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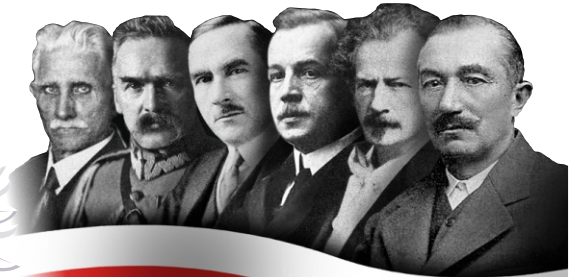
# POLONIA NEWS



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## INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY

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**Saint John Paul II about Poland:**

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***“Patriotism means love of what is native: love of history, tradition, language or the native landscape itself. It is a love that also embraces the works of our countrymen and the fruits of their genius. Every threat to the good that is the homeland becomes a test of this love. Our history teaches that Poles have always been capable of great sacrifices to preserve this goodness or to regain it.”***





## "YOU GAVE US FREEDOM" - IN TRIBUTE TO JOHN PAUL II

On the initiative of the Klub Gazety Polskiej in Winnipeg a commemorative plaque was solemnly unveiled the great Pole John Paul II.

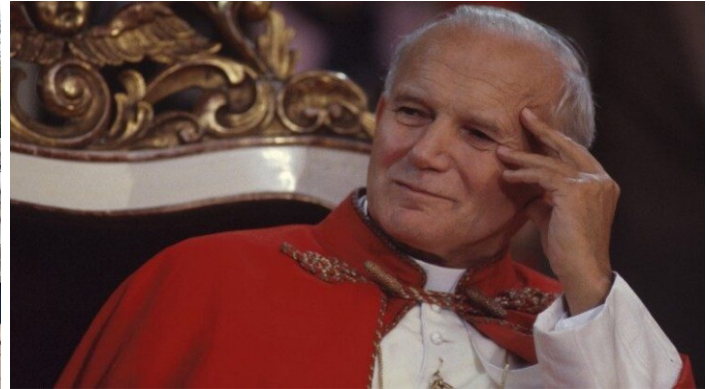
The founder of the plaque is Klub Gazety Polskiej in Winnipeg.



The unveiling of the plaque symbolically began preparations for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of Karol Wojtyła's pilgrimage to Winnipeg as pope and the 55th anniversary of his pilgrimage as a cardinal.

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*John Paul II, Pilgrimage to Poland, 1991*



The plaque was installed on the front of the building of the Parish Church of St. Andrzej Bobola and consecrated by priests: Henryk Łaciak and Walery Bykowski.



## **WOMEN'S FEDERATION CHANGING WINNIPEG FOR 60 YEARS!**

### ***Celebrations of the Sixtieth Anniversary of PCWF, Branch 7 in Winnipeg***

Polish Canadian Women's Federation, Branch 7 in Winnipeg is recognized as one of the most active Polish organizations in Manitoba. This year, on October 14, the Branch celebrated its sixtieth anniversary. The jubilee year activities culminated with a splendid Gala event attended by numerous representatives of Polish artistic, religious, and charitable organizations, as well as many distinguished members of Polonia in our province. Consul General of the Republic of Poland, Mrs. Magdalena Pszczółkowska, sent her official congratulations, which were delivered by vice- Consul, present during the event, Mr. Pszczółkowski. Mrs. Katarzyna Grandwilewska, national president of the Polish Canadian Women's Federation, Mrs. Aleksandra Kosińska, vice- president of the Federation for Western Canada, and Mrs. Jolanta Gronowska, president of Polish Canadian Congress in Manitoba, were present among the honored guests of the Biesiada.

Branch 7 president, Mrs. Maria Szymańska, took the helm of the anniversary activities. Mrs. Zofia de Witt served as Master of Ceremonies, and vice-president Ms. Wioletta Los took charge of the artistic aspects of the events. Father Tomasz Kościński OMI offered the blessing for the meal and for the well-being of all gathered. Guests enjoyed delicious specialties of traditional Polish cuisine in the beautifully decorated banquet hall of Holy Ghost Church. Musical entertainment included performances by Kapela Czerwona Rzeki, who welcomed arriving patrons, accordion accompaniment by Mr. Henryk Kuzia, and lively dance sets by D.J. Kolt. Guest also had a chance to see an exhibition of our activities and achievements over the last 60 years. The scrumptious appetizers and dinner courses were expertly prepared by the parish chapter of the Knights of Columbus and Mr. Jan Leszczyński of M&S Meat Market.

