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BUSINESS EXPO DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY

September 16, 2015

6:00 P.M.

White Eagle Banquets
Niles, Illinois

RESERVATIONS

by September 15 to

meeting@chicagosocietypna.org

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NEXT BOARD MEETING AND FORUM DEADLINE

Monday, October 5, 7:00 P.M.
PNA Home Office

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 20, 2015—
1st Annual CS Fishing Derby
North Point Marina in
Winthrop Harbor

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

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

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING & ANNUAL BUSINESS EXPO

At our September meeting, the Chicago Society will showcase our brother members with its Annual Business Expo. The Expo will be held on September 16 at the White Eagle in Niles. The purpose of the Expo is to give our brother members an opportunity to promote their businesses, and to encourage our own brother members to support them! Attorneys, roofers, plumbers, real estate agents, insurance agents, doctors, musicians, electricians, and all other professions are welcome. Let your brother members know what your business is and get new referrals. If you would like to promote your business at this Expo, please contact Brother **John Cieslik** at 312-859-5404. The cost is FREE and tables will be available for marketing your materials and for your business cards. Please bring a guest to this meeting. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to showcase our organization and the talents of our members. This is also a wonderful opportunity for new members to find out what their brother members have to offer, and for them to showcase their business. The September General Meeting not only offers great camaraderie, a Business Expo, but a delicious dinner menu! The dinner menu includes salad, bread basket, bistec filet, roast pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans & carrots, kolaczki for dessert, coffee or tea. Please call Brother **Ro Matuszczak** for reservations at 847-635-0883 or email meeting@chicagosocietypna.org.



1ST ANNUAL CHICAGO SOCIETY FISHING DERBY

Event Chairman Brother **Steve Rakowski** invites fellow sportsmen/women to join us for a relaxing fishing outing on Sunday, September 20, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will be cruising Lake Michigan in search of limits of salmon and trout aboard boats captained by friendly and experienced fishermen. The cost will be \$100.00 per person and our event is limited to the first thirty people who deliver their reservation form with a check payable to the Chicago Society. All fisher-persons will also need to purchase a one-day fishing license. Our meeting point will be dock AA of North Point Marina in beautiful Winthrop Harbor, Illinois. Meeting time is 7:30 a.m. for check-in and to receive boat assignments. Boats depart the dock at 8:00 a.m. sharp! Plenty of free parking will be available. Our boat captains will provide all equipment and clean and package your catch for the drive home. After the event please stay for a light BBQ lunch and the swapping of pictures and stories. If you'd like to just attend the BBQ, cost per person is \$25.00 and we'll start at 1:30 at the Salmon Unlimited Pavilion adjacent to the Marina. Please contact Brother Steve at 847-204-4106 for information, reservations, and complete details.



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DID YOU MAKE YOUR
MEETING RESERVATION?

I would like to take a moment to talk a little about the life of **Thomas Ronald Jasinski-Herbert**, otherwise known as T Ron. T Ron was one of the first persons I met when I came to Chicago from Detroit in 1975 to attend law school. Ron was very involved in the Advocates Society, the Polish-American Lawyers Bar Association at that time and you knew from the beginning he was a character. He seemed to be involved in everything Polish. He always had a light hearted disposition on life but when he took a stand on an issue, he would defend it to his last breath. Membership in the Chicago Society was one of T Ron's passions. He served on every committee and held at one time or another almost all of the positions in the Society. T Ron over the years was such a large part of Polonia that no one will ever accomplish half the things that T Ron accomplished! T Ron you will be sorely missed but not forgotten. May you rest in peace.

T Ron's life of commitment and volunteerism should be a standard that all our members should strive for. Therefore, I am urging all our brothers to get more involved in the workings of the Society. We have upcoming elections, so I would encourage any one who feels he could make a difference in the society, to please seek nomination for a leadership position.

I recently attended for the first time the Texas Hold'em Casino Day that benefits the Chicago Society at the White Eagle Restaurant. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our brothers **Chuck Cwiakala, Ro Matuszczak, Charles Komosa, Stanley Jendzejec, and Mark Orwat** who always seem to be working the event time and time again. The next Texas Hold'em Casino Day will be November 3, 2015. If you can help out, please give our brothers a night off and contact Brother **Chuck Cwiakala** for further details.

Finally, now that summer is over, we have a lot of activities scheduled, but I would like to stress the upcoming Polish American Association Gala set for November 14, 2015 at the JW Marriott Chicago. The Chicago Society and the Chicago Society Foundation will be honored that evening. We need to pack the house, so please mark your calendars!!!

