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POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY PRE-PARADE BRUNCH

NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
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6:00 P.M.

Copernicus Foundation
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Monday, May 2, 7:00 P.M.
Folak's Lincoln Tavern

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 20—
General Meeting
Copernicus Center, Chicago

Saturday, May 7—
Pre-Parade Brunch
Hilton Chicago Hotel

Wednesday, May 18—
General Meeting
White Eagle, Niles

As in the past, the Chicago Society will sponsor its Annual Polish Constitution Pre-Parade Brunch, which will be held at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, on Saturday, May 7, 2011.

Brother Ro Matuszczak is Chairman and has been involved with the brunch since its inception on May 6, 1978. Co-chairmen of this year's event are T. Ron Jasinski Herbert and Chares Komosa. Chris Matuszczak (Ro's wife) and Agata Komosa (wife of Charles Komosa) will be at the reception table. Reception will start at 8:45 a.m. in the Astoria Room located on the 3rd floor. Seating will be at 9:45 a.m. in the Williford Room across the hall from the Astoria Room. The parade is scheduled to step-off at 11:30 a.m. from Columbus and Balbo Drives across from the Hilton. Breakfast will be served at approximately 10:00 a.m. The cost of the brunch is \$30.00 per person. To make reservations, please contact Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883 or 773-489-4510. Tickets will be held at the door. At the brunch, Dr. Chester Klos, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, will present monetary awards to three scholarship recipients.

We will have a marching unit and a float with a band arranged by our President, Frank Czaja. Any members who will march, but not attend the brunch, are asked to contact Chairman Ro Matuszczak about five days before the event as to our parade unit number. Information can also be obtained at the parade with a Parade Marshal.

For the marchers preferred attire is gray slacks, dark jacket, red tie and white shirt, if possible. A business suit is certainly acceptable. If any member would like an invitation, or would like to have our invitation sent to a possible guest, please contact Ro Matuszczak.

Your attendance to the brunch will be appreciated.

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP EFFECTIVENESS

Our guest speaker at the April general meeting will be Philip Fulton. Philip is an accomplished business owner, strategist, marketer, planner and entrepreneur. He has created several successful advisory consulting firms and served as the leader of multi-million dollar profit/loss centers. He has served as a trusted advisor to hundreds of CEOs, Presidents and business owners.

Currently he leads CEO Private Advisory Boards for Vistage International. Vistage is the world's leading chief executive organization with membership of about 15,000 members in 16 countries. In his role as Chair, he helps CEOs, Presidents, and business owners make better decisions, achieve better results and become better leaders. His Advisory Boards meet monthly and work with each of his executive clients on a one-to-one basis on becoming effective leaders. He has conducted workshops and speeches to executive leadership teams, boards, associations and community groups including the CEO Roundtable, Equitable Life Insurance, Illinois Association of School Boards, Kellogg School of Management, Adventist Health System, American Medical Association, Sandler Selling Systems, American College of Healthcare Executives, the Academy for Service Marketing, and Vistage's annual CEO All-City Event. His topics include Effective Leadership, Strategic Marketing, Effective Advertising, Building an Effective Referral Machine, Overcoming Dysfunctional Leadership Teams, Best Practices of Successful Leaders, and Business Planning for Results. He has a B.A. from the Univ. of Rochester and MBA from J.L. Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Whether you are a Business Owner or a Community Leader, the current economics continue to test us all. What are the challenges we face, and what changes do we need to make to grow, or often times simply to survive? Philip's presentation will provide practical ideas and key strategies to help you be a successful leader of high-performing teams. Philip will provide you with practical knowledge and tools that you will be able to immediately apply to your business and in your role as a leader.

Reservations, as always, are mandatory. Please don't forget to call or e-mail Brother Chuck Cwiakala (847-823-8747, meeting@chicagosocietypna.org) to reserve your seat. Catering will be provided by Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter! Wesolych Swiat! Zyczenia Wielkanocne!

Brothers,

I would like to wish you and your families a very Joyous Easter. The time since the Sledz has seemed to fly by so fast. The time for reflection has past, and now we are to celebrate. I hope you enjoy the many Easter traditions of Poland and Polonia, from Fat Tuesday to *Wielki Post* and *Niedziela Palmowa*, and *Swieconka* and *Pisanki*, and finally *Wielka Niedziela*. Definitely, don't forget *Smigus-Dyngus*.

