

## Alicia Latkowski Dutka 2nd Vice President

Alicia Latkowski Dutka was born in Chicago, Illinois at Saint Mary of Nazareth Hospital to Helen (Wiktor) and the late Chester V. Latkowski. She attended Saint Clare of Montefalco and Mother McAuley High School. Alicia studied piano and voice for ten years at the Chicago Conservatory of Music where her love for classical music was enhanced. She majored in Biology at Northwestern University in Chicago. Although not brought up in a Polish neighborhood, her family's pride in Polish heritage was especially celebrated with traditional food and festivities during Christmas and Easter times.

Alicia began her dedication to volunteering at the age of sixteen with her Mother and older sister Yolanta, at Christ Hospital and Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

Alicia married Dr. Robert Dutka D.D.S. in 1967. She was a member of the Service Auxiliary to Loyola Dental School and chaired their annual fundraiser for scholarships.

Alicia is the proud mother of three sons. Robert E. Dutka is a Mechanical Engineer. Aaron C. Dutka is a professional chef and a Doctor of Chiropractic. Jason A. Dutka has an MBA degree and is a professional songwriter and vocalist. She volunteered at every school they attended.

At Saint Theresa grammar school she was a School Board

Member, Mother's Club President, Parish Board Chair of fundraisers and taught cooking classes to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. At Saint Viator High School she managed to be a fundraiser and the Chair of the annual Auction. She served on the Board of Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago and the Women's Club of Inverness Education and Hospitality committees.

Involvement in Chicago's Polonia began in 1993 with membership in the Polish Women's Civic Club. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors, Scholarship Committee, Bylaws Committee, Fund raising Committee and was elected as Treasurer. She is a Life Member of the Polish Museum of America and served on the Board of Directors.

As a member of the Polish Arts Club of Chicago since 2004, she currently serves as First Vice-President and Financial Secretary.

Her active involvement in the American Council for Polish Culture began in 2006 at the Convention in Gdansk, Poland. She was impressed with this Organization's affiliation with other Polish-American cultural groups throughout the United States. Their goals of encouraging Polish culture and Scholarships to Americans of Polish descent for higher education seemed to be a perfect fit. Alicia has served on the Summer Studies committee, Credentials and Grievances committee and Convention committee and looks forward to serve on the Pulaski Scholarship Committee. She is currently a Director and especially enjoyed being Chairwoman of the Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Vocal Award Committee.

Alicia has been and will continue to be a volunteer and leader in whatever task she may embrace.



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