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of the Windsor-Lublin Twin City Partnership 2000-2015









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The pictures on the left are the front and back covers of the X Anniversary brochure, published in 2004. Below is the List of Contents for this XX Anniversary brochure, which covers the period 1995-2014.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all, who contributed their time and skills to producing this brochure. Special thanks to Frank Simpson for reviewing the contents.

Jerry (Jerzy) Barycki

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Dear Friends,

Canada is a nation that derives strength from the diversity of its population, tradition of tolerance and multiculturalism. For over two centuries, Polish immigrants have contributed to Canada's history, traditions, customs, church, economy, politics, trade, science, art and culture. Today in Canada, there are more than 1 million people of Polish descent.

This year is a very special one for our organization; it marks the Twentieth Anniversary of the Association and its contributions to the community, Polonia, Canada and Poland. We supported and promoted initiatives of the Canadian-Polish business community, for example, the official opening of the European Market (1999); a variety of community cultural events, such as the Polish Weeks in Windsor (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013); the publication of the book "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008"; the national petition for the waiving of visa requirements for Poland (2008); a number of national displays, such as the one about Sir Casimir Gzowski; and the activities of the youth leaders of Polonia, for example, the Canadian–Polish Young Leaders Conferences Quo Vadis (2009-2014).

This year marks another anniversary, the 15 years of cooperation with Windsor's twin city of Lublin. Examples of our benefits from this relationship are the gift from Lublin to Windsor of the Goat Fountain brass sculpture and last year the creation of the display, Pope John Paul II, Poland's Gift to the World, arising out of cooperation between the Catholic University of Lublin and our organization, with the support of Polonia.

This year, we helped to co-ordinate a visit by young Polonia leaders to Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, and Mayor of Windsor to Lublin. Also we recreated a display about Maria Skłodowska-Curie and produced a new display on Alexandre-Édouard Kierzkowski, an MP of Polish heritage in the first Canadian Parliament.

It is impossible to list all of our activities and so just a few scenes from the past twenty years are presented in this booklet. Thank you for your support. Now you are part of Polonia's success in Canada. I shall end this note with a remark taken from SPARCS, the Polish Youth Programme: "20 years behind us and we are just sparking the flame, in the hope that the best is yet to come". Thank you for adding your log to our flame. Do not stop feeding the flame. Keep us warm and strong for the next 20 years.

Thank you, dziękujemy,

Jevvy Bavycki

Jerry Barycki, President

Windsor, 3. 10. 2015



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

November, 2015

THE CITY OF WINDSOR IS HONOURED TO JOIN THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR IN CELEBRATING THEIR 20TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TWINNING AGREEMENT BETWEEN LUBLIN AND WINDSOR

The strong relationship that has been forged between the City of Windsor and the Polish Community has been vital in the shaping of our proud multicultural identity.

The Polish Community has played a significant role in the historic narrative of Windsor's economic and cultural identity. The Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor is an integral part of the Polish Community and a well-respected organization in Windsor. The Association has helped many Polish businesses across the City succeed and has worked hard to develop many young Polish professionals into community leaders. These activities are particularly important to Windsor as it looks to support entrepreneurs and create jobs.

The Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor played a significant role in facilitating the twinning agreement between Windsor and Lublin. This twinning has been mutually beneficial for both cities and has been one of Windsor's most active. Over the past 15 years, this relationship has led to many visits, trade missions and joint initiatives between our post-secondary institutions.

On behalf of Windsor City Council, I would like to thank Polish Business and Professional Association of Windsor for their service to the community and congratulate them on their 20th anniversary.

Sincerely

Drew Dilkens



Krzysztof Żuk Prezydent Miasta Lublin

Lublin, 21 September 2015

Mr Jerzy Barycki Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor 2050 Willistead CR., Windsor, ON – N8Y 1K5

Dear Sir,

I would like to cordially thank you for the invitation to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. I am even more delighted since this year we mark the 15th anniversary of partnership between Windsor and Lublin.

