

THE PCCC NEWSLETTER

Dear Members of the Polish Canadian Chamber of Commerce,

As we bid farewell to another eventful year, I am delighted to reflect upon the past 12 months filled with exciting happenings and significant milestones within our chamber. It has been a pleasure continuing to serve as your president and witnessing the dynamic engagement of our members.

Most recently, our successful networking events, including the Back to Business and International Business Mixers, stand out as highlights, bringing together over 100 and 200 firms, respectively. These events provided a meaningful platform for businesses to connect based on their priorities and preferences, fostering promising collaborations and partnerships.

In recent months, the chamber also actively participated in hosting delegations from the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Quebec, further strengthening our ties to our Canadian counterparts. Beyond Warsaw, our member companies joined prominent events such as the MSPO in Kielce, the Scottish Evening in Łódź, and the North American Networking Night in Rzeszów, expanding our reach and influence. The chamber's voice also resonated at various conferences, including the Rebuild Ukraine Exhibition & Conference as well as the 3W Congress.

Amidst our professional engagements, we also found time for celebration and joy at events like the Fall Fete at the Embassy of Canada and the 90th birthday celebration of our esteemed partner, Air France. In these moments, the chamber community demonstrated its vibrant spirit and camaraderie.

Regrettably, our joy was deeply tempered by the recent loss of our close friend and mentor, and bedrock member of the chamber, Stan Borkowski. His contributions and friendship will be sorely missed, and most recently we honored his memory during the Christmas Luncheon.

As we conclude this year, we also mark the anticipation of our chamber's 20th anniversary celebrations in the coming year. Plans for the anniversary were tentatively discussed during the Christmas Luncheon, setting the stage for an exciting year ahead.

Three new members have joined our business community over the past few weeks, enriching our network with fresh perspectives and opportunities. Several promising discussions regarding other new memberships are currently underway.

In the spirit of life's ever-changing landscape, seeing joy intertwined with sorrow, we invite you to join us in bidding farewell to this year and embracing the New Year with optimism and enthusiasm. Save the date for our Winter (or Spring) Reception in February or March 2024, where we will gather in style to share our aspirations for the chamber's continued success.

Thank you for your unwavering support and engagement throughout the year. Wishing you a joyful and peaceful Christmas and holiday season, as well as a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,



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