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COME GOBBLE SOME TURKEY AND SOME BALLOTS

NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
November 16, 2011
6:00 P.M.

White Eagle Banquets
6839 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Niles, Illinois

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NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, December 5, 7:00 P.M.
Folak's Lincoln Tavern

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 10—
Night at the Races
Maywood Park Racetrack

Wednesday, November 16—
General Meeting
White Eagle Banquets, Niles

Wednesday, December 21—
General Meeting
White Eagle Banquets, Niles

The November 16, 2011, General Meeting, known as the Thanksgiving Meal Meeting and the Election of Officers Meeting and the Turkey Raffle Meeting, will be held in Niles at the White Eagle Banquets on Milwaukee Avenue, midway between Devon and Touhy Avenues. The phone on the premises is (847) 647-0660.

Reservations are mandatory with payment being accepted at the door. The price for the carved turkey dinner is \$25.00. An open bar will be available before the meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. and for one hour after the meeting. Those members who do not wish to participate in the meal, but do wish to participate in the election, are welcome to enter the meeting room for free beginning at 6:00 to cast their vote. A government authorized ID must be shown to receive a ballot.

The positions and the candidates for those positions are as follows:

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At Large Director: Fred Koziol
At Large Director: Ted Wiecek
At Large Director: Tom Pawelko

DESERVING CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Chicago Society Deserving Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2011, at the Polish National Alliance, 6100 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This is Chairman Ro Matuszczak's 48th year. Thanks to Brother Charles Komosa for making the arrangements to have the event at the PNA Headquarters building. There will be a lunch followed by a magic act. Santa (Andy Batorski) will arrive and distribute gifts to the children.

Field representatives of the Polish American Association choose the children they feel are most deserving. Special thanks to donations received from Ted Szywala (\$400.00), Jack Skaja (\$200.00), and John Wojciechowski (\$100.00). All three have donated for many years and Brother Member Ted Szywala for close to 30 years.

If anyone would care to make a donation of gifts or money should contact Chairman Matuszczak at 847-635-0883.





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WIN A TURKEY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers,

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! I would like this opportunity to wish everyone and their families a healthy and enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy the company of family and friends and the wonderful food. Enjoy the outside or the football games. Most of all, no matter how things may seem, be thankful for everyone and everything in your life. Take some time away from the hustle and bustle to relax.

We finished up October with the first ever Polish Beer Tasting Festival. It was an exciting evening and by the crowd that attended, it was very successful. The people truly enjoyed the tasting, cooking demonstration and the camaraderie. A big thank you goes out to Brother Don Gutowski for all his hard work in coordinating all aspects of the event. This was not an easy task at times. I would like to thank everyone who was able to be there as volunteers.

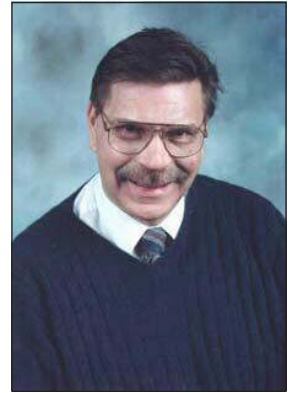
I also hope that everyone enjoyed their Halloween and were not too frightened by the ghost and goblins and the rest of the trick or treaters. I always wonder who the candy and goodies are really for.

Thank you to Brother Komosa and his committee for another great Corn Beef dinner. Everyone had a great time and again everyone over ate the delicious corn beef dinner. We also had numerous politicians and judges who will be running for office.

Thank you to Fred Koziol for coordinating our first Nite at the Races. We shared the night with P.A.P.A and all those that attended had fun and ate well at the buffet. Many even enjoyed the race and the wagering on them. This was a fun night and maybe become an annual event.

Once again I ask those of you who would be able to give some of our members a ride to the meetings to let one of the board of directors know. I think this would be a wonderful show of brother hood, not only for the upcoming holiday meals but all year long. Any other suggestions please let us know also. We are the Chicago Society.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Czaja



FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

work, are homeless, came back from the wars, are sick, elderly or simply don't have any companion in their life. There are plenty of ways to make this season a special one for all those in need. An unannounced knock on the door, smile, surprise little gift or an invitation to a dinner, may all make a huge difference for those who don't experience it all that much in their everyday lives. A look around your neighborhood, or among your friends or colleagues, should be enough to find plenty of inspiration on how you can help others and make a difference. It will fill your heart with joy for long days to come.

Fraternally,
Norbert Barszczewski

I would like to wish everyone a joyful Thanksgiving Holiday Season. The time for the turkey dinner is just around the corner. As we celebrate this unique and very important holiday, and prepare for the Christmas celebrations following right after, let's don't forget about the less fortunate among us. Times are tough and they are even tougher for those who lost



Norbert Barszczewski with his wife Joanna and Rita Cosby, a television news anchor, correspondent and radio host, at the "2011 Transfers of Success Conference – Entrepreneurship Without Borders" in Warsaw Stock Exchange Building.

