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Christmas is a special time, full of joy, memories and meetings with loved ones. Preparations for this holiday took over a month. Christmas decorations appeared in our home. Christmas trees decorated by residents and employees glittered with lights. Residents and employees sang Christmas carols and talked about their Christmas home traditions during activities.

On December 21, Santa Claus (Marek - Mrs. Jola's husband) and Mrs. Claus (Lidia, PSW Supervisor) came to us and give out residents gifts. Mr. Janek Kornel accompanied us on the piano as we sang carols together.

Children from Kopernik Polish School in Mississauga and 5-year-old Oliver from a nearby kindergarten donated beautiful handmade angels and Christmas cards. Our residents were very touched and happy.

For Christmas Eve dinner, Mrs. Marysia and Mr. Mariusz from the kitchen made delicious pierogies for the residents. On December 26, Christmas Mass was held and we welcomed the New Year 2024 with non-alcoholic champagne. Administrator Jon Grayson extended best wishes to everyone.



















On January 3, a concert by the "Polskie Klimaty" took place. Mrs. Klimuszko and her companions made our time more enjoyable by playing, dancing, singing beautiful Polish Christmas carols, and we celebrated the end of the year and welcomed the New Year 2024.











In January, we celebrated the birthdays of our distinguished jubilarians. A very special birthday person was Mrs. Zofia Machnik, who turned one hundred years old on January 7. Mrs. Machnik received congratulatory letters and we learned about her life by looking at photos on a board dedicated to her life. Mrs. Zosia couldn't believe that she had been alive for so many years. Tears flowed down her cheeks with emotion. The kitchen staff, as always, prepared a beautiful, tasty cake, and the ceremony was made even more pleasant by musician Mr. James Regan.

We wish Mrs. Zofia and our dear residents the best 200 years!!!

A gray kitten named Maeby has been visiting us for 2 months. She comes to us every day for milk and a can of good cat food. It's not a stray cat, it lives next door, but it likes us very much. She has become very friendly with some of the our residents, even travels on their walkers.









On January 24, for the first time we hosted Mr. Jarosław Garbowski, a singer who delighted us with his wonderful voice, singing carols and old hits. Everyone agreed that it was a great first meeting, but not the last.



## WALENTYNKI

















On Tuesday, February 13, on the eve of Valentine's Day, the residents of our "Home with a Heart" watched a performance prepared by the ladies from the Activity group entitled "Love has many names". Parental love, tragic, unrequited, happy and fulfilled, were illustrated by fragments of films: "Romeo and Juliet", "Titanic", "The Doll", "Pretty Woman", "Dance with Me".

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## HAPPY EASTER

Wishing you Love, Happiness and Health



Wawel Villa









Stones painted by our residents











In recent years, more and more attention has been paid to adapting rooms in seniors' homes to create comfortable and functional spaces conducive to relaxation and rest. One of such projects at Wawel Villa is the transformation of an existing doctor's office on the second floor into a recreation and relaxation room. There will be a large aquarium with fish, comfortable armchairs, a games table, TV, and a large window overlooking the patio. We can't wait to see the final result of the renovation. TBC...



## **TURTLE CREEK**

**Thanksgiving** was celebrated with a tenant dinner with homemade fall desserts pumpkin & leaf cookies, and apple crisp.





Wishing our impeccable Housekeeper Maria a wonderful birthday. **STO LAT!** 



Lea, our lead decorator was at it again, preparing the entire building for the Christmas season. We are thankful for her attention to detail. A new addition this year replacing broken bulbs at the entrance was a welcoming Santa. Walter and Michael made sure Santa was safe and







sound for the season. Thank you Maggie for letting us hook into your electricity to keep Santa afloat. I hope he brought you the perfect gift. Maria decorating our lobby and dining room trees.

The tenant Christmas dinner was yet another hit as we welcomed back Emilio Zarris. His entertainment was out of this world!







February 22, 2024 is Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day. Turtle Creek was lucky enough to have 2 cardiologists from Trillium Health Partners on site to provide information about heart disease and give a free listen to tenants hearts checking for murmurs. Thank you Lisa Pfieffer from Heart Valve Voice Canada, Rudy Cuzzetto MPP, Joanna Maio (From MPP Cuzzetto office), and Trillium Health Partners for putting this clinic together.







As the weather got cooler our 'friendly' Coyotes return with frequent visits. Tenants were reminded not to feed them.

