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NETWORKING & DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 21, 2015

6:00 P.M.

While Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by October 19 to
meeting@chicagosocietypna.org
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NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, November 2, 7:00 P.M.
PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

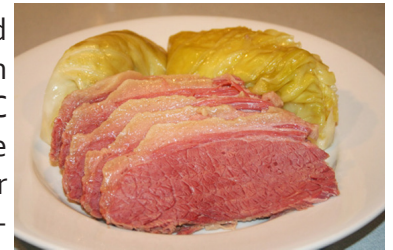
Thursday, October 29, 2015—
CS Annual Corned Beef &
Cabbage Dinner
AAC Eagles Club 5844 Milwaukee,
Chicago

Tuesday, November 3, 2015—
Texas Hold-Em Casino
White Eagle Banquets

November 14, 2015—
PAA Annual Gala honoring
CS & CS Foundation
JW Marriott/Downtown Chicago

2015 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The Chicago Society Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015, 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!



The very low priced ticket of \$35 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 for dessert and coffee. 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. We expect many candidates seeking elective office to attend. Please make your reservations early because tickets will not be sold at the door.

PAA ANNUAL GALA AND BENEFIT AUCTION

CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY, BUILDING OUR FUTURE



Join the PAA Board on November 14, 2015, for a night of elegant dining and dancing at the JW Marriott in downtown Chicago, with music by the Larry Eckering Orchestra. Be part of an organization and event that will touch thousands of lives in the next year. It's a great way to give back and enjoy yourself in the process.

The PAA is honoring the Chicago Society Foundation and the Chicago Society for their many years of assistance in the past and present, and Brother Tom Startek, owner of Startek Glass for his generosity, as their 2015 Award Recipients.

Tickets are \$250 per person and sponsorships are also available. To become a sponsor, reserve VIP tickets or table reservations, e-mail galaz2015@polish.org. Space is limited. Requests are taken on a first-come first-served basis.



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DID YOU MAKE YOUR
MEETING RESERVATION?

Dear Brothers,

It's hard to believe that it's almost been a year since I became president of the Society. There is just so much to do and so little time left before we start the New Year. Our calendar has been full of activities but the best is still to come. Of course we have our traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner on October 29, 2015 chaired by Brother Komosa. We are expecting a sellout crowd with a lot of judicial candidates and our local elected officials. So I encourage you all to reserve early because there will be no tickets sold at the door.

But the main event remaining on our calendar will be the Polish American Association's Annual Gala to be held on November 14, 2015 at the downtown JW Marriot, honoring the Chicago Society and the Chicago Society Foundation. It was the Chicago Society of the P.N.A. back in 1922 that took the leadership role in addressing the social problems of the day and created the Polish Welfare Association to address those issues. We have a lot to be proud of, so I am encouraging all of our brothers to attend the dinner. I know it's a high priced ticket, but the monies are going for a worthy cause. Brother Groszek has pledged to put together a table as well as myself. I will be making phone calls in the upcoming weeks leading to the Gala to seek your support. The members of the Chicago Society were the doers and shakers in Polonia at the time. We still are! We lead by example, so let's have a good showing of our support for such a worthy cause.

The other issue I would like to discuss is the revision of the Constitution and By-laws. The Constitution and By-law committee had met over the past two months and took a hard look in streamlining our governmental structure. The committee was chaired by our late brother T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert who was in favor of modernizing the Constitution and By-laws especially in light of our aging and declining membership. Also, our membership committee recently met to act upon the study that was conducted a few years ago to increase our membership. Nothing happens overnight. My point is that it takes more than a year to try and implement changes to make our Society more meaningful in this day and age. The officers and directors of the Chicago Society are totally committed in making the necessary changes needed to move the Society for-



Dear Brothers,

Please try to attend or invite family and friends to the Chicago Society Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on Thursday, October 29, 2015. Please see the article in this Forum with all the details. October is Polish American Heritage month and many great events occur in Polonia to attend and enjoy.

