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6:00 P.M.

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LABOR DAY – CHICAGO STORY (SOURCE WIKIPEDIA)

The Pullman Strike was a nationwide conflict between labor unions and railroads that occurred in the United States in 1894. The conflict began in the town of Pullman, Illinois on May 11 when approximately 3,000 employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company began a wildcat



strike in response to recent reductions in wages, bringing traffic west of Chicago to a halt. The American Railway Union, the nation's first industry-wide union, led by Eugene V. Debs, subsequently became embroiled in what The New York Times described as "a struggle between the greatest and most important labor organization and the entire railroad capital" that involved some 250,000 workers in 27 states at its peak.

The strike was broken up by United States Marshals and some 12,000 United States Army troops, commanded by Nelson Miles, sent in by President Grover Cleveland on the premise that the strike interfered with the delivery of U.S. Mail, violated the Sherman Antitrust Act and represented a threat to public safety. The arrival of the military and subsequent deaths of workers led to further outbreaks of violence. During the course of the strike, 13 strikers were killed and 57 were wounded. An estimated 6,000 rail workers did \$340,000 worth of property damage (about \$8,818,000 in 2010 dollars).

Following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland reconciled with the labor movement. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.



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**OUR BUSINESS EXPO
IS SEPTEMBER 21, 2011**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Gentlemen,

Well, it looks like we have a slight reprieve in the weather. Summer has come to an end, and we are approaching the fall season. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and vacations; for those taking fall vacations, enjoy. We now get ready for fall activities like football, last minute fishing and admiring the changing colors of the leaves. Let us all enjoy the season.

I would like to thank Brother Bivins and Kopka for another outstanding picnic. The food was outstanding, the drinks were plentiful, and the preparation was phenomenal. I particularly enjoyed the homemade sausage created by Mrs. Bivins, and I appreciated all of the work from the Bivins' children. In all, it was a great day. The weather was ideal. Everyone in attendance, without a doubt, enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Brother Matuszczak and his charming wife Chris for running the raffle and arranging for and distributing the ice cream. Thanks to my wife, Darlene, for preparing the gifts and prizes and supervising the games for the children. Thanks to Luke for the wonderful music chosen with such complete care. And, special thanks all who attended.

The Taste of Polonia was as great as ever, and I truly appreciate all of our members who volunteered for the beer tent to make it a success and demonstrate our unity and caring as brothers. Thanks also to all who helped Brothers Cwiakala and Matuszczak at the Texas Hold'em fund raiser; because of their involvement we experienced another success. Finally, thanks to brother Wiecek for excellent job in designing our brochure. The Chicago Society's mission and goals will definitely be well understood by the public.

I hope to see many members and prospective members at our September meeting which will feature our Member Business Expo. You may be well surprised by the enterprises offered.

Once again please feel free to mention any activities you would like to see The Chicago Society participate in. Thanks to Brother Powell for approaching me with a suggestion. Maybe you belong to other organizations as well and like to co-sponsor an event. Remember, this is your club so let's all try to make it the best in the city and state. We are the Chicago Society.

Fraternally yours,
Frank Czaja

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Our big event in the month of September is the 2011 Business Expo. We have been preparing for it for a few months now and there are a lot of people involved in making it a success. We are not a business organization, but many of the members are active professionally and we have plenty of business owners as well. Undoubtedly whether you decide to do business with someone or not depends on the level of trust you have towards the other party. To build trust, you need to learn first about the products and/or services that are being offered, and get to know the person that offers them. I hope we will all come with that mindset to the September meeting. It is also a great networking opportunity. Those who follow my professional activities know me as a big supporter of local networking. Networking is not about sales, it is about building strategic relationships and connections. It is about putting people together. Sales come later, after trust is established.

Last time I heard we will have about 20 businesses exhibiting at the September meeting. If you were thinking about bringing a guest to one of the meetings, this would probably be the best opportunity to do so and showcase what we represent and how accomplished we are. There is a lot to be proud of. Polish doctors, lawyers, construction expert and a lot of other professions have a very strong reputation among the local community.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meeting and learning more about what superb businesses we have among our brother members.



Norbert Barszczewski at the
Tall Ships Festival in Chicago

Fraternally,
Norbert Barszczewski

AROUND THE SOCIETY

“Busy Bob” **Robert Frank Mance**, a long time member of the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors, is now “Instructor Certified” in all “Civilian” NRA courses. In June, with the Chicago Police Marines, he completed Pistol and Shotgun training at the Impact Training Center near Mount Carroll, Illinois (the old Blackwater facility). Earlier in the year he completed both the John E. Reid Interrogation Technique Course and Advanced Interrogation Course.

