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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING, SPEAKER AND OKTOBERFEST DINNER MEETING

MONTHLY NETWORKING- DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by October 17 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

847-635-0883

NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, October 31, 2016

7:00 p.m.

PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 17, 2016—

CS Texas Hold 'em Casino Night

White Eagle Banquets

1:30 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016—

Dinner Meeting

White Eagle Banquets

Cocktails 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27, 2016—

CS Annual Corned Beef &

Cabbage Dinner

AAC Eagles Club

5844 Milwaukee, Chicago

Brother **Robert Groszek**, Civic Vice President and Attorney, will be the featured guest speaker at the October General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016. He is the owner of Groszek Law Firm that practices real estate litigation, commercial litigation and trial work.

Being born to Polish immigrant parents, Robert continues his affinity for Poles by donating his time and energy at the Amicus Poloniae free legal clinic. Robert is also the founding member of the Avondale Chamber of Commerce in the thriving Avondale neighborhood where he, his wife, and two children reside.



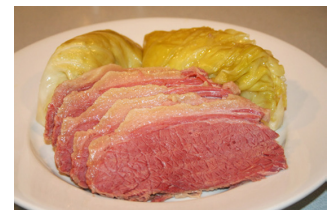
Robert is very active in the Polish community. He is a past president of the Chicago Advocates Society of Polish American attorneys and is currently on the board of directors of the National Advocates Society. He serves on the Polish Museum of America board and is a board member of the Chicago Society.

Robert is close to Poland where he still has close family in Rzeszów. He works with the Polish Consulate's legal department on a regular basis. Robert regularly has clients requesting assistance with transactions and estate issues where Polish law arises. He will speak about important issues that arise when working with American powers of attorney and their effect in Poland, as well as issues that arise when you are asked to complete a *pełnomocnictwo* to be effective in Poland. This issue is important, because your Polish power of attorney can hurt you!

The October General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a featured speaker, but a delicious Oktober Fest German style dinner menu, which will include German-style potato soup, two different German sausages, red cabbage, spaetzle, and German chocolate cake. Please call Brother Roman Matuszczak for reservations at 847-635-0883.

2016 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The Chicago Society Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at the AAC Eagles Club located at 5844 N. Milwaukee in Chicago. As usual, all members and their guests are welcome to join us and network, break bread and have a great evening!



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Dear Brothers,

I would like to take the opportunity to talk about some of our unsung members and to acknowledge their hard work for the good of the Chicago Society. I would first like to acknowledge Brother **John Cieslik** in putting together this year's Business Expo. The past couple of years, this event seemed to be lacking the enthusiasm of our members. There was even talk of maybe discontinuing the activity. But through the efforts of Brother John, a spark was rekindled this year and the Business Expo lived up to its billing as being truly an opportunity to network with our fellow brothers. There was a lot of interaction between our members in showcasing their businesses and I hope this event will be scheduled for next year. Another activity of the Society that needs a little more attention by our members is the Casino Night held at the White Eagle Restaurant. Brother **Chuck Cwiakala** and Brother **Ro Matuszczak** have been the mainstays along with Brother **Stan Jendzejec** and Brother **Tom Pawelko**. This activity does not garner a lot of attention, but it does bring in much needed funds into the Society. We have already had three casino nights and there is still one more night on October 17, 2016. Please contact Brother Chuck or Brother Ro at the upcoming general membership meeting to schedule a time. And for our political junkies who happen to like Harrington's World Famous Corned Beef, the Chicago Society will host its traditional General Election Candidate's Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on October 27, 2016. We are expecting a sellout crowd with a lot of judicial candidates and our local elected officials. I encourage you all to reserve early because there will be no tickets sold at the door. Finally, to give you a heads-up on November's activities, the Chicago Society will be sponsoring a Pheasant Hunt on November 5, 2016. Last year's event was snowed out but Brother **Steve Rakowski** who is chairing the hunt, is guaranteeing good weather and a lot of birds. Hope to see you all out there and remember to wear your florescent orange long johns!

