

Polish-Canadian Women's Federation

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206 Beverly Street, Toronto



The Premier
of Ontario

May 20, 2006

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to congratulate the Polish-Canadian Women's Federation, Hamilton and Area District, for providing 50 years of outstanding service to the community.

For half a century, the Polish-Canadian Women's Federation has been helping to keep Polish culture in Canada strong and vibrant. My colleagues and I recognize the important role the Polish-Canadian Women's Federation plays in building healthy and prosperous communities.

This commemorative banquet is an ideal way for you to celebrate your rich heritage and to take pride in your unfaltering dedication to your community. As you mark this important milestone, it is an ideal occasion to reflect on your many achievements and look, with hope and optimism, to the promise of the future.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable anniversary year and much ongoing success.

Dalton McGuinty
Premier



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20 May 2006

As The Queen's representative in Ontario, I am pleased to extend sincere greetings to everyone attending the 50th Anniversary of the Polish-Canadian Women's Federation.

Since 1956, the Federation has organized women of Polish descent to preserve and share their culture within Canada's diverse mosaic. In the ensuing years, the Federation has grown to include women from all corners of the country, now organized into 22 branches in five different provinces. Your work in addressing contemporary family issues and advocating for women's rights has made you an indispensable resource for the thousands of members who benefit from your services. The contributions of your organization have had an important impact on preserving and enriching Canada's multicultural traditions.

Please accept my best wishes for happy and memorable Golden Anniversary celebration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James K. Bartleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

James K. Bartleman

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN ON ONTARIO^{est1923}

Milica Kovacevich, President
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November 6, 2006

Yvonne Bogorya, President
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Dear Yvonne Bogorya:

Congratulations on Celebrating 50 Years

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Provincial Council of Women on Ontario, to extend to the Polish Canadian Women Federation our deepest heartfelt Congratulations on your 50th Anniversary Celebration.

This is indeed a major accomplishment in the history of any organization. It is particularly important when it can be achieved by woman's organizations. We wish the Polish Canadian Women Federation continued success in its work in the community.

Sincerely,
Milica Kovacevich, President



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November 18, 2006.

Mrs. Iwona Bogorya-Buczakowska,
President,
Polish-Canadian Women's Federation,
2-7 Bradbrook Road,
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Dear Madam President:

On behalf of the members of the Marie Curie Skłodowska Association, I would like to congratulate the members of the Polish-Canadian Women's Federation on their 50th anniversary of volunteer service to the Polish Community and to Poland.

The members of the Federation are to be commended for their time and work in promoting Polish language and culture, in addition to helping those in need. When you volunteer, you give your time, energy, skills and feelings, to your friends, your neighbours, and to your community. Your members have made a difference in the lives of many.

Mrs. Anna Lopinski will represent the Marie Curie Skłodowska Association on the occasion of your Jubilee Celebration on November 26, 2007.

Sincerely,

Adele Simpson

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Polish-Canadian Women's Federation FEDERACJA POLEK W KANADZIE

The Polish-Canadian Women's Federation was founded by Jadwiga Dobrucka in 1956 in order to organize women of Polish origin for the purpose of preserving their cultural values and making a positive contribution to Canadian society. Jadwiga Dobrucka was an ardent social activist and a teacher by profession. She was an immigrant who well understood the problems of immigrant women in a new country, their struggle to survive and at the same time integrate into Canadian society.

The organization is charitable in character and based on democratic and Christian principles.

In the past 50 years, our organization has grown to over 20 branches across Canada. The Federation is an active member of the Canadian Polish Congress Head Executive Board, the Canadian National Council of Women, the National Citizenship Council and the Polish Women's World Federation.

The Polish-Canadian Women's Federation is cultivating and preserving the Polish language and traditions while developing ties with the adopted country, showing concern for the family as a social unit based on Christian ethical and moral values; performing various charitable activities with a stress on helping needy children, and cooperating with other, mainly women's organizations.

In order to get necessary funds to carry out our plans, we organize many activities. Some of these activities include social gatherings, national festivals, public lectures of interest to women, participation in conferences, concerts, poetry competitions and other cultural events.

Our Branches and Presidents in 2006

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- Branch 2 - London**
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- Branch 3 - Edmonton**
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- Branch 8 - Ottawa**
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- Branch 9 - Montreal**
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- Branch 17 - Etobicoke**
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- Branch 18 - Hamilton**
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- Branch 19 - Etobicoke**
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- Branch 20 - Windsor**
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- Branch 21 - Etobicoke**
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