Fraternally yours,
Ted Makarewicz



Dear Brothers, I am dedicating this Forum to our Brother member & dear friend, the late **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**, for his selfless dedication and hard work supporting and promoting the Chicago Society for many years. I have included in this edition an IN MEMORIAM that is a colorful portrait of Brother **T. Ron's** life! God Bless you & *Bog Zapłać*, buddy! Anyway, "The show must go on", to coin the popular business phrase, and Brother T. Ron would be thrilled to know that *The Forum* will continue to be published after his departure. A big thanks to Brother **Ted Wiecek** who has stepped up to take over the enormous task of laying out *The Forum*. Brother Ted was also influential in the planning of Brother T. Ron's funeral arrangements. Great job and congratulations to Brother **Peter & Agnieszka Dykas** for the fun and very family friendly picnic they planned for the Chicago Society members. I am preparing *The Forum* as we start the first day of Taste of Polonia and I will have brother members drink ice cold MGD beer to honor Brother **T. Ron Jasinski-Herbert**.

Fraternally, Brother Charley, editor

In Memoriam



Brother **Thomas Ronald "T. Ron" Jasinski-Herbert**, born November 1, 1938; passed away August 17, 2015 Beloved son of the late Leona "Lee" Jasinski Herbert and the late Thomas H. Herbert, cherished nephew and godson of Loretta Sobocinski "Lori Sobin" and nephew of Michael K. (the late Rosemary) Jasinski, devoted cousin of Karen Mackay, Jeanine (Richard) Galati, Patricia (Ken) Brendecke, the late Suzanne Luckew, and many others across the country. He also leaves behind a myriad of lifelong friends in Chicago and around the world. Brother T. Ron earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from DePaul University, and LLB and JD degrees also from DePaul University and remained an active alumnus. Brother T. Ron celebrated life and embraced every effort to improve his community.

Among his many accomplishments: Brother T. Ron was President of Ameripol, Corporation, Inc.; President of Polonia Media Network; Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of "Polonia Today"; President of the Polish Arts Club of Chicago; past President and current Advocate of the Chicago Society PNA; founding President and current member of the Board of the Chicago Society Foundation; Director of the International Polka Association; Director of the Polish American Congress; former Director of Public Relations of the Polish National Alliance; founder, along with his mother Lee Herbert, of the Heritage Club of Polish Americans; past President of the Advocates Society; past Director of the Polish National Alliance; past Director of the Polish American Congress, Illinois Division, practiced law in his office on Milwaukee Avenue; founder and president of ETC (Ethnic Television Channel), the first and only English-language television cable channel; candidate for Clerk of the City of Chicago; active member of various Democratic Party organizations; led tours to Poland, Germany, and Russia, since he was fluent in those languages; producer of several documentaries on Polish topics; television, print and on-line journalist; social and political commentator. Brother T. Ron dedicated himself to anything he became involved with, often readily taking a leadership role, captivating everyone with his infectious laugh. He was a friend and mentor to many generations, a strong defender of all things Polish, and great friend of Polonia. Brother T. Ron was extremely active but the Chicago Society is where he invested his love and time.

A celebration of T. Ron's life was held on August 29, 2015, at Skaja Terrace Funeral Home, organized and conducted by Brother **Ted Wiecek** and attended by many brother members of the Chicago Society. The Celebration began with readings and prayers for the deceased by Rev. Lawrence Springer of St. Zachary Church in Des Plaines. Brother **Frank Spula** then shared his memories of T. Ron, both with the PNA and personal, followed by Brother **Richard Ciesla**, who shared his memories of T. Ron during his over 40 years involvement with the Society. Others who shared their memories were Alicia Dutka, president of the Polish Arts Club of Chicago, Mark Dobrzycki, who worked with T. Ron at ETC, and Rick Rzeszutko, president of the International Polka Association. Jaroslaw Golembiowski and Aleksandra Podowska provided some musical enhancements to the event. The celebration then moved to the Lone Tree Manor, where his family and friends continued to share their fond memories of T. Ron to the strains of his favorite polka tunes. T. Ron certainly was smiling on all who celebrated his life.

*Weep not for me though I am gone into that gentle night.
Grieve if you will, but not for long upon my soul's sweet flight.
I am at peace; my soul's at rest there is no need for tears.
For with your love I was so blessed for all those many years.
There is no pain; I suffer not, the fear now all is gone.
Put now these things out of your thoughts, in your memory I live on.
Remember not my fight for breath, remember not the strife.
Please do not dwell upon my death, but celebrate my life.*

Rest in Peace, dear friend. You will forever be in our hearts and in our memories.



