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COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

January General Meeting
Copernicus Center
6:00 pm

RESERVATIONS

by January 13 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

or (847) 635-0883 or

<https://www.chicagosocietypna.org>

Saturday, January 25, 2020

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

Monday, February 3, 2020

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

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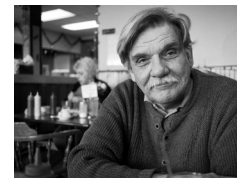
Saturday, February 22, 2020

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Mark your calendar

January 2020 Meeting

It is my privilege to announce that the speaker at our January 15th general meeting will be none other than award winning author Dominic Pacyga. He received a Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Chicago and has lectured at the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. He is currently an Emeritus Professor of History at Columbia College. Having written extensively on Chicago's history, he has also been featured on podcasts related to Polonia through WPNA-FM and in the Dziennik Zwiazkowy. His most recent work - *American Warsaw: The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of Polish Chicago* - has been critically acclaimed and is currently available on Amazon (<https://www.amazon.com/American-Warsaw-Rebirth-Polish-Chicago/dp/022640661X>). Please join me in showing him a warm welcome at the upcoming meeting!



The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at Copernicus

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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. The invitations have been mailed.

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. 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.



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Greetings Fellow Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! How time flies. I can't believe that it has been 12 months that I have been your President. I am honored to represent you all at our meetings, our events, and at events in Polonia. We are one of the oldest Polish organizations in Chicago and the proudest! Thank You for letting me lead you into the next decade. Let me add that I am proud of all of us that we were able to give out \$1500 to help support the youth in Chicago's Polonia. Let's keep this going into the next year and for many other youth organizations to receive financial help. If you know of any youth organization that is in need, please let us know and we will look into it. I also want to Thank **Brother Ken Kogut, Brother Andrew Zapalski and Brother Ted Kozelka** for being the Audit Committee. They found our books for the year of 2018 to be free of any issues and made some recommendations. Now that 2019 is behind us, we will ask for that audit also and keep you up to date with those findings. If anyone would like more information, please contact me.

We have another exciting year ahead of us. The EVENING OF ELEGANCE, Chaired by **Brother Chris Grzadziel**, is just around the corner (January 25th, 2020). It promises to be a really fun night. This year, we are celebrating The Chicago Society Foundation, who in 20 years of existence, have donated over \$300,000 to various organizations and causes in Polonia to help keep the Polish culture, traditions, and customs to thrive and never be forgotten as well as supporting Polonia's youth with scholarship funds. I really hope many of us can come out to show support to our event and show Chicago's Polonia who we are and what we do. We have asked for the grant and scholarship recipients to come and join us so we may hear how the monies had benefited and to meet them individually. Next event is our Sledz, Polish Mardi Gras, scheduled for February 22, 2020. It's on a Saturday and it will be as fun as we had it last year. Also coming up will be our May 3rd Polish Constitution Day Brunch followed by our Golf Outing. Watch for further updates.

One final comment, to the members of Chicago Society. I ask all to please retain your membership in this fine institution we have. Please pay your dues by March 1st. We, as the Board of Directors and Officers of Chicago Society, are trying hard to keep us strong as our organization and in Polonia. We have ideas to showcase ourselves to Polonia not only here in Chicago but nationally. True, many of us want to be all inclusive of both genders. Someday it may happen but until then please be part of one of the most historic institutions that Chicago's Polonia has ever had. Thank you for being a member of Chicago Society PNA and may each of you and your families have a Blessed, Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Brother **Peter Dykas**.



January 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!

02	Gregory R Ciesla	24	Robert Radkowski
08	Zenon Olejniczak	26	Frank Spula
13	Frank M Gondela	27	Walter M Piecewicz
15	Joseph P Kotlarz	27	Carlton R Marcyan
23	James Kolak		

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January 2020 Meeting

Center, 5216 W Lawrence Ave, Chicago, IL 60630, 1st floor. 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! 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.

Director of Publications

Help is being sought. We are looking for someone who would like to be the Society's next Director of Publication. Requirements are that you must be a PNA insurance holder and someone who likes to write. If you are interested to do the Forum but are not a PNA holder you can still do so by just being our Editor. Our past Director, **Brother Chris Grzadziel**, has served his 2 consecutive years and our Constitution limits office terms to 2 years. He has kindly created a format that I believe all you have to do is cut and paste any articles that you receive into the forum and send it over to the printer to be printed and published on-line. Please contact me, **Brother Peter Dykas**, if you are interested. Thank you **Brother Grzadziel** for your hard work and volunteering to be our Past Director of Publications.

Deserving Children's Christmas Party

Chicago, Il. December 14th, 2019... Once again, the Chicago Society PNA has sponsored the Deserving Children's Christmas Party at the PNA building on Cicero Ave.. This is a yearly event that we have done, I believe, for the past 65 years. There were 64 children in attendance who enjoyed a hot dog lunch, a magic show provided by our own member **Brother Andrew Noyszewski** of KIDZ MAGIC, and received presents from Santa himself, **Brother Chris Grzadziel**. Many THANKS go out to a number of members and their wives: **Brother Chris Grzadziel** and wife Kasia, **Brother Rick Wiermanski** and Cindy, **Brother Rich Ciesla** and Maria, and Tanya, Max, and Eva Theodosakis, daughter and grand kids of **Brother Chuck Cwiakala** for volunteering to help with either picking up donations, wrapping presents or setting up and serving food at the party. Also a Big Thank You to **Brother Robert Radkowski** and The Polish Slavik Federal Credit Union, **Brother Rich** and Maria **Ciesla**, **Brother Frank Gondela**, **Brother Ray Golenia**, **Brother Don Gutowski**, Dee Blicharski, **Brother Adam Konopka**, **Brother John Wasilewski**, and Tom Jaconetty who supported us with monetary donations. And a Big Thank You goes out to the following: Vitners / Snakking for donating potato chips, StarBucks for the coffee for the parents and hot chocolate for the kids, Costco for their discount on the food, Oberwies for free ice cream coupons, the Polish Scouts for donating soda and for helping in wrapping presents and to **Brother Chris** and Kasia **Grzadziel** for donating gifts, wrapping presents and being our Santa. And one final THANK YOU goes out to my family Agnes, Matthew, and Isabella for helping me out in every thing that I did. None of this would have happened without all the volunteers help and generosity. As far as those who donated items, feel free to show your support to these companies. God Bless!! - Peter Dykas

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.

Richard M. Lazarski

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Occupation: Financial Advisor, Wealth Preservation Strategies, LTD

Birth Date: November 19 **Birthplace:** Chicago

Education: BS Accounting **Hobbies:** History

Sponsors: Brothers Marian Skawski and Peter Dykas

January Anniversaries

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

Brother Victor J Kay
is celebrating his **55th Anniversary**.

Brother Frank M Gondela
is celebrating his **55th Anniversary**.

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

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.

Please email **Brother Walter M. Pieciewicz** for further information at wpieciewicz@immaculaw.com.

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