



POLONIA NEWS



Calendar:

October 2022

October 2, 1413, a Polish-Lithuanian union was concluded in Horodło

October 7, 1620, Hetman Stanisław Żółkiewski died near Mohylów

October 16, 1384, Jadwiga Andegaweńska was crowned King of Poland

October 17, 1863, Romuald Traugutt became the last dictator of the January Uprising

October 18, 1523, Anna Jagiellonka, the last king of Poland from the Jagiellonian family, was born

October 20, 1655 in Kiejdany, Janusz Radziwiłł broke the union of Lithuania with the Crown

FAMILY PICNIC OF THE CPC MANITOBA IN COOKS CREEK

The Family Picnic of the Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba in Cooks Creek was the highlight of September. The choice of the place was not accidental. Polish heritage is present in Cooks Creek and visible like nowhere else in Manitoba. The picnic took place at the Church of Saint Michael the Archangel, which this year celebrates its 100th anniversary.

The organizing of this event actively joined by the Federation of Polish Women in Canada, Ogniwo No. 7, scouts from Szczep Gdańsk in Winnipeg and Sokół St Boniface. You could also find out about the possibilities of studying Polish directly from Magdalena Blackmore, lecturer of Polish language at the University of Manitoba.

Among the numerous attractions for children there were art classes, face painting, and the scout staff prepared several stations for children and teenagers as part of the points game. At the end, Szczep presented a few songs and dances during the spontaneous "Kominek".

We would like to thank the Cooks Creek Museum for the opportunity and support in organizing the picnic! **First and foremost we would like to thank the Polish community.**



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116 YEARS OF PTG SOKÓŁ WINNIPEG



This year, the Polish Gymnastic Society Sokół Winnipeg celebrated its 116th anniversary. The jubilee was combined with the celebration of anniversaries 114 and 115, which did not take place due to the pandemic time.

Canadian Polish Congress Manitoba District wishes to all members

*On pictures:
President of PTG Sokół Winnipeg Karol Mazur
and vice-president Weronika Wierzbicki*



MEMORY OAKS PLANTED

Polonia got involved in the action of planting Memory Oaks carried out by the Gazeta Polska Club in Winnipeg. It took place on September 30, 2022 in Albrin Park.

Barbara Pawlak, the head of the Polish Newspaper Club, said her thanks for the help to Sokol St Boniface Winnipeg and the Canadian Congress of Poland of Manitoba District.



CHANGES ON THE MONUMENT OF COMBATANTS



The names of the last Heroes of World War II, members of the circle # 13, were engraved on the SPK monument, which is located in the Holy Spirit cemetery.

The opening of the SPK Big Whiteshell holiday resort has been delayed this year due to flooding. The ice did a lot of damage to private dachas, most of the roads were flooded and impassable. Fortunately, the center survived without major damage and was opened on Canada Day. This year, scouts visited the center again after a 20-year break.

Major renovations are planned at Big Whiteshell in the future.



PARISH PICNICS

The life of the Polish community has always focused on the church. In exile, it was parishes that became the center of Polishness. Except for the most obvious religious function, they enable the preservation of the identity of a given group and integrate it into the foreign country. They also help with integration into the host environment.

Parish picnic organized by Holy Ghost



Parish picnic organized by St Andrew Bobola



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PARISH

Holy Ghost Parish Family Day Celebration

On Sunday, September 11, 2022 after morning Masses Holy Ghost Parish hosted a Family Day Celebration during which an official blessing of the new parking lot was conducted. The event was organized under the direction of young parishioners from Polish Gymnastic Association Sokol Winnipeg working with Holy Ghost Parish Groups. The day was a true celebration for the entire parish. There were many family oriented games, bouncing castle for children and good food for everyone!

