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Advocates Scholarship Fundraiser

The annual scholarship fundraiser will be hosted **Friday, November 9, 2012** at **The Parthenon Restaurant** located at **314 S. Halsted, Chicago, IL 60661**, (312) 726-2407. The fundraiser will offer a silent auction and the proceeds will benefit the **NEW Advocates scholarship fund** for law students of Polish descent. **Alex Fiedotjew** is still accepting silent auction items until the night of the event, so please contact him at **(773) 286-8275**, or **alex fz@afzlaw.com** with items you would like to donate (e.g., tickets to events, gift certificates, books, bottles of wine, etc.). Solicitation letters for donations will be mailed shortly. Please think about potential donations. Cost will be \$100.00 per person, and includes an open bar and free valet parking. Please RSVP with Alex Fiedotjew at **(773) 286-8275**, or **alex fz@afzlaw.com**. **A great night will be enjoyed by all!**

Holiday Meeting, Friday, December 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

The Holiday meeting of the Advocates Society will be on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Copernicus Foundation. The Foundation is located at 5216 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, one block west of the Kennedy Expressway, one block east of Milwaukee Avenue, and one block southeast of the Jefferson Park CTA station. Remember that there is free parking at the Copernicus lot. After the meeting there will be a delicious buffet supper from Kasia's Polish Deli. 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. **Santa and his Elf will be joining us! If you are planning on bringing your children, please send us an e-mail to advocatessociety@gmail.com letting us know the name and ages of the children by December 14, 2012.**

Judges' Night, Polish Museum of America

The Annual Judges' Night was held on **October 17, 2012** at the **Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL**. Below pictured is President **Regina Rathnau**, and First Vice President **Michele Hendrickson**. A great night was had by all!



New Members

The Advocates Society is pleased to announce that **TIMOTHY H. JAGIELSKI** and **ALLAN R. STASCIA** have applied for membership. Their applications have been approved by the Board and will be presented to the membership at the December general meeting (due to October's Judges Night and November's fundraiser to which they are welcome to attend). We look forward to welcoming them to our organization.

Advocates Society Annual Blackhawks Outing!!!

The Advocates Society is organizing a group outing to a Chicago Blackhawks hockey game vs. the Calgary Flames. The event will take place on Sunday, **December 16th at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are located in the club level. The cost is \$120.00 per person. Please contact Maureen Pikarski at mpikarski@gordonpikarski.com. Please note that there is a potential NHL lockout for the upcoming season. Shall the purchased tickets be changed to a new date, the Advocates will be bumped as a group to a new date in 2013.

Elder Law Forum

Are you interested in Elder Law? The Advocates has been presented with an opportunity to join forces with Judge Patricia Banks, presiding judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County Elder Law Division to create an Elder Law Forum targeting the Polish ethnic community. The Copernicus Center will be the location for the event. The goal of the event would be to allow seniors to gain information at one time from a variety of organizations that are able to help seniors. If you are interested helping create and lead the event, email us at advocatessociety@gmail.com.

Advocates Members Elected to the Bench!

Advocates Society members **Diann Marsalek** (Circuit Court of Cook County), **Andrea Schleifer** (12th Subcircuit of Cook County), were recently elected to the bench in the November 6th election. Members **Ron Barkowicz** and **Paul Karkula** also won retention on the Cook County bench. Congratulations to our members! We are proud of you!

Congratulations New Bar Members!



Advocates Society President, Regina Rathnau, photographed above with the Illinois Supreme Court Justices Burke, Freeman and Theis along with several bar association presidents attended the November ceremony to swear in new members of the Illinois Bar. Congratulations to all new members!

Our Website is Getting a Makeover

Our current website at www.advocatesociety.com is being redesigned to be more informative and present a better public image of our group. Stay tuned for details on its new launching!

Congratulations Scholarship Award Winners



Advocates Society President, Regina Rathnau, and Scholarship Chairperson, Ann Melichar, are photographed with the annual scholarship award winners, Arthur Gotfryd, Katherine Lech and Klaudia Kazmierski. Over \$6,000 was awarded, including an honorary scholarship to Katherine Lech in memory of Judge Paul Stralka. Congratulations to the students!

New Home for Advocates!

The Advocates finally has a permanent home. The new Advocates Society office will be at the new Copernicus Center Annex located at **5214 West Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois 60630**. Mail can still be sent to the PO box for now, but this address will become the mailing address for Advocates. We are excited to have a home for our records and a place for board meetings and other tasks!

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2012-13 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.

November 9, 2012	Friday	Annual Fundraiser
December 7, 2012	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
December 21, 2012	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
January 11, 2013	Friday	Board of Governors' Meeting
January 25, 2013	Friday	General Meeting at the Copernicus Center 5216 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago
February 6, 2013	Wednesday	Installation Dinner – Drake Hotel

Amicus Poloniae Legal Clinic

5711 N. Milwaukee, Chicago, IL
Saturday, November 17, 2012
Saturday, December 15, 2012