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Excellence Awards Gala

PROGRAM

6:30 pm - Cocktail reception

Excellent opportunity to network

8:00 pm - Official Welcome

8:05 pm - Recognition of the Mayor of Mississauga
her worship Bonnie Crombie

8:15 pm – Dinner

8:45 pm - Awards Ceremony

9:15 pm - Dance

11:00 pm - Late table

MENU

Cocktail reception:

finger food, alcohol punch and martini bar

Dinner

Soup: Butter Nut Squash

Salad: Cesar salad

Main course: Fillet Mignon/ chicken and vegetables, potato, sauces

Dessert: Cream brulle, coffee or tea

Late table: mini burgers, pizza, cold cuts/Italian mild sausages

Recipients of Excellence Award

Bonnie Crombie

Political Leadership

Alicja Zukowska - Wojewnik

Regulatory and Scientific Solutions

Kazimierz Stachelek

Entrepreneur

Eugene J.A. Gierczak, P. Eng.

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Transportation of people and cargo

Edward & Janina Kida

Food production

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Chris Jakubowski

Hospitality Services

Krzysztof Tomczak

Businessman & Polonia Activist



BONNIE CROMBIE

Bonnie Crombie is a Canadian politician who has been the **Mayor of Mississauga**, Ontario since 2014. From 2008 to 2011 she was a Liberal Member of Parliament for the riding of Mississauga — Streetsville and from 2011 to 2014 she served as councillor for Ward 5 on Mississauga City Council.

Crombie was born to Polish/Ukrainian-Canadian immigrants in Toronto, Ontario. She graduated from St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto. She received her M.B.A. from York University in 1992.

Before entering politics Crombie was an entrepreneur and public affairs consultant that worked with many clients including the Insurance Board of Canada, McDonald's, and Disney. Crombie and her husband Brian live in Mississauga where they raised three children.

Crombie was elected as MP for the riding of Mississauga—Streetsville as a Liberal Party candidate in the 2008 Canadian federal election, defeating incumbent MP Wajid Khan who had previously crossed the floor from the Liberals to the Conservative Party. After being elected, Crombie served in Stéphane Dion's Liberal caucus as co-chair of outreach along with Justin Trudeau. Crombie also served as the Liberal Party critic for Crown corporations. She was an active supporter of Michael Ignatieff in his bid for the Liberal leadership. She was later defeated by Conservative candidate Brad Butt in the 2011 federal election.

On September 19, 2011, Crombie was elected to Mississauga City Council in the by-election to succeed Eve Adams as Councillor for Ward 5, winning by slightly more than 200 votes over Carolyn Parrish.

On October 12, 2014, retiring long-serving Mayor of Mississauga Hazel McCallion endorsed Crombie to replace her as Mayor. Crombie later defeated former city councillor and federal cabinet minister Steve Mahoney to win the 2014 mayoral election.

ALICJA ZUKOWSKA WOJEWNIK



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Alicja Wojewnik was born in Lodz, Poland and was raised in the beautiful city of Gdansk. Alicja graduated with a masters degree in Microbiology and Biochemistry from the University of Gdansk and then came to Canada nearly 30 year ago with 2 boys to raise.

Alicja secured a job as a laboratory technician in what was then a small company in Windsor Ontario called Jamieson Laboratories. From there she moved her way up to a position as Director of Quality and Science. Several years later, Alicja moved to Winnipeg Manitoba to join a private health company called Vita Health. This company was later sold to North American Leiner Health Products. Here Alicja maintained a position for nearly 10 years managing a team of over 90 people as the Senior Vice President. During this time she was invited by then Health Minister Alan Rock to join a transition team which would be tasked with developing a new regulatory framework for health products. The Natural Health Products Regulations of Canada came to be as a result of this effort.

Recognizing that the industry would need guidance to operate under this new regulatory framework, Alicja established dicentra, a leading global regulatory consultancy that helps companies of all sizes to develop and market health products in North American marketplaces. With her strategic approach to regulatory and scientific affairs, her long standing government relationships and inspirational leadership, Alicja and her dicentra team provides sought after advice that has helped hundreds of companies establish a leading role in Canada and the United States.