(Editor’s note: This note did not reach me until September 6, thus I apologize for not including it in earlier issues of the Forum. Also my apologies to Brother **Walter Bialka** for not including his note about their granddaughter’s wedding from March. I did not get it until September 6 either.)

The Polish American Congress Illinois Division will host its 42nd Annual Polish American Heritage Awards Banquet on Sunday, October 16, 2011 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois (3 PM Cocktails • 4 PM Dinner Business Attire). Reservations

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(\$100 per person) need to be made by October 1. For additional information please call 773-631-3300. The 2011 Honorees are:

Maria Ciesla President of The Polish Museum of America - *Polish American Heritage Award*

Louis Koncza, Civil Engineer - *Life Time Achievement Award*

Adam Andrzejewski, Illinois Advocate, *Professional/ Business Award*

Agnes Ptasznik, Polonia Volunteer - *Young Professional Award*

Chester A Lizak, Attorney - *President's Award*, a Chicago Society member.

Battle of Warsaw 1920 (pol. Bitwa Warszawska 1920) is a Polish historical film directed by Jerzy Hoffman depicting the events of the Battle of Warsaw (1920) of the Polish-Soviet War. It is set for release on September 26 2011. It was filmed in 3D using the Fusion Camera System and is one of the most expensive movies in the history of cinema in Poland. It had a 9 million dollars budget.



Brothers **Norbert Barszczewski, Nicholas Innocenzi, Darek Kozlowski** and **Stuart Sawa** (pictured) were present at the Chicago Business Club Networking Mixer at the RAM Restaurant in Wheeling on August 24. Congratulations to Brother Kozlowski for winning one of the raffle prizes!

Paul C. Odrobina, Vice President of the Polish National Alliance (PNA) welcomes back all to the PNA North Side Seniors for our monthly meeting that will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will take place at the PNA Home Office Cafeteria, 6100 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago, Illinois. Doors will open about 9:15 a.m. A speaker will briefly speak to the attendees. Topics that will be discussed: Events and speakers for the next few months and plans for the annual Christmas Luncheon in

December. All seniors ages 55 and over (members and non-members) are encouraged to join us for a morning of fun and fraternalism. Refreshments will be served. For additional information about the PNA Seniors Group and their activities, please call the PNA (773) 286-0500 ext. 316, or visit the PNA website at www.pna-znp.org and click on “EVENTS”.

The II Pangea Polska Conference “Transfers of Success 2011 - Entrepreneurship without borders” will be held on October 7-8, 2011, in Warsaw. The conference will be held on October 7, 2011, in the Sejm RP, and on October 8, 2011, at the Warsaw Stock Exchange. Partners of this event are: Pangea Alliance, Polish Information and Foreign Investment Agency and Employers of Poland. The leading topics of the conference are: innovation, entrepreneurship, investment and social economy. The conference program provides lectures, panels discussions and workshops. Honorary patronage: Marshal of the Sejm RP, Ministry of Economy. Media

patronage: Polish Press Agency. Please contact Brother **Norbert Barszczewski** if you would like to learn more about this event. Online registration is required and available at <http://pangeapolska.org/registration/>

Congressman Mike Quigley is working with Alderman John Arena (45th Ward) to present the Northwest Enterprise Fair on Monday, September 19, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at

the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence Avenue. The fair is intended to help small businesses by bringing together resources from various levels of government. Representatives from Congressman’s office, Alderman Arena’s office, City and State agencies, small business counselors, and community banks will be on hand to answer questions and offer useful services to help businesses in the 5th District. In addition, there will be two panel discussions addressing how to access and use government resources to help your business and finding available funding. The fair is free and open to the public, however if you would like to attend the panel discussions please RSVP to john.riordan@cityofchicago.org by September 15, 2011. More information available at (773) 267-5926.

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AROUND (Continued from page 3)

Brother **Kenneth Gill**, scholarship chair wishes to remind all members that the deadline for scholarship applications is October 3, 2011. Please send applications with essay to Kenneth Gill, 556 Garland Court, Lake Zurich, IL 60047.

The Council of Educators in Polonia in association with Northeastern University will hold its 14th Annual Polish Heritage Celebration on Friday, October 21, 2011 at Northeastern University Alumni Hall located at 5500 North St. Louis in Chicago at 6 PM. Program will include entertainment and refreshments. For more information please call 773-442-4205 or contact Brother **Kenneth Gill**, who is the secretary of the organization.