Fraternally,

Brother Ted Makarewicz,
President



Dear Brothers,

Please try to attend and invite family and friends to the Chicago Society Annual Candidate's Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 27, 2016. Please see the article in this Forum with all the details. The October Forum has many interesting articles about members and events like Presidential Republican

Candidate Donald Trump visit to the offices of the Polish National Alliance! October is Polish American Heritage month and many great events occur in Polonia to attend and enjoy

Fraternally,

Brother Charles Komosa,
Editor

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CORNERED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The very low priced ticket of \$40.00 per person includes open bar with premium liquor starting at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner featuring Harrington's famous corned beef with horseradish, cabbage boiled potatoes, pumpernickel bread, and apple pie and coffee for dessert. After dinner we will have the ever popular Executive Raffle and continue to network! Please call co-chairmen Brother **Charles Komosa** at 773-286-7123, Brother **John Cieslik** at 312-859-5404 or Brother **Mark Orwat** at 773-502-6969, if you would like to attend or for information. Tables of ten are available. Please make your reservations early because tickets will not be sold at the door. You can pay online using PayPal on our website at www.chicagosociety-pna.org/payments.html.



2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society of the PNA's election of 2017 officers and directors invites anyone who is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director-at-large, please contact the Chairman or another member of the nominating committee to find out the procedure and qualifications. You must contact them as soon as possible because the slate will be announced at the October meeting. The chairman and committee are as follows:

Stanley Jendzejec, *Chairman*
Stanley Sawa
Matt Rodriquez
Ronald Topczewski
Frank Gondela
John Skaja, Tomasz Pawelko,
Alternates

CASINO DAYS FOR 2016 SCHEDULED!

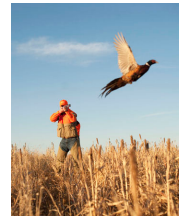
The Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society have been scheduled for Monday, Oct. 17, and Monday, Nov. 21, 2016. They will be held at the House of the White Eagle. Volunteers are needed for these events. Shifts are 1:30—6:30 and 6:30—midnight. If you can give a few hours of your time on any of those dates, please contact co chairmen Brothers Chuck Cwiakala or Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883



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OCTOBER MEETING**


CHICAGO SOCIETY PHEASANT HUNTING OUTING!

Brother **Steve Rakowski**, chairman of the CS Pheasant Hunting Outing, invites fellow members, hunting enthusiasts and friends for our inaugural hunting outing scheduled for Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., at Coon Creek Hunt Club, located at 11050 Slough Road, Garden Prairie, Illinois 61038 (near Marengo, IL). Late Fall is a perfect time to pheasant hunt and the Chicago Society has arranged for a great experience for members and friends in one of Northern Illinois' premier hunt clubs. The cost will be \$150.00 per person and our event is limited to the first twenty hunters who deliver their reservation form with a check payable to the PNA-Chicago Society. The hunt will include a guide and three birds per hunter.* All hunters will also need to have in their possession a one-day hunting license with a habitat stamp.* Licenses are not available at the Club. We will be meeting at 7:45 a.m. sharp for check-in, release signing, and field assignments. Loaner guns are available on a limited basis on a first-come-first-served basis and arrangements will need to be made prior to the day of the hunt. Only a non-toxic shot is allowed and is available for purchase at the Club. Professional guides with seasoned dogs will be provided for each group as needed. Of course, if you have a hunt-trained dog, you are encouraged to use it.



After the event please stay for a chili lunch and to share pictures and stories of the hunt. *Additional pheasants are available at \$25/per bird. Please inquire about availability and cost of chucker, quail and partridge. For more information contact Steve Rakowski at 847-204-4106 or via e-mail at steve@lsrfamilylaw.com

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SEPTEMBER BUSINESS EXPO- A SUCCESS!

Brother **John Cieslik**, Executive Vice President and Business Expo Chairman, reports that Chicago Society's 2016 Business Expo featured many of our brother members businesses at our September meeting. Brother John Cieslik represented the Illinois Comptroller's Office. Brother **Ted Makarewicz** had the Cook County Assessor's Office with their representatives handling important questions. Brother **Tony Kawalkowski** promoted his CD's and upcoming events and Brother **Tom Sieja** promoted private investigative services his company provides. On the financial services side, Brother **Dale Ihssen** promoted investment opportunities for his company and Brother **Richard Jadczyk** offered helpful information on the PNA. Brother **Stuart Sawa** of the Old Warsaw Restaurant provided some tasty treats from his business and Brother **Wojciech Putz** promoted the Chicago Chopin Foundation. New to the Expo this year was Brother **Bill Sufranski** of Dunning Electric. Brother Cieslik offers a sincere "thank you" to all our brother members for taking the time out to make this event a major success.

