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September, 2011

Upcoming Events

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Meeting

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Memorial Mass
St. Monica's Parish

December 4, 2011
Christmas Luncheon at
Rosewood Restaurant

January 9, 2012
Meeting

April 1, 2012
Palm Sunday Luncheon
Avalon Banquets

Congratulations to
Anna Sokolowski on
birth of her grandson
Alexander Tomas
Ackerman.

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Learn How You Can Beat Arthritis at Our Next Meeting

All members are invited to PWCC's first general meeting of the 2011-2012 year on October 10, 2011. The meeting will be at **White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave.**

The schedule is:
11:45 a.m.— Guest speaker **Dr. Derek Simpson**, lunch, and general meeting.

Please note that this meeting starts earlier than our normally-scheduled ones to accommodate Dr. Simpson's very busy schedule.

Dr. Derek Simpson is from the suburbs of Chicago where he attended Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL. He received a Bachelors degree in biologi-

cal sciences with a minor in chemistry and an emphasis in pre-medicine from Northern Illinois University (NIU).

Realizing that allopathic medicine would not provide him the intimate patient contact that he desired, he attended the National University of Health Sciences (NUHS) in Lombard, IL where he received a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine with Magna Cum Laude honors in August 2010, and where he is currently receiving a second degree as a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (to be concluded in April 2012). Dr. Simpson has certifications in acupuncture and applied kinesiology, and

is currently finishing a certification in craniosacral therapy from the Upledger Institute in West Palm Beach, FL.

Dr. Simpson recently went on a 10-day medical mission to Nicaragua where he served the native people of the Island of Ometepe with his fellow classmates, colleagues, and teachers.

This meeting is open to members, prospective members, and guests. The price per person is \$17.

Please RSVP before October 7th to:
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773.467.1504
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Our Event at Le Titi De Paris was TRES BON!

The PWCC 2011 Scholarship Recipients and New Member Luncheon was held at Le Titi de Paris on Sunday, September 25. This event was very well attended.

Diane Faubl, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, introduced each recipient and commented on their accomplishments.

Jane Kaminski Simers installed 8 new members. She mentioned how proud she was to be a member of PWCC and the quality of our scholarship recipients. Before

she administered the oath, she gave the membership wonderful thoughts on the importance of supporting Polish organizations.

Andrzej Baraniak, reporter from *Dziennik Zwiaskowy*, was at the event to cover the awards to the recipients and installation of new members.

We hope to return to this lovely venue for future events!

Extra! Extra! News from the PWCC Members

“Kevin’s Krusaders” Ron Santo’s Walk to Cure Diabetes Busse Woods, October 2, 2011

Our lives changed in September 1999 when our son Kevin was diagnosed with juvenile diabetes. Insulin shots that he administers daily are just “life support” until a cure is found.

Diabetes is a silent killer. People afflicted with this disease may look healthy, but diabetes takes a terrible toll on nearly every organ. Healthy diabetes management is not a guarantee to avoid complications such as heart disease, blindness, kidney failure, amputations and even premature death.

(Diabetes kills every 3 minutes.)

Kevin’s Krusaders was formed 1) to raise money to support the research required to find a cure, 2) to provide Kevin with support and to let him know that he is not alone in his fight against diabetes. Eighty-five cents of every dollar collected goes for research to help find a cure.

We would love to have you and your family join Kevin’s Krusaders team and walk on Sunday,

October 2nd at Busse Woods. If you are unable to walk, please make the most generous gift you can today. We greatly appreciate your consideration and support of this worthy cause. Please mail donations to our house and make checks payable to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, or you can go online to www.jdrf.org and make sure that you say this is for Kevin’s Krusaders. JDRF receives NO government funding for all their lifesaving work.

Please help make a difference for Kevin and the 26 million other Americans living with this devastating disease. Please give Kevin and the others afflicted with this horrible disease the hope and courage that comes from knowing that we are all working together to free them from a lifetime of diabetes.

Ken and Chris Seske
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Lorie Rose Gorny Meets Maestro Adam Makowicz

On Tuesday, September 6, 2011 it was my pleasure and honor to attend a cultural program to honor the Polish Presidency in the Council of the European Union. The reception, recital and dinner were held at the residence of the Honorable Zygmunt Matynia, Consul General of the Republic of Poland, in Chicago. I was invited by Mr. Edward Kurkhardt, Honorary Consul for the New Zealand Consulate- Great Lakes Region, Chicago.

The program featured a performance by Maestro Adam Makowicz, the highly acclaimed jazz and classical pianist, successfully decorated with the Officer's Cross the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland and many other important acknowledgments, including having performed solo and with orchestras in the work’s best concert venues, among them New York’s Carnegie Hall.

Maestro Maskowicz also participated in the historically important TV show, “Let Poland be Poland”, which was initiated by former US President Ronald Reagan.

This delightful recital included his interpretations of the music of Chopin, Paderewski, Gershwin, and Duke Ellington. The recital was followed by an elegant dinner reception in the dining Hall, attended by approximately 50 members of the Chicago Consular Corps: Consuls General and Honorary Consuls of many nations.

It was my distinct honor and privilege to have my photo taken with our Polish consul General, Mr. Zygmunt Matynia, and two members of our US Military who had just returned from the Iraq-Afghanistan war front where they served alongside the soldiers from Poland.

