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MONTHLY NETWORKING DINNER MEETING

WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 16, 2017

6:00 p.m.
White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS
by August 14 to
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NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, August 28, 2017
7:00 p.m.
PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 16, 2017—
Dinner Meeting & Speaker
White Eagle Banquets
Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 20, 2017—
Friends & Family Picnic
Busse Woods

Wednesday, September 20, 2017—
Dinner Meeting & Speaker
White Eagle Banquets
Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 2017 SPEAKER & DINNER MEETING - "ITALIAN NIGHT"

Our speaker for the August General Meeting will be Richard Owsiany, President of the Polish Museum of America. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017, at the White Eagle. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner meeting starting at 7:00. Mr. Owsiany will speak about the exhibit which the Museum is hosting of the paintings and photographs of Zdzisław Beksiński, a unique historical event. Although Zdzislaw Beksiński's works are in the private collections of Roman Polanski, Chip Joslin, Beata Tyszkiewicz, Jerzy Skolimowski, and Donald Sutherland, and are esteemed by the director Guillermo del Toro, their exhibition in the Polish Museum is the first time they are presented in the United States.



Since October 15, 2017, marks the 200th anniversary of the death of General Tadeusz Kościuszko (1746-1817). Mr. Owsiany will also speak about the Bicentennial exhibit honoring the military leader and engineer, who fought for independence, democracy, and equality, and is beloved in both America and Poland. In honor of his bicentennial, UNESCO declared 2017 as the Year of Kościuszko. As the PMA Archives holds an extensive collection of more than 90 original, handwritten and signed letters by Kościuszko, President Thomas Jefferson, American Revolution generals and other notables of the time, as well as broadsides, periodicals, and a wide assortment of lithograph portraits of the American and Polish hero – an exhibit featuring these items is scheduled for Fall 2017-Spring 2018.

Mr. Owsiany was born and raised in Chicago. He graduated from DePaul University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Management, and then attended Keller Graduate School of Management. He is a graduate of Ignacy Paderewski Polish Language School. He is currently employed by the Chicago Transit Authority in the Law Department, responsible for contract and labor relations. He worked for the Chicago City Council as Chief Legislative Analyst on the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations chaired by Ald. Roman Pucinski. He has been involved in Polonia activities since childhood. He is active in Związek Harcerstwa Polskiego pgk as an instructor-harc mistrz, and serves in a number of leadership roles at the local, national and international level.

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**The Picnic is Coming,
The Picnic is Coming!**

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Our president is currently communing with elks and moose, and consuming copious quantities of Labatt's beer, in our neighbor to the North. We are anticipating a full report upon his return, eh!

PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE



FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

The members of the Society recently approved changes to the Constitution of the Society. Certainly, the most significant of these changes was the Society's new Mission, which is: ***to share a leadership role in the improvement of life of Polonia institutions, groups, and individuals; promote public awareness, especially among youth, of Polish and Polonia history and culture; and support and nurture the business and civic endeavors of its members.*** In November, we will be electing new officers and directors, who will be charged with fulfilling this Mission. Perhaps the most important person on the new Board will be the Director of Outreach will be the Director of outreach, whose responsibilities will be to ***initiate, oversee, coordinate, and promote civic and cultural activities which uphold the mission of the Society with groups and individuals of the community, shall encourage and recruit membership, and shall promote the Society.*** It is crucial that we identify and elect an appropriate gentleman to this position so that we can fulfill our mission as approved by the members. So, please think about who from among your brother members could serve as an officer or director, or perhaps you would be interested yourself, and serve the Society as a Board members. The future success of the Society depends on all our members.

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MEETING SPEAKER

He is currently the Choreographer of the White and Red Ball. Member of the Polish National Alliance, Polish Roman Catholic Union of America and Polonus Philatelic Society. Elected in October 2014 as President of the Polish Museum of America. Vice President from 2008 thru 2014. Other organizations: Founded the DePaul University Polish Club and was its President for 3½ years; Chicago Intercollegiate Council—President for 5 years; Polish American Congress Illinois Division—Treasurer and Vice President; Polish American Foundation—Treasurer; Copernicus Foundation—member of the Board of Directors; Festival Polonaise—Festival Manager. Served on the Illinois State Bilingual Advisory Council and on the Board of Directors of the IPAC Credit Union. Mr. Owsiany was awarded the Silver Cross of Merit—Srebrny Krzyż Zasługi by the Polish Government in Exile.

