things are different overseas than they are here, and this applies to a lot of things. One thing that stayed in my mind was what she said when we were visiting the Chicago Historical Museum. Looking at the artifacts and displays there, she was surprised that Chicago really has only about 200 years of history as a city. Yet, it's such a magnificent place. Her comparison was Poland and other places she visited in Europe. Everywhere you turn there, cities and towns are hundreds, if not thousands of year old. Even though she briefly knows the history of the United States, it is really when you look at the dates, pictures, drawings, old document and you see the dates on them, is when you fully realize that what's surrounds you here in Chicago is so grand, yet so young. It made me wonder too. We both concluded that freedom and democracy, are what made people succeed in such a scale and in such a relatively short period of time here. Then we headed for ice cream at the Navy Pier.

Fraternally,
Norbert Barszczewski

THREE POLISH CITIES VIE FOR IBM CENTER

Warsaw (PMN)—Katowice, Poznan and Lodz are competing as the potential location for a new IBM service center, according to *Puls Biznesu* [Business Pulse].

2011 CHICAGO SOCIETY GOLF OUTING



PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following individual has applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the P.N.A. Any member should contact the Personnel Director prior to the next general meeting if he has an objection regarding the admission of a prospective member. 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.

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Chicago, IL 60654
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(773) 782-2600
Birth date: December 20, 1939

Birthplace: Detroit, Michigan
Education: Post Degree Graduate
Spouse: Judy
Sponsors: Kenneth P. Gill
Richard W. Ciesla

MEMBER ANNIVERSARY

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to commend the following member, who is celebrating the anniversary of his induction this month, for his many years of membership.

Hubert J. Cioromski 1986 25years

MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to wish the following members, who are celebrating their birthday this month, a greeting of *Sto Lat*.

Marek A. Loza	08/02
Romuald J. Poplawski	08/05
John, Jr., Skaja	08/08
Andrew Zapalski	08/08
George W. Batorski	08/10
Anthony Zaskowski	08/11
Robert Nowaczyk	08/14
Robert R. Maycan	08/16
Stefan J. Ginilewicz	08/18
Marek Kowalczyk	08/18
Ronald C. Topczewski	08/18
Stanley O. Stawski	08/20
Stuart A. Sawa	08/26
Richard Bivins	08/27
Mark J. Kupiec	08/28
Mark Matker	08/29
Joseph A. Kuechel	08/30

NEWS BRIEFS

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Events marking the 100th anniversary of the birth of Wladyslaw Szpilman, whose tale was told in Roman Polanski's "The Pianist," were inaugurated in Sosnowiec, southern Poland, in early July. It was there that the famous Polish musician of Jewish origin was born on December 5, 1911. A commemorative plaque is on the house on 18 Targowa Street, where he was born and lived with his parents and two sisters. A national contest for the best

interpretation of Szpilman's songs has been announced.

Poland's Interior Ministry hosted a two-day conference in July, 2011, on the status of asylum seekers in today's Europe. The event, which marked the 60th anniversary of the signing of a section of the Geneva Convention that relates to refugees, was organized under the auspices of Poland's presidency of the European Union Council. Participants in the conference, entitled "Challenges for the development of the Common European Asylum System," had the opportunity to discuss the fledgling project (CEAS), to which EU member states committed themselves to establishing by 2012.

Despite reopening its market to some European vegetable imports after the recent E Coli outbreak, Russia has retained its ban on Polish vegetables. The head of Russia's state consumer protection agency said that Poland had provided incorrect data regarding its vegetables, and until a full explanation is provided, they would continue to be banned from the Russian market. He also added that he does not trust Poland, which he claims has a "poor credit history" and has been involved in re-export schemes on "many occasions," according to Russian news agency Novosti [News].

Although European Union (EU) regulations stipulate that governments are not allowed to provide financial aid to companies if such a transaction interferes with the free market, the Polish government has reportedly found a way to funnel \$71.8 million into LOT, the national air carrier. The Polish Treasury, which has a 93% share in the carrier, managed to transfer funds via a third party. A luggage company belonging to LOT set up a new company, to which the Treasury paid the \$71.8 million sum.







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