The Westmoreland Rebekah Lodge 607 will hold its annual Card and Bunco Party on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at the Polish National Alliance Building located at 6100 N. Cicero in Chicago. Doors will open at 6 PM. For more information please contact Brother **Kenneth Gill** at 773-852-6757.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Yesterday's mail [8/17/2011] brought the Chicago Society State of Illinois 2011 'Charitable Games License' for September 7, October 12, October 27 and November 30. Now, let's assure that we have a sufficient number of 'Casino Days' volunteers!

Please contact Brother Chuck Cwiakala for details and to offer your help.

POLISH TRIVIA

Name the Chicago public schools which are named after Poles.

The question was submitted by Brother Ted Wiecek. 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 answer to the August Polish Trivia is: Monika Chabrowski. As a reminder the question was: In the 1993 version of the film *The Fugitive*, Dr. Kimble rents a room from a Polish landlady. What is the name of the local Polish woman who played the landlady?

The winner is Brother Marian Skawski who was the first to provide the correct answer. Congratulations!

ANNUAL CHICAGO SOCIETY PICNIC

On Sunday, August 21, 2011, the Chicago Society held its annual picnic. Weather was beautiful!

There were about ninety persons attending which included about twenty-eight children. President Frank Czaja and his wife, Darlene, had games and gifts for the children. A special treat was ice cream that was available for the children.

There was ample food and refreshments. The chairman, Richard Bivins, and his co-chair, Jim Kopka, again did a great job in obtaining the food and refreshments. They also were the "cookers" barbecuing chicken, brats and hot dogs. They really put in the effort to make sure everything was properly prepared. Richard's two sons, Joseph and Richard, Jr., assisted their dad. There was music by Lukasz Ptak (KBE Elements) who donated his time to the Chicago Society.

Special thanks to Brother Member William Wojcik, owner of Laramie Bakery and Deli, who donated dessert, soda and bread. He also was kind enough to donate food at last year's picnic. His store is located at 3218 N. Harlem Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He makes his own meats besides having his bakery and caters for various events.

As in the past, there was a raffle run by Brother Member Ro Matuszczak and his wife Chris. Thanks go out to the following members who were present at the picnic and donated prizes. They were: Ken Gill, Stan and Mary Sawa, Chairman Richard Bivins, Lottie Pilarski, Alina Tondryk, Frank and Beverly Gondela, Walter Piecewicz, Richard and Dolores Jakubczak, Richard and Cecylia Jadczyk, Pete and Mary Piotrowski and Ro and Chris Matuszczak.

All in all everyone had a good time including the children present!

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2012 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTION

The Nominating committee, for the Chicago Society of the PNA's 2011 election of 2012 officers and directors, has been chosen and approved. The Nominating committee is as follows: chairman Stanley Jendzejec, Andrew Batorski, John Cieslak, Joe Hercik, Mark Koszubski, alternate Tom Pawelko.

If anyone is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director at large, please contact Chairman Stanley Jendzejec or another member of nominating committee to find out the procedure and qualifications. You must contact them as soon as possible because they will announce the slate at the October meeting.

CHICAGO SOCIETY MEMBERS WIN PNA OFFICES

Members of the Chicago Society were very active at the PNA Convention held mid-August in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Winning reelection as national officers were Frank Spula as President, Paul Odrobina as Vice President and Charles Komosa as Secretary. In fact, Brother Komosa, former Chicago Society President, was the leading vote-getter.

Brother Joseph Hercik was successful in his run for Commissioner and his wife, Irene Hercik, became a PNA Director.

WORLD WAR II REMEMBRANCE

Two dates on the calendar of every Polish family should always be of special significance. September 1, the anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Poland that started the Second World War in Europe, and September 17, the anniversary of the Soviet invasion of Poland, that was an effect of a secret plot between Hitler and Stalin to wipe out Poland from the map of Europe. A few members of our society are proud veterans of the military units that fought during that war. We, your brother members of the Chicago Society, remember and honor greatly your sacrifices and service. Thank you!

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR MEETING RESERVATION?

MEMBER OF THE MONTH – JOHN CIESLIK

As I write this article about myself, I am thinking what this finished article will be like or how this story will end. I will say I am 57 years old, married to my bride Jean for 31 years, and my only daughter Lauren is married to Dr. Alexander Tzanos which happened in May this year!

For those who have known me when I was a youngster back in the 60's, you will recall I was working the cloakroom of the old Chicago Society at 2222 N. Kedzie Blvd. on weekends when there were parties. I can still recall the smoked filled card room on the second floor, the meeting hall, the library and the Polynesian room in the basement. The card room was a great place for playing gin and poker with your brother members. I can see Art Ford, Dr. Kalin, and of course my father, Mel Cieslik playing cards till midnight and then going downstairs to have a cocktail served by Walter Bobowski. Oh those were the days of old but filled with many fond memories. I was always happy to go there because I could see how much fun my dad and his friends were having. I guess as long as my dad was happy that also made me happy.