All Saints Party

Holy Ghost Parish is organizing All Saints Party for children in our community and their families. We provide a faith based and safe alternative to Halloween. The Holy Ghost All Saints Party will be on Monday, October 31, 2022 in our Church Hall and will start with a Mass at 6:30 pm. Children and Parents are asked to please dress up as Saints. On the agenda many fun games and activities, best costume competition, snacks and of course candies! Everyone is invited!

Holy Ghost Catechetical year 2022/ 23 began with religion classes registration on September 17, 2022. We offer classes from 1 to 8 in English language. The registration forms are still available on our parish website holyghost.ca and we are still accepting applications. First day of classes will be October 15, 2022 at 9:00 am.

SUPPORT THE POLISH STUDIES FUND

Help keep Polish Language & Culture alive - join us October 16th to Support the Polish Studies Fund. Our fundraisers have been on hold since the beginning of the pandemic, we are very excited to see everyone back in person.

This fund was established in 1999 by Canadian Polish Congress to secure the continuance of Polish language and culture courses. Our main goal is to raise funds required to sustain the Polish Studies program at the University of Manitoba. Our committee continues to inspire donations from community leaders like yourself, to ensure Polish culture and language continues to grow in Manitoba!

Our goal is to reach a capital balance of \$1,000,000. Our community is \$200,000 short of reaching this goal. This amount would provide the sustainability and assurance that Polish language and culture classes are offered for generations to come.

We need your help in making this goal a reality. It would be a great honor to see you, represented on October 16.

Our guest speaker is Dorota Blumczynska. At seven years old, Dorota and her family fled Poland amid political turmoil. They lived in a refugee camp for over a year before being resettled in Canada. Today, she is the Chief Executive Officer of the Manitoba Museum. Prior to coming to the Manitoba Museum, Dorota was the Executive Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba Inc. (IRCOM). During her thirteen-year tenure, Dorota led the organization through a period of rapid growth, innovation, and increased impact and influence.

The Luncheon will take place on **October 16 at 12pm** at the St. Boniface Golf Club 100 Youville Street. Corporate tables are \$1,000 each and single tickets sold at **\$95** with all funds supporting the Polish Studies Endowment Fund (tax receipts will be issued for 50% of the ticket).

Please contact one of us:

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or Adam Pawlak (adamapawlak@gmail.com)

for tickets!

NEWS FROM POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL

The new school year 2022/23 began on Saturday, September 10, 2022 in a new location. There are still free spaces.

Courtesy of Holy Spirit School, the new address for Saturday School is 319 Selkirk Ave.

Class hours: 10:30 - 11:15 Religion, 11:15 - 14:00 Polish language.

The first Holy Communion, as usual, will be held in the church of Saint Andrzej Bobola. As always, the preparation of children for receiving the sacrament will be conducted by Father Walery Bykowski.

On behalf of the board of the Polish Saturday School, I would like to thank you the management of the Holy Spirit School for providing us with their building and for any cooperation so that the Saturday School could function normally.

Kind regards,
Józef Kukielka

Also on October 15th we have the first parents' meeting and at this meeting the Parents' Committee will be elected. The meeting will be held at the School at 10:45 am. We cordially invite all parents!

ISKRY IN VANCOUVER

Pani Urszula Sulinska reached out to the Polish Folk Dance Ensemble SPK Iskry in May of 2022. The group was honoured to be contacted by someone recognizing the effort and hard work the dance group puts into their rehearsals on a weekly basis. After discussing a few logistical items, Iskry accepted the invitation and plans were made to attend Belweder's Polish Festival in North Vancouver on Sunday, September 4th, 2022. No one was disappointed.

Arrangements were made and flights were booked for dancers to travel from Winnipeg to Vancouver between August 31 and September 2. Iskry had a great time taking in the sights and sounds of British Columbia's most populous city. They enjoyed bike riding around Stanley Park, going for swims in the Pacific Ocean, and taking in the city's vibrant nightlife. Then on Sunday, it was time to get down to business.