It is worthy of note that it was on the initiative of the Association that this partnership agreement was signed. Hence, I want to take this opportunity and congratulate Polonia in Windsor on such a glorious jubilee. It is on this occasion that I reminisced about numerous initiatives that we had undertaken together, suffice it to mention here a series of Polish Weeks in Windsor, publication of a book "Lublin - Windsor. Partnership in the context of the history and the present", or the exhibition entitled "Pope John Paul II: Poland's Gift to the World" created in conjunction with the Catholic University of Lublin.

I am aware that as in previous years, the Association will celebrate its anniversary by hosting a gala dinner with prominent guests in attendance. Unfortunately, I will not be able to have the pleasure of attending the ceremony due to prior commitments.

Nevertheless, on behalf of the City of Lublin, and myself, I would like to ask you to accept and convey our best regards to each and every Member of the Association and to the guests at the reception and by the same token please be assured of my continuous support for any further projects.

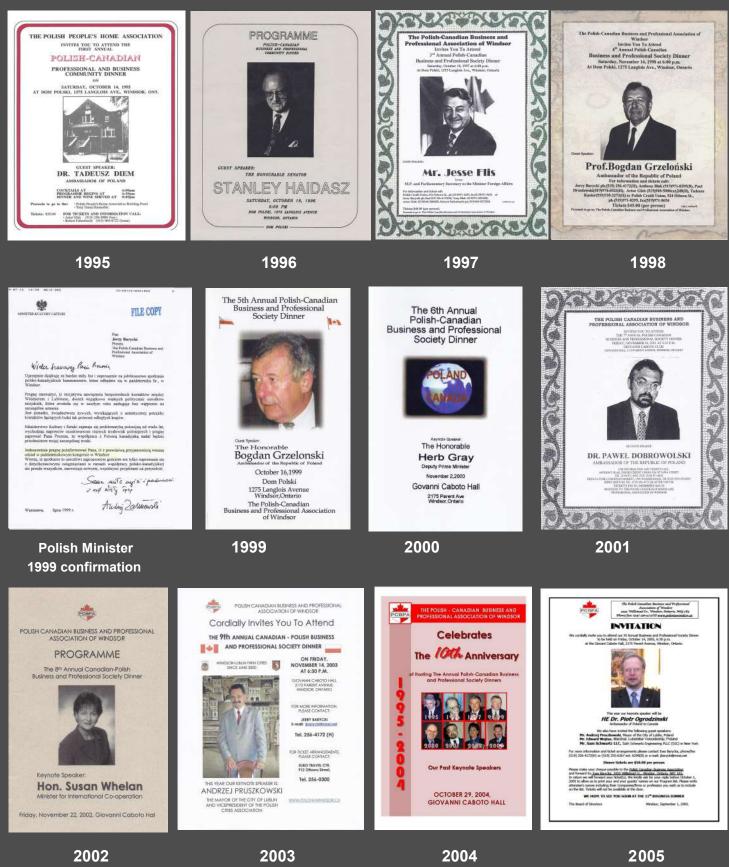
Yours sincerely,

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THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS DINNERS- INVITATION FLYERS





THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS DINNERS- INVITATION FLYERS



Business Dinner Tickets

2004, The X Anniversary



















Highlights of Lublin-Windsor Relations, 2000-2015

In 1994, the first Windsor-Lublin business relations began, with Joe Ouellette, the owner of the Windsor firm Acrolab Ltd. On November 27, 1998, the Ambassador of Poland to Canada, Professor Bogdan Grzeloński contacted Zbigniew Wojciechowski, the Deputy Mayor of Lublin. On February 26, 1999, the Polish community of Windsor successfully petitioned the City of Windsor for a twinning agreement between Windsor and Lublin.

