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COMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Deserving Children's
Christmas Party
1:00 pm
PNA Office Building

Wednesday, Dec 18, 2019

December General Meeting
Lone Tree Manor
6:00 pm
RESERVATIONS
by December 16 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
or (847) 635-0883 or
<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, December 30, 2019

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

editor@chicagosocietypna.org

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Evening of Elegance
Fountain Blue
Des Plaines - 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 22, 2020

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Mark your calendar

December 2019 Meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at Lone Tree Manor, 7730 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60614. This is our annual Christmas dinner meeting. Member's wives, widows/guests are invited at the cost of \$25.00 per person. There is no charge for members who are current in their dues. The annual Christmas raffle will be held. Donations of raffle prizes will be appreciated. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) with the dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Brother **Ro Matuszczak** at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call 847-635-0883 for reservations. You may also RSVP by going to the Chicago Society website. Proceeds from the raffle will be placed in the Chicago Society Youth Fund. Please do not wait until the last minute to make your reservations!



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. Cash donations or sponsorships are appreciated. You too can be a part of this event just by giving. It is the Holiday that gives and makes us Happy. So contact Brother **Peter Dykas** if you want to help. Thank You in advance. Donations can also be made via PayPal at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/children-xmas>.



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Greetings Fellow Brothers,

Sad news to pass along... if you have not heard, Brother **David Rucci** passed away this Thanksgiving Holiday season. He was with us just a short time but left us a laugh you won't forget. Always happy and smiling with a great sense of humor. Please take a moment of silence and pray for him and his family May He rest in Peace and let eternal light shine upon him... Our Condolences to his family and to the PAPA organization.



I hope all had a very Happy Thanksgiving and had plenty to eat and spent some quality time with family. There is always much to be thankful for this time of year. And now we jump into the Christmas Season. Another time where we can catch up with family and friends. As we had a wonderful time at our November meeting, I hope more of us can come out to our December/Christmas dinner. Bring your wives or girlfriends and enjoy a great dinner and catch up on stories with friends. On behalf of my family, we would like to wish you and your families, a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY HEALTHY JOYOUS NEW YEAR!!!!

As I write this, I am getting ready for the Chicago Society's Deserving Children Christmas party. We currently have 75 children scheduled to come. I am still in need of a couple more volunteers at the party to help set up, cook and help SANTA with gifts. As for gifts, Santa's elves were busy shopping on Black Friday, feel free to send a monetary donation if you wish to help and can't make it on December 14th at the PNA building at 12:00 pm. Seeing the smile on the children's faces getting a gift from the Jolly Ole Soul means so much to them and makes this event so worthwhile. Sad to see that there are so many children in tough life situations. A BIG THANK YOU to all who have helped and contributed already.

Mark your Calendar!! SAVE THE DATE!! Send your RSVP in quickly!! Our next event is our Evening of Elegance set for January 25th 2020. Our Chairman Brother **Grzadziel** has put together a fabulous evening of drinks, food, and entertainment at a new location, Fountain Blue Banquets in Des Plaines. This will be our Installation Dinner of Officers. See the article below and the invitation. Remember the survey that Brother **Chris** sent out early this year. Brother **Chris** took all the comments and suggestions into account and put together a really wonderful event so that we all will enjoy. No excuse from none of us not to come. This is our main event of the year, so come out, bring friends and unwind after the busy Christmas season. Also, we will be doing a program book, so get your ad's in quickly. Remember, a portion of the profit goes to our youth fund so we may help Polonia's youth.

And one another event to promote is our Śledź (our Mardi Gras), which is scheduled on a Saturday right before Lent. If you were one of the 80 or so that came out last year, you experienced how much fun Chicago Society can have. Another event not to miss out. Please come out with family and friends. This is an event for the whole family, adults and children will enjoy.

Wesołych Świąt, Brother **Peter Dykas**.

**AROUND
THE
SOCIETY**

Brother **Tony Kawalkowski** will be presenting his Christmas concert, “Believe in the Magic of Christmas”. The concert will be on December 14th at the Copernicus Center at 7:30 pm. Tickets may be purchased at <https://copernicuscenter.org/tickets>.

The Chicago Society Foundation President, Brother **Thaddeus Makarewicz**, presented a check to The Way Back Inn President, Dagmar Porcelli, Anita Pindiur, Executive Director and Raymond Soucek, Board Director. Also representing the Foundation were Brothers **Stanley Sawa** and **Richard Ciesla**. The Way Back Inn provides personalized treatment for addictions to drugs, alcohol, and gambling. Monika Leja, their Polish counselor has recently obtained her certification in gambling disorders and now provides substance and gambling abuse treatments in Polish. They are a 501(c)(3) organization.



Brother **John Domagalski's** mother, Janina Domagalski, 92 years old of Lodz, Poland, has passed away on November 11th. Please keep the entire Domagalski family in your prayers.

2020 Evening of Elegance

Chairman Brother **Chris Grzadziel** along with co-chairman Brother **Peter Dykas** invite you to the 2020 Evening of Elegance and Installation of Officers and Directors. The event will be held on January 25, 2020. We will be at the elegant Fountain Blue Banquets in Des Plaines, Illinois. This year we are celebrating the Chicago Society Foundation’s 20 Years of Grants and Scholarships. The Foundation is a private charitable organization affiliated with, but separate from, the Chicago Society. The Chicago Society Foundation was formed in 1999 and since then has provided over \$300,000 in grants and scholarships to an array of organizations and causes consistent with service to the Polish American community.



The evening will start at 6:00 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Music will be provided by our own Brother **Anthony Kawalkowski** and his Orchestra. Tickets for this event will be \$99 per person which will include an open bar before and after dinner as well as a dinner choice of New York Strip Steak, Chicken Lemon Basil, Seared Salmon with Lemon Butter or Vegetarian. Black-tie is optional for this event but always welcome. Look out for the invitation in the near future.

We will also have a program book for this event. The program book will allow you to demonstrate your support for the Chicago Society and the Chicago Society Foundation by placing a congratulatory message or advertisement. Full page ads are \$100, half page are \$60 and quarter page are \$40. Inside front and back as well as outside back covers are also available on a first come first serve basis. Letters and ad contracts will be handed out at the December meeting. This information can also be found on our website at www.chicagosocietypna.org/ball-ad-contract. Please contact **Chris Grzadziel** with any questions — cgrzadziel@gmail.com or 847-630-2863.

December Birthdays

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



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| 03 | Kenneth J Kogut | 17 | Greg Sarwa | 23 | Thomas P Laskowski |
| 09 | Frank W Czaja | 21 | Ronald J Olech | 27 | Ronald M Wolosewicz |
| 14 | Charles E Cwiakala | 21 | Dean J Niedospial | 30 | Robert Pietryka |
| 16 | Benjamin Sipiora | 22 | Jack F Rohner | | |

James and Lillian Kulze Scholarship

The Chicago Society Foundation, affiliated with the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance, Lodge 1450 of the PNA, announces that it will again be funding up to three \$7,000 scholarships through its James and Lillian Kulze Scholarship Fund. These scholarship awards are available to U.S. residents of Polish descent with financial need who are pursuing academic studies in college, graduate, or professional school.

Initial applications will be accepted through February 15, 2020. Selections will be made in April 2020 for the subsequent fall academic term. Forms, dates, and other information regarding selection criteria and requirements can be found on the Chicago Society’s website at www.chicagosocietypna.org/foundation-kulze-scholarship.

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