



# The Forum

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## COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

April General Meeting  
White Eagle Events &  
Convention Center  
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by April 15 to

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

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Monday, April 29, 2019

May Board Meeting  
D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub  
Park Ridge - 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

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Saturday, May 4, 2019

Polish Constitution Day  
Pre-Parade Brunch  
Hilton Chicago  
8:00 am

Friday, July 12, 2019

Annual Golf Outing  
Carriage Green Country Club  
Darien, IL  
1:00 pm

## April 2019 Meeting and Speaker

I am happy to announce that the speaker for our April General Meeting will be Stan Nowak, Managing Partner of Shield Insurance <https://shieldinsurance.net/about/>. Stan has been in the insurance business since 1988. He has worked for large insurance companies and independent agencies, serving Polonia every step of the way.



A native Chicagoan, Stan lives in the city with his wife Michelle. He is a graduate of DePaul University, and he enjoys music, sports, and is an avid golfer. Stan is also an active lay minister with his church, and he is a volunteer for the Polish American Association (PAA), a non-profit

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## Polish Constitution Day Parade

The Chicago Society's Annual Polish Constitution Day Pre-Parade Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019, in the Williford Room of the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Reception will be at 8:00 a.m. with seating at 9:00 a.m. Brunch will be served at 9:15 a.m. Cost of the brunch is \$35.00 per person. Cost of the children's meal is \$20.00. Tickets may be purchased by PayPal at <https://www.chicagosocietypna.org/parade-brunch>. Tickets will be held at the door. For additional information please contact Chairman **Ro Matuszczak** at 847-635-0883 or 847-331-8007. This will be Ro's 42nd year as Chairman. Co-chairman for the event is **Zenon Kurdziel**. Also on the committee are Chris Matuszczak and Maria-Jeanne Kurdziel.

Those members who will not attend the brunch but will march may contact **Ro Matuszczak** as to our place in the parade or should ask any Parade Marshal. Preferred attire for the marchers is gray slacks, dark jacket, red tie and white shirt. A business suit is certainly acceptable. Past President **Frank Czaja** in organizing our entry and this year instead of a float we will have a convertible following our marchers.





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Dear Brothers,

Finally we will have 70 degree temps to enjoy. The weather is starting to warm up. Hopefully it will stay for a long time and we can expect 80's and 90's soon after. Let's enjoy the warmth and more outdoor activities. Starting with the May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Brunch hosted by Chicago Society and come march in the parade with your fellow Brother members. As years past, the event is really well attended and many dignitaries will be in attendance. Wonder who will show up?! Also, the Foundation will be presenting this year's scholarship recipients. Contact our Chairman **Ro Matuszczak** and his Co-Chair **Zenon Kurdziel** to get your tickets.

With the warm weather, also comes our annual Golf Outing on Friday July 12th at our favorite golf course Carriage Greens in Darien. Our new Chairman for this event is Brother **Adam Konopka** along with his helpers Brothers **Ted Makarewicz** and **Rick Wiermanski**. More details will be coming out soon so SAVE THE DATE!!

Now to another issue and that is my reflections on my first 3 months as your President of Chicago Society. I hope all is going well from your side of things. I am truly working hard to please all of our members, to be the BEST President that you can have, and to represent all interests that are associated with us and our friends. Last month, some rumors were circulating throughout the organization that I took to heart. I may have spoken too harshly in this column but by all means I did not mean to offend our own Brothers and our friends. What I meant to say was I wanted to send a message that we should work together with other organizations for one cause, to help the Youth of Polonia. And too have fun at the same time. Let's get together at our events, talk things out on how we can help each other and enjoy comradery. Also just wanted to mention, is times are changing. We are not as big as we once were. We have always supported other organizations when we were invited to purchase their tickets. Purchase 2 tickets and an ad was our common practice and we will continue to do so. Now we are being more conservative. We don't buy tickets for all the invites we are asked to attend. We don't have the large membership as we had when I joined 25 years ago. Back then membership was as high as 350. Today we are trying to get to 130. We are currently at 119. We are making strides as we are expecting several new members to be inducted in the next month and several more under review. But let's try to reach out to some of our friends who will be published this month as delinquent members and bring them back. Bring back prior members who dropped out the last few years. Let's continue to make strides in the right direction and good things will come.