- 1. June 26, 2000. An official Lublin delegation, led by the Mayor of Lublin, Andrzej Pruszkowski, signed the Windsor-Lublin Partnership Agreement in Windsor.
- 2. April 25, 2001. An official Windsor delegation, led by Dave Cassivi, the Deputy Mayor of Windsor, was invited to Lublin and signed the Windsor-Lublin Partnership Agreement, Part 2.
- 3. September, 2002. President of St. Clair College, Dr. John Strasser visited Lublin.
- 4. November 17, 2002. The Reverend Professor Ted Zasępa, President of the Lublin Business School, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Michael Vourakes of St. Clair College and participated in Polish Week in Windsor events.
- 5. May 30, 2003. The Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, the Chairman of the International Joint Commission, visited Lublin and was awarded the title of Doctor, *honoris causa*, at the Catholic University of Lublin.
- 6. November 14, 2003. Andrzej Pruszkowski, the Mayor of Lublin, visited Windsor and Toronto.
- 7. June 12-18, 2004. Trade Team Windsor 2004, led by Dave Cassivi, the Deputy Mayor of Windsor, visited Lublin to participate in Canadian Trade Day and the Eastern Partenariat 2004.
- 8. October 24-30, 2004. During Polish Week in Windsor 2004, Lublin Street was officially named in Windsor in the presence of Eddie Francis, Mayor of Windsor.
- 9. June 25, 2005. Halina Masiuk, from Belarus, a very talented singer of Polish heritage and a student at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, received a scholarship from the Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor.
- 10. July 16-17, 2005. Jerry Barycki officially visited Lublin to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Solidarity Movement, which began in the Lublin area.
- 11. October 12-19, 2005. The Lublin Trade Mission 2005, led by Ryszard Pasikowski, the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, visited Windsor, Toronto and Erie (USA).
- 12. July 19-25, 2006. Joe Comartin, the Member of Parliament for Windsor-Tecumseh, visited Lublin and Warsaw.
- 13. July 18, 2007. The story of Etla Woberg, a Jewish girl from Lublin, who escaped from the Majdanek Concentration Camp, was concluded with awards of Righteous among Nations Medals by the State of Israel. This was inspired by the visit to Lublin by the Rt. Hon. Herb Gray in 2003.
- 14. In 2008, our Association published Agata Rajski's book to commemorate the 100-year history of Polish Community in Windsor, including the Lublin-Windsor partnership, titled: "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor, 1908-2008".
- 15 .November 13-18, 2008. During Polish Week in Windsor, a Lublin delegation, led by Adam Wasilewski, the Mayor of Lublin, visited Windsor.
- 16. November 14, 2008. There was the official unveiling ceremony of the Goat Fountain, a cast in bronze, created by Leszek Rymczak as a gift from the City of Lublin to the citizens of Windsor.
- 17. August 12, 2009. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, and the University of Windsor.
- 18. August 27, 2009. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Catholic University of Lublin and the University of Windsor.
- 19. May 1, 2010. The concert, Tribute to Lublin, by the Windsor Symphony Orchestra featured the world premiere of "Romance for Strings" by Henryk Wieniawski. Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 was performed by pianist Daniel Wnukowski to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Chopin's birth.
- 20. May 7-9, 2010. Quo Vadis II: Building Bridges, Building Leaders, the Polish-North American Youth Leaders Conference, took place in Windsor, with the participation of a delegation from the Polish Parliament led by Bogdan Borusewicz, the Speaker of the Senate R.P. and delegates sponsored by our Association from the Catholic University of Lublin.
- 21. June 4-8, 2010. A Windsor delegation visited Lublin, on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Lublin-Windsor Partnership, led by Drew Dilkens, Councillor and Chair of the International Relations Committee. The City of Lublin and the Catholic University of Lublin organized the conference, "Lublin-Windsor, down the Roads of History towards the Future".
- 22. October, 2011. A book titled "Lublin-Windsor, Partnership in the Context of History and the Present", edited by Rev. Professor Jan Walkusz, from the Catholic University of Lublin, was published.
- 23. November 9-16, 2013. During Polish Week in Windsor 2013, Grzegorz Siemiński, the Deputy Mayor of Lublin, visited Windsor and Ottawa to participate in a special meeting on Canada-Poland trade and the presentation of the "Sir C.S. Gzowski Exhibition" on Parliament Hill by invitation of Joe Comartin, MP and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons.
- 24. April 30, 2014. Prof. Dr. Urszula Paprocka-Piotrowska, Vice President, and Anna Tarnowska-Waszak, Director of the Open University, the Catholic University of Lublin, visited Ottawa for the opening of the exhibition, titled "Pope John Paul II, Poland's Gift to the World" from the Catholic University of Lublin.
- 25. July, 19-21, 2015 A Windsor delegation visited Lublin, on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the Lublin-Windsor Partnership, led by Drew Dilkens, the Mayor of Windsor. Also present was Jerry Barycki, President of the Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor. A special guest, participating in several meetings, was Ms. Alexandra Bugailiskis, the Ambassador of Canada to Poland.