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Do You Know A Prospective Member?

CHICAGO SOCIETY MEMBER PURCHASES MONICA'S EUROPEAN DELI IN PALATINE!

Congratulations to CS Brother **Darek & Sabina Kozlowski** on the purchase and grand opening of their new business – Monica's European Deli – Gourmet Polish Style Food and a full service deli. Monica's European Deli was family owned and operated since 2001, offering only the finest Polish food in the Palatine area. Brother Darek plans to continue the tradition of operating it as a family business with his wife and their sons. Monica's European Deli offers a large variety of cold cuts, Polish sausages, and cheeses – stop by his meats department and try the fresh Polish sausage! Try the delicious breads, rolls, cakes, paczki, kolaczki, krullers, sweet rolls, poppy seed rolls, and other Polish sweets. Leave the cooking to us! All of our pierogi, soups, salads, and homemade foods are made daily on the spot! Everything from blintzes, cabbage rolls, potato pancakes, cooked sauerkraut and much more! Monica's European Deli prepares gigantic sandwiches made to your liking! Monica's European Deli caters all parties from weddings, christenings, birthdays, office and holiday parties – no catering order is too big or small! Monica's European Deli is located at 309 East Northwest Highway in Palatine, IL, Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Please call 847-934-7469 for information or catering orders. The CS Board & Membership is very proud of Brother Darek & Sabina Kozlowski's commitment, dedication, and hard work translating their goal into reality. We encourage all Chicago Society members, family, friends, and colleagues to visit and promote Brother Darek's & Monica's European Deli!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



- 2 Richard Ciesla
- John Cieslik
- 2 Victor Kay
- 6 Richard Kula
- 7 Richard Jadczyk
- 8 John Pikarski
- 10 Adam Grabowski
- 15 Stanley Sawa
- 20 walter Skonieczny
- 22 Dariusz Kozlowski
- 25 Martin Obrecki
- 26 Mark Orwat

REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DONALD TRUMP VISITS PNA HOME OFFICE!

On Wednesday, September 28, 2016, Republican Presidential candidate Donald J. Trump met with representatives of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) and the Polish American Congress (PAC) as well as other leaders of the Polish American community at the office of the Polish National Alliance in Chicago. The meeting was organized by PNA & PAC President Brother Frank Spula, who along with PNA National Secretary Brother Charles A. Komosa, welcomed and greeted Republican Presidential Candidate Donald Trump and former New



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York Mayor Rudy Giuliani to the Polish National Alliance headquarters. Brother Frank Spula addressed issues of importance to Polish Americans and Poland; specifically the critical need for a strong NATO, of which the Republic of Poland has been a member since 1999, as well as Poland's inclusion into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program. Mr. Trump expressed strong support for both issues; including the support of a missile defense system which's elements have been located in Poland. Mr. Trump said, "I am all for NATO and in a Trump Administration,

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother **Joseph N. Bauerle**, who is celebrating the 35th Anniversary of his induction into the Chicago Society, and Brother Edmund Boduch and Brother William Sufranski, both celebrating the 15th Anniversary of their induction into the Chicago Society.

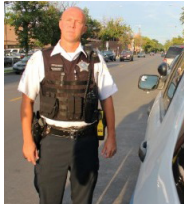
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Sergeant Bryan Topczewski, who was leaving another homicide scene, heard the call -- "child's been shot" -- and raced toward their house. This was at least the fourth shooting that day, Topczewski said. The sergeant arrived to find a chaotic scene. People were crying and screaming. The 10 year olds family surrounded his small body. "I approached and asked, 'Where is he shot?' There were no blood stains soaking through the clothes. I looked at his face and could see blood coming out of his nose," Topczewski said. Topczewski knew from his training there could be internal bleeding. He asked the boy's mother to look for bullet wounds while he ran to his squad car for his medical trauma pack used a trauma pack to save the 10 year old boy. "I ripped the pack open, took out a compression bandage, and I found a wound in his back next to his spine," Topczewski said. "So I just put direct pressure on it." The boy, who loved playing video games and basketball, was fighting for his life with a bullet lodged inside his body. Medics rushed him to the hospital that night, where he underwent several surgeries. Topczewski stopped by to see him and the sight of the boy with tubes going into his body badly disturbed the 20-year Chicago Police Department veteran. "I'm a parent. You don't like to see kids hurt no matter what happens," Topczewski said. "They're the true victims of what goes on here." Bryan is the son of CS Brother and proud father Ronald 'Topper' Topczewski, a retired 30 year Chicago Policeman.