Hope to see many more of you at our meetings and at our events.

Sincerely, Brother Peter Dykas



## KULZE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS DETERMINED; \$22,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

As most of our membership is aware, former Chicago Society President, now deceased, Jim Kulze, and his wife, Lillian, generously endowed a scholarship fund as part of the Chicago Society Foundation that would be available for meaningful scholarships to worthy college and graduate school candidates with financial need. In 2018, its initial year of operation, three \$7500 scholarships were awarded to applicants. Originally, the scholarships were available only to Illinois residents.

With the success of the first year scholarship program, the Foundation and its Kulze Scholarship Committee decided to open up the availability of scholarships to any U.S. resident of Polish-American background. This year, as a result, three \$7500 scholarships were made available and advertised in Polonian publications throughout the country. We believe these are the largest scholarships earmarked for students of Polish American background in the country.

Word is getting out about the Foundation's and the Kulze family's generosity, as the Kulze Scholarship Committee received nearly 30 applications, all from bright young students across the country. The Committee, consisting of **Walter Piecewicz** as Chairman, **Ro Matuszczak**, **Ted Makarewicz**, **Peter Dykas**, and **Stan Sawa**, had a difficult time choosing among these worthy candidates.

Ultimately, the Committee selected Emily Bienasz, attending Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts, Veronica Materna and Karolina Truszkowska, both attending Loyola University in Chicago, as the 2019 Kulze Scholars. They will be presented and honored at this year's Pre-Parade Brunch. In the next few issues of the Forum, their essays in their application packages will be published for our members to enjoy. The Chicago Society members should be proud that we're able to assist the education of these fine young Polish-American students.

Because of Jim and Lillian Kulze's generous endowment, and the careful and prudent investment of its funds, the Chicago Society and its Foundation will be able to assist future students with financial need for many years to come.

## 2019 Dues Notices

Per our by-laws, the following members have been suspended from membership in the Chicago Society. Dues were to be paid by March 1, 2019. If dues were not paid by April 1, members in arrears are suspended and printed in the April Forum. The suspended member can request reinstatement by letter and a check for dues. Dues can be paid by PayPal or mailing a check to the Financial Secretary, **Richard Ciesla** at 1808 Weeg Way, Park Ridge, IL 60068-1230. Better yet bring your check to the April 17th General meeting. If you need to know the amount of your dues email me at [rciesla@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rciesla@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 773-750-3410. This list is of April 5, 2019.

Joseph N Bauerle	Len Krajewicz	Paul Stolarczuk
Brian A Bernardoni	Mark J Kupiec	Jerry Sufanski
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Mark Cwiakala	Mark Matker	Anthony Zaskowski
William B Drozd	Ron Osioł	Dan Zolkowski
Francis Gembala	Mitchell Pasiewicz	
Marek Kowalczyk	Wojciech Putz	

### April Birthdays

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



- 05 **Matt L Rodriguez**
- 08 **Andrew Przybylo**
- 09 **Chester Konopka**
- 10 **Peter A Dykas**
- 13 **Anthony P Kawalkowski**
- 14 **Richard F Jakubowski**
- 17 **Frederick E Koziol**
- 28 **John A Wojciechowski**
- 30 **William Przybylski**

### April Anniversaries

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

Brother **William Wojcik** is celebrating his **10th Anniversary**.

Brother **Mark J Kupiec** is celebrating his **25th 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.

### Easter Ham Raffle

At the April meeting, Chicago Society will be holding our annual Easter Ham Raffle. Brother **Don Gutowski** is chairing this event this year. Raffle tickets were mailed/hand delivered to all members and other supporting groups. Please send in your tickets and payment or bring them to the April meeting. All proceeds from this raffle will be added to the Chicago Society Youth Fund.

### Golf Outing



Mark your calendar for July 12, 2019. This year the chairman for the event is Brother **Adam Konopka**. We are back at Carriage Green Country Club this year. Price is \$125 a golfer and tee sign, bar cart, and event sponsorships are available. Details to come.

