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June 1st Meeting at Polish Consulate

Please mark your calendars for our June General Meeting at 7:00 PM on Friday, 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. Your name is required in advance for security purposes, so please be certain to RSVP if you would like to attend.

WBAI's 98th Annual Installation Dinner

The Women's Bar Association of Illinois is having their 98th Annual Installation Dinner on June 7, 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. Tickets are \$110 in advance and \$125 at the door. 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**.

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. This event is an annual guaranteed good time for all!

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.

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.

National Advocates Convention

Join the National Advocates and the National Medical & Dental Association for the annual convention at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa July 25th – 29th. This event is a wonderful way for doctors, dentists and lawyers of Polish descent across America to meet and discuss technical topics and build vacation memories! Please contact Jane Kaminski Simers at (773) 342-4020 for more information.

New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that **Katherine Gruszka** and **Maggie Tracz** have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the June meeting. We look forward to welcoming our new members to our organization.

Photos from the Polish Highlanders Meeting



Mark Douglass, Aaron Goldstein (CLE presenter) & Regina Rathnau Lairson



Hon. Zelezinski, Hon. Gembala, Hon. Wasilewski,
Hon. Jagielski, Regina Rathnau Lairson, Hon. Kubalanza

Polish Constitution Day Parade



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the **Polish Constitution Day Parade** on May 5! We had a great time as we paraded down Columbus Drive with our float (pictured above) and our members and friends and family. President **Regina Rathnau Lairson** joined dignitaries **Aurelia Pucinski**, **Anna Maria Anders**, Parade Grand Marshall **Grazyna Zajackowska**, the Director of Immigration Services for the Polish American Association, **Anna Sokolowski**, Vice President of Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, and Congressman **Mike Quigley** to kick off the parade (pictured above). Special thank you to **Third Vice President Steve Rakowski** for arranging a wonderful afternoon!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Advocates members **Maureen C. Pikarski** and **Anna P. Krolikowska** who have been elected to the ISBA Assembly for Cook County!

Congratulations to Advocates member **Steve Raminiak** on being elected to the Board of Directors of CVLS! Steve Raminiak concentrates his practice in estate planning as well as the administration of estates and trusts established for decedents, minors and disabled persons and has recently started the Law Offices of Steve Raminiak, P.C.

Dues Announcement

In order to remain in good standing **all dues payments were due 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 are now 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 who are 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 receives their newsletter via email!

Summer Reception Is Coming!

Please keep an eye on your email and mailboxes for this event in August at Kiki's Bistro!

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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.

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
Saturday May, 19, 2012
Saturday June, 16, 2012