The August General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a featured speaker, but a delicious dinner menu! The dinner menu will feature an 'Italian Night': an antipasto tray (a colorful offering of marinated vegetables, breads, natural deli meats, and small bites of seafood and rich cheeses). homemade cavatelli with red pepper sauce, Italian style meatballs, traditional Italian jambotta (a summer vegetable stew of southern Italy), an assorted Italian cookie tray for dessert, coffee, and or tea. Please contact Brother Chuck Cwiakala at meeting@chicagosocietypna.org or call 847- 823-8747 for reservations. Please note: Any guests at the meeting must be prospective new members and you must confirm the reservation with Brother Chuck. No exceptions! All members must be current in their dues to attend the meeting! At each general monthly meeting, we offer and split a 50/50 raffle for the members. Please consider asking your wife or accountant for a few extra dollars to purchase \$5.00 or more in raffle tickets.

**CHICAGO SOCIETY FOUNDATION
3RD QUARTER BOARD MEETING**

On, July 24, 2017 board members of the Chicago Society Foundation Brothers **Ro Matuszczak, Donald Gutowski, Richard Ciesla, Walter Piecewicz, Frank Gondela, Stan Sawa, Frank Czaja, Ted Makarewicz, Steve Rakowski, Charles Komosa, Mark Orwat** and Advocate **Robert Groszek** and Accountant CPA **Ron Olech** met at Coletti's Restaurant in Chicago and awarded the following grants: to the Polish Museum of America \$3,500.00 for the Kościuszko Bicentennial Exhibit, \$350.00 to the Polish Museum of America for the Zdzisław Beksiński Exhibit "A Tale Told by Shadows, and \$1,000.00 to the Family of St. Gerald parish to purchase the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Brother Mark Orwat also appointed Brothers Piecewicz, chairman, Makarewicz, Rakowski, Komosa and himself to the James Kulze Scholarship Committee to award two or possibly three \$7,500 scholarships during the 2017-8 academic year. Application with the rules and requirements will be published in an upcoming *Forum*.



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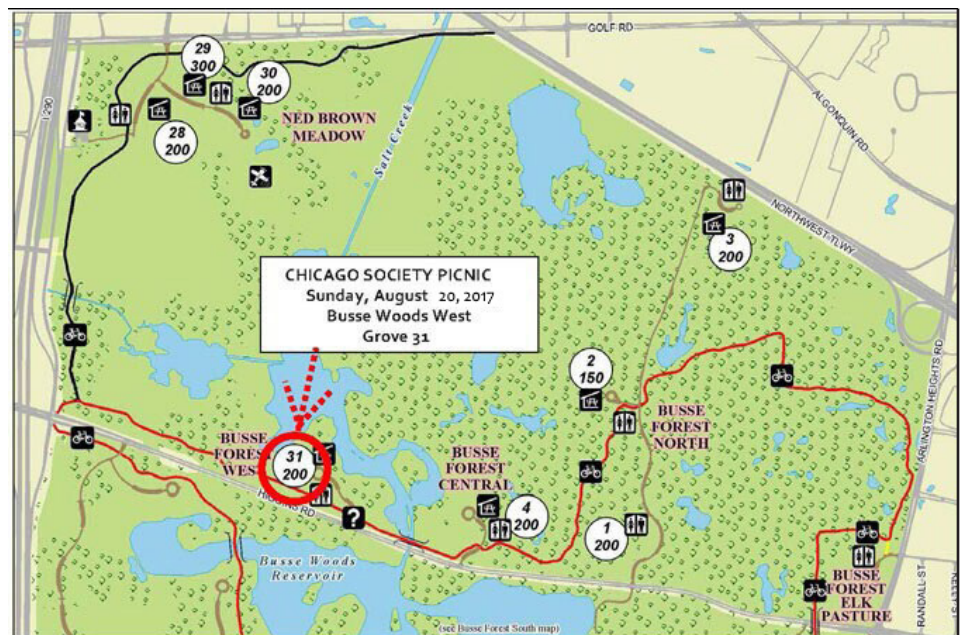
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FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC — FOOD, FOLKS, AND FUN!

