



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 2026. We hope you had many joyous memories for you and your loved ones in 2025. We look forward to a bright and healthy 2026!

This year, we are planning a number of exciting events! More information will follow on the following events, so please mark your calendars!!

- Bowling Outing - Saturday, March 14, 2026
- Chicago Blackhawks outing - TBD date will be announced via email, Facebook, and website
- Spring/ Fall Seasons - Silver Bell Slammers Softball in Highland, IN
- The Memorial Mass with a luncheon to follow - Sunday, May 17, 2026
- The Chicago White Sox Polish Heritage Night- June 23, 2026 against the Cleveland Guardians
- Halfway to Dyngus Day Party - Saturday, November 21, 2026
- Annual Complimentary Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6, 2026 for dues paid members

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

In February of 2025, the Club hosted a Purdue/Indiana University basketball game watch party. The party 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, the Club went to Stardust Lanes in Merrillville, IN to bowl a few games. The Club ordered pizzas and appetizers and enjoyed a friendly competition!

In June of 2025, we held our annual Memorial Mass at the Our Lady of Częstochowa 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.

The Silver Bell Slammers had another great year of softball, playing in the Spring and Fall leagues in Highland, IN. The Slammers were crowned Regular Season Champions in the Spring, falling one game short of winning the end-of-season tournament. The Fall season was a little tougher, with the team finishing the season in 5th place against a higher-level group of opponents. The Slammers will look to get back to their winning ways in the upcoming Spring 2026 season!

On June 24, 2025, Silver Bell Club's members and friends attended the White Sox's Polish Heritage Night. The Sox played the Arizona Diamondbacks, but came up short for 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. This year's Polish Heritage Night game will take place on June 23, 2026. The Silver Bell Club will be purchasing group tickets to sell for the game. Please note these tickets are digital tickets, and you'll need your email/ phone to accept and transfer the tickets. Plan to join us for a fun night of baseball! Let's hope the White Sox have a great 2026 season!

On September 7, 2025, the Silver Bell Club celebrated our 100th anniversary. Originally located in Gary, Indiana the Club began as a group of athletically minded Poles in the Gary area with interests in sports such as boxing, baseball and basketball. Our 100th Anniversary dinner was hosted at the Innsbrook Country Club in Merrillville, Indiana with special guest speaker PNA President Frank J. Spula.

President Spula awarded club long time members and officers President Salvatore Muffoletto, Vice President David S. Tokarski, Recording Secretary Jeff Jackowski, and Financial Secretary Laurie Baumgart for their years and service to the PNA and Silver Bell Club as well as awarding a plaque to the Club to commemorate this centennial milestone.

In a special surprise club past president and former National PNA Treasurer Steve H. Tokarski was awarded the Golden Legion of Honor for his tireless years of service to Polonia by President Spula. Additionally, the Silver Bell Club has renamed our undergraduate scholarship the Steve H. Tokarski Scholarship in commemoration of decades of service to the Silver Bell Club, the Polish National Alliance, and the community in general.

On November 22, 2025, the Club hosted a Halfway to Dyngus Day party at Saint Sava's Pavilion in Merrillville, IN. Big Frank's Sausages from East Chicago served food at the event, and DynaVersaStickToneAires Polka Band played polkas, waltzes, and obereks while many danced the evening away. The event was the Club's third Halfway to Dyngus Day event. A special thanks to the Polskie Kwiaty Dance Group from Northwest Indiana who performed during the event which made the afternoon such a special time. Roughly 265 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 in November of 2026! Visit our Facebook to check out the photos from last year's event!

On December 7, 2025, 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 picks up the dinner tab for our members and a plus one. It truly is a nice event for

our members. The Club will plan for a 2026 Christmas party on December 6th to celebrate the next Christmas season.

In December of 2025, 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. As we move into the new year, we'd like to wish Laurie Baumgart well wishes as at the end of 2025, she retired from serving as our Financial Secretary. We're very thankful for her service to PNA and the Silver Bell Club for the past 17 years. We wish her well!

In 2025, 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 Polskie Kwiaty Dance Group and The Guardians of the Green Mile Pet Adoption. The Club also awarded scholarships to student members.

Nominations for the 2026 officers were held in November at our monthly meeting with the election being held in December. Your 2026 officers of the Silver Bell Club were as follows:

President: Sal Muffoletto

Vice President : David S. Tokarski

Secretary: Jeff Jackowski

Treasurer: Michelle Jackowski

Land Manager: Ken York

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. Online applications and additional information are available on our website www.silverbellclub.com. Applications must be received by April 1, 2026. Please note that the application will need to be submitted online only. 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 Sal Muffoletto at 219-789-2204. Please keep in mind that prayer services are usually held between 3:00 PM and 3:30PM.

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 and Facebook 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 website at www.silverbellclub.com. You may also email us at silverbellclub2365@gmail.com .



Silver Bell Club PNA Lodge #2365 - 2026 Dues

As a Reminder, the 2026 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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