I would again like to thank Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for sharing her 100th day in office with us at our March meeting and being the guest speaker. This was very informative, and I am sure all who attended agree. Please join us for our April meeting which will include the return of the ham raffle. Help make it a big success and take your chance on an Easter ham.

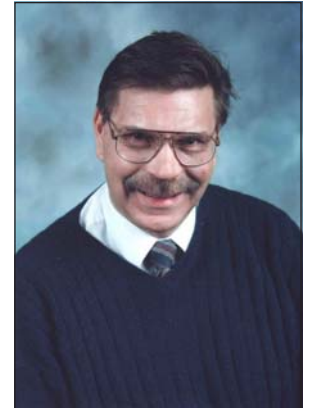
Our club is once again sponsoring the Polish Constitution Day Pre-Parade Brunch, and I am pleased to announce that it will be held at the Chicago Hilton. Join us for breakfast and the camaraderie. Let's take pride in our club and in our heritage and make a great showing for both the brunch and the parade. We will again have a float with a band as a part of the celebration. So bring your family and friends to the brunch and to march with us and let everyone know that we are the Chicago Society of the P. N. A.

Don't forget that May 1st is the celebration of the Beatification of Pope John Paul 2nd. There will be local celebrations at various Polish parishes. If you have knowledge of any, please post on our Facebook fan page and our group page.

The board held a special meeting regarding membership in March. Details are to follow. Let us all remember Brother Ken Gill's motto for 2011: One member, one inductee.

Happy Easter!

Fraternally,
Frank Czaja



100TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS ANNOUNCED

The committee for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Chicago Society has begun its work well over a year before the event.

A banquet has been scheduled for October 6, 2012, at White Eagle Banquets in Niles, Illinois. Brother Andrew Przybylo, who is the site's proprietor and a Chicago Society member, has promised to cooperate with the committee to make the event a very special and memorable occasion.

Contemporary, popular and traditional music following a brief program will be provided by Danny Mateja & The Downtown Sound, which has played for the Chicago Society at the 90th Anniversary of Polish Independence and at two Sledz parties. The band specializes in music of the '60s through the '80s, contemporary tunes and can present a polka at the appropriate moment to liven up the evening.

The committee is composed of Chairman T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert, Co-Chairman Charles Komosa, and President Frank Czaja, Social Activities Director Romuald Matuszczak, Brother Mark Orwat, Brother Ron "Topper" Topczewski, Brother Ted Wiecek and Brother Tony Szplit.

If additional celebratory events are suggested as we near the century mark of the Chicago Society, the committee is prepared to cooperate with the Social Activities Director and Special Projects Director.

**THE PRE-PARADE BUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, MAY 7, AT THE HILTON CHICAGO
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW WHILE SEATING IS AVAILABLE**

AROUND THE SOCIETY

On Friday night March 18, 2011, the Polish Woman's Alliance celebrated St. Joseph's day. Celebrating St. Joseph's Day at the Polish Women's Alliance annual St. Joseph's dinner was **Frank Czaja** President and his wife Darlene. Also there was Chicago Society Senior Advisor and PNA National Secretary **Charles Komosa** and his wife Agatha and Chicago Society member and National PNA Vice President **Paul Odrobina** and his wife Janice. It was a very nice evening.

Congratulations again to our Brother Member **Walter Piecewicz** for becoming our new St. Joseph. Brother Walter was chosen at last month's Sledz party.



Walter Piecewicz

Congratulations to Brother Member **Ted Makarewicz**, who was elected to be this year's Grand Marshal of the Polish Constitution Day Parade, which will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011. The Parade Committee nominated three candidates and at the general meeting held on Thursday, March 31, 2011, Brother Ted was elected by the persons present. Once again, congratulations! It is nice to have a member of the Chicago Society so honored. The theme of this year's parade is the John Paul II Beatification.

As member of the nominating committee for the Outstanding Pole Abroad 2011 Contest,

Brother **Norbert Barszczewski** will be attending the official Gala at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland in Chicago on May 7, 2011. Professor Michal Kleiber, who is the President of the Polish Academy of Science, will be an honorary guest there.

Happy belated 80th birthday to Dee Blicharski, wife of Brother Member **Ed Blicharski**. The gala event was celebrated with relatives and friends on March 6, 2011, at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle. Sto lat, Dee!