Come to the Annual Chicago Society Family and Friends Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, August 20, 2017, rain or shine. Start time is 12:00 noon. The picnic will be held in the Busse Woods West Forest Preserve. Grove #31. Located on the north side of Higgins Road (Rte. 72), west of Arlington Heights Road. This is the same location as the last several years. The picnic is free for members, their families and friends. We will have brats, kiełbasa, hot dogs, burgers, watermelon, ice cream and more, along with various beverages—all under a covered pavilion. There is ample open space surrounding the pavilion, and everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets and pillows. There are rest room facilities at the site. Games and treats, for children. We are working on special treats for the ladies and gents. We are seeking volunteers to play a set or two of music on their favorite instrument. We are also asking for prizes for the famous Grand Raffle. Please bring your family friends for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, and your appetite. So that we are sure to have enough food, if you are coming to the picnic, or If you like to donate a prize for the raffle drawing or be a picnic sponsor contact Brother **Ro** at cmatco@gmail.com or 847-331-8007. Mark your calendar and plan on coming to the picnic for a pleasant afternoon!



**VOLUNTEER FOR THE TASTE OF POLONIA
SEPT. 1—4, 2017**

Since the Festival's inception, Chicago Society members have volunteered at the Taste of Polonia. Working at the Taste has been a tradition with the Society for many years. Members always have a good time. The members of the Chicago Society are once again asked to volunteer in two areas:



1) As in years past, the Chicago Society will man the bars on Sunday, Sept. 3 (note change from previous issue). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Brother **Mark Orwat** at marko123@att.net

2) We have also been asked to volunteer at Big Nick's Casino, chaired by Brother **Charlie Komosa**. Poker and Black Jack dealers are especially needed. The dates are September 2, 3, 4, If you are available and interested, please email Brother Charlie at charles.komosa@pna-znp.org,

PROPOSED FOR CHICAGO SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen have applied for membership in the Chicago Society of the PNA. If any member has an objection regarding the admission of either of these prospective members, he should contact the Personnel Director prior to the next general meeting. 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: Greg Sarwa
Address: 770 N LaSalle St, Ste. 602
Chicago, IL 60654
Phone: 847-347-7317
Occupation: Manager, Adam Travel Services

Birth date: Dec. 17, 1968
Birthplace: Poland
Education: AGH Kraków
Sponsors: Brothers Steve Rakowski, Peter Dykas

Name: Paul Stolarczuk
Address: 1330 N Dearborn St, Apt. 908
Chicago, IL 60610
Phone: 312-952-0001

Occupation: Accounting, ISMIE Mutual Insurance
Birth date: July 19, 1983
Birthplace: Poland
Education: Wabash College, Indiana Univ.
Sponsors: Brothers Ted Makarewicz, Kenneth Kogut

Name: Thomas E. Nowinski
Address: 610 Gunderson Ave.
Oak Park, IL 60304
Phone: 312-307-9769
Occupation: Attorney, Cook County Assessor's Office
Birth date: Dec. 18, 1979
Birthplace: Evergreen Pk, IL
Education: JD, Loyola Univ, Chicago
Sponsors: Brothers Ted Makarewicz, Chris Grzadziel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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



- 08 Andrew Zapaliski
John Skaja Jr.
- 08 William Marutzky
- 10 George Batowski
- 11 Anthony Zaskowski
- 14 Robert „Rocky“ Nowaczyk
- 17 Theodore Lipkowski
- 18 Ronald „Topper“ Topczewski
Marek Kowalczyk
Scott Cisek
- 20 Stanley Stawski
- 26 Stuart Sawa
- 28 Mark Kupiec
- 29 Mark Matker
- 30 Joseph Kuechel

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

The Chicago Society would like to congratulate Brother **Francis Gemballa** who is celebrating the 10th Anniversary of his induction into the Chicago Society, and Brother **Warren Dulski**, who is celebrating the 35th Anniversary of his induction in to the Chicago Society.

BY-LAWS, PRIVACY POLICY APPROVED

The Board of the Chicago Society recently approved changes to the Society's By-laws, including the addition of a Privacy Policy Statement, which is published below, and is effective immediately. The complete revised By-laws can be found on our website <http://chicagosocietypna.org/bylaws.html>.

