



# The Canadian Club of Edmonton

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Please join your friends and colleagues for the 2016 Holiday Luncheon  
December 21, 2016 Speaker @ the Chateau Lacombe Hotel

## Mr. Karl Pierzchajlo



### My Father was an Auschwitz Prisoner - No. 12623



Raymond Pierzchajlo's nightmare began with the incredible sacrifice that he made at the age of 20. The Gestapo burst into his family's Warsaw home on January 6, 1941 looking for his brother Romuald who had been active in the Polish resistance. Raymond was able to pass himself off as his younger brother, and by the time the Nazi's realized their mistake, Romuald was able to escape. This marked the beginning of four years of hellish imprisonment for Raymond, with over three years spent in the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp, followed by the camps at Bremen, Neugamen, Buchenwald, Bochum and Glossenburg. Following his liberation Raymond studied medicine for three years at

Erlangen University until he and his wife Jadwiga immigrated to Bluffton, Alberta in 1949. They eventually moved to Calgary and then Edmonton, with Raymond first working as an Aircraft Engineer, and then becoming an Automotives teacher at St. Joseph Composite High School after completing his Education degree. Raymond was very involved in both his church and the Polish community. This included establishing the first Polish-Canadian Knights of Columbus Council. For his many contributions, Raymond received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Karl Pierzchajlo is the youngest of Raymond's four children. Since obtaining a Mechanical Engineering degree from the University of Alberta he has worked his entire career for Imperial Oil in Edmonton. He is currently a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the Strathcona Refinery. Karl and his wife of 31 years, Caren, are the proud parents of Stephen, Mark and David.

### RSVP



For the December 21st Luncheon Is DUE By **NO LATER THAN**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016**  
By contacting **Stephen Copen** at [scopen@live.ca](mailto:scopen@live.ca) or 780-710-6736.





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## PARKING

Is available for \$4 (11:00 am to 2:00 pm) at the Chateau Lacombe Parkade. After parking, do not take a ticket from the vending machine but proceed to the Salon A entrance and register your license number (and pay) with the Hotel parking officer

## VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED!

We need volunteers for a variety of jobs.

**VOLUNTEER(s) by contacting Walter Yakimets at [wwy@incentre.net](mailto:wwy@incentre.net)**



## 2017 MEMBERSHIP

The 2017 membership dues can be paid at our November luncheon by cheque or cash. Single membership is \$60.00 and Family membership is \$75.00 for the year. Please pay at the membership desk located near the entrance to the dining room. If you have a change in address, phone number or email address, kindly notify membership chair Nancy Chan.

**AND DON'T FORGET TO INVITE A COLLEAGUE, FRIEND, RELATIVE OR EVEN A STRANGER TO OUR LUNCHEON AS YOUR GUEST. THE MORE DIVERSE OUR MEMBERS, THE MORE TRULY CANADIAN OUR CLUB!**

## LUNCH COSTS:

**SANDWICH PLATE - \$25.**



### N.B.

Sandwich plates will be served to those that have PRE-ordered **FIRST**. OTHERS who order the sandwich plate at the meeting may have to wait until they are prepared.....**SO PRE-ORDER!**



## HOT THREE COURSE MEAL

\$35 for members

\$45 for non-members.

**BE SURE TO PRE-ORDER!!!!**

***If you have a food allergy concern, please let us know when you register!***





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## OUR 2017 SPEAKER PROGRAM

January, 2017

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