

7. Documentation

7.1 Involvement and Benefits

1995-2004

THE POLISH - CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR



Our Association has been proud to volunteer time, share knowledge, talents and wealth to benefit our Community during last 10 years.

OBJECTIVES FROM OUR CONSTITUTION

- Support and promote business development
- Create and maintain a strong business lobby
- Support educational, charitable and cultural activities

OUR INVOLVEMENT

- Created Polish Canadian Business Association (1996)
- Organized annual business dinners (1995-2004)
- Organized annual community luncheons (1995-2001)
- Organized local business development (1995-2004)
- Obtained registration for Polish Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor (1997)
- Lobbied PMO for Polish-Canadian appointment to Senate (1998, 2003, 2004)
- Initiated Windsor-Lublin Twinning Agreement (2000)
- Participated in Team Windsor Mission to Lublin (2001)
- Were co-founders of Canadian Polish Congress, Windsor-Chatham Branch (2002)
- Assisted signing process of memorandum between St. Clair College and Lublin Business School (2002)
- Was co-organizer of Polish Week in Windsor (2002)
- Facilitated signing process for Canada-Poland agreement on partnership funding of \$15 million to four Eastern and Central European countries (2002)
- Assisted in process leading to award of Doctor *honoris causa* to Rt. Hon. Herb Gray, by Catholic University of Lublin (2003)
- Participated in Windsor Trade Mission to Lublin (2004)
- Was co-organizer of solo piano concert by Piotr Paleczny, (2004)
- Was co-organizer of Polish Week in Windsor (2004)

OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Dom Polski Building Fund (1995)
- Support for Polish cultural performers (1995-2004)
- Expenses related to out-of-town speakers, displays and video productions (1995-2004)
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- Daniel Wnukowski Education Fund (1996)
- Major sponsor of Polish Week in Windsor (2002)
- Scholarships to best students at University of Windsor (2002/2003)
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- Canadian Chopin Piano Competition (2004)
- Major sponsor of Polish Week in Windsor (2004)
- Sponsor of talented art students from Brzesc, Belarus (2004)
- Canadian Polish Congress (2004)

2000-2015

Highlights of Benefits to our Polish-Canadian Community, 2004-2015

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 Skłodowska-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 Skłodowska-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 Skłodowska-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 Skłodowska-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).

Major Involvement and Benefits to Community

2015-2020

- Organizing Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Society events (1995-2020).
- Sponsoring various community events (1995-).
- Promoting Windsor– Lublin Twinning Agreement, including official and trade delegations (2000-).
- Obtaining financial support for PCBPAW projects from Canada and Poland (2000-).
- Publishing reports on PCBPAW activities in Canada and Poland, including newspapers and television interviews (2000-).
- Supporting Canadian-Polish Congress, Windsor Branch (2002-).
- Supporting Polish-Canadian Youth Leadership Conferences “Quo Vadis” (2009-).
- Supporting Polish-Canadian Students’ Association of Windsor (2009-).
- Contributing various documents to 63 Polish Language Schools in Canada (2009-).
- Presenting Canada 150 Polish-Canadian Exhibition (creation of nine displays) during various events in different cities across Canada (2017-).
- Creation of new displays: Mjr. Jerzy Radwanek (2019), Etlia Wolberg (2020) and Lublin-Windsor XX Anniversary (2020).
- Creation of Pictorial Summary of XXV Anniversary Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association (2020).
- Presenting various displays in Poland, such as: A.-È. Kierzkowski (2016-2017), J. Radwanek (2019-2020).

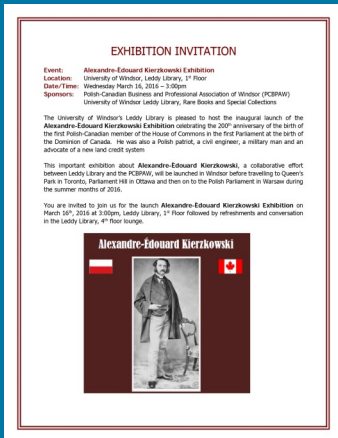
Examples:

We are partners with the Leddy Library, University of Windsor, in the creation of several displays, as shown below, from left: Sir C.S. Gzowski, Alexandre-Édouard Kierzkowski, Parliament Members of Polish Heritage 1867-2019, the Polish Army Camp during WWI, the Polish Army Recruiting Station in Canada during WWII and Fryderyk Chopin.



We are partners with the Leddy Library, University of Windsor, and were able to present various displays at the Library in the past. Examples of invitation flyers and the presentation of the Canada Anniversary Exhibition (2017) are shown below.

2016



2017



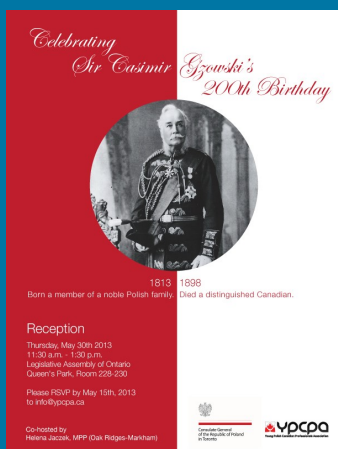
2019



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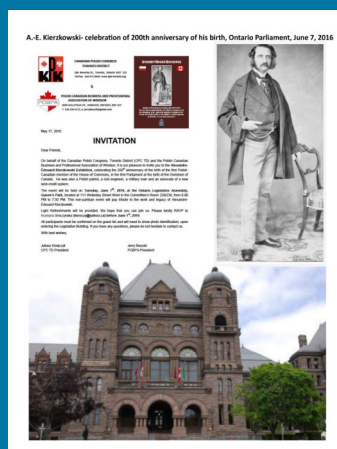


2017: Canada 150 Anniversary Exhibition



2013

Sir C. S. Gzowski at Queen's Park



2016

A.-É.Kierzkowski at Queen's Park



2016

A.-É. Kierzkowski at the Hill



2016

A.-É. Kierzkowski at Ostrów Wiekopolski, Poland

One display of our Polish-Canadian Commemorative Exhibition created for Canada 150 in 2017, the Kościuszko Camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, was used to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Independence of Poland in Ontario, at various Canadian cities in 2018.



Our Polish-Canadian Commemorative Exhibition Canada 150 stored on USBs was frequently used to promote our project across Canada, and Poland during the 5th World Polonia Congress in Warsaw in 2018.



Canada 2018

Presenting the Polish-Canadian Commemorative Exhibition Canada 150 -- Poland 100 on USB at the Roncesvalles Polish Festival in Toronto, 15.09.2018, including to:



Arif Virani, MP,
Parkdale-
Highpark, Toronto.



Peter Fon-
seca, MP,
Mississau-
ga East-
Cooksville.



Prime Minister of Canada, Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau.



Stanislaw Karczewski, Speaker of the Polish Senate
(middle), during his visit in Ottawa, 5.11.2018.



Jeremy
Wallace at
the Canadi-
an Embassy
in Warsaw,
Poland,
15.08.2018.

Poland 2018

Presenting the Polish-Canadian Commemorative Exhibition Canada 150 -- Poland 100 on USB to:



Maria Koc,
Deputy
Speaker of
the Polish
Senate,
Warsaw,
Poland,
21.08.2018.



Example of a "thank you" letter from the Polish Roncesvalles Festival in Toronto, where our Association presented various displays during the past several years.