# DOM LIPA NEWS



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Welcome to our

new residents

Martha Ficko

John Škripač

Matilda Želko

Augustina Dundek

Alberta Juretič

Venčeslav Juretič

Dobrodošli novi

stanovalci!

#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with heavy hearts that we inform you of the death of our long-time Dom Lipa supporter, Director of the Board, Ed Erčulj, on May 28th, 2019.

We will all miss him more than words can express. We extend our deeply felt sympathy to his wife Ina and children Thomas and Victoria.

A Message from Maria McDonald, President Board of Directors

Dear residents, families, volunteers and friends,

Update on the Annual General Meeting of the Slovenian Linden Foundation

Thank you to all who joined us for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday March 31, 2019.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all of the volunteers, donors, board members, administrative team and staff members as well as our community partners who helped to make the 2018 year one of continued success. We look forward to continuing our collaborations with you.

Our meeting started with a surprise donation from Moya Financial in the amount of \$4000.00. CEO Tony Krošel and Marketing Manager Saša Rečnik came to present the cheque. This represents a donation from new money raised during Moya's RRSP promotion in the winter of 2019.

The Directors of the Board and our Executive Director, Jolanta Linde, presented several reports at the AGM. Ed Erčulj, our Facilities Chair and Director of the Board, summarized the repairs and renovations needed in 2018 for our aging building and equipment. Despite being retired, Ed spent a few days every week coming to Dom Lipa to arrange for and supervise projects such as:



Ed Erčulj, Facilities Chair Director of the Board

- Battery backup replacement
- Nortel phone replacement
- Computer system upgrades
- -Installation of a new grease trap in the kitchen
- Sprinkler retrofit and installation

Joseph Cestnik, Treasurer, summarized the excellent year we had with increased donations and savings from a lower interest rate on our renegotiated outstanding mortgage of \$1.8 million. This year we were able to pay \$340,142 towards the mortgage.

Looking forward, we will be concentrating on completing by 2025 renovations to our oldest section of the building, the Kastelic Wing, as required by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. To help support these renovations, we are working to increase our donations, memorials, major gifts and legacies from wills with the help of Ed Sluga, President of PGgrowth.

Please help us by sponsoring a walker at the upcoming 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dom Lipa Walkathon on June 2nd!

#### Dom Lipa by Numbers as of March 2019

- 82 employees
- 66 long term care beds and 30 retirement suites
- Slovenian residents:
  - 51 in long term care 23 in retirement
- 13 New Admissions into long term care in 2018
- Waitlists and Vacancies as of March 2019:
  - 130 for long term care (51 Slovenians on the waitlist)
  - 2 vacancies on retirement floor

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Kaj je novega v Domu Lipa?

## Horticulture



















Bingo



Geri Fashions





Kaj je novega v Domu Lipa?

## St. Patrick's Day























Royal Botanical Gardens Webinar



Easter preparations





Kaj je novega v Domu Lipa?

Happy 106th Birthday Matilda Vedlin



Darinka and Frank Zabukovec 6oth Wedding Anniversary



**Celebrating Birthdays** 

























## Kaj je novega v Domu Lipa?

## Celebrating Birthdays







WALK-A-THON Shoe Sales



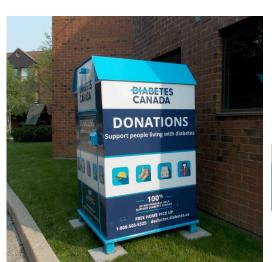
Thank you Zorka, resident, for collecting WALK-A-THON Shoe Donations for the 37th Annual Dom Lipa WALK-A-THON on Sunday June 2, 2019.

Thank you Kristina, volunteer, for her generous donation of freshly baked strudel for a Fundraiser Draw prize. **\$360** was raised!

Thank you to everyone who bought draw tickets!



Pictured are Kristina and winner Anne



#### **DONATION BIN**

A Donation Bin has been placed near the Shipping/Receiving doors at the back of Dom Lipa. Please consider placing items as shown below in the box provided .Thank you for your donations!







# **Volunteer Appreciation**

## Zahvalni teden prostovoljcev

We thank **all** the volunteers in our Dom Lipa community for all they do, not only during National Volunteer Week, but all year through. We thank them for their outstanding commitment and their contributions to enrich the lives of our residents. **THANK YOU!** 

A Volunteer Appreciation concert was held in the auditorium on April 9th. Residents, volunteers and attendees enjoyed singing along to the entertainment provided by Milan.

At the concert, Cveta and Stefan were recognized for their many years of volunteer service to Dom Lipa. Cveta Arhar-Stojko has been part of our Dom Lipa community since it's beginning, in many different ways. As Cveta and Stefan "retire" from volunteering, we wish them both all the best! We'll miss you! Please visit us often.

That evening Cveta was one of 100 nominees honoured at a Volunteer Toronto event held at the Bluma Appel Theatre. Congratulations Cveta!







Pictured: back row Tončka, Marica, Stella, Milka,, Herta, Mary front row Stefan, Cveta, Vivian Missing: Brigita, Ivanka, Millie, Florian, Maria, Kristina, Katarina, Chloe

#### **Volunteer Appreciation**

On April 9th,in addition to a Thank You Luncheon, volunteers attended the Annual Volunteer Training, which covered topics, such as Resident Rights, Abuse and Neglect, Emergency Procedures and Infection Prevention and Control.



## **JOIN US**

#### Pridružite se nam



# Volunteering opportunities at Dom Lipa

## Vabljeni Prostovoljci!

High school students, adults, retirees.

Your time at Dom Lipa will enhance the quality of life of residents and enrich yours.

Join us in the preservation of Slovenian culture through meaningful programs with our residents. Table and electronic games, baking, gardening, singing or friendly visits, AND MUCH MORE.

## Obiščite nas! Veseli vas