2000-2003 Highlights of Lublin-Windsor Relations



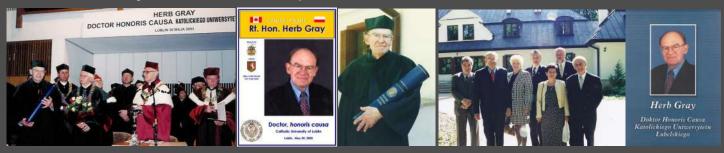
2000 First Visit of Lublin Delegation in Windsor and Signing of Initial Agreement



2001 Windsor Delegation in Lublin and Signing of Second Part of Agreement



2002 Visit by Rev. Prof. Ted Zasepa from the Lublin School of Business in Windsor



2003 Rt. Hon. Herb Gray received Doctor honoris causa at the Catholic University of Lublin



2003 Visit by Andrzej Pruszkowski, Mayor of Lublin, to Windsor

2004 Windsor Delegation in Poland and Belarus



2005 25th Anniversary of Solidarity - Jerry Barycki in Lublin



2006 Joe Comartin in Poland and Ukraine



2010 Quo Vadis Conference in Windsor with Delegation from Lublin, Concert by Budka Suflera



2010 Lublin-Windsor X Anniversary Conference in Lublin with Delegates from Windsor



2013 Visit by Grzegorz Siemiński from Lublin: Meetings in Ottawa



2011 Exhibition Maria Skłodowska-Curie from Windsor to locations across Ontario



2012 Exhibition The Odyssey of Wawel's Treasures, 1939-1961 from Windsor to Parliament Hill and locations across Canada



2013 Exhibition Sir C.S. Gzowski from Windsor to Queen's Park, Parliament Hill and Ontario



2014 Exhibition Pope John Paul II from Lublin to Windsor, Parliament Hill and Ontario



We support, promote and sponsor Polish Weeks in Windsor and the 100th Anniversary.



We support, promote and sponsor the Polish Young Leaders Conferences "Quo Vadis" and more.



Many thanks for the generosity of our sponsors 2004-2014!



Many thanks to all our Performers, 2004-2014!



Many thanks to our Masters of Ceremonies, 1995-2014!



Robert Fallenbuchl 1995-1997



Anthony Blak 1998-2001



John Jr. Kowalski 2002-2003



Dr. Andrzej Sobiesiak 2004-2006



Dr. Frank Simpson 2007-present

We are grateful to all our main local media contibutors, 1995-2014.



Dr. Frank Simpson, Media Relations & Translations (since 2002)



John Liviero Master Photographer (since 2008)



Piotr Niemasik Video Recording (1995-2012)



Ewa Barycka Main Report Writer (since 2001)

