



Silver Bell Club

PNA Lodge #2365

Dear Members and Friends of the Silver Bell Club (PNA Lodge #2365),

Let us begin by wishing all of you and yours a very happy and healthy new year for 2024. We hope that the past year has had many joyous memories for you and your loved ones. We look forward to a bright and healthy 2024!

This year, we are planning a number of exciting events! More information will follow on the following events:

- Purdue/IU Basketball Game Watch Party on Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 7PM at Gelsosomo's Pizza in Crown Point, IN - please RSVP to Josh @ 219-613-8958
- Bowling Outings - February/March 2024 -TBD
- Club Bus Trip to the Polish Museum of America in Chicago - TBD
- The Memorial Mass with a luncheon to follow - TBD
- The Chicago White Sox Trip (summer, 2024)
- Halfway to Dyngus Day Party - Saturday, November 23, 2024
- Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8, 2024

More events may pop up throughout the year, so be on the lookout in the mail and here on email!

In December of 2023, we installed our club officers. The slate of officers is listed below in this newsletter. We are always thankful for each Silver Bell Club officer and member for their contributions to the Club.

In February of 2023, the Club hosted two Purdue/Indiana University basketball game watch parties. One was held at the Gary Sportsman's Club, and the second was held at Gelsosomo's Pizza in Crown Point, IN. The Club ordered pizza and appetizers for members to enjoy as they watched the games.

In March of 2023, the Club reserved a table at Region Ale Restaurant and Grill in Schererville, IN. Those in attendance listened and danced to polka music provided by Ted's Take Five Polka Band. The Club provided appetizers for those in attendance. Fun was had by all!

In May of 2023, we held our annual Memorial Mass at the Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine and Salvatorian Fathers Monastery in Merrillville, Indiana to honor and commemorate those Silver Bell Club

members who passed away within the previous twelve months. A luncheon was held after mass at Cafe Stelio's in Merrillville, Indiana in order for family and friends of the deceased to share memories and to continue to celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

In years past, the Silver Bell Club had sponsored softball teams in the region. In 2023, the Club sponsored an adult, slow-pitch softball team named the Silver Bell Slammers. The team played two seasons (summer and early fall), but came up short of winning those seasons. The Silver Bell Slammers placed 3rd out of 5 teams. Fortunately, in addition to sponsoring the team, the Club purchased jerseys for each player to wear. Check out our website to see some pictures of the Silver Bell Slammers!

On June 20, 2023, Silver Bell Club's members and friends attended the White Sox's Polish Heritage Night. The Sox played the Texas Rangers and ended with a win! This Polish Heritage Night is an annual event that the White Sox feature letting the Polish community of Chicagoland show off their ethnic heritage. Be on the lookout for more information regarding this year's Polish Heritage Event! The White Sox will most likely no longer accept paper tickets for game entry and will require tickets to be on mobile devices. Please plan accordingly, if you're thinking about joining us for a fun night of baseball!

On November 18, 2023, the Club hosted a Halfway to Dyngus Day party at the Chesterton Moose Lodge in Chesterton, IN. Big Frank's Sausages from East Chicago served food at the event, and DynaVersaStickToneAires Polka Band played polkas while many danced the evening away. The event was the Club's first Halfway to Dyngus Day event, and it was the first event of its kind in more than 20 years. More than 215 people came to the event, and it is safe to say that fun was had by all! We look forward to another Halfway to Dyngus Day Party on November 23, 2024! Visit our website to check out the photos from last year's event!

On December 3, 2023, the Silver Bell Club hosted a wonderful Christmas party at Gino's Steakhouse in Merrillville. The Christmas party is a wonderful, annual tradition where members of the Club and their spouses and/or friends can gather over the holidays to give thanks and enjoy each other's company. The Club will plan for a 2024 Christmas party on December 8th to celebrate the next Christmas season.

In 2023, the Silver Bell Club was fortunate to make several donations to organizations in our Northwest Indiana community and beyond. The organizations that received a donation from the Silver Bell Club include the Salvatorian Fathers Monastery and The Guardians of the Green Mile Pet Adoption.

Nominations for the 2024 officers were held in November at our monthly meeting with the election being held in December. Your 2024 officers of the Silver Bell Club were as follows:

President: Sal Muffoletto

Vice President : David S. Tokarski

Secretary: Jeff Jackowski

Land Manager: Ken York

Treasurer: Michelle Jackowski

Financial Secretary: Laurie Baumgart

Sergeant at Arms: Josh Jackowski

Scholarships for Undergraduate and Graduate/Containing Education The Silver Bell Club is pleased to make available scholarship applications to qualified members who are enrolled as full-time college or university students who will continue their undergraduate studies in the fall semester or for qualified members who are enrolled as graduate/ continuing education students. Applications and additional information are available on our website www.silverbellclub.com. Applications must be received by April 1, 2024. Please consider sharing this information with member scholars.

For families and friends of a deceased member of Silver Bell Club Lodge #2365: If you have a loved one that has passed, and you would like to arrange a prayer service for the member at his/her wake, please email us at silverbellclub2365@gmail.com or call Laurie Baumgart at 219-947-1411 or Sal Muffoletto at 219-789-2204. Please keep in mind that prayer services are usually held between 3:00 PM and 3:30PM.

It is with heavy heart that we announce that Carol Mytyk, the Silver Bell Club's chaplain passed away in March of 2023. Her memories will be eternal in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

In **2025**, the Silver Bell Club will be **celebrating its 100th anniversary** of serving the Polish community of Northwest Indiana and beyond. The officers are planning an anniversary celebration. We will send out information about the celebration when we get closer to the date.

Our monthly meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM at The Gary Sportsmen's Club located at 10101 Madison Avenue in Crown Point, Indiana. Check our website for any cancellations of events and/or meetings. We look forward to seeing you at our next event and meeting!

For further updates throughout the year, please visit the Silver Bell Club's newly designed website at www.silverbellclub.com. You may also email us at silverbellclub2365@gmail.com .



Silver Bell Club PNA Lodge #2365 - 2024 Dues

As a Reminder, the 2024 dues are due at the beginning of the year. The dues are \$20.00 a year and entitles dues paying members to several complementary events during the year.

Please fill out the following form to help us with our records and send it in with your payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please mail this slip with your check to:

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