I was a graduate of St. Cornelius School on Chicago's northwest side, then on to Notre Dame High School in Niles. Class of 72'. I then went to Wright College studied Business and finished at Northeastern Illinois in 76' with a Bachelors in Political Science. While going to high school and college I also helped my dad at his clothing store (Mel's Men's Shop) located at Milwaukee and Lawrence.

When I finished college, I honestly had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I thought real estate might be something that I would enjoy so I went after my salesmans license and a year later my brokers license. In 82' opened Horizon Realty with my cousin

Richard Kolakowski and Dan Belloc. Back in the early 80's real estate was a challenging business due to interest rates of 16% on home mortgages so the business didn't survive the hard economic times. Almost like *déjà vu* today.

Fortunately for me I was able to land a position at the Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Community Affairs in 85' during the Jim Thompson years as Governor. Really enjoyed working for state government and met many good hard working people in Springfield, Chicago and all over Illinois. One particular person was Judy Baar Topinka who at the time was a state senator. More on this later. I stayed with the Dept. of Commerce until 92' when I lost my job due to the budget being slashed causing massive government layoffs. Luckily once again, I was able to find employment at Columbia National Bank in Chicago where I was mentored by my cousin Richie and bank president Don Versen. As I can honestly say, Don Versen was the epitome of what a business development banker is all about. Don in my eyes was the best in the business and I can't say enough good things about "The Donald". I learned a lot from him.....

I was only at Columbia for a couple years when I received a call one day with another offer. This was a call from Judy Baar Topinka asking me to join the Illinois State Treasurers' Office which I said yes to. I knew at that time Columbia was being looked at for acquisition by another bank so the timing was right to move onward. Judy was elected as Illinois State Treasurer in November 94' and was sworn into office in January 1995. I started at that time and remained in the State Treasurers' Office for 12 years as a director in the Topinka administration. Had the pleasure of working with Charles Komosa on a daily basis which leaves me with more good memories. Unfortunately loosing the governorship to Rod Blagojevich, I found myself polishing up the resume once again. Fortunately, the grass didn't grow too long as I was once again back in banking. This time I was offered a position as Vice President of Pan American Bank. Pan American Bank is a Community Bank with two locations in Chicago, one in Bellwood and our most recent opening in Melrose Park. Last year we were ranking #13 of the Top 100 Banks in the Chicagoland area in Crain's Magazine based on return on assets. I am humbled that many of my brother members of the Chicago Society are also my customers. I thank you for that privilege.

In closing, while writing this article on myself I realize how very fortunate I am. Being around good people all my life has been a true blessing from above. Credit of course must go out to my mother Amelia and of course by departed father Mel who kept me in line when I was younger. Or as Chuck Cwiakala would call him, "Uncle Mel".

I can't really end this article, because the final chapters haven't been written yet. I will however say in closing, thank you to all of my family members, friends and brother members for being influential in my life. I am a better person because of you.

SAVE THE DATES

Save October 28, 2011 to join us for the Polish Beer Tasting Fest at the Copernicus Foundation. Come out and taste your favorite Polish beers for \$15.00. From 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Bring your friends and family. The Chicago Society is co-sponsoring the first Polish beer tasting in Chicago. This is a fundraiser for us as well as a way to help us let everyone know who we are as a group. We need 8 members to volunteer from 6:30 PM to 10:30 PM. If you are willing and able to help, contact Brother Don Gutowski. Help us continue to sponsor the picnic, deserving children's Christmas and other activities free of charge, or lower cost by helping with this and other fundraisers.

Save November 10, 2011 to join us for Night at the Races. This will be at Maywood Park. Cost is \$23.00 and it can be paid online on our web site through Paypal. This includes Buffet served in the Winners Circle dining room. Doors open at 6:00 PM, buffet served from 6:30 to 9:00. Also included is free valet parking. Plan to bring your family and friends. Contact Brother Fred Koziol (773 297-7768) to make reservations and to purchase tickets.

Save January 21, 2012 for our Inaugural Ball. New place, new menu and new venue, as well as a lower costs, all to be announced soon. Plan to join your fellow members to start our 100 YEAR CELEBRATION.