INVOLVEMENT

- Promoting and organizing Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Society Dinner events (2004-2014, except 2009).
- Promoting Windsor-Lublin Twinning Agreement, as listed in the Brief Chronology of Main Events, p. 13 (since 2000).
- Promoting and supporting Canadian-Polish Congress, Windsor-Chatham Branch (since 2002).
- Major co-organizer and sponsor of Polish Weeks in Windsor (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013).
- Co-organizer and promoter of centennial celebration of Polish community in Windsor during Polish Week (1908-2008).
- Co-ordinating the Opening Ceremony of the Goat Fountain, the gift of Lublin to the citizens of Windsor (2008).
- Initiating and co-ordinating publication of the book "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008".
- Initiating and co-ordinating creation of "One Century History of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008" on DVD by Polonia Youth (2008).
- Promoting annually the Polish-Canadian Young Leaders Conferences "Quo Vadis" (2009-2014).
- Assisting in presentation of the book "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008" to the Parliamentary Library (2010).
- Initiating and coordinating printing and promotion of Maria Sklodowska-Curie display in Ontario (2011).
- Distributing free of charge to 63 Polish schools in Canada copies of the book "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008" (2008) and brochures on Maria Sklodowska-Curie (2011), A.-E. Kierzkowski (2010 version) and "The Odyssey of Wawel's Treasures, 1939-1961" (2012).
- Co-ordinating with the Embassy of Poland in Ottawa the creation of a modified version of "The Odyssey of Wawel's Treasures, 1939-1961" display, including promoting in Canada and presentation at Parliament Hill (from 2012).
- Initiating and co-ordinating with the Leddy Library UWindsor creation of the Sir C. S. Gzowski display (2013), promoting across Ontario, including at Queen's Park, Parliament Hill (since 2013).
- Co-ordinating the Young Polish-Canadian Leaders in Action event in Ottawa including at Parliament Hill and the Polish Embassy (2013, 2015).
- Initiating and co-ordinating with the Catholic University of Lublin creation of the display, "Pope John Paul II, Poland's Gift to the World" (2014) and promoting across Canada, including at Parliament Hill (2014) and Queen's Park in Toronto (2015).
- Initiating and co-ordinating with the Leddy Library UWindsor creation of the display, A.-E. Kierzkowski (2015).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Society events.
- Scholarships for students at University of Windsor (2003/2004).
- Canadian Chopin Piano Competition (2004).
- Polish Weeks in Windsor (2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2013).
- Scholarship for a student from Brest, Belarus (Lublin 2004).
- Canadian-Polish Congress, Windsor-Chatham Branch (since 2004).
- Canadian Piano Competition in Toronto (2004, 2005).
- Polish-Canadian Youth Group in Windsor (since 2007).
- Obtaining an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant for publication of the book, titled "One Century of the Polish Community in Windsor 1908-2008" (2008).
- Obtaining an Ontario Heritage Grant for the Gala Concert during Polish Week in Windsor (2008).
- Compilation of the history of the Polish community in Windsor on DVD (2008).
- Annual Polish-Canadian Youth Leadership Conferences "Quo Vadis" (2009-2014).
- Obtaining an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant for the Polish-Canadian Youth Leadership Conference "Quo Vadis" in Windsor (2010)
- Polish Youth Group Conference "Poland in the Rockies" (2010).
- Printing Maria Sklodowska-Curie display on a Canadian licence (2011).
- Publication of a book titled "Lublin-Windsor, Partnership in the Context of History and the Present", edited by Rev. Professor Jan Walkusz, the Catholic University of Lublin (2011).
- Co-sponsoring with the Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland the displays, Maria Sklodowska-Curie and A.-E. Kierzkowski (2014).
- Co-sponsoring with the Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland the display, Sir C. S. Gzowski (2013).
- Co-sponsoring with the Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. the displays, "Pope John Paul II, Poland's Gift to the World" (2014) and A.-E. Kierzkowski (Polish language version, 2015).

We are very grateful to all media partners and promoters.



We are very proud of the Distinguished Honorary Members of our Association.

Hon. Dr. Stanley Haidasz

Senator-Emeritus and former first Minister of State for Multiculturalism

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Professor Bogdan Grzeloński Former Ambassador of Poland to Canada

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Joe Comartin MP Windsor-Tecumseh

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Many thanks to the co-founders of our corporation, registered on June 24, 1997!



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