Brother Member **Jack Skaja** was nominated Citizen of the Year by the Polish American Police Association. He will be honored on Friday, May 6, 2011, during the annual PAPA dinner. This will be PAPA's 47th Annual Awards Banquet. Also honored will be Chicago Police Department's 15th District Captain, Joseph Gorzkowski. The cost of the dinner is \$65.00 per person – open bar. Reservations and further information can be obtained by contacting our Brother Member **"Topper" Topczewski** at 773-282-1698 or PAPA at 312-409-7878.

Save the date for the 75th Annual Art Exhibit Opening by the Polish Arts Club of Chicago. The event will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at 1 PM at the Polish Museum of America (984 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago).

Another highly anticipated event at the Polish Museum of America is the Adventures of Light Opening Reception with the Artists on Thursday, April 14 at 6-10 PM. The artist presenting his work Voytek Glinkowski will be there with his students and their masterpieces of colorful landscape, flowers, still life and figure compositions. Works will be for sale, and 30% of the price will be donated to the Museum's Art Gallery Renovation Fund.



Art work of Voytek Glinkowski

Exhibition will last until April 20. Acclaimed jazz singer Agnieszka Iwanska will be performing at 8 PM. Flavors of Kasia's Deli and Zywiec Beer will be available. Admission is \$10 for Museum members and \$15 for non-members. Reservations can be made by calling or emailing Monika Nowak at 773-384-3352 or at pma@polishmuseumofamerica.org.

Beverly and **Frank Gondela** recently returned from Mexico and fortunately missed the monster snow storm. Upon their return Frank received an invitation to speak at La Grange Middle School before several hundred students, sponsoring a fund raiser recognizing his personal experiences with an HONOR FLIGHT for World War II Veterans as an attendee. All HONOR FLIGHTS are to Washington, DC visiting war memorials. The flights are at no charge to the Veterans. All assisting medical personnel, flight crews and chaperones are volunteers, and they pay their own expenses. The school goal is \$50,000. God bless all these wonderful children.

The Board of Directors of the Chicago Society PNA has decided at the last meeting to once again organize the Casino Nights this year. These fundraising events help to generate income for our organization and provide a great way to volunteer your time. Each event requires several members to be present and help with the effort, but it is also a great opportunity to socialize and get to know other members better. Bring your spouse if she is curious about what we are all up to! Friends of the Chicago Society are welcome too. The dates assigned for the events this year are: September 7, October 12, October 27 and November 30.

Starting in May, the Chicago Society PNA

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will start accepting online payments through the Paypal system. Members will now be able to pay event registration fees, as well as membership dues, using their credit and debit cards. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discovery cards and bank checks will be accepted. Traditional forms of payment will still be in place.



On May 14 and May 21 please join Brother **Donald Gutowski** who, as a volunteer for the Polish Museum of America, will be collecting military items and souvenirs from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam and turning some of them into cash donations for the Museum. If they happen to receive some rare and valuable items, they will be placed in the Museum's collection. Popular items donated include: uniforms, hats, caps, helmets, jackets, bayonets, knives, swords, pistols, clips, ammunition, belts and buckles, pouches, backpacks, pins, patches, medals, flags, military maps, photos, manuals and publications. These can be from countries such as USA, Poland, Germany, Italy, Russia, France and Great Britain. Go through that "stuff" that has been taking up space in the basement, garage, closet shelves and donate them. The collections points will be parking lot of the Polish Museum of America on Saturday, May 14 10 AM-2 PM, and parking lot of the Copernicus Foundation on Saturday, May 21 10 AM – 2 PM. All donations to the Museum are tax deductible under the 501c (3) IRS tax code.

The Heritage Club of Polish Americans will hold its annual Easter "Swieconka" Party on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at the House of the White Eagle (6839 N. Milwaukee, Niles). The party will feature a four course family style dinner, dance music by Ed Ptaszek, a raffle and Polish Easter customs. A highlight of the event will be the Homemade Easter Bonnet Contest. All guests are invited to participate. Dinner will be served at 1 PM followed by a short program and dancing. The public is invited to attend the gala party. The cost of the tickets is \$35.00 per person. For reservations or more information please call Adeline Holda at 773-736-5861. The club was founded by the late Lee Jasinska-Herbert, mother of **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**, who served as its second President.