### Event Chairs Needed

If you are interested in chairing an event, please contact **Tony Kawalkowski** at [a.kawalkowski@comcast.net](mailto:a.kawalkowski@comcast.net). We are still looking for a chairman to resurrect the picnic normally held in August. Also, to continue with the success of this year's Śledź we are looking for a chair for this event for 2020.

### Proposed for Chicago Society Membership

The following gentlemen have applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the PNA. If any member has an objection regarding the admission of these prospective members, 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.

#### Theodore R. Kozelka

**Address:** 6679 W Schreiber Ave., Chicago, IL 60631  
**Phone:** 773-775-6401      **Spouse:** Marianne  
**Occupation:** Production Coordinator/Specialist, CGR Technologies  
**Birth Date:** September 17      **Birthplace:** Chicago  
**Education:** BS & M.Ed (Vanderbilt), MEM (Old Dominion)  
**Hobbies:** Woodworking, ballroom dancing, and food  
**Sponsors:** Brothers Rich Ciesla and Tony Kawalkowski

#### James J. Robaczewski

**Address:** 5139 N Sayre Ave., Chicago, IL 60656  
**Phone:** 773-774-1801      **Spouse:** Elaine  
**Occupation:** President, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America  
**Birth Date:** August 30      **Birthplace:** Chicago  
**Education:** Bachelor of Arts  
**Hobbies:** Golf, Baseball, Travel, Gardening  
**Sponsors:** Brothers Rich Ciesla and Ted Makarewicz

## 2019 Polish Constitution Day Parade

This year's celebration of the Polish Constitution of 1791 will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019. The parade route will be on Columbus Dr starting at Balbo St and continuing to Monroe St. The parade steps off at 11:30 am. This is the 128th annual parade in Chicago and is in honor of the first democratic constitution in Europe and second in the world only to the United States Constitution.

The events for the Polish Constitution Day celebration are as follows. For more information please refer to the parade website, [www.may3parade.org](http://www.may3parade.org).

### May 3rd

The raising of the Polish flag at Daley Plaza

### May 4th

9:15 am—Chicago Society Pre-Parade Brunch—Hilton Chicago

11:30 am—Parade commences; Balboa and Columbus Dr., Chicago, IL

2:00 pm—May 3rd Constitution Concert; Chopin Garden, Grand Park; Chicago Chopin Foundation

6:00 pm—Parade Banquet; Lone Tree Manor; Ewa Ruminski, 773-742-1477; 3maj@usa.com. Presentation of the Art Contest Awards.

### May 5th

Holy Mass at Holy Trinity Church

## 2019 Inaugural Ball Post Mortem Survey Results

Thank you to those who have provided feedback. As you may be aware, the attendance at this year's Inaugural Ball was very poor. We had 67 total attendees but of all of our current members, only 21 attended. In the past this event had well over 120 attendees. This event requires tremendous amount of work and personal time from many different individuals. So that we can better plan this event in the future, we conducted a post mortem survey of the event. The results of this survey will be used by the Inaugural Ball Committee to prepare recommendations to the Board. The committee members are Brothers **Ro Matuszczak, Tony Kawalkowski and Chris Grzadziel**. More details on the actual results of the survey will be discussed at the April General Meeting.

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## April 2019 Meeting and Speaker

charitable organization where he assists low income, and non-English speaking PAA program participants with their Medicare and Medicaid insurance applications and questions. Please join us at the upcoming meeting where Stan will share a little bit about himself as well as some important information regarding Medicare/Medicaid.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at White Eagle Events & Convention Center, 6839 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, 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) 635-0883 for reservations. 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.

### Jagiellonian University

School of Polish Language and Culture at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland invites to Polish Language Summer Camp.

The Camp will provide courses on Polish Language, History of Poland, Polish Culture, Lessons in Polish Literature.

Since 1969, the Jagiellonian University School of Polish Language and Culture has organized attractive Polish Language Programs, that were attended by hundreds of students from as many as 50 countries each year. Detailed information will be available during our next April meeting.



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