Since this time Alicja has remained committed to the industry and to Canada as a whole and has remained ever grateful for the opportunities she has been given. She continues to pursue new ventures as an entrepreneur and has since established the on-line retailer called Vitarock which promises to deliver products to consumers that are pure, green, safe and fair.

Alicja continues to remain an active supporter of and contributor to several not for profits including the Polish Orphans Charity, Vitamin Angels and Elephant Thoughts.

ADRIAN BALIJ



Adrian Balij

Vice President of Technology
The Musket Transport Ltd.

Adrian Balij is a strong contributor to the economy and community despite his young age. Adrian's parents emigrated from Poland to Canada where he was born and raised. He has been employed at Musket since the age of fourteen and acquired his current title as Vice President of Technology one year following his McMaster University graduation. Adrian completed a Software Engineering and Management undergraduate degree in five years. He personally believes his largest contributions have been within the transport company, The Musket Transport Ltd. as well as Zulu for Pilots.

Creator: Zulu for Pilots

Business Advisor: Se7en & Co.

Pilot Volunteer: Pilots N Paws

Hobby: Mountaineer

Education: Software Engineering and Management Undergraduate,
McMaster University.

Languages: English and French; rudimentary Ukrainian and Polish.



VITEK MANITIUS

Born in Gdansk, Poland where he completed his studies at the University in Gdansk with master's degree in Transportation and Trade. Emigrated to Canada in 1982. Currently the Chairman of Polimex Group of Companies.

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PROFILE

Eugene Gierczak is the national chair of the firm's Intellectual Property and Information Technology Group. He provides advice on all aspects on intellectual property law including litigation.

Eugene is a registered professional engineer for the province of Ontario, as well a lawyer and registered patent and trade-mark agent. He has a long established history of drafting original patent applications covering a variety of technologies with a focus on the chemical and mechanical fields, with a particular expertise on fluid processing methods. He prosecutes patents to issuance in Canada and worldwide.

EDUCATION

- LL.B., Osgoode Law School
- B.Sc. (Chem. Eng.), Queen's University

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Comparison of Canadian and Brazilian Intellectual Property Law," Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 2013
- "Patent Protected," Lexpert 2010 Guide to the Leading US/Canada Cross-Border Litigation in Canada, December 2010
- "Comparison of Canadian and Czech Intellectual Property Law," Canadian Bar Association topics in Prague, Czech Republic, 2000
- "E-cheques Bouncing All the Way to Court," Recent Developments - Business Law in Canada, Spring 2008
- "Technology Transfers," Canadian Bar Association topics in Warsaw, Poland, 1999

KAZIMIERZ STACHELEK

Kazimierz Stachelek is an entrepreneur with 25 years of experience in stone manufacturing and millwork.

He is a local business owner of KMG Inc, Kozmus Inc, and RDG Ltd. with a combined staff of 120 employees and an established clientele across Canada, as well as in Turks and Caicos, Bermuda and Bahamas.

He is a family man with two children and a strong supporter of the community, local charities, cultural events and a member of the Polish-Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

In his free time, he enjoys skiing, boating and travelling with his family.



CHRIS JAKUBOWSKI



Chris Jakubowski aka “Mr. Linen” is owner/operator of Mega City Linen; Canada’s largest independent Linen and Supply rental company. That title doesn’t come by chance. Nooo. It’s by taking a chance twenty-five years ago, coming to Canada and applying his vision, “I knew this was something I would excel at.” By seizing a fledgling 3,000 square foot warehouse in Etobicoke of just 4 people and turning it into a massive 63,000 plus facility that employs between 65 to 100 people and with a base clientele of over 1,000 clients. “We are ever expanding,” Jakubowski smirks. In fact, their growth is so prodigious, that serious players in the hospitality industry took notice and honored him with the moniker “Mr. Linen.”

Hailing from Bialystok, Poland, Chris always had the merchant feel, “I was born to sell.” Working in a linen factory, “Was sweat and tears for a while,” laments “Mr. Linen” sleeping in the linen bins he was delivering. “Number 14, the blue one,” Jakubowski laughs. Then thru several back breaking years, got a loan to start his first shop, prospered and hasn’t looked back. “Hey, we’re just getting going,” Chris continues.