UNITED OR DIVIDED? PART II

IS IT THE MONEY?

I am happy to report that my last article under this title sparked some interest among brother members. I think we are all deeply concerned about the lack of proper representation of our community in just about all state and local administration levels. For those who didn't have a chance to read my previous article, a reminder that the question I am attempting to answer is: Why in a city that has been built on our shoulders, Polonia candidates have such a hard time winning in more prominent elections? What are the causes, and what are the possible solutions? Why do we have this *status quo* and for so many years are unable to change it?

How much does it cost to win an aldermanic election? The answer is of course complicated and depends on many factors. But it does cost money to win a serious political election. Those who are able to organize a successful grassroots campaign, even without any initial financial injection of their own funds, eventually end up managing a pretty significant operational budget, if they are one of top candidates. Even with a lot of volunteer work, there are things that simply cost money to publish, market and distribute. According to brother John Cieslik, the key to winning an election by a Polonia candidate would be to have "A strong well organized political base that has a powerful message that energizes its constituency while having the financial resources to get the message out." Getting the message out costs money and even with the noblest intentions, *financial resources* are at the core of success. Do we, as a community, have such resources? Even if we do, "we don't provide the financial resources, time and energy that other ethnic groups do behind the scenes to promote one of their own", according to Brother Cieslik, when referring to the last mayoral election and lack of Polonia candidate there.

How much did Anna Klocek and Anna Goral spent in the last aldermanic elections? I was unable to get that information from Mrs. Goral, but I have to praise Mrs. Klocek for taking the time and providing me with some valuable feedback from her campaign. Mrs. Klocek was running in the 45 ward and had 6 other opponents. She ended up being fifth when it comes to the number of votes. There were 15,879 residents who voted in her ward and 1,201 voted for her, which is 7.56% of the total count. She has spent only around \$8,000.00 (eight thousand dollars) on her campaign. The winner, John Garrido, had 5,142 (32.38%) votes and spent, according to Mrs. Klocek, around \$120,000 on his campaign. 5 of the other 6 candidates spent over \$80,000.00 each. The question whether Anna Klocek could have won had she had such budget at her disposal, is not really what I am trying to illustrate with her example. It's rather the point that confirms what Brother Cieslik has indicated above. For whatever reason, we don't support our candidates with our wallets.

Lastly, one more call to all brother members. Please read the questions below and let me know if you feel like you could contribute to the discussion. Proper credit will be given to all contributors.

- What would be the characteristics of a perfect Polonia political candidate, for any office?
- What should a candidate do to gather maximum support and momentum among Polonia leaders, organizations and general community?
- What lessons are we learning from recent failures to get elected? (Aldermanic elections, US Senate elections)
- Why wasn't there a Polonia candidate for the mayoral election of 2011 in Chicago?
- Is relying heavily on Polonia support enough to get elected?
- What and how can we learn from other ethnic groups?

— To Be Continued —

The Chicago Business Club will host its second quarterly Networking Mixer this year at the RAM Restaurant and Brewery in Schaumburg on May 18, 2011. This evening event (6-9PM) usually attracts a crowd of around 50-60 participants from the local

business community. Non-members of the Chicago Business Club are welcome to network with others at this professional setting. There is always a chance to win a great raffle prize. Check with Brother **Norbert Barszczewski** if you are interested in coming.

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

First and foremost Happy Easter! I hope everyone will have a chance this year to celebrate Easter in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Unlike the last year, and because Easter is so late this year, we should be able to enjoy some nice weather. Easter is the most important tradition in the Christian faith. It's the time when Jesus rose from the dead on the third day after the crucifixion. But even if you are not a religious person or of a non-Christian faith, the traditions of Easter have been incorporated in to the many secular celebrations. Needless to say, it's a time to celebrate for all of us.

As you may have heard me say this a few times before, I am working on updating the system how the FORUM publication is delivered. Many of you have approached me indicating that you are OK with electronic delivery. I hope this process will bring significant savings to the club.