The main attraction of the artistic program was a performance of "Boryna's Wedding", presented by the SPK "Iskry" Dance Ensemble. The work, based on Chłopi (The Peasants), a novel by Polish Nobel laureate W. Reymont, celebrated the nation's music and folklore. Beautiful dances and songs were justly rewarded with enthusiastic applause.

During the evening, distinguished members of Branch 7 were awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals of the Federation as well as certificates of appreciation for their service. An example of such a service was a donation drive for Harvest Manitoba food bank, which took place during the Gala. We were able to collect 205 lbs. of non-perishable food items worth approximately \$658.





## WOMEN'S FEDERATION CHANGING WINNIPEG FOR 60 YEARS!

Continuing this charitable tradition, president, Mrs. Maria Szymańska, announced a generous contribution of \$5 000.00 from the Branch in support of the Endowment Fund for Polish Studies Program at the University of Manitoba.

On Sunday, October 15, members attended a Mass of Thanksgiving in the intention of Branch 7 at Holy Ghost Church. They were also able to visit a historical chapel decorated with Polish church artifacts from the nineteenth century.

Afterwards, the members visited the Polish "Ogniwo" Museum and gathered for lunch at beautiful Kildonan Park.

During their time in Winnipeg, Mrs. Grandwilewska and Mrs. Kosińska visited the Canadian Museum of Human Rights, Legislature Building, and the Journey to Churchill, exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. Their stay was an ideal opportunity to strengthen ties between branches of the Federation.





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## AT THE HOLY SPIRIT...ALL SAINTS' BALL!

On the occasion of All Saints' Day, All Saints' Balls are organized in many places in Poland and among the Polish diaspora around the world. The events remind us of the essence of All Saints' Day. It is also a response to the pagan Halloween, which includes, among others: children dressed as ghosts collect sweets and make mischief when they do not receive them.

An All Saints' Ball also took place in Winnipeg. It was organized by the Holy Ghost parish.



This is how children were thanked for participating in the All Saints' Ball on the parish's social media profile:

*Hello Friends!*

*Thank you for joining us yesterday for a very special day. We started off with Holy Eucharist , All Saints Parade , games , dancing , Holy Rosary (which we made ourselves!!!) and of course LOTS of candy!*

*A big THANK YOU for our fantastic volunteers, parents, and ALL CHILDREN!!! Hope to see you next year! God Bless!*





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## FROM THE POLISH SATURDAY SCHOOL...

This year, Polish Saturday School by St. Andrew Bobola's Parish began the school year on September 9. School operates from Holy Ghost School on Selkirk Avenue. Classes for everyone, including adults are on Saturdays from 10:30(AM) - 2:00(PM). Education includes religion as well. Each class has their own space to learn. We also have gym and library available to us. Every last Saturday of the month we have Pizza Day and Library where we can take polish books home. We have over 50 students, including 10 adults.



On October 14th, teachers and parents participated in 60th Anniversary of Polish Canadian Women's Federation Branch 7 – Winnipeg.

The party was great, with ongoing dancing and singing.

On October 28th students dressed in costumes to celebrate Pumpkin Day and Ghosts Day. The adult class was helping with serving pizza on that day to practice their polish language skills.

If you are interested in joining our school please visit us on Saturday or send an email to: [psswpg@gmail.com](mailto:psswpg@gmail.com)

*Aldona Stein, The Principal of Polish Saturday School by St. Andrew Bobola Parish Winnipeg*





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## CHILDREN CARVED PUMPKINS...



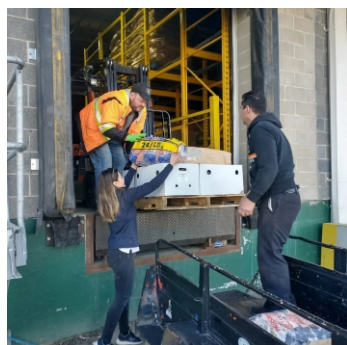
Another successful family event at Sokół St Boniface! The pumpkins turned out great! Thank you to everyone who was able to be with us this afternoon! Special thanks to Sylwia Starzyk for organizing this year's pumpkin carving and Aleksander Quartel for face painting!