Big wheels keep on turning as Brother President **Ted Makarewicz** joined in on another almost annual rite of summer motorcycle trip planned by friend Brother **Carlton Marcyan** to the annual motorcycle rally in Sturgis SD. This year's occurred the last week of July and celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the "Black Hills Rally." Attendance was at an all-time high with more than a million bikers. Carlton and his lawyer-biker friend, Joseph Rominski, riding all the way their Harley Davidson touring bikes, stayed in Deadwood SD for 4 days and then left for other parts west including Coeur D'Alene, Idaho; Cascade Mountains; Seattle WA; travelling south on the Pacific Coast down US Highway 101 into southern Oregon. Then riding east through the Nevada desert without a gas station for 250 miles, the riders saw a meteorite on fire and vaporize at about 5,000 feet in the sky. They continued through the Bonneville Salt Flats and Salt Lake City, Wyoming, where they rode parallel to a US Air Force Convoy of armored vehicles with mounted machine guns accompanied by armed helicopter all escorting nuclear missiles from Cheyenne to ICBM sights further east, Nebraska, Iowa and then home for a total of 6,000 miles round trip returning safe and sound.

Brother **Ted Makarewicz** found some time off in August to do a 9 day motorcycle ride to Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri covering approximately 3,200 miles. He even drove his bike to the top of Pike's Peak, elevation 14,110 feet. Later in the month, he also rode to Springfield, Illinois, with Governor Bruce Rauner escorted by the Illinois State Police and a

group of veterans on the first annual Governor's Motorcycle Run which concluded with a BBQ dinner at the governor's mansion.

Hat trick victories on reelection for Brother **Frank Spula**, PNA President, Brother **Charles Komosa**, National Secretary, and Brother **Mark Orwat** as a newly elected Business Board Director at PNA's Quadrennial Convention held in Cleveland Renaissance Hotel last month.

CASINO DAYS FOR 2015-2016 SCHEDULED!

Casino Days to benefit the Chicago Society have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2015, Tuesday, January 12 & Wednesday, February 24, 2016. They will be held at the House of the White Eagle. Volunteers are need 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 Brother **Chuck Cwiakala**.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

- 3 Chester Klos
- 10 John Teschky
- 11 Ronald Osioł
- 12 James Pieczonka
- 13 Paul Posch
- 15 Marian Skawski
- 17 Thomas Sieja
- 18 Warren Dulski
- 18 Daniel Mateja
- 19 Andrew Batorski
- 20 Mark Kaszubski
- 23 David Uting
- 25 Kenneth Walczak
- 25 Dan Zolkowski
- 28 Richard M. Wiermanski
- 29 Chester Lizak

CHICAGO SOCIETY FAMILY AND FRIENDS PICNIC — FUN TIME & HOT!

The Chicago Society Family and Friends Picnic was held at Busse Woods on August 16th. The weather was a little warm but thanks to a pavilion roof, a breeze, many trees for shade and all the cold refreshments, we were able to enjoy the picnic. We had roughly 60 members and friends with 12 children who attended. A big THANK YOU goes out to our cook, Brother **Charlie Komosa**, who really worked a up a sweat over the grill. Also, I would like to THANK Brother **Adam Knopka** and his Law firm of Dowd & Dowd who sponsored the beer and wine tasting and Brother **Bill Wojcik** from Laramie Deli who donated sausages for the grill and kapusta.

The children in attendance at our picnic were treated with a special goodie bag which consisted of a backpack donated by NBC 5 Chicago, school supplies donated by Chicago Society, and various other items such as coloring books, nerf footballs, basketballs, soccer balls and other toys, all donated by fine supporters such as the PNA, Park Ridge Police and Fire Depts., Tom Johnson of State Farm Insurance, Chicago Fire Soccer Club, and Union Pacific RR. For the adults, early rsvps were given tickets to Zanies Comedy Club for their comedy shows to Rosemont and Chicago. Finally our raffle was a success. Many Brother members and families donated many items to our raffle.

Our big prize winner was Brother **Matt Rodriguez**, who won 3 tickets to a Chicago Cubs game. Congrats to Matt! Once again, thank you to all who attended, who donated, who helped make this picnic happen. Especially to Chicago Society for hosting this and to my lovely wife Agnes and my 2 children Matthew and Isabella for working with me before and during the picnic. Thanks everybody. Hope to see all next year!

Brother Peter Dykas



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2016 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee for the Chicago Society of the PNA's election of 2016 officers and directors invites anyone 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 will be announced at the September General Dinner Meeting.

RULES FOR VOTING AND RUNNING FOR OFFICE IF NOT SLATED

The Nominating Committee shall select at least one candidate for each elective 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 lists of 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.

2015 CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

The Chicago Society Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner will be (tentatively) 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. Please make your reservations early because tickets will not be sold at the door. Please reserve your tickets early because we sold out last year and expect many candidates seeking elective office to attend. You can pay online using PayPal on our website at www.chicagosocietypna.org/payments.html.



PAA ANNUAL GALA AND BENEFIT AUCTION

**CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY,
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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 gala2015@polish.org. Space is limited. Requests are taken on a first-come first-served basis.



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