If you look at our bills, the monthly production and distribution of the FORUM is one of the biggest expenditure items there, thus it's the most obvious area to look for savings. I want for everyone to understand that Forum will still be printed and distributed through the postal service for all those who request so. We are not discontinuing this process. But if you have an active email address and would like to receive Forum right when it's ready without having to wait a few days for it, electronic delivery will achieve just that. You would

still be able to print it at your home computer and printer and read it in a traditional way. The electronic version of the Forum is prepared in a PDF format, which is widely available and free for download, and in most cases is already installed on your computer. At the end of this process, I hope the savings for our organization will be significant.

At the March Board of Directors Special Meeting we were discussing different ways to boost our membership. As you can see on other pages, unfortunately we have lost a few members comparing to last year. This trend is not uncommon to other organizations and clubs as well. The economy is for sure affecting everyone and part of the situation can be blamed on it. But we also need to ask ourselves, do we really do enough to help the organization? How many guests have you invited to the club in the last 6 months? And if we do bring a guest, are we acting as ambassadors of the organization. Is buying a drink enough? We need to keep in mind that not everyone is great at networking especially among strangers. We all need a little help sometimes. We need to make sure that new prospects and members are introduced to other members, that they are approached and included in the many activities that we have throughout the year. Otherwise, it's hard, and the integration we could have achieved much faster, takes twice as long, or sometimes not at all. I am pretty sure most of you will see familiar names in the suspended members list. How about a fraternal call to find out why they left, and if there is anything we could do to win them back?

Fraternally,
Norbert Barszczewski



NEW GENERAL MEETING ORDER

During the recent Board of Directors Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 a new arrangement and order for General Meetings has been proposed and approved. It will become effective with the April meeting. Please keep in mind the following changes:

- 6:00 PM Social gathering & networking starts, cash bar.
- 7:00 PM Food to be served.
- 7:40 PM Meeting to start
Roll Call, Pledge, Speaker, Inductees, Reports, etc.

Since the April meeting will be held at the Copernicus Foundation, meal tables will setup in the general area by the bar. Right after the meal, all will be asked to move to the meeting area where chairs will be setup in a theater style.

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!*

Casey Chlebek, sponsored by Marian Skawski and Gregory Akko

Marek Kowalczyk, sponsored by Robert Groszek and John Wojciechowski

OBAMA TO VISIT POLAND

President Barack Obama will visit Poland as part of his May 23-28, 2011, trip to Europe, during which he will also visit Ireland, the United Kingdom and France. In Poland he will reciprocate the December visit of Poland's President Komorowski.

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SUSPENSIONS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

The gentlemen listed below have been suspended for non-payment of dues in accordance with the Constitution. Call Financial Secretary Ryszard Jadcak at 847-516-3333 regarding reinstatement.

Gregory Akko
 Andrew Csoke
 Bardia Fard
 William Folak
 Marian Grabowski
 Gregg Kobelinski
 Jerome Kujawa
 Paul E. Kusinski
 Andrzej Lubelski
 Theodore A. Matlak
 Larry Miller

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 Michael Niedzinski
 Stanley Nowak
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 Waldemar P.E. Rawicki
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 Christopher Rudzinski
 Paul Ryndak
 Edward T. Sawa
 Sylwester Szipiora

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 Mark Soltan
 Les Sraga
 Henryk Stankiewicz
 Jacek Szostka
 Adam Szejnberg
 Robert Tomczyk
 Erik Weber
 William Wojcik
 Richard E. Zabelski
 Dan Zolkowski

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*.

Peter A. Dykas
 Joseph Hercik
 Richard J. Jakubczak
 Richard F. Jakubowski
 Anthony P. Kawalkowski
 Richard J. Kolakowski
 Slawek Laskowski
 Anthony P. Lenard
 Ronald J. Olech II
 William Przybylski
 Matt L. Rodriguez
 Stanley Ross
 Michael Schneider
 Eugene L. Siegel
 Eugene R. Urbaszewski
 Andrew Wawrzyniak
 John A. Wojciechowski

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

As a new member of the Chicago Society, Scott Bieniasz has really enjoyed becoming a bigger part in the Polish community. He was born in 1975 to Ken and Marilyn Bieniasz. Scott's great grandparents came to the US from Poland.



Scott grew up in Rolling Meadows, IL. He was a three sport athlete in high school and was named athlete of the year in 1994. Scott's football coach was also Polish and one day he said that Bieniasz should

really end with a "ski." So, he called him Bieniaszshinski. To this day, "shinski" is Scott's nickname with his high school friends.