INDUCTED TO MEMBERSHIP

The Chicago Society of the P.N.A. would like to wish the following gentleman, who was sworn in last month, a greeting of *Witamy!*

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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: Alexander Constantine Tzanos
860 N. DeWitt Pl, Apt. 1307
Chicago, IL 60611
312-217-5875

Occupation: Periodontist
Birth date: July 17, 1980
Birthplace: Evanston, Illinois
Education: University of Illinois (DDS),
University of Indiana (MSD)
Spouse: Lauren Cieslik

Sponsors: John Cieslik
and Frank Czaja

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*.

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|----------------------|------|
| Dariusz Budzikowski | 9/2 |
| Chester Klos | 9/3 |
| Edward Matuga | 9/3 |
| John Teschky | 9/10 |
| Richard Zabelski | 9/10 |
| Ronald Osiol | 9/11 |
| Marian Skawski | 9/15 |
| Warren Dulski | 9/18 |
| Andrew Batorski | 9/19 |
| Walter Zarnecki | 9/19 |
| Mark Kaszubski | 9/20 |
| James Lodesky | 9/22 |
| David Uting | 9/23 |
| Richard Gladiszewski | 9/24 |
| Kenneth Walczak | 9/25 |
| Dan Zolkowski | 9/25 |
| Wallace Ozog | 9/27 |
| Richard Wiermanski | 9/28 |
| Chester Lizak | 9/29 |
| Aloysius Mazewski | 9/29 |
| Andrew Pawlowski | 9/29 |

We would also like to wish Brother Ted Lipkowski Happy Birthday. His name was missed in the August Forum and Brother Lipkowski's special day was August 17.

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.

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|--------------------|------|----------|
| Romuald Matuszczak | 1956 | 55 years |
| Stefan Ginilewicz | 1966 | 45 years |
| Edmund Gronkiewicz | 1971 | 40 years |



FOUNDATION PRESENTS CHECK TO NEIU

The Chicago Society Foundation presented the second installment of a grant to North Eastern Illinois University (NEIU), \$5,000 of a \$10,000 total, in August, 2011.

Pictured in the photo below presenting the check to the university's president are (l. to. r.) Director Richard Ciesla, President Walter Piecewicz, Director Donald Gutowski and Director Frank Gondela.

The Foundation recognized the university for its many efforts on behalf of Polish culture and Polish American students. A Polish Heritage celebration scheduled at NEIU this October is another example.



Chicago Society volunteers at the 2011 Taste of Polonia were led by President Frank Czaja and Special Projects Director Fred Koziol.

“ART FOR HEART” TO BENEFIT GIFT FROM THE HEART AND POLISH MUSEUM

Art for Heart – A weekend of art to benefit The Polish Museum of America and Gift from the Heart Foundation, assisting children with disabilities since 1988: Fri – Sun, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Art lovers and kindhearted individuals are invited to view the latest works by renowned contemporary Polish artists and enjoy an evening of entertainment and culture while helping raise funds for European children with disabilities and supporting a world-renown museum during the “Art for Heart” exhibition, Friday, Sept. 30 through Sunday Oct. 2, 2011.

Gift from the Heart Foundation (Dar Serca) and The Polish Museum of America have united to organize a fundraising weekend of art to present the works of several innovative and distinguished Chicago-area Polish artists, ranging from painters to sculptors to photographers. All artwork will be available for sale. Come meet the artists and enjoy a night of music and appetizers, including a cash bar, at the Opening Night Reception on Friday, Sept. 30 from 7-11 p.m. at The Polish Museum of America, located at 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL. The museum will also be open Saturday from 12-7 p.m. and Sunday from 12-6 p.m. Each day promises a variety of art and music for guests from throughout the community. Admission is \$5 and additional funds will be raised from sales of art and a cash bar. Souvenir event books will also be available. All proceeds will jointly benefit Gift

from the Heart Foundation (Dar Serca) and The Polish Museum of America.

Gift from the Heart Foundation, or Dar Serca, is a non-profit 501 (c) organization that helps children with disabilities receive the medical treatment that they urgently need. The Foundation brings seriously ill and disabled children from European countries to the US and helps them receive high-quality medical care and treatments that are unattainable in their home countries.

Over the past 20 years, Gift from the Heart Foundation has helped several hundred children receive modern medical treatments from the highest-quality clinics in the United States.

The Polish Museum of America is one of the oldest and largest ethnic museums in the United States and offers visitors a range of exhibits, resources and activities related to Polish history, culture and heritage, as well as Polish-American history. Its all-inclusive exhibits and cultural events are both educational and entertaining while supporting the entire community.

Dar Serca/Gift From the Heart Foundation:

www.darserca.org

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WE REMEMBER 9/11

As we are rolling this issue of the FORUM to press, the entire country pauses for a few moments to remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001. God bless all those who were killed on that day and all those who sacrificed their lives so that others could live.

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