



# Wawel Villa

## SENIORS RESIDENCES

*„The home with a heart”*



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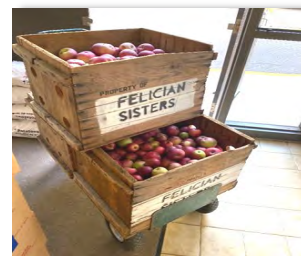
In October we celebrated the Polish holiday "Harvest Festival". It was a joyful time for us because after a long break we were visited by: Teresa Klimuszko and her friends. They sang beautiful Polish folk harvest songs. The ladies from the Activities Dept. joined in the performances. Kasia and Ela gave Mrs. Klimuszko, who performed as the Harvest Festival elder, a traditional loaf of bread and a sheaf of grain as symbols of prosperity and a good harvest. The Harvest Festival is also a time of fun and dancing, and that was the case with us. Ania, Ela, Jola and Kasia danced the Silesian dance "Trojak", which our residents enjoyed very much.

The following week we met for Canadian Thanksgiving. We talked about the traditions associated with this holiday in verse and prose, while a turkey (Ania) was running around the room, which grandma (Kasia) and grandpa (Ela) wanted to pluck off its feathers and roast it for dinner. Then we moved to Kitchener, Ontario, where the "Octoberfest" celebrations take place every year. The residents watched on the screen a parade and performances of dancers (lumberjack dance, knee dance, slap dance). The Christmas celebration was enthusiastically received by Wawel Villa seniors. For Monday's lunch, the residents were treated to roast turkey and, as every year, Jon extended warm wishes to everyone.





After 30 years of operation, it was time to replace the air conditioning and heating system for our dinning room. A huge crane with a boom lifted the equipment over the building's roof. A team of workers under the watchful eye of our Mr. Jacek, installed the new system. Now our residents and employees will be cozy and warm while enjoying their meals.



The Felician Sisters, who always remember us, gave us delicious, organic apples from their garden. Thank you very much.

**God Bless You**



The competition for naming our new budgies has finally **CONCLUDED**. Residents and staff of Wawel Villa took part in the competition. The winners :  
 Nataliia Banakh - **Charlie #1**, Ramanjit Sing - **Lemon #2**  
 Ann Ruebottom - **Bella #3**, Lucja Staniusz - **Molly #4**  
 MOLLY was purchased by Mrs. Mayerhofer's daughter, Janet, on behalf of Mrs. Halinka. The other 3 budgies, Bella, Charlie and Lemon were purchased by Wawel Villa. The prizes were very HOT. The winners received potted chili peppers.

**Congratulations Ladies !!!**



**CHARLIE**



**BELLA**



**LEMON**



**MOLLY**



**100 years** of life seems impossible to achieve for most of us. In November, we were happy to celebrate the 100th birthdays of some of our distinguished residents. We prepared an exhibition of photos about the lives of our jubilarians, who were also honored with letters of congratulations from the Canadian government, Pope Francis and the Royal Couple. On behalf of the board of directors, Administrator Jon Grayson expressed his best wishes, and on behalf of the residents, Mrs. Basia Dec and Mrs. Eva Kovac.





On October 31, we celebrated Halloween at Wawel Villa. The name is probably an abbreviation of the phrase "All Hallows' Eve". Ladies from the Activities Dept. organized a play "The Witches' Sabbath on Łysa Góra" and performed the "Witches' Dance", which residents enjoyed very much. The day was special. Throughout our corridors, and in the dining room, there were princesses, Hawaiian girls, fairytale characters, famous singers, ghosts and witches. It was difficult to recognize who was hiding behind the disguises.



Lest we  
forget



On November 12, we celebrated Remembrance Day. We talked about the heroic battles of British Commonwealth soldiers during World War I. Our residents described what their experiences were like during World War II. On the occasion of this holiday, we invited the son of our resident Eileen Buchanan - Finley Buchanan, who played patriotic melodies on a Scottish bagpipe including: "Amazing Grace". Finley also told us about the bagpipe and the Scottish costume he was wearing. The residents had red poppies pinned to their clothes - a symbol of the blood shed on various battle fronts.



On Saturday, November 11, at 11 a.m., we honored all those who died in the fight for freedom and independence with a 2-minute silence. On November 15, we met to celebrate the 105th anniversary of Poland regaining independence. We talked about how difficult was the path to regaining the freedom Poles longed for, paid for with the blood of hundreds of thousands of Polish patriots.



A presentation prepared by Jola was enriched with fragments from the film "Pan Tadeusz" - a beautiful Polonaise and a fragment about the January Uprising from the film "Nights and Days"



## TURTLE CREEK

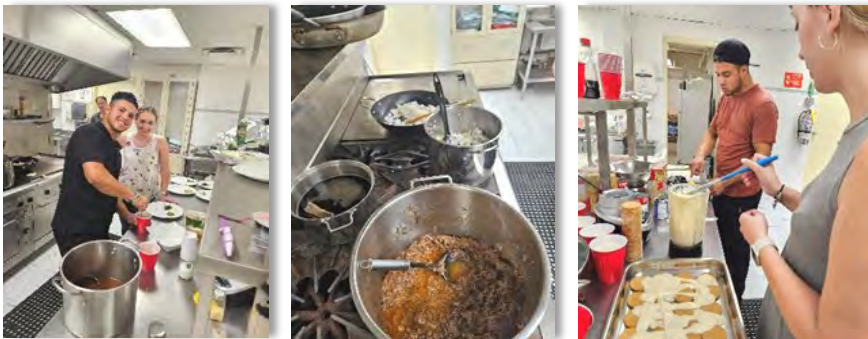


Under the Region of Peel CIL program, Turtle Creek continued with outdoor improvements.

The Parking lot was resurfaced, along with a new walkway from one end to the other end of the building and widening of the recycling area all improved tenant safety.



End of the Summer was celebrated in Mexican style as Noe Forte prepared an authentic Mexican meal for tenants as our monthly August Dinner. Barbacoa, sweet and spicy sauces, Mexican Rice, Maria Cake with Fresca Strawberry.



Tenant summer BBQ was a big success. Tenants, new and old, socialized and had great fun all around.



Game nights hosted by Lauren came to an end as her summer student role was completed. Game night continues under tenant organization. Above photos tenant Lisa teaching Poker. Gail, Darlene, Lea, Bette and Lauren playing Trivia Pursuit.