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Wishing All of You a Healthy and Happy New Year 2023

Announcing: Annual General and Election Meeting Friday January 27, 2023

Where: American Polish Cultural Center- Troy MI

Time: 6:30-9pm

Light refreshments will be provided

Important: Elections For All Positions (except President 2 year term expiring 2024)

Positions: First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and five Board Members who are responsible for the general management of the FPA

All positions are for a one-year term with inauguration and swearing-in of newly elected officers and members of Board of Directors to take place in February 2023.

All positions and responsibilities are described in the Friends of Polish Art By-laws. However, at the January 27th meeting the responsibilities of each position will be presented by the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

Because of the unusual circumstances that 2022 is still a recovery year from the pandemic we do not have a formal nominating committee. However, **Brian Malski (Cell: 248-217 5951 or BJMalski@gmail.com)** has graciously volunteered to assume the chairmanship. Please call Brian or write to him in-order-to nominate someone or yourself.

Important: Nominations for All Positions Can be Made from the Floor at the January 27th meeting

Please consider running for an officer or Board of Director position, it is very rewarding opportunity to contribute further to the FPA.

FYI- 2023 Membership dues are now being collected. Individual \$25- , Couple \$30- and Patron \$50 or more, Student 21 or younger \$10. Make checks payable to Friends of Polish Art. Please send to

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PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU and HAPPY NEW YEAR LETTER

Dear Members and Friends,

An important component of this newsletter is a reminder of the **January 27th** meeting at the APCC which will include the election of FPA officers and board-of-directors for the 2023 year. (Details are on page 1). Please consider running for one of the positions and/or attending to vote and enjoy the evening! Light refreshments will be provided.

I would like to wish each of you and yours a Happy and Healthy New Year. Thank you for all of you support for the Friends of Polish Art. The highpoint of the year for the Friends of Polish Art would have to be our successful Wigilia with over 125 attendees. The Wigilia was on December 17th at the American Polish Cultural Center. We will have pictures of the Wigilia in the next issue of the newsletter.

In addition to those named on page 3, I would like to mention and thank more of those who also contributed to making the Wigilia a memorable evening. I apologize if I miss anyone.

Invocation and Blessing of the Oplátky and Food: **Father Bernard Witek, STD.**, Director of the St. John Paul II Polish-American Liturgical Center, and **Father Volodymyr Petriv**, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Kolędy singing in Polish, Ukrainian and English with the Ukrainian choir of **Tetiana Bedrus, Khrystyna Bilan, Liliana Masnytska, and Iryna Savuliak**. Musical voice in Polish and English and piano accompaniment by **Przemek Frątczak**. Also, the 100+ attendees who joined in the singing with such marvelous voices. It was especially nice to hear Cicha Noc (Silent Night) sung in all three languages.

Szopka winners **Carolyn Meleski** and **Jan Mordenski**

Invited impromptu performance by 18 year old Martyna Gogoliewicz from Poznań who brilliantly played her own composition.

Photographer **Alicja Karlic, Ph.D.**

The Staff of the American Polish Cultural Center.

Sunshine Committee Report (January 1 to February 26, 2023):

Congratulations!--STO LAT!--Birthday Wishes to:

Jacqueline Kolowski

Angeline Roszak

Henrietta Nowakowski

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Curtis Posuniak

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(If you know of any significant member anniversaries, celebrations or passing, kindly email the information to the FPA Sunshine Chair at marciasdancinstuff@att.net Thank You.



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*Sincere thanks to everyone who in any way helped
to ensure the success of the 2022 Wigilia*

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Wawel Castle - Jan Nepomucen Glowacki
1802-1847



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Notice of Upcoming Meetings and Events

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at American Polish Cultural Center- 6:30-9pm
Includes elections for Officers and Board-of-Directors
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