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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, Nov 20, 2019
November General Meeting

Lone Tree Manor
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by November 18 to

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

Monday, December 2, 2019

December Board Meeting

D'Agostino's Pizza and Pub

Park Ridge - 6:00 pm

FORUM Deadline

Send all articles to

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Saturday, December 14, 2019

Deserving Children's
Christmas Party

1:00 pm

PNA Office Building

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Evening of Elegance

Mark your calendar

Saturday, February 22, 2020

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November 2019 Meeting

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at Lone Tree Manor, 7730 N Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL 60714. This is our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner meeting. 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. You can also RSVP by going to the Chicago Society website. All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! We will have our turkey raffle at this meeting. Come joins us and win a turkey. Based on a resolution voted in by the Officers and Directors, all proceeds from the raffles will be placed into a special

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>.



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Greetings Fellow Brothers,

As I walk to and from work, I am having a hard time trying to figure out what time of year it

is. The leaves on the trees say it's early November but the cold and snow is telling me it's either December or January. I haven't seen weather like this ever.

But one thing I am seeing and hearing is the flags and the hymns of both the U.S. and Poland. We are celebrating the lives of all of our Veterans who gave their lives and served our country so that we and others may be free and safe. Let me, on behalf of all our members who are not Veterans, say THANK YOU to all our members who are Veterans for your bravery and your service!!

Let us not forget as Poles the other Holiday that we celebrate and that's the Polish Independence Day of November 11th. This is a very important and special day for all of Polonia. It is a day that is celebrated over a few days. The Polish Consulate had a special evening to commemorate the National Independence of the Republic of Poland and it continued all weekend long which included a Mass at Św. Trojcy, (Holy Trinity Church), followed by a special event at the Polish Museum of America which featured a movie about the Polish army in France.

Again, Thank you all who served for Poland and for the United States of America.

In other news, I hope to see all at our November meeting so that we may spend and enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner and maybe you may go home with a turkey or two. Please help at our Deserving Children's Christmas Party on December 14th as a volunteer or with a monetary donation. Both would be much appreciated. And finally watch the website and check our calendar for news about the Evening of Elegance which would be our Installation Dinner.

P.S. If you get a chance, I recommend all to see the movie "Legiony". It's a Polish movie with English subtitles about World War 1 and Polish History.

Sincerely, Brother **Peter Dykas**.

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. Planning out this event and working through selecting a venue is taking some additional time. Many late evenings have been spent working though all the nuances of this event. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.



2020 Election of Officers and Directors

During the October meeting, the Nominating Committee restated 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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 Director of Outreach: Zenon Kurdziel
 Director of Publications: Vacant

Members had until the close of the October meeting to present a petition to contest one of these positions. Brother **Makarewicz** announced that he has not received any such petitions. Being that there are no contested positions, the entire slate will be voted on at the November meeting.

The position of “Director of Publications” is currently vacant. If you are interested in filling this role, please contact 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>.

On Sunday, November 10th, Brothers **Peter Dykas** and **Chris Grzadziel** attended the celebration of Św Niepodległości (the celebration of Polish independence). The events of the day were presented by the Polish Scouting Organization and the Polish Museum of America. There was a mass at Holy Trinity Church with a packed church with over 200 scouts in attendance along with veterans of the Polish army and many dignitaries from Poland. After mass we walked over to the museum for a special historical program.

November Birthdays

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



02 Stan Lesniak
05 Jesse J Soszko
06 Edmund Boduch
11 Andrew Csoke
12 Robert P Groszek
16 Martin Weihing
18 Marshall S Olech
18 Harold Brown
19 Robert F Mance
22 Edward Wasilewski

November Anniversaries

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

Brother **Krzysztof Zadlo**
 is celebrating his
5th Anniversary.

Brother **Donald A Gutowski**
 is celebrating his
50th Anniversary.

Brother **Harold Brown**
 is celebrating his
5th Anniversary.

Brother **Richard W Ciesla**
 is celebrating his
50th Anniversary.

Brother **Jack Skaja Sr.**
 is celebrating his
55th Anniversary.

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

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