By the same token, he sincerely respects his clients and tries, “To give the best deals because if it wasn’t for the clients, we wouldn’t be in business,” he points out.

With diverse venues at Mega City, Mr. Jakubowski is very confident of the future. “We have expanded to include our WEDS--Wedding Event Design Studio, a flower and accessories line, not to mention our newly added limousine service. Believe me when I say, we are your One-Stop-Event-Shop! I promise you, you won’t leave here empty handed,” Chris reassures.

So we honor this enterprising entrepreneur “Mr. Linen,” for laying it out for us these many years and present him with this award, so that he, doesn’t leave here empty handed!

KRZYSZTOF TOMCZAK



MAGGIE HABIEDA



Maggie Habieda, celebrity photographer, owner of Fotografia Boutique, a premier portrait studio in Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

Specializing in classical timeless portraits, Maggie is simply in a class of her own.

Her unique combination of creativity and technical skill allows her to capture people as they dream themselves to be.

Maggie's extreme attention to detail turns the ordinary into the extraordinary, leaving no stone unturned in her quest for perfection.

She has created a style that reflects an artistic blend of classical art with a modern edge that keeps her always in demand. Often called "Maggie the Magician", she makes people fall in love with themselves by capturing their love, beauty and dreams.

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ROBERT SZELAŻEK



Robert Szelażek is a passionate promoter of ethnic marketing with all the power and possibilities that it offers.

He studied Law at University of Gdansk in Poland, International Relations at University of Toronto and University of Siena in Italy. Robert gained his marketing experience at Van den Berg Foods division of Unilever and Cantel AT&T - a precursor of mobile telephony in Canada.

Robert is mainly known as a vibrant and enthusiastic producer and organizer. He created and co-founded numerous events and festivals in the Polish community including "Polish Day at Ontario Place", which soon became a showcase for the Polish community in Ontario.

Currently, he is best known as a creator and producer of Radio 7 - Polish daily radio show broadcasting on CJMR 1320, publisher of innovative Polish weekly *Życie* and author of his first book "Don't Hide Behind Your Logo".

Privately Robert is a happy husband and proud dad of two boys.

JANUSZ SZYBALSKI



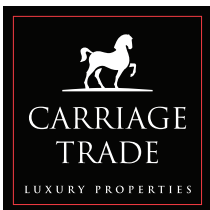
Janusz Szybalski has built a successful career and a reputation by helping families and individuals buy and sell their homes.

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EDWARD & JANINA KIDA



Eddie's meat and deli market started at home, making sausages and Polish delicacies with recipes passed down from generations past for Edwards friends and family. From those humbled beginnings came the inspiration to share with the growing Eastern European community in the new world a taste of home cooking seldom found, yet often sought after. The demand from the Polish community grew steadily as the word passed down about a great cook in this foreign town. Once the kitchen was overwhelmed the garage swelled too, the decision was made to invest what little they saved to turn this pent up demand into a business the community badly needed. The first small unit was leased in 1995.

Edward Kida along with his wife Janina Kida, had a dream to become self-employed. Since Edward was a great cook, and Janina is business savvy, and both were hard working, they decided to invest all in his talent. Edward was the oldest of four when his mother passed away at an early age, leaving him in charge of family meals. He loved cooking and soon enough his passion became his best asset in the food industry. With no money for further education as a chef, he decided to prepare what he knew from his early years.

Edward and Janina re financed their home to start the journey in the meat business. With minimal English, no education and little money in their pockets, it was no piece of cake, but, from one thousand square foot location, to two thousand square feet of production wholesale space and retail space in 2015, every unslept night was worth it.

Today, Eddie's meat and deli market employs over 30, including Edwards and Janinas kids and their spouses. You can say, this family business is a success, because of their dedication and love for Polish culture. Today, Eddie's meat and deli market produces over 150 products, including smoked meats, cakes, breads and delicious Polish specialties like cabbage rolls and tripe soup.

Eddie's meat and deli market has been feeding the Polish Canadian and Eastern European community for 20 years.



GEORGE JACKOWSKI



George Jackowski, Ph.D.

