

CHRISTMAS TIME!

Our annual Christmas party is always a fun occasion! On December 7, 2017 we spent a lively few hours with over 70 guests, members and supporters of The American Institute of Polish Culture and the Chopin Foundation of the United States. And once again, we were pleased that some new members attended.

We can never say enough about the culinary skills of Ms. Maria Blacha who is unsurpassed in preparing Polish canapes and sandwiches. We always offer a cheese board and seasonal goodies, but it seems that Pani Maria's treats are the first to go! Lady Blanka Rosenstiel graciously thanked everyone for coming, and Beata Paszyc and Jadwiga Gewert talked a bit about the Institute

and Foundation. Then it was on to the entertainment. A charming holiday favorite, *Little Drummer Boy*, was played and sung by Nel Velez-Paszyc, and Bernard Krasuski tickled the ivories with a few lovely pieces by Chopin.

We held a raffle to raise funds for our organizations. Prizes were tickets to upcoming Chopin concerts and a few gorgeous gift baskets chock full of sweets from Lowell Foods, Chopin vodka, CD's and books. Everyone had a good time and the party wound down with several guests singing Polish carols along with Lady Blanka.



Bernard Krasuski



Dr. Piotr Krasuski, Bernard Krasuski, Mrs. Beata Paszyc, Nel Velez-Paszyc, Conrad Krasuski



Mrs. Natalia Staszewski, Lady Blanka, Mrs. Roza Toroj, Mrs. Tatyana Verburg