

**Awards Honoring People and Organizations
at the Opening Gala for the New Wing of the Polish Home
November 15, 2009**

Awards from the Polish Ambassador and the Polish Consul General

These awards honored American friends of the Polish community in Seattle for their strong support of Poland, Polish culture and heritage as well as the Polish Home and Polish-American community of Seattle, over many years. Hon. Joanna Kozińska-Frybes, the Polish Consul General in Los Angeles lauded the honorees and handed in these awards.

Amicus Poloniae (Friend of Poland) Award, granted by Hon. Robert Kupiecki, the Ambassador of Poland to the United States to

Glen Lee - former President of the Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Assn

Mr. Lee led SGSCA for many years, advancing cooperation and exchange between Seattle-Gdynia to unprecedented levels, involving the City Council, the Port of Seattle and businesses such as Boeing. He was also a strong supporter of many other initiatives and events from the Polish Film Festival to Polish exhibits at the Seattle City Hall.

Certificate of Recognition, awarded by Hon. Joanna Kozińska-Frybes, the Polish Consul General in Los Angeles to

1. **Janice Jaworski** - SGSCA and PHA member, special projects and fundraising

2. **Paul Griffin** - former SGSCA Secretary and former PHA Treasurer

Mrs. Jaworski has accomplished two unprecedented feats for the Polish community of Seattle. With Steve Hyer of the Washington Business Week she has organized a summer school of business for 100 Polish high school students in Gdynia. She also was the lead person in the long application process that ended with the City Neighborhood Matching Fund Program awarding \$80,000 grant to the Polish Home.

Mr. Griffin served long time as the SGACA secretary and was active in promoting exchange between cities of Seattle and Gdynia over the years. He also served as the PHA treasurer over several years.

Awards from the PHA for the activists running the expansion project

The awards from the Polish Home Association honored people who were instrumental in running the Polish Home Extension Project in different capacities. Mr. John Golubiec, the PHA President thanked and handed in ***fine crystal awards*** to the following people

1. **Roy Koczarski**, Architect of the project

2. **Ron Golubiec**, Chairman of the PHA Building Commission

3. **Ryszard Kott**, Chairman of the PHF Fundraising Committee

4. **Marian Strutyński**, PHF Treasurer, Chairman of the PHA Board of Trustees

5. **Janice Jaworski**, fundraising, especially grant application writing

6. **Andy Okinczyc**, PHA Vice-President, a PHA Building Commission member

7. **Pawel Krupa**, a PHA Building Commission member

8. **Adam Strutyński**, PHA Senior Vice-president, a PHA Building Commission member

Special honorable mention

late **Piotr Pawluskiewicz**, former Chairman of the PHA Board of Trustees

Awards from the PHF for significant contribution to the project

These awards from the Polish Home Foundation honored people and organizations for their significant contributions to the project - contributions of financial, material or labor nature or combination of the above. Mr. Ryszard Kott, the PHF President thanked and honored the following people and organizations

Crystal category

1. **John & Elizabeth Golubiec**
2. **Seattle City Neighborhood Department, the Neighborhood Matching Fund Grant Program**
Mrs. Stella Chao (Dept. Chair), Mr. Robert Drucker (Neighborhood Council) & Mr. Garry Owens (NMF Grant Program)
3. **Roy & Christine Koczarski**
4. **Ron & Martha Golubiec**, private line of credit
5. **Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Home**, Mrs. Elzbieta Rodzinski
6. **Waclaw & Anna Szymula, DOM Construction**
7. **Marian & Jolanta Baginski**
8. **Ryszard & Maria Kott**
9. **Andrew & Cindy Okinczyc**
10. **The Seattle Foundation**, Mrs. Ceil Erickson (Neighborhood Grant Program Chair)

Also honorable mentions in this category:

late **Prof. & Dr. Zbigniew & Maria Pietrzyk**, bequeathed 5% of their Estate to the Polish Home (over \$20,000)
Polish Home Foundation, special events and PHF own fundraising (over \$30,000)

Diploma category

1. **Polish Choir Vivat Musica**, Mrs. Anna Sawicki & Mrs. Barbara Niesulowski, fundraising
2. **Viva Polonia Cultural Association**, Mr. Janusz Zoltowski, fundraising
3. **Carole Forte**, fundraising & grant writing
4. **Krzysztof & Ewa Poraj-Kuczewski**, PHF Vice-President & fundraising
5. **Robert Chmielowski**, structural calculations
6. **Miroslaw & Bogumila Kanczugowski**, roofing
7. **Jerzy & Barbara Augustyniak**, electrical
8. **Matt Surowiecki, STEELERS Inc.**, metal elements
9. **Jozef & Halina Plichta**, electrical materials
10. **Marek Sawicki**, tile floors
11. **Slawomir & Alicja Matyjaszek**, hardwood floors

Honorable mentions:

Piotr Pawluskiwicz Family, fundraising
Glen Lee, SGSCA, fundraising
Donnie Grabowski, fundraising
Jerzy Baginski, electrical
Ryszard Dopierala, electrical
Stanislaw Posluszny, electrical
Pawel Szarkowicz, electrical
Marian Olech, painting

Mr. Kott also thanked the following organizations that contributed to the Polish Home expansion project or helped in fundraisers or both

PNA, Lodge 156, Tacoma, Mrs. Janina Hansen, Mr. James Hicker

Polish Parish in Tacoma, Fr. Piotr Dzikowski

Polish Parish in Seattle, Fr. Stanislaw Michalek

Seattle-Gdynia Sister City Assn, Mr. Glen Lee, Ms. Debra Markert

Univ. of Washington Polish Studies Endowment Fund, Mrs. Sheila Meyer-Charles and Mrs. Krystyna Untersteiner

Polish Veterans of WWII, Mr. Jerzy Friedrich

Polish Youth Group & Polish Cabaret of the Polish Home, Mrs. Barbara Strutynski

Polish Scouts, Mrs. Anna Borodenko

Polish School in Seattle, Mrs. Anna Babcock

Salon of Poetry, Mrs. Lena Wrozynski

Report by Ryszard Kott