

Maria Karulis

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MENTION EVERYTHING THAT MARIA KARULIS HAS DONE FOR THE POLISH COMMUNITY IN THE PAST 40 YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT IS MY JOB TO TRY TO DO SO IN A FEW SHORT MINUTES. I AM SURE THAT THIS WILL ONLY SCRATCH THE SURFACE OF HER CONTRIBUTIONS.

TO BEGIN, MARIA HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL MEMBER OF THE POLISH CANADIAN WOMEN'S FEDERATION. SHE HAS HELD AN ASTONISHING VARIETY OF POSITIONS WITHIN THIS ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING RECORDING SECRETARY, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, TREASURER AND PAST PRESIDENT.

SHE HAS ALSO BEEN A DELEGATE OF MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS, SUCH AS THE VANCOUVER COUNCIL OF WOMEN, THE FOLK SOCIETY, AND THE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SOCIETY.

FURTHERMORE, MARIA HAS ALSO MADE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CANADIAN POLISH CONGRESS. IN RECOGNITION OF HER DEDICATED SERVICE, THEY HAVE AWARDED HER BOTH THEIR SILVER AND GOLD MEDALS. SHE HAS CONTINUED HER INVOLVEMENT WITH THIS ORGANIZATION AND IS CURRENTLY ON THEIR AUDIT COMMITTEE.

SPEAKING OF AWARDS, MARIA HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A GOLD MEDAL FOR HER WORK OF 15 YEARS WITH FRIENDS OF THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF LUBLIN.

IN ADDITION TO HER WORK WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS I'VE ALREADY MENTIONED, EACH WEEK MARIA FINDS TIME TO BE A VALUED VOLUNTEER ASSISTING BOTH STAFF AND RESIDENTS AT THE KOPERNIK TACK SHOP. AND IF THIS IS NOT ENOUGH, MARIA SELFLESSLY VISITS THE SICK AND THE ELDERLY THROUGHOUT THE CITY. ON TOP OF ALL OF THIS, MARIA IS A MEMBER AND AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER OF THE POLISH COMBATANT ASSOCIATION.

MARIA, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK FOR YOUR TIRELESS DEDICATION TO THE POLISH COMMUNITY. YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US.