Scott graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in 1998, played football all four years and ran track three years. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Scott has 15 years of accounting experience. He is currently looking for a full time accounting position while also running his own business with Lionheart Assurance. Lionheart specializes in identity theft protection for individuals and offers a payroll deduction benefit for the employees of organizations at no cost to the company. Identity theft is the number one crime in North America and Scott would like to educate the Brothers and help them be protected.

Scott married Diana Skrypek in September 2005. Scott and Diana have two girls. Katelyn, who is 27 months and Emily, who is 7 months old. Scott can be reached at 312-953-0679 or at shinski17@yahoo.com.

POLISH TRIVIA

What little known and quite hard to notice, if you don't speak the language, Polish element was used in the famous 1998 movie City of Angles with Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan?

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. Additionally, this month only, the winner of the Polish Trivia will be handed a "cash" reward at the General Meeting!

The winner of March Polish Trivia is Brother Ted Wiecek. Congratulations! The correct answer was: "Mis," a comedy by director Stanislaw Bareja. The character's name was Tloczynski, he was a coal trader. The main character in that movie was played by an icon of Polish flims, Stanislaw Tym. "Mis" translates into teddy bear. Great comedy!

MEMBERS' ANNIVERSARIES

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

Jack Rohner	1971	40 years
Stanley Jendzejec	1996	15 years
Christopher Kurczaba	1996	15 years
Mark Orwat	2001	10 years









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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.

Name: Frank Cizon
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Occupation: Retired University Professor
and Financial Executive

Birth date: October 18, 1926

Birthplace: East Chicago, Indiana

Education: Ph.D. in Sociology

Spouse: Lucyna Migala

Sponsors: Ron Olech and
Richard. W. Ciesla

NATIONAL PBS BROADCASTS FILM – IRENA SENDLER

The National PBS Broadcast Premier on Television of a film “In The Name Of Their Mothers” will be shown on May 1, 2011. It is a documentary on Irena Krzyzankowska Sandler and her organization called Zegota. They tell how Irena and her group smuggled over 2,500 infants out of the Warsaw Jewish ghetto and placed them into homes and orphanages where they cared for them for over 5 years during WWII.

At one of our meetings Ed Blicharski brought a magazine article about a group of Kansas high school students that had a history project and discovered the untold story Irena Sandler and how her Zegota group saved over 2,500 babies from being killed. They wrote and put on a stage play called “Life in A Jar” depicting the story. Other schools requested to host the play.

Ed Blicharski felt that the story would be better told by a film or documentary presented to a national audience and would be good for Polish-Jewish relations. He discussed it with Don Gutowski and together they found a documentary film producer Mary Skinner who was working on one. She had interviews with

Irena and many of her volunteers and several of the children who were rescued. Skinner’s main problem was money to help move the project. Don contacted Mary Skinner and asked her to come to Chicago and he would take her around and introduce her to organizations and persons who may assist with funding to produce the film.

The following were contributors; Legion of Young Polish Women, The Chicago Society Foundation, The PNA, The Polish Women’s Alliance and several individuals. All are recognized in the film credits. A pre-release screening was held at the Copernicus Foundation theater for about 400 persons and



COOK COUNTY BOARD PRESIDENT VISITING CHICAGO SOCIETY

Toni Preckwinkle, the Cook County Board President, was our guest speaker at the March General Meeting. She was presenting her 100 Days in Office Report Card and the talk was very well received. Members had a chance to talk to Madam President prior to her speech during the social hour. The presentation was followed by a series of insightful questions. Areas that concern the members and were expressed through questions are:

- Safety issues in the unincorporated areas of the county
- How can Polonia help with improvements in the county?
- The situation of the Cook County Hospital and its many problems
- Transparency on a township administrative level.

President Preckwinkle brought with her two staff members who were also actively participating in the informal talks with brother members. Brief comments were also made by the President about the recent request for unemployment compensation by the former president of the Cook County Board, Todd Stroger.

a special “Meet the Director” session was held after hosted by The Polish Consulate and The Copernicus Foundation.

The resulting film projects the Polish people in a very positive light. Watch it and you decide.

NEW POLISH AIRPORT

The Ministry of Infrastructure shows that Warsaw’s Chopin airport will reach its capacity by 2020 and, as a result, a new central airport must be built and in operation by then to assume the load. The facility would be located between Warsaw and Lodz.

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