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General Membership Meeting Thursday, April 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders' House

The April meeting of the Advocates Society will take place on April 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Polish Highlanders' House. The Polish Highlanders' House is located at **4808 S. Archer Ave.**, Chicago, Illinois. The Advocates Society appreciates the gracious hospitality of the Polish Highlanders' Alliance of North America. Advocates Society members are invited to bring guests to the April 26, 2012 General Meeting for a charge of \$20 per guest to cover the cost of the food. This \$20 fee will be waived for members who are current on their dues or any guest who is eligible to and does submit a membership application the night of the meeting.

A member of the Rod Blagojevich trial team Aaron Goldstein will be the speaker.

If you plan to attend, please call **Michele Hendrickson** at (847) 823-5517 or e-mail MicheleHendrickson@sbcglobal.net and leave a message so that we know how much food to order.

PAPA Annual Banquet

The Polish American Police Association of Chicago and Illinois will hold its 48th Annual Awards Banquet on Friday, May 4th, 2012. Please contact Marilyn Mazewski at joecity@chicagonet.net for more information. Tickets are \$65, which includes a sit-down dinner, open bar and dancing. Judy Baar Topinka is this year's honoree. Many Advocates Members always attend this event and have a great time!

Polish Constitution Day Parade

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 5, 2012** and join us for the Polish Constitution Day Parade! In keeping with our annual tradition, the Advocates Society will be represented in the parade by our members, friends and families. To ride on our float, please meet at the float by 10:30 a.m.

Yes, you read it correctly, this year we will have a **float**, not a **trolley** in the parade. As always, we invite the Polish American Law Students Association (PALSA) of John Marshall and all future Advocates Society Leaders to join us. Please show your support for the Advocates by bringing your friends, family and colleagues to join the Advocates Society celebration of the Polish Constitutional Day!

Please contact **Steve Rakowski** at 847-204-4106 with any questions, or to confirm your attendance.

Chicago Society of the PNA Pre-Parade Brunch

Join the Chicago Society of the Polish National Alliance for the Constitution Day May 3rd Observance Pre-Parade Brunch. The brunch will be on Saturday May 5, 2012 at the Hilton Chicago Hotel, 720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Tickets \$30.00 by reservation only.

31st Annual Milwaukee Polish Fest!

Please mark your calendars for **June 15-17, 2012** and join the Polish community at America's Largest Polish Festival in Milwaukee! Admission tickets for Polish Fest 2012 are only \$10 per ticket. Please visit www.polishfest.org for more information.

Advocates Society Annual White Sox v. Cubs Outing

The event will take place on Tuesday, June 19th at 7:10 p.m. Tickets are in section 535 and the price of each ticket is \$55.00. Please contact Maureen Pikarski at mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com or 312-521-7004.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Judge Diann Marsalek on her success on Election Day in the countywide Circuit Court Judge of Cook County! We thank all of our members for supporting her.

Polish Roman Catholic Union of America

Polish-American Night!

White Sox vs. Texas Rangers

Show your Polish Pride on Tuesday, July 3rd at U.S. Cellular Field. Back by popular demand is Polish-American Night at the ballpark. Enjoy Polish entertainment at the gates and then watch an exciting game of White Sox baseball! Tickets can be purchased at www.whitesox.com/phn (Service fees will apply). Lower Box Seats - \$20.00 (Regularly \$40). Orders must be placed by June 11th. White Sox Polish Heritage T-Shirts are available at \$10 each.

Dues Announcement

In order to remain in good standing **all dues payments must be received by May 1, 2012**. You may mail your dues check to Advocates Society, attention: **Treasurer Kristen Kozlowski, P.O. Box 641045, Chicago, Illinois 60664**. Dues are \$150 for attorneys who have been admitted to the Bar for 5 years or more, \$75 for members who have been admitted to the Bar less than 5 years, and \$30 for law students.

Newsletters Via Email!

Going forward, newsletters will be sent via email as opposed to via US mail, please email us at **advocatessociety@gmail.com** or call Regina Rathnau at 312-659-2953 if you would prefer to receive your newsletter via US mail. Only members current on their dues will be eligible to receive paper newsletters. Reduced mailings by US mail means increased revenues for other projects, so we appreciate everyone who receive their newsletter via email!

WBAI's 98th Annual Swearing In Ceremony

The Women's Bar Association of Illinois is having their 96th annual swearing in ceremony on June 7th, 2012 at the Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. Advocates member **Karina Zabicki DeHayes** will be sworn in as President. **Maureen Pikarski** is putting an Advocates Society table together so that we can show our support for Karina. If you are interested in attending this event and sitting with your fellow Advocates Society members please contact Maureen at mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com or (312) 521-7004.

June 1st Meeting at Polish Consulate

Please mark your calendars for our June General Meeting at 7pm on June 1st at the Polish Consulate located at 1530 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60610. This annual meeting is a great opportunity to meet the members of the Polish Consulate and the Consul General's staff. Although there will not be a CLE presentation, there will be dinner, so please contact **Michele Hendrickson** at (847) 823-5517 or e-mail MicheleHendrickson@sbcglobal.net with your RSVP.

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2012 Calendar of Advocates Society Events

If you have a potential newsletter item, please forward it to Kathy Wantuch, Hiltz & Wantuch LLC, 53 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 205, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or contact her at kwantuch@hiltzlaw.com.

April 26, 2012	Thursday	General Meeting at Polish Highlanders' 4808 S. Archer Ave., Chicago
May 5, 2012	Saturday	Polish Constitution Day Parade
May 10, 2012	Thursday	Board of Governors' Meeting
June 1, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at Polish Consulate
July 14, 2012	Saturday	Summer Family BBQ
July 25-29, 2012		National Advocates, Traverse City, MI
September 6, 2012	Thursday	Board of Governors' Meeting
September 21, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
October 5, 2012	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
October 24, 2012	Wed.	Judges Night, Polish Museum of America

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Saturday May, 19, 2012
 Saturday June, 16, 2012

Call (773) 763-8520 for more information.