



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 2025. We hope that 2024 had many joyous memories for you and your loved ones. We look forward to a bright and healthy 2025!

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 23, 2025 @ 12PM at Gelsosomo's Pizza in Crown Point, IN - please RSVP to Josh @ 219-613-8958
- Bowling Outing - Sunday, March 2, 2025 @Stardust Lanes, Merrillville, IN from 1PM-3PM
- The Memorial Mass with a luncheon to follow - June 1, 2025 @9AM
- The Chicago White Sox Trip - June 24, 2025
- Silver Bell Club 100th Anniversary - Sunday, September 7, 2025
- Halfway to Dyngus Day Party - Saturday, November 22, 2025
- Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, 2025

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

In February of 2024, the Club hosted aPurdue/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 June of 2024, 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.

2024 was the best year so far for the Silver Bell Club Men's Softball Team. In the Spring season the team finished in 3rd place, and in the Fall season the men took 1st place in their division! The team will look to keep that momentum going for 2025, and all players thank the Silver Bell Club for the continued support. Be watching for more info about game days and times for the 2025 season!

On June 25, 2024, Silver Bell Club's members and friends attended the White Sox's Polish Heritage Night. The Sox played the Los Angeles Dodgers, 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 24, 2025. 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 good 2025 season!

On November 23, 2024, 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 second Halfway to Dyngus Day event. Roughly 300 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 2025! Visit our website to check out the photos from last year's event!

On December 8, 2024, 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 2025 Christmas party on December 7th to celebrate the next Christmas season.

In December of 2024, 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 2024, 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 2025 officers were held in November at our monthly meeting with the election being held in December. Your 2025 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. Online applications and additional information are available on our website www.silverbellclub.com. Applications must be

received by April 1, 2025. Please note that 2025 is the first year that the application will 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 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.

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 slated for Sunday, September 7, 2025. The celebration will be held at Innsbrook Country Club in Merrillville, IN. More information to follow for what will be a wonderful event to celebrate the Club's history and service to Northwest Indiana and our Polish community.

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 - 2025 Dues

As a Reminder, the 2025 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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