The Polish National Alliance (PNA) organized a sold-out two-day luxury bus trip to the Quad Cities On September 20 & 21, 2016. The fifty seven guests including Brother Richard & Maria Ciesla, Brother Jan & Basia Plachta, Brother Ro Matuszczak and daughter Renee Robinson, Brother Frank & Beverly Gondela, Brother Jon T. Osada & Geraldine Balut Coleman, and Brother Charles Komosa First stop was the Laven-



der Crest Winery in Colona, Illinois, where they enjoyed a winery tour, wine tasting, and luncheon. The group then travelled to the studio of Isabelle Bloom Handmade Sculptures in East Davenport. Iowa for an oral and visual presentation of the entire sculpture process from beginning to the end by her artisans. The guests then arrived to the Isle of Capri Hotel and Casino, situated on the Mississippi River in Bettendorf, Iowa for a free evening and to enjoy the scrumptious buffet and hot casino action. The guests departed the hotel in the morning after an outstanding breakfast buffet and the luxury bus motored down to the Mississippi where they boarded the wheel paddle riverboat Celebration Belle, feasting on a buffet luncheon and listening to the tunes to a live 5 piece Big Band. A special thanks to PNA Fraternal Coordinator Mary Srodon for planning the outstanding excursion!

Tick-Tock! Fast forward the Chicago Society Membership Clock! Last month in September Brother Romuald "Ro" Matuszczak celebrated his 60th anniversary as a member of Chicago Society, PNA since being inducted in September of 1956! Brother Peter "Piotr" Dykas, CS Director of Personnel presented Brother Ro with a new membership bar FOR HIS Chicago Society lapel pin for him to wear.

FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC AUGUST 21, 2016

The Chicago Society picnic was "Huge" success. We enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon with children playing volleyball, soccer, fun, games and the raffle. It was a beautiful day to enjoy Grylowy Kielbasa, hamburgers, hotdogs, and a great time. Picnic Chairman Brother **Robert Groszek** arranged for food for all with donations from brother **Adam Knopka** from Dowd and Dowd, brother **William Wojcik** of Laramie Bakery, **Stanley O. Stawski** donated the libations, and many brothers that provided raffle prizes, including. Brother Groszek thanks all the assistance with the picnic, especially from his wife Jennifer. Brother Groszek is proud to report that the entire picnic cost the society approximately \$200.00 after expenses.

CHICAGO SOCIETY FOUNDATION'S 4TH QUARTER MEETING

The Chicago Society Foundation Board of Directors will meet on October 24, 2016, to discuss grant requests submitted during the past quarter at Colletti's Restaurant in Chicago.

TRUMP VISITS PNA HOME OFFICE

we will have a friendly and strong partnership with Poland and Polish Americans." Although unfamiliar with the issue of inclusion of Poland into the U.S. Visa Waiver Program, Trump expressed concern that Poland is not a member of the Program. Trump said, "I promise that within weeks of my Administration being sworn into office, I will see to the approval of Poland in the Visa Waiver Program." After the private boardroom



meeting, the Republican Presidential Candidate had a meet in greet in the PNA Cafeteria with about 200 guests, among them Brother Ro Matuszczak, who met, took a picture, and was thanked by Donald Trump for being a WW II United States Marine Veteran (Staff Sergeant), Brother Joseph Drobot, President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, and Brother Rom Poplawski, President of the Illinois Division of the Polish American Congress, who attended both the private and general meetings, and Brother Donald Versen. NOTE: THE PNA/PAC also extended the same invitation for a roundtable discussion with Polish American leaders to discuss important issues to Democratic Presidential Candidate Hillary Clinton. As of 10/7/16 her campaign has not responded to the request.

SPEAKER AT AUGUST GENERAL MEETING



Our speaker at the August General meeting was Jan Lorys, historian of the Polish Museum of America, pictured here with President Ted Makarewicz and Civic Vice president Robert Groszek.

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