Any and all personally identifiable information (“PII”) collected by the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance (“Society”), which may include but is not limited to e-mail addresses, will be used for the exclusive purpose of contacting and identifying members in order to further the Society's objectives. Permitted uses of collected PII include but are not limited to facilitating member communications, publishing a member directory, providing event or other notifications and distributing a newsletter. Any Society member wanting to limit the distribution or use of their PII should submit said request in writing to the board of directors (“Board”) clearly outlining the scope and reason for the requested limitation(s.). The Board will review any limitation requests and facilitate any approved limitations within three (3) months of receipt of said request. As a condition of membership, all Society members, both past and present, have agreed not to disseminate the PII of any members, past or present, collected by the Society, however obtained. No member shall disseminate any PII obtained or collected by the Society to any non-member without the written consent of the member whose PII is to be disseminated. Any member found by a majority vote of the Board to have disseminated or utilized PII collected by the Society in violation of this policy is subject to discipline to be determined by a majority vote of the Board.

2018 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society's election of 2018 officers and directors invites anyone who is interested in running for a position on the board, either as an officer or director, to contact the Chairman or another member of the nominating committee to find out the procedure and qualifications. The chairman and committee will be announced at the August General Meeting.

The new makeup of the elected Officers and Director of the Chicago Society, according to the Constitution as approved by the members to be effective Jan 1, 2018, is as follows: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate, Director of Social Activities, Director of Personnel, Director of Outreach, and Director of Publications. The responsibilities of each of these positions can be found in our Constitution on our website. <http://chicagosocietypna.org/constitution.html>

2017 CHICAGO SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

On Friday, July 14, 2017 over 75 golfers golfed on a outstanding sunny and perfect tempertured day at the Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont, Illinois to support the 2017 Chicago Society Scholarship Golf Outing. At registration **Brothers Frank Czaja, Stanley Jendzejec and Charles Komosa**, Golf Chairman gave the golfers plastic bags donated by **Brother Robert Rakowski** and the Polish Slavic Federal Credit Union filled with a snack, water, pens and a sleeve of golf balls donated by the Polish National Alliance. A special thanks to PNA employes **Mary Srodon and Mary Wieczorkiewicz** for making the tee signs and working the entire day and packing the bags, selling raffle tickets and 50/50 squares, setting up the raffle table, taking pictures and much much more. The golfers enjoyed a BBQ lucheon prior to the 1:30p.m. shotgun golf start. They continued the afternoon with 18 holes of golf with libations and snacks being served by barcart technicians **Marlena Mika and Michelle Muszynski** with the golf cart driving assistants golf co-chair **Brother Mark Orwat** (who arranged, hauled, stored, delivered and stocked the liquid refreshments on the carts for 18 holes) and **Brother Mario Mikoda**. All the golfers had the opportunity to participate in a longest drive contest and try their luck with an in **the radius betting hole managed all day by Brother Ronald "Topper" Topczewski**. After golf, the golfers went to the banquet room and enjoyed an open bar followed by as incredible buffet dinner of BBQ ribs and chicken. **Brother Komosa** then awarded the team low gross golf trophies to the foursome of **Joe Tokarczyk, Stan Galica, Lukas Halupka, Joe Basiorka** sponsored by the Polish Slavic Federal Credit Union, longest drive female **Iwona Filipiak**, low gross male individual **Brother Thomas Pawelko**, low gross female **Iwona Filipiak**, closest to the pin male, **Jacek Korczynski**, **Brother Ro Matuszczak** was suprised when **Brother Charles Komosa** presented him with the "2017 Most Distinguished Golfer Plaque" for his 61 years of Chicago Society membership. All the golfers and guests stood up to sing him "Sto Lat". **Brother Komosa** then gave 12-year-old **Michael Ziemba** the "Youngest Golf Player" Plaque. Following the awards **Brother Rakowski, Brother Orwat and Brother Komosa** ran the raffle giving out amazing raffle gifts of buckets of liquor, dinner certificates, spa treatment gift certificates, large gourmet Polish food basket from **DRM European Deli & Delicatessen**, an assorted tea basket, a dvd player, a de-skunk kit, visa gift cards and much much more. The awards banquet finally came to a close when **Brother Komosa** had two guests select the 50/50 square winners. The first winner of \$500.00 was **Stella Szczesny**, a PNA Fraternal Director from **Hamtramck, Michigan** and the second 50/50 square winner of \$355.00 was **Joseph Drobot**, President of the Polish Roman Catholic Union. **Mr. Drobot** donated \$100.00 to the CS Scholarship Fund. All the golfers and guests depatrtded for home after the extremely long and fun day! I would like to thank our event sponsors; **Avantus Capital Management** via **Linda Sauber**, **Montrose Deli** via **Iwona Filipiak**, **Chicago Association of Realtors** via **Brother Brian Bernardoni**, **FPG** via **Ken Stellon**, **Brother Robert Pietryka** Funeral Home, **Brother Steve Rakowski**, **Attorney At Law**, **Brother Adam Konopka**, **Attorney At Law**, **Dowd & Dowd**, **Raffle prize sponsors**; **Brother Stuart Sawa**, **Andy's Deli**, **Goose Island and Revolutionary Brewing Company**, via **Brother Mark Orwat**, **Laramie Bakery**, **Brother Bill Wojcik**, **Brother Ro Matuszczak**, **Ms. Anna Morzy**, **Goose Island & Revolution Brewery beer donation** via **Erin Brewery and Giordano's (Schaumburg)** gift certificates via **Michelle Muszynski**; **Tee Sign Sponsors**; **Brother Frank J. Spula**, **Polish National Alliance**; **Polish Slavic Federal Credit Union**, **District XII**, **PNA District XIII**, **PNA Council 120**, **Polish Museum of America** **Kasia's Deli**, **Chicago Metal**, **Startek Glass**, **Polish American Chamber of Commerce**, **Polish Roman Catholic Union**, **39th Ward Alderman**, **City of Chicago**, **Hon. Margaret Laurino**, **State Representative Hon. Michael McAuliffe**, **Hon. Dan Patlak**, **Cook County Board of Review**, **Illinois State Senator Hon. John Mulroe**, **Illinois State Senator Brother Hon. Robert Martwick**, **Hon. Joseph Berrios**, **Cook County Assessor**, **Gordon & Pikarski Law Offices**, **The Polish Center of Discovery and Learning in Chicopee, MA**, **Brothers Chuck & Mark Cwiakala**, **Brother Robert Groszek**, **Attorney At Law**, **Polish Fishing & Hunting Club**, **White**