AROUND THE SOCIETY

We would like to send our best wishes for a speedy recovery after an unexpected surgery to Brother **John Wojciechowski**. John, we hope to see you back as early as at the November General Meeting.

Get well wishes are also sent to Brother **Ray Golenia** who is healing from recent surgery at the Lutherans General Hospital. We hope to see Ray at our November meeting.

Brother **Mark Orwat** has recently celebrated a Grand Re-Opening of his new KickOff Sports Bar on 4630 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. The place promises to deliver specials for every day of the week and with the near proximity to the Copernicus Center, it is an easy stop before or after our general meetings. Good luck with this new business undertaking! Perfect timing for the 2012 Euro Soccer Championships that will take place in Poland and Ukraine.

On October 18, 2011, the U.S. Senate confirmed the following ambassadorial nominations: Mark Francis Brzezinski, of Virginia, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Sweden. Thomas Charles Krajewski, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Wednesday, November 30, 2011, marks the last date of this year that the Chicago Society PNA will host its Casino Days. Volun-

teers are still needed and this is a great way to contribute to the organization. These events are always fun and provide a unique opportunity to get to know your fellow brother members in a less formal setting. Food is always provided. Please contact Brother **Ro Matuszczak** if you would like to help.

The Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Zygmunt Matynia, and The Polish American Students' Association at the University of Illinois in Chicago will be hosting an opening night reception (by invitation only) of the exhibition "Ryszard Kapuscinski. Poet of the Reportage" which will take place at the Richard M. Daley Library of the UIC (801 S. Morgan St) on Tuesday, November 8 at 6 pm. This exhibition gives a thorough insight into Kapuscinski's life and work. It was prepared by the Polish Consulates General in Chicago and Toronto. Ryszard Kapuscinski (March 4, 1932 – January 23, 2007) was a Polish journalist and writer whose dispatches in book form brought him a global reputation. Also a photographer and poet, he was born in Pinsk — now in Belarus — into poverty: he would say later that he felt at home in Africa as "food was scarce there too and everyone was also barefoot". Kapuscinski himself called his work "literary reportage", and reportage d'auteur. In the English-speaking world, his genre is sometimes characterized as "magic journalism". He was one of the top Polish writers most frequently translated into foreign languages, having been surpassed on this count only by the Nobel Prize-winner, Wislawa Szymborska.

The Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Mr. Zygmunt Matynia, and The Polish Museum of America will be hosting a special celebration event for the Polish Independence Day on November 10, 2011 at 6 PM. The event is by invitation only and will take place at the Polish Museum of America on

Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago.

Diann Karen Marsalek was appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court on October 3, 2011 as a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and was sworn in by Justice Mary Jane Theis on October 4, 2011. Judge Marsalek is assigned to traffic court in the Daley Center. Judge Marsalek was slated by the Cook County Democratic Party for Judge of the Circuit Court for the March 20, 2012 election for the Frossard vacancy. Judge Marsalek is of Italian and Polish descent.

Continuing to travel in October, **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert** was in Pittsburgh at the National Council of Polish American Congress

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IN MEMORIAM

Matthew J. Kubistant passed away in mid-October, 2011.

Matt was inducted into membership in the Chicago Society in June, 1996. Although not very vocal at meetings, he was a loyal and active member with many friends.

He was a World War U.S. Army veteran, a member of American Legion Post 1941, and an avid bowler and golfer.

A resident of LaGrange Park, Illinois, Matt was husband of the late Gertrude (nee Tamillo); father of Dr. Thomas Kubistant and Christine Kayser.

IN MEMORIAM

Stanley Ross, a member of the Chicago Society since September, 1994, passed away in late October, 2011.

He served as a member of the Board of Directors for several years.

Stanley was a dedicated member, who was well known for assisting at such events as the Golf Outing, especially for obtaining prizes to be used in the various raffles.

A resident of Westchester, Illinois, he is survived by his wife, Evelyn, nee Kupczyk.

His smile and pleasant demeanor will make Stanley sorely missed.

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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: Lukasz Wrobel
11024 S. Mansfield Ave.
Chicago Ridge, IL 60415
(708) 846-4393

Occupation: Reciever/Student

Birth date: June 22, 1988

Birthplace: Elk, Poland

Education: High School/Still in College

Spouse: Single

Sponsors: Frank Czaja
and Kamil Bartoszcze

NOVEMBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert
- 2 Stan Lesniak
- 4 Henry Kurzydowski
- 5 Marcin Krempa
Jesse J. Soszko
- 6 Edmund Boduch
- 11 Chester M. Przybylo
- 12 Robert P. Groszek
- 16 Kamil Bartoszcze
Martin Weihing
- 18 Scott Bieniasz
John Garrido
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- 22 Ronald J. Nawrocki
- 23 Lawrence P. Boris
- 29 Christopher P. Zwiercan

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

Gregory M. Kosin 1991 20 Years

CHICAGO SOCIETY CONDUCT OF ELECTION

1. The election committee shall consist of the same members who were appointed as the nominating committee. Ballots may be distributed starting at 6:00 p.m., but shall not be collected until later, as described below. Every member taking a ballot shall show photo identification.