Submitted by Lorie Rose Gorny

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The PWCC Board has been busy with many tasks this fall, including scheduling this year's events, hosting the Scholarship and Installation Luncheon, and planning our Christmas Luncheon. We decided to switch up our venues for meetings and went to Lutz and Smak-Tak. A number of the board members recalled buying from the bakery at Lutz and sitting in their garden having the famous Viennese coffee. Everyone was also excited to eat at Smak-Tak, a recognized Polish Restaurant.

The first general meeting for the new year is scheduled for October 10th at the White Eagle Restaurant. The guest speaker will be Dr. Derek Simpson. You can read more about this meeting on page one.

The Memorial Mass will be held on November 14th at St. Monica's Parish, 5136 N. Nottingham Ave., Chicago, IL. This year we are not only honoring our deceased members, but also the deceased mothers of our members. There will be a family-style luncheon following our Mass at White Eagle Restaurant, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave, Niles, IL.

The Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Rosewood Restaurant, 9421 W. Higgins Road, Rosemont, IL. This year you will have a choice of 3 entrées with a salad and dessert included, and the price per ticket is \$55. Geraldine Balut Coleman is the Chair. **We need your help** to make this event a success. Please solicit gift cards and baskets from local retailers, as well as getting items for the gold and regular raffles. If you need a solicitation letter please let Geraldine or me know and we will get it to you ASAP!

The membership directories & bylaws were mailed to all members. The back cover states: **This address book is intended for the conduct of the business of the Polish Women's Civic Club. The PWCC does not share its membership list with any commercial, political, or charitable group, and no member may share or use the address book in any similar manner.** It has come to my attention that the address book has been used for that purpose by a member of PWCC and another not-for-profit organization.

We are always looking for new members. The board has been brainstorming ways to be more open to members when they join. We will be sending a letter welcoming members to PWCC, but ladies, we also need your help. When new people come to a luncheon, please welcome them to sit at your table. We want to make people feel like they are joining a welcoming organization, not an already-formed-clique, so please branch out and welcome these women in.

We need more members to attend our functions. The newsletter, our web site, and our Facebook page have the full calendar of events. This will help you plan ahead for these functions. If you want a certain function to be included in our calendar, call or email any of the board members.

Speaking of which, you can find PWCC on both the web and on Facebook. This year's scholarship applicants were able to download and print their applications and supporting materials, which saved the PWCC money in both printing and postage. The web makes us more flexible to change forms as needed without going thru the expense of printing. We are accessible through either "pwcci.org" or "polishwomenscivicclub.org". And remember to like us on Facebook!

2011 promises to be a year full of changes that will help make the PWCC a stronger organization in our community!

Remembering September 1939...

Just as August will always be remembered as “Polish August” or the month of the Warsaw Uprising, as well as the month when Solidarity was born, the month of September will be associated sadly with the beginning of World War II in Poland.

Some may say that since it is more than 70 years after the war, it is time to forget. We should not point fingers at Germany again and again. Poles have a tendency to remember and re-analyze the past over and over again. But to remember the anniversary of World War II is not just to evoke the past, it is also to make sure that the past will not be repeated in the future. Germany is a different country now than it was 70 years ago.

The war experience of our grandparents’ generation gave us as well as many other Europeans a total disgust for war as a tool to solve any problems.

WWII started on September 1, 1939. September 1 is also the day when children in Poland officially



inaugurate a new school year. For the kids of 1939 this day was not a beginning of school though..... And that is what they probably remember every year on September 1st.

In the ceremony at the Westerplatte

peninsula, the site of Nazi Germany’s opening assault on Poland, on the 70th anniversary of the war, late president Kaczyński said:

“Westerplatte is a symbol, a symbol of the heroic fight of the weaker against the stronger. It is proof of patriotism and an unbreakable spirit. Glory to the heroes of those days, glory to the heroes of Westerplatte, glory to all of the soldiers who fought in World War Two against German Nazism, and against Bolshevik totalitarianism.”

Polish Beer Tasting

Polish beer tasting will be held on Friday, October 28, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Center, 5216 W. Lawrence, Chicago, IL.

Sample a variety of imported Polish beers.

Compare your favorite brew with many others. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door, \$5

for designated driver or non-beer drinker.

Food, wine and mixed drinks are available for purchase.

All patrons must be 21 or over.

For more information call 773.777.8898 or visit copernicusfdn.org.

Polish American Association Annual Gala

You are invited to the PAA 89th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Café la Cave, 2777 Mannheim Road, Niles, IL.

The 2011 Presidential Award will be presented to John J. Pikarski, Jr., Past President and Honorary Director of the PAA Board.

Reception and silent auction 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 8:00 p.m.

Master of ceremonies Charlie Wojciechowski from NBC5. Music by Marc Anthony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$165 per person.

RSVP by October 29, 2011

Reservations online at www.polish.org/gala2011 or call 773.427.6307.

Polish Women’s Alliance of America

PWA cordially invites you to attend the 2011 Installation of Officers Banquet on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at the Marriott Chicago O’Hare, Chicago Ballroom F, 8535 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL.

1:00 p.m. Social Hour, 2:00 p.m. Luncheon

\$85 per person, Cash bar available.

Reduced self-parking rate for PWA guests \$5.00

RSVP by 10/1/2011

For more information please call 847.384.1206.