

All members, families and friends of **Polish-American Engineers Association** are cordially invited to attend our January 2008 meeting.

- DATE:**                   **Friday, January 18, 2008**
- TIME:**                   **7:30 – 8:00 pm Social time**  
8:00 pm – Business and Technical Session
- PLACE:**                 **Copernicus Center**  
5216 West Lawrence Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois
- SPEAKER:**           **Professor John J. Dykla**  
Department of Physics  
Loyola University Chicago
- TOPIC:**                **The Most Interesting Time in the Universe is Now**

Relationships of the fundamental forces in physics (the strong nuclear binding force, electromagnetism, the weak nuclear decay force, and gravitation) require that the universe evolve for a time not much less than its present age before the evolution of brains as complex as ours can be possible anywhere. In other words, at much earlier times than now the universe could not be home to minds observing and thinking about it. On the other hand, the recently discovered accelerating expansion of the universe (due to dark energy) implies that in a time only a few multiples of the present age much of what we can now observe will be beyond the relativistic "event horizon". In other words, our descendants in the far future will have much less of the universe available to observe and understand.

**Professor John J. Dykla** grew up in Holy Trinity parish where he received his first 12 years of education. This was a part of the Chicago Polonia near Ashland, Division, and Milwaukee. After his B.S. (magna cum laude) in physics from LUC in 1966, he moved to Pasadena, CA, where he received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics at Caltech, working with professor Kip Thorne, in 1971. After 2 years as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Texas at Austin, he returned to Chicagoland and Loyola University Chicago, this time as a faculty member in physics. Except for sabbatical leaves and attendance at conferences, LUC has been his intellectual "home" ever since the fall of 1973.

A business meeting will precede the technical presentation. Coffee and pastries will be served during the intermission.

**SPECIAL INVITATION** for Polish engineers and technicians who recently came to Chicago.

**GEORGE KOSINSKI** tragically died December 6, 2007. George Kosinski was born and raised in Chicago. After graduating from the Weber High School he begun his engineering studies at the University of Illinois at the Navy Pier in Chicago that later moved to Champaign-Urbana campus. At both the Navy Pier campus as well as the Champaign campus he was instrumental in the organization of a Polish student club. With his engineering degree from the University of Illinois in 1953, George had begun an over five decade long engineering career. His career was interrupted by military service during the Korean War. Because of his engineering background, he was assigned to testing tanks at Fort Knox in Kentucky and in Yuma, Arizona. After completing his military service with an honorable discharge, George briefly worked at Ford Motor Company. He left to continue his education, and in 1957 he received a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. He continued his combined engineering and management career at several manufacturing firms in the Chicago area. In mid 1960's, he established his own consulting firm and remained active in this area until early 1980's. At that time he became president of BY-LOW Manufacturing, Inc and remained active with the firm. George Kosinski's association with PAEA goes back to his student days at the University of Illinois. He was recruited by Professor Kozaczka, one of the founders of our association. He was a very active member and has served as PAEA's president. He was also a member of other Polish-American organizations as: Chicago Society, The Polish Museum of America and the Polish Roman Catholic Union. He and his wife were recipients of the Polish Spirit Award from the Polish Museum of America and the Award of Merit from the Advocates Society. In 2003 George Kosinski in recognition of outstanding service to Polonia and contribution to the engineering community he received the PAEA Service Award. Czesc Jego Pamieci!

**90 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF SITPF** (Stowarzyszenie Inzynierow i Technikow Polskich we Francji). November 16-18, 2007 the Association of Polish Engineers and Technicians in France celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Paris, France. This very impressive organization was established on 18 November 1917, during the First World War when Polish military units were formed in France and there was a need to form a technical cadre necessary to build a new, independent Poland. Festivities were held at the Polish Embassy in Paris. In attendance were representatives of many European Polish Engineering organizations, there were also a large group representing Engineering Organizations from United States and Canada. The PAEA was represented by: Leszek Kocjan, Janusz Labedz, Jan and Barbara Plachta. Excellent presentation on the history of SITPF was presented by Lucjan Sobkowiak, former President of SITPF. Mr. Sobkowiak established an engineering consulting company specializing in electron beam and vacuum technology that has offices in France, Germany and in Florida in the United States. Mr. Sobkowiak will be visiting with us during our May 2008 meeting.

**PAEA CHRISTMAS PARTY, "OPLATEK"** was held on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at the Embassy Suites in Deerfield, Illinois. Although we had experienced a nasty winter storm on this evening we had an unusually large attendance. "Oplatek" was tremendous social and financial success possible thanks to work of many members of our organization. List of names will be too long to mention here but our special gratitude belongs to Anna Kaczmarek for arranging and preparing facilities at the Embassy Suites

Hotel. Additionally our special thanks deserve Jan Kristi, owner of Garden and Hardware Centers stores in Chicago metropolitan area. Mr. Kristi provided the tables with Christmas center pieces that were auctioned among attendees. Proceeds from this auction will be supporting our scholarship fund.

**100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF “DZIENNIK ZWIAZKOWY”.** On January 13, 2008 a banquet honoring the oldest and the largest Polish daily in Chicago will be held at the House of White Eagle, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave. in Niles, IL. Cocktail hour will start at 2 pm; a meal will be served at 3 pm. A relatively large group of our members will be in attendance. Please call Jan Plachta 773-775-7599 and let us know if you will be able to join us for the celebrations. PAEA purchased and add for the anniversary program book. It’s interesting to note that no other Polish paper was published uninterrupted for such a long time. In Poland the publication of papers was interrupted by the five years of German occupation during the Second World War.

**Reminder to all members After many years and to cope with escalating operating costs we are forced to raise our dues starting January 2008.**

<b>Regular membership</b>	<b>- \$50</b>
<b>Student membership</b>	<b>- \$25</b>
<b>Senior membership</b>	<b>- \$25</b>