2. The dinner shall take place at 7:00 p.m.

3. Following the dinner at approximately 8:00 p.m., in the event that there are contested offices, the candidates for those offices may, at their discretion, speak before the meeting for no more than 2 minutes each.

4. If a member shall inadvertently spoil his ballot, he shall return it to the election committee, a member of which shall write "spoiled" across the ballot, retain it, and give the member a replacement ballot.

5. At the conclusion of any speeches, the election committee shall collect the ballots.

6. When all the ballots are collected, the election committee chairman shall publicly declare the voting closed. After that announcement no more ballots may be cast or collected.

7. Any candidate in a contested election may appoint a member to watch the counting of the vote, but such watcher shall not touch the ballots or in any way interfere with the orderly counting of the votes.

8. After the ballots are counted, the election committee chairman shall publicly announce the result of the counting at which time the results shall be official.

9. In the event of a tie, a run-off will be conducted at the December meeting, but there shall be no speeches. In all other respects, the election, counting and announcement will be conducted as above.

10. The election committee shall deliver the cast ballots and any spoiled ballots to the Secretary, who shall hold them until the December regular meeting, after which they may be destroyed.

A LETTER FROM THE IRVING PARK FOOD PANTRY

Dear Sirs,

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Irving Park Community Food Pantry. We are a volunteer-run, non-profit organization, and we serve about 700 families emergency food supplies per month, all in the 60618 and 60641 postal zip codes.

We are in desperate need of a Polish speaker who can help translate for us so we assist some of our clients. The number of Polish-speaking clients in need has risen dramatically over the past year, and there are so very few people who are available to help us! Most of these clients do not speak any English which is why I'm appealing to you right now.

We are open every Wednesday, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Even a volunteer who offers their time for one day per month would make an enormous difference for us. This is a

great job for part-time workers, at-home moms, or retired people or anyone who wants to give a little back to their community.

If you have any leads on people who may be interested in volunteering their time and skills, or if you have any suggestions as to where else I can inquire, feel free to email me at the above address, or call/text my phone at (312) 608-1465.

If you would like to learn more about our food pantry, please visit <http://www.irvingparkfoodpantry.com>.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lee S. Stein

Volunteer Manager

Irving Park Food Pantry

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773-283-6296

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR DUES NOTICE THIS MONTH
IT MAY NOW BE PAID ONLINE VIA PAYPAL**

There is no additional cost or convenience fee

AROUND (Continued from page 3)

Directors, and in Cleveland and Norvelt as a Director of the International Polka Association. He got to Pittsburgh just on time to greet the 3" of snow.

Brother **Norbert Barszczewski** will be presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Polish American Engineers Association for his contribution to the organization. The ceremony will take place at the PAEA 77th Anniversary Banquet on November 12 at the European Crystal Banquets in Arlington Heights. Brother Barszczewski, in recognition of his contributions to the local business community, was also recently invited by the Illinois Small Business Development Center (IL SBDC) to server on the Advisory Board of that organization.

WORLD SERIES 225 – BEER TASTING 75

The 7th game of the World Series destroyed the Polish Beer Tasting event held on October 28, 2011 at the Copernicus Center. Attendance was far less than the 300 to 500 patrons anticipated. We lost money.

Those who did attend were treated to a well organized and enjoyable event in a beautiful facility. The beer distributors compliments were: "Great for a first time event. No problems," "A fairly knowledgeable group sampled the 16 different beers," "We should do it again perhaps in April to June." All the patrons seemed to enjoy the event.

Special thanks to Ken Gill, Andy Pawlowski and Bill Wojcik (Laramie Bakery and Deli) for their generous help.

Brother Don Gutowski

KATYN FOREST MASSACRE 1940 – EXHIBIT AND PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion features Douglas W. Jacobson, Michael Mikos, Neal Pease, and **Donald Pienkos**. In conjunction with the national touring exhibition "**Katyn: Massacre, Politics, Morality**" on view in the east wing, first floor of the UWM Golda Meir Library, East Wing, 2311 E. Hartford Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, November 7-27, 2011, free and open to the public

The photographic exhibit recounts the execution of 21,857 Polish army officers in the forests of Katyn and in other sites by the Soviet NKVD during World War II, and the long-suppressed truth about the atrocity.

Created by Poland's Council for the Protection of the Memory of Struggle and Martyrdom, the exhibit debuted last May in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington D.C. and has traveled to the Hoover Institute at Stanford University and the Buffalo NY Public Library.

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POLISH TRIVIA

November marks the 93rd anniversary of Poland's independence. What is the name of the first President of the Second Polish Republic, who was assassinated after only 5 days in office? (This was the subject of the film *Smierc Prezydenta*).

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.

The winner of October Polish Trivia (correct answer: Jozef Pilsudski) and the author of this month's question is Brother Ted Wiecek. Congratulations!

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