Polish Festival was held at The Shipyards in North Vancouver, which can be likened to The Forks here in Winnipeg. A gathering place for communities, with a stage for performances, exhibition hall, and various restaurants (not that any of those were in high demand that day, with all the kielbasy and pierogi!). Iskry performed six dances: Polonez, Lowicz, Kaszuby, Rzeszow, Spisz, and Goralski, all to the delight of the hundreds of audience members. The crowd took pictures and videos of the performances, and loved taking in Iskry's enthusiasm, quick footwork, and dynamic stage presence. When the performances had come to a close, spectators were able to take photos with the group, often getting a chance to wear a hat or hold a ciupaga. All in all, everyone had a great time at Polish Festival 2022, and Iskry hopes to be invited back again!

We would like to thank our generous sponsors who made this trip possible- we are grateful for your aid and proudly represented Winnipeg at the festival!



FROM THE SCOUT'S CAMP

Szczep Harcerski Gdańsk has ended a year of intensive activity by organizing a zuchowa camp in August. A new adventure awaits us!

On September 27, we started the new scout year!

We invite all children: from 6 years of age to join the ranks of scouts and older ones to scout gatherings. Both junior scout and scout meetings will take place every Tuesday at 18:30 in Sokol St Boniface, at 523 Doucet St., Winnipeg

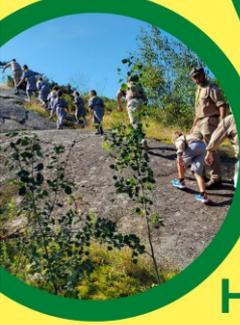
Scouting abroad is a Polish organization whose task is to pass on Polish tradition, history, culture and the maintenance of the Polish language to younger generations.

Czuj! Czuwaj!

Szczep Gdańsk

24 Drużyna Harcerska

Gromada Zuchowa Słoneczne Plemię



DOŁĄCZ DO HARCERSTWA!

Zapraszamy dzieci (w wieku od 6 lat) i młodzież, na zbiórki zuchowe i harcerskie
Czas: wtorki o godz: 18:30
Miejsce: Sokół St. Boniface, Winnipeg

**ZAPISY I PIERWSZA ZBIÓRKA
27 WRZEŚNIA O 18:30**

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HARVEST IN SOKÓŁ ST BONIFACE



September 17 - Sokół St Boniface organized a harvest festival. At the beginning, the Czerwona Rzeka band made a guest appearance, which set the mood of the traditional harvest fest in Poland. There was also a traditional harvest wreath made by Wioletta Los.



WILL HAPPEN IN OCTOBER

16 - raising money for the Polish Language Course (12.00)

29 - Halloween party for adults at Sokol St Boniface (8pm)

30 - family coffee and fun for children in Sokole St Boniface (12.00)

30 - "Light a candle" action at the Holy Ghost cemetery in Main St. (18.00)

31 - "Party at All Saints" for children, at the parish of the Holy Spirit (18.30)

Dear Polonia,

September was a very intense time in the life of our community. Classes began in Polish school, the Polish groups have started, we had parish picnics and a KPK family picnic. These are just some of the elements that testify that the Polish diaspora is a complex and living organism. This stability in certain spheres of Polish life is a significant value. We can rely on this stability. This is the foundation. The world is changing and we must change. Leaving what is a burden and gaining new ones if it is positive for us.

The Canadian Polish Congress of the Manitoba District is facing new challenges. We want to create some of the tasks ourselves, others are prompted by circumstances, others by history. We will be ready for all of them to serve the Polish diaspora. Because that's the role of Congress.

Jolanta Gronowska
President of CPC

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Join us

You are invited to our
5th Annual Luncheon Fundraiser

**POLISH STUDIES
ENDOWMENT FUND**

✦ *October 16, 2022* ✦

St. Boniface Golf Club
100 Youville Street
Lunch at 12:00PM
Tickets \$90

To purchase tickets please
call/text 204-803-6949

Guest Speaker
Dorota Blumczynska
CEO of the Manitoba Museum



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