Cut this out and tape it to your refrigerator

Sunday, August 21, 2017

Family & Friends Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 3, 2017

Fishing Outing (rescheduled)

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday, November 18, 2017

Hunting Outing

Saturday, December 16, 2017

Deserving Children's Christmas Party

General Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Eagle, System Forms Inc., Printing-John Rover, Medallion Wealth Management, Mr. Rick Pierchalski, Polish American Police Association, **Brother Ronald "Topper" Topczewski**, **Brother Martin Obrecki**, President, & **Brother Rocky Nowaczyk**, B & M Auto Collision, Copernicus Foundation, **Brother Mario Mikoda**, President, **Catherine Court Apartments**, **Tom's dentist**, **Shield Insurance Agency**, **Dunning Electric** via **Brother Bill Szufranski**, **Skaja Funeral Home**, **Brothers Jack Skaja & John Skaja**, **Brother Hubert Cioromski**, **Troy Companies, LLC**, **Hanson Law Group**, **River Grove Dental Association, LLC**, via **Brother Thomas Pawelko** and **Verify Investigations** via **Brother Tom Sieja**. The Polish National Alliance for donating the golf trophies and plaques, In closing, I absolutely want to thank the 2017 Scholarship Golf Outing Co-chairmen **Brothers Mark Orwat & Frank Czaja**, event volunteers **Brother Ronald "Topper" Topczewski**, **Brother Stanley Jendzejec**, **Brother Ted Wiecek**, **Mary Srodon** and **Mary Wieczorkiewicz** for their on site work and helping prepare all the tee signs with PNA employees Assistant National Secretary **Steve Biesiada**, **Robert Jadach** and **Violet Ziemba**! The 2018 Chicago Society Golf Outing is set for Friday, July 13, 2018 at Gleneagles Country Club. We hope that you can make it net year! **Brother Charles Komosa**

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