Founder, Chief Science Officer of Pivotal Therapeutics Inc.

Dr. Jackowski has been instrumental in the founding of 12 biotechnology companies in his career, four of which became publicly traded. Furthermore, he has contributed to the creation of 12 additional biotechnology companies. He is responsible for the creation of over 1,000 high tech jobs in a hard to fund biotech sector. He has grown companies to market caps of over \$350 million, raised from public capital markets over \$125 million and completed deals with Big Pharma of over \$100 million USD in transactions.

Dr. Jackowski currently is the Chief Science Officer of Pivotal Therapeutics Inc. and directs the Research and Development program. He holds Directorships in numerous biotech companies. Prior to creating Pivotal, he was founder, Chairman, CEO and CSO at SynX Pharma Inc. He has served as the Chairman of Bio Canada Connect, a Board Member of the Ontario BIOCouncil and on the Board of Directors for the Canadian Stroke Network. Dr. Jackowski has been a delegate in a recent State Visit to the Republic of Poland by Their Excellencies The Right Honourable David Johnston Governor General of Canada and Mrs. Sharon Johnston and participated in Round Table discussions on Canada-Poland: Development and Support of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Jackowski has also served on many federal and provincial governmental biotechnology committees and is on the Scientific Board of Advisors for the Innovation Cluster, Trent University. Dr. Jackowski has been intimately involved in the enforcement of patent claims, patent litigation and patent interference proceedings.

As one of the pioneers of Canadian Biotech over the past thirty years, Dr. George Jackowski was recently recognized and awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for his significant contribution to the Canadian Biotech and Pharmaceutical Industries by the Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Dr. Jackowski also received the 1996 MEDEC Award for Medical Achievement for his invention of the Cardiac STATus™ CK-MB/Myoglobin / Troponin Card Test. He developed and holds the patents on the rapid format immunoassays measuring cardiac enzymes generating over \$500 Million in Sales Worldwide, in particularly Troponin, which aids in the early diagnosis of myocardial infarction and is commercialized worldwide in hospital emergency rooms.

Dr. Jackowski, a respected cardiovascular biochemist, was trained at the Cardiovascular Research Institute at the University of San Francisco, California and at the Department of Clinical Biochemistry at the University of Toronto. Dr. Jackowski holds academic positions at the University of Toronto in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology and the Department of Surgery and the Florida Atlantic University, the Centre for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. His scientific resume includes authoring 44 publications and 61 abstracts, holding over 170 patents filed and issued.

WOJCIECH SMIALEK



Wojciech Smialek has over 18 years of experience in the mortgage brokering business. After graduating from the University of Toronto, Wojciech took the newly introduced in Ontario program for mortgage brokers. After a year of working for The Mortgage Centre, he opened his own brokerage house, Ontario Mortgage Services Inc. and later Canadian Lending Network Inc. which he currently owns and operates. Wojciech has been presented with an array of top producer awards by many banks and lenders. Scotia Bank, First Line CIBC, MCAP, First National are among them.

Part of Wojciech's success in the industry has undoubtedly been due to his commitment to treating every client individually and striving to find the best product for their own individual needs. His reputation in the business community is the product of many years as a successful entrepreneur and community supporter. Wojciech over the years has supported multiple Polish events and various organizations. When not busy, he enjoys travel, fine wine, and tries to improve his golf game.

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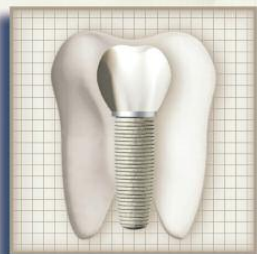
In 1987 **Dr. Derek Srokowski** graduated from the University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Dentistry.

He opened a private dental practice in 1990, with emphasis on fixed prosthetics, advanced restoration and implantology.

From 1993 to 1996 he maintained a position as clinical instructor with the University of Western Ontario in the Department of Fixed Prosthetics.



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The Spring Trio

Anya Mielniczek



Anya Mielniczek is a Polish-Canadian artist who lives and works in Thornhill, ON.

The artist completed her fine art degree at Queen's University in Kingston, with a semester exchange at Monash University in Melbourne Australia.