Fraternally,

Brother Charley Komosa,
Editor



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING, SPEAKER AND OKTOBERFEST DINNER MEETING



Brother **Robert Groszek**, Civic Vice President, has arranged for Brother **Dan Patlak**, Commissioner of Cook County Board of Review, to be our guest speaker at the October General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015, at the White Eagle. Dan will speak about the Cook County Board of Review as it relates to the Cook County Assessor's Office and what it does for property taxes.

After graduating from Valparaiso University with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration, Brother Dan began his professional career as a real estate broker in the near north suburbs of Chicago in 1986 and continued in that capacity until 1995. He is a Graduate of the Real Estate Institute (GRI) and has been a member of the National and Illinois Realtors Associations for more than 25 years. As a volunteer coordinator for Citizens Against Government Waste from 1992 to 1994, Dan organized "Taxpayer Action Day Rallies" in successive years at the Kuczynski Federal Building and the Daley Plaza to draw attention to wasteful government spending. He also testified before the Cook County Board in 1992 in opposition to the original \$.75 county sales tax.

Dan was employed at the Cook County Board of Review from January 1999 to December 2006. He served as a property assessment appeal analyst for Commissioner Maureen Murphy specializing in residential, commercial apartment and exempt properties. In addition, Dan represented the Board of Review at over 500 Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) oral hearings. Maureen Murphy's office conducted over 300 Property Assessment Appeal Seminars during her eight years in office. Dan served as her surrogate speaker at more than 60 of those seminars. Dan also served as Murphy's Public Information Officer fielding media inquiries, writing letters to the editor, arranging press conferences, scheduling public appearances and helping write the Board's Annual Report. After completing advanced courses in property appraisal required to become a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer, Dan was elected Assessor of Wheeling Township in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. He is a member of the International Association of Assessing Officers. Dan also was an elected Board Member of East Maine School District #63 in the mid-90's. Dan is a member of the National Taxpayers Union.

Dan was sworn in to a two year term as a Commissioner of the Cook County Board of Review on December 6, 2010. Dan's defeat of the incumbent commissioner was the first time a Republican defeated a sitting Cook County level Democrat in 15 years. He was re-elected in 2012 and will run for election again in 2016. Dan is fulfilling his pledge to work as the first ever full-time commissioner of the Board. He is a Parishioner of St. Joseph the Worker Church and a 4th degree Knight of Columbus. Dan resides in the Village of Wheeling with his wife Dulce and thirteen year old son Teddy.

The October General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a featured speaker, but a delicious Oktober Fest German style dinner menu! Please call Brother Ro Matuszczak for reservations at 847-635-0883.

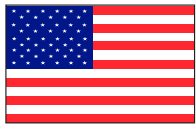


Through the 49 years of my violin playing, I have performed in many different ways in many different situations. I have had many interesting experiences in many different places, which has left me with many interesting stories, some, VERY INTERESTING. One service I have performed is Musical Messages'. Musical Messages is a service of which I am sent as a greeting to someone celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary Engagement, Retirement, Just for something special, etc., at a given place, restaurant, home, office, Bark, etc., and play a few songs. I had mentioned this service at the last Chicago Society Networking Meeting and found that members were not aware that I perform this service. I look forward to bringing a special message your way. From Brother Anthony Kawalkowski (Tony).

CASINO DAYS FOR 2015-2016 SCHEDULED!

Texas Hold 'em Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2015, Tuesday, January 12 & Wednesday, February 24, 2016. It will be held at Przybylo's House of the White Eagle. Volunteers are need for these events. You don't need to know how to deal, only how to smile. 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 Brother Chuck Cwiakala.

**WINTER DRESS CODE
(JACKET REQUIRED)
IN EFFECT BEGINNING WITH
OCTOBER MEETING**



Chicago Society PNA

cordially invites you to our

annual

Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner



6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner



Thursday, October 29, 2015

AAC Eagles Club

5844 Milwaukee Avenue

Chicago, Illinois 60646

The cost is only **\$35.00** per person and includes:

World Famous Harrington's Corned Beef

Open Bar

Executive Grand Raffle

All are invited!