## FROM THE SCOUT'S CAMP

Thank you all for your hard work with the Peak of the Market fundraiser! Our collection was a great success - 101 orders were placed, which amounted to just over \$1,000 for our Polish scouts in Winnipeg. A huge thank you to all our volunteers who helped us make it all happen! We plan to repeat this collection next year.

Thank you dh Ewelina! It wouldn't have been possible without her ☀️ Czuwaj!





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## YOUNG POLONIA SUMMIT IN OTTAWA

Two days of inspiration, empowerment and networking. The historic Young Polonia Leadership Summit ends with gala ceremony hosted by Amb. Witold Dzielski at the Polish Embassy in #Ottawa!

Young leaders are leaving with better connections, sense of synergy and a renewed drive to make a difference. THX to organisers & partners: Canadian Polish Congress, MPs/Canadian Parliament and PCBPA. Young Polonia, see you next year!



## KPK CANADA REPORTING MEETING IN BURLINGTON

October 21 this year The Reporting Congress of the Canadian Polish Congress was held at the Polish House of the Polish National Association, Commune 17 in Burlington.

During the meeting, the activities of the KPK Main Board for the period from October 2022 to October 2023 were summarized, a report on the Young Polish Diaspora Congress held in Ottawa, the Polonia and Poles from Abroad, the celebration of the Year of Copernicus and the Future Directions - Canadian Polish Heritage Trail project were presented.





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## NEWS FROM POLISH SCHOOL OF DANCE SOKÓŁ

The new school dance year has been going very well for the Polish School of Dance Sokol! This year, 77 students are attending with many new faces joining this year. Preparations for our Annual Christmas Concert are beginning and will be held on Dec. 3rd this year.

Last month, the school parent committee treated the students to a trip to Boo at the Zoo in Assiniboine Park Zoo. Over 95 people joined us to have some Halloween fun together on October 20th!!! It was a nice warm evening and all the kids had fun with their friends.

On October 29, Pani Justyna Paprocki and Pan Derek Gale, the Junior instructors, took our Junior dancers out to Speedworld for a few races. This was also a treat for the kids to have some fun together out of dance classes.



## CELEBRATING ALL SAINTS IN WINNIPEG...





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## ELECTIONS TO THE POLISH PARLIAMENT IN WINNIPEG

A huge thank you to the Consulate General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto for enabling the Polish community in Manitoba to take part in the Sejm and Senate Elections and the Referendum.

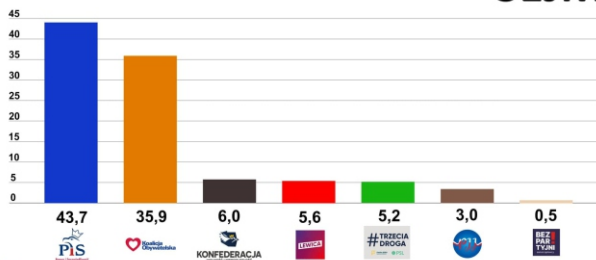
We would especially like to thank Consul Michał Pszczółkowski, who actively monitored the voting process in Winnipeg participated in the work of the district commission, consul Izabela Fabjańska-Potapczuk who watched over data transmission in Toronto. And twice the Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Toronto, Magdalena Pszczółkowska.



Thank you for having our agora in Winnipeg where we could celebrate democracy.

### WYBORY 2023 - OKW WINNIPEG

#### SEJM



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#### REFERENDUM

56% zarejestrowanych w OKW wzięło udział w referendum

1. 90 % - NIE
2. 95 % - NIE
3. 91 % - NIE
4. 92 % - NIE

## IT WILL HAPPEN SOON

### NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

*November 12 - Independence Day celebration - Church of the Holy Ghost - 11.00*

*November 19 - 95th anniversary of the existence of Sokół St Boniface*

*November 25 - St. Andrew's Day party in Sokół St Boniface*

*December 10 - Santa Claus in Sokół St Boniface - fun for children - 12:30*

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