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The 2010 General Election featured victories by a number of candidates of interest, including Dan Lipinski, Judy Baar Topinka, Michael J. Zalewski, Aurie Pucinski, Dan Patlak and Jeff Tobolski.

Aurie Pucinski was sworn in as a Justice of the Illinois Appellate Court by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Ann McMorrow (ret.). Rev. Gregory Sakowicz, the former Pastor of St. Mary of the Woods (SMOW) Parish gave the invocation.

Greg Adamski died recently. Greg was an attorney who hosted a legal affairs radio show on WGN. He grew up in the Marquette Park neighborhood on the Southwest Side where his father, Richard Adamski, M.D., was a medical doctor who was on the Board of Directors of Holy Cross Hospital.

In February, the Advocates Society held its Installation Dinner at which Robert Groszek was inducted as the new President. The Award of Merit was given to State of Illinois Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka. Last year's honoree was Alderman Michael R. Zalewski.

The February 22nd Municipal Election was a big one in the City of Chicago. Incumbent Aldermen Robert Fioretti, John Pope, and Michael Zalewski all won re-election. All three Aldermen are also Democratic Ward Committeemen. Zalewski is currently President Pro Tempore of the Chicago City Council. Mike Sitkowski was involved in the Fioretti campaign.

The Polish Museum of America had a big turnout to honor Casimir Pulaski. One of the highlights of the event was a press conference in which Senator Mark Kirk (R-IL) announced that he and Senator Barbara Mikulski of Maryland are co-sponsoring bi-partisan legislation to include Poland in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Joining him in the sponsorship of this bill will be U.S. Congressman Dan Lipinski and Mike Quigley. Lipinski previously tried to include Poland in the VWP. An article about this event by Geraldine Balut Coleman appeared in the Polish-American Journal.

Last month, the Chicago Society had its monthly meeting at the Copernicus Center. The guest speaker was County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who was accompanied by her Chief Legal Counsel, Laura Lechowicz Felicione. Laura is the daughter of the late Ted Lechowicz. Ted held a number of public offices in his time, the last of which was County Board Commissioner.

The real estate market appears to be improving. Local real estate agent, Janeen Kupiec, recently participated in a home buyer's seminar at the Edgebrook office of Baird & Warner Residential Brokerage.

This has been a big year for Ted Makarewicz. First, Ted was appointed Chief Legal Counsel to Cook County Assessor, Joseph Berrios. More recently, Ted was selected to be the Grand Marshall of this year's Polish Constitution Day Parade.

The Honorable Raymond Jagielski has been appointed as the Presiding Judge of the 5th Municipal District (Bridgeview). Ray grew up in the Brighton Park neighborhood on the Southwest Side.

The Advocates Society will have a meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at the Polish Highlanders Restaurant on Archer Avenue. Last year's meeting at the Highlander Home was attended by the following current or former judges: Francis Gembala, William Gomolinski, Raymond Jagielski, David Skryd, Joan Smuda, Paul Stralka, John Wasielewski, and Frank Zelezinski.

That meeting was a homecoming of sorts for Frank Zelezinski. His late father, Arthur, was not only an attorney and a Circuit Court Judge, but was also an Alderman of the 12th Ward (Brighton Park). Alderman Zelezinski played a role in helping to relocate the University of Illinois at Chicago Campus from Navy Pier to its current location.

Polish Constitution Day is approaching with several related events. On Friday, May 6, 2011, the Polish American Police Association (PAPA) will hold its Annual Dinner at the White Eagle Banquet Hall on Milwaukee Avenue in Nilens, IL.

On Saturday morning, May 7, 2011, the Chicago Society will host its Annual Pre-Parade Brunch. This year's brunch will be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel. A large crowd is expected to celebrate Ted Makarewicz as Grand Marshall of the parade. Call Ro Matuszczak at 847-635-0883 or 773-489-4510 for reservations.

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