Please call event chairmen

Charles Komosa at (773) 286-7123

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**2016 ELECTION OF OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS**

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society PNA's election of 2016 officers and directors is composed of the following brother members: Steve Rakowski, Chairman, Anthony P. Kawalkowski, Theodore Lipkowski, Mitchell Pasiewicz, Walter Pieciewicz; Matt Rodriguez, John Skaja, Jr. (Alternates). The Committee is recommending the following slate of officers and directors for 2016:

President Ted Makarewicz
 Executive Vice-President John Cieslik
 Civic Vice-President Robert P. Groszek
 Recording Secretary vacancy
 Financial Secretary Richard Jadczyk
 Treasurer Ted Wiecek
 Advocate Steve Rakowski
 Senior Director Mark Orwat
 Social Activities Director Mario Mikoda
 Club House Director Romuald "Ro" Matuszczak

Directors at Large:
 Charles "Chuck" Cwiakala
 Peter A. Dykas
 Charles A. Komosa
 Mark Pasiaka
 Andrew Zapalski

RULES OF ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee shall select at least one candidate for each election position who shall be required to sign an acceptance of nomination. At the October meeting, the chairman of the Nominating Committee will announce the slate of candidates that has been selected. Any member may run against a slated candidate for a particular office. The rules and procedures for doing such are stated in the Constitution, Article VII: Election of Officers and Directors. At the regular meeting in October the Nominating Committee shall accept for nomination such additional candidates for the respective offices as may be submitted by the petitions of ten or more members, provided however that the signed acceptance of each candidate is attached to each such petition. The adjournment of the meeting shall close the nominations in the absence of a motion for that purpose. Immediately thereafter, the nominating committee shall submit a list containing all of the names of the candidates to the Recording Secretary who shall cause the publicizing of such list to all members in good standing at least ten days prior to the date of the November election meeting. The President shall appoint five Judges of Election, if necessary, who shall prepare a ballot, have charge of the polls of election, canvass the votes and certify the results to the Recording Secretary. Only members in good standing shall be eligible to be elected, to sign petitions or to vote. No member admitted to membership in the Society within five days of election shall be eligible to vote at the election.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 2 Richard Ciesla
John Cieslik
Victor Kay
- 6 Richard Kula
- 7 Richard Jadczyk
- 8 John Pikarski
- 15 Stanley Sawa
- 20 Wojtek Skonieczny
- 22 Dariusz Kozlowski
- 26 Mark Orwat


**1ST ANNUAL CHICAGO SOCIETY
FISHING DERBY**

On September 20, 2015, early in the morning, thirteen of our heartiest Brothers braved balmy temperatures and dead-calm seas to participate in the inaugural Chicago Society Fishing Derby. We were blessed with very pleasant conditions. North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor, Illinois, located on the border of Illinois and Wisconsin was a long drive for some of our members, but it provided all the accommodations needed for our event. Salmon Unlimited Chairman, Captain Lou Champa, organized a flotilla of three boats to guide our members to respectable catches of salmon and trout (mostly trout). The fish ran big and Brother Chuck Cwiakala, son Brother Mark Cwiakala, daughter Tanya, and grandson, caught several fish over ten pounds, including a nice Chinook salmon. All those brothers who attended the outing, caught at least one fish and Brother Andrew Zapalski has a great fish story to tell about the one that got away! Due to the sunny day and calm winds, the fish were scattered and in the deep water. All boats fished several miles off shore and one went out to 200 feet to find fish. Despite the extra effort needed, all of our captains were very affable and enjoyed our company. After the fishing, everyone was treated to a BBQ lunch in the new Salmon Unlimited pavilion. Our illustrious President, Brother Ted Makarewicz supplied the food and refreshments and Brother Steve Rakowski manned the grill. Everyone ate their fill while exchanging fish stories with the waves breaking on the beach in the background. On behalf of Brother Ted, thank you to everyone who helped make this year's outing such a successful and memorable event. We hope you will join us again next year and bring a friend (or two).

Chairman, Brother Steve Rakowski
(photos from the Fishong Derby will be published in next month's Forum)

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother Robert **Nowaczyk**, who is celebrating his 15th anniversary.



HUBERT J. CIOROMSKI
President

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