

# The 26th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner

## Pictorial Report

Friday, November 17th, 2023, at the Dom Polski Hall,  
1275 Langlois Ave., Windsor, Ontario

We live in times, in which it is increasingly difficult to maintain democratic principles, respect for the law, and human dignity. Our 26th gathering gives us a chance to show what is happening in our Polish community in Canada as well as how the cooperation between Poland and Canada progresses. We are glad to note that our Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner was sold out.

From left: Ania Barycka, Master of Ceremonies, Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, MPP, Mississauga Centre, Keynote Speaker, and Jerry Barycki, President, Polish -Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor (PCBPAW).

**THE POLISH-CANADIAN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WINDSOR**

**PROGRAMME**

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Keynote Speaker

Windsor-Lublin, Twin Cities since 2000



**PROGRAMME**

**6:30 p.m. Welcome**  
Jerry Barycki, President, Polish-Canadian Business and Professional Association of Windsor

**6:40 p.m. Greetings**  
Dominik Roszak, Vice President, World Polonia Council and Canadian Polish Congress  
Michał Pszczółkowski, Consul of Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Poland in Toronto  
Brian Masse, MP, Windsor-West  
Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor-West  
Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh  
Chris Cilella, Mayor, City of Windsor

**7:00 p.m. Dinner**

**8:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker**  
Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, MPP, Mississauga Centre

**Guest Speakers**  
Romi Jaszczynski, Head of Foreign Trade Office, Polish Investment and Trade Agency (Canada) - Canada-Poland Trade and Investment Relations  
Suzie Sawicki, President, Polish-Canadian Students' Association of Windsor - Young Polonia Leadership Summit, Ottawa, 2023  
Victor Wolanski, Vice President, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. - Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada

**Awards, Recognition and Closing Remarks**  
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**9:30 p.m. Serada Dance Performance**  
by Taty Song and Dance Ensemble  
Group Photograph



Greetings: from left: Dominik Roszak, Vice President, World Polonia Council and Canadian Polish Congress, Michał Pszczółkowski, Consul of Economic Affairs, Consulate General of Poland in Toronto, Brian Masse, MP, Windsor-West, and Lisa Gretzky, MPP, Windsor-West, Andrew Dowie, MPP, Windsor-Tecumseh and Jo-Anne Gignac, Councillor, City of Windsor.



Guest Speakers, from left: Romi Jaszczynski, Head of Foreign Trade Office, Polish Investment and Trade Agency (Canada) - Canada-Poland Trade and Investment Relations, Suzie Sawicki, President, Polish Canadian Students' Association of Windsor - Young Polonia Leadership Summit, Ottawa, 2023, and Victor Wolanski, Vice President, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. - Copernicus Jubilee (550) in Canada.



The 26th Annual Polish-Canadian Society Business Dinner gathering underlined to all present how important is a continuing update about growing Canadian-Polish trade, investment and cultural relations. We heard the report on the Young Polonia Leadership Summit in Ottawa this May and plans for the first World Polonia Congress in 2024 in Poland. It is essential to increase our efforts in the involvement of the younger generation in the process of removing the threats to this world and building a better, safer future. We can proudly say that our organization for years has been engaged in supporting the activities of young Polonia in Canada and around the world. We presented our most significant project of the current year – the display of the Nicolaus Copernicus Jubilee in Canada, marking the 550th anniversary of his birth. It has become our showcase, travelling across Canada, Poland, and several other countries, creating an international link to Polish cultural heritage, and it was Made in Windsor, Canada.



Nicolaus Copernicus (550) Jubilee Medallions presented to contributors to the Copernicus Project, from left: Stanislaw Beben, Barbara Lemecha, Andrew Chomentowski, Ewa Barycka, Rick Uszynski, Suzie Sawicki, Małgorzata Holec and Zbigniew Pona.

## Awards, Recognition

Awards were presented by Dr. Frank Simpson, Chair of the Awards Committee, PCBPAW.



GOLD PCBPAW Awards, from left: the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto – Mr. Michal Pszczolkowski, the City of Windsor – Mr. Angelo Marignani, Councillor and Chair of the International Relations Committee, City of Windsor, Eagle Press and Equipment Co. Ltd. Co. – Chris Uszynski, Walker Dental Clinic - Dr. Zbigniew Pona, Polish Peoples' Home Association – Ms. Hanna Piasecka, President, and "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble – represented by Ms. Renata Pona.



Special recognition: the Gold Award PCBPAW to Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. was presented to Halina Roznawski, President, by Jerry Barycki, President, PCBPAW.

Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. is a major sponsor for Polonia in Windsor, this year alone donations amounted to \$216,979 - this is a very impressive achievement. The PCBPAW has been benefiting for a number of years and we are very grateful for their support. This year we received \$10, 279 to support the Copernicus (550) Jubilee in Canada project.



Sponsors, from left: AskAniaMedia – Ania Barycka, CEO and President, Walker Dental Clinic - Dr. Zbigniew Pona, WhatsUpWindsor, Polskie Radio – Malgorzata Holec, Host, the Roncesvalles Polish Festival, 2023 - Andrew Chomentowski, Polonia Centre (Windsor) Inc. – Halina Roznawski, President, Global Maintenance Co. – Grzegorz Matjaszewski, General Manager, Polish Canadian Centre Association of Windsor - Marek Niec, President, Invest WindsorEssex – Stephen MacKenzie, CEO and President, Allison Martinello Group of RBC Dominion Securities – Angelo Martinello, Senior Wealth Advisor, Eagle Press & Equipment Co. Ltd.– Rick Uszynski, CEO, Windsor Pain Centre – Dr. Dominik Podbielski.





The presence of a large crowd of the younger generation was beneficial to all. This pattern is part of our support of youth.



Sieradz Dance Performance by the "Tatry" Song and Dance Ensemble





Our Annual Business Dinner in Windsor on November 17, 2023, was sold out, successful event.

Many thanks to all of you for your involvement!

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