Last year she completed a year long fellowship at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga where she was granted interdisciplinary studio space between the painting, drawing and wood studios.

Mielniczek continues to stay active in the Toronto art scene taking part in the art shows and events the city has to offer.

She is interested in taking her art abroad and is looking forward to continuing to develop and explore her vision at INSTINC Studios in Singapore at the end of this year.

www.anyamielniczek.com

Mr. System



Mr. System is a professional and, in the opinion of many, the best Polonia musical band performing in Canada and the United States.

Founded in 1990 by Mariusz Michalak (keyboards, bass, vocals) and Mirosław Wysocki (guitar, vocals) initially the band worked with drummers: Richard Kolbyt, Jerzy Węglewski, Roman Machynia and vocalist and saxophonist Roman Cholewa. Finally the team morphed into a trio in 1992, when he Krzysztof Łysiak (drums, vocals) sat behind the drums.

Mariusz and Mirek go back a long way as they met in Poland. They toured and performed with PLAYBACK and EKO among others, at the young generation music festival in Jarocin, Spodek in Katowice, Wrocław, Kędzierzyn Kozle, Opole and many other venues. Along the way they met musicians such as Richard Riedel and Zawistowski who, as it turned out, played with Mr. System drummer Krzysztof.

Mirosław and Mariusz did not limit the band to playing rock and performing on big stages. They share their love of music with their family and friends often playing at dance parties and family celebrations. Mr. System continues this tradition by entertaining a dancing public and performing at the major events and festivals. They played for an audience of 13,000 at the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto. Also, they play as a back up band for the Polish pop stars Piotr Szczepanik, and Helena Majdaniec. They took part at the largest Polish festival in North America in Milwaukee, and perform at the annual huge street festival on Roncesvalles Ave in Toronto.

At the prestigious Toronto's club WAREHOUSE, Mr. System was an opening act for the famous Polish band MAANAM.

It is not often mentioned but the band enjoys popularity playing their own compositions.

The Spring Trio



In an evolving, multi-faceted career **Ms. Zubek** has worked as a soloist, chamber musician, recitalist and orchestra cellist in Europe at England's Dartington International Summer School in England, the Fontainebleau Music Festival in France, the International Festival of Music and Dance in Granada, Spain and in North America for the State of Mexico Symphony Orchestra, to mention a selected few. Highlighting Ms. Zubek's numerous competition awards are: first place award of the Peggy Friedman Gordon Music Competition (2002), the Sidney Liebermann Music Competition (2004) and the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Competition (2007).

Currently, Ms. Zubek is pursuing a doctoral degree in cello performance at the University of Toronto under the tutelage of Professor Shauna Rolston. Awarded a graduate assistantship Dobrochna is Ms. Rolston's teaching assistant and this year's recipient of the YoYo-Ma fellowship at the Faculty of Music.



Alex McLeod, violist of the Ton Beau String Quartet, has performed as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician in Canada, Germany, Finland, Italy, France and the United States. Alex holds a Master of Music and an Artist's Diploma from the Hochschule fuer Musik Karlsruhe, where he studied with Johannes Luethy, and a Bachelor of Music from the University of Toronto, where he studied with Katharine Rapoport. He recently completed his Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the University of Toronto, where he studied with Steven Dann. Alex's Dissertation, "Violin Pedagogy and the Physics of the Bowed String" is available through ProQuest. Markham St., Toronto



A native of Thunder Bay, violinist **Linnea Thacker** has performed as a soloist and in a variety of ensembles, ranging from orchestras and string quartets to jazz and folk groups. In 2010, Linnea became a founding member of the Toronto-based Ton Beau String Quartet, with which she performed for the past four years. Linnea completed an undergraduate degree at Wilfrid Laurier University where she studied with Jeremy Bell and Stephen Sitarski, followed by a Masters of Music at University of Toronto, studying with Annalee Patipatanakoon. Linnea is currently working on a Doctor of Musical Arts (Performance) degree at U of T, where she is studying with Erika Raum and conducting research under the supervision of Dr. Lee Bartel. Linnea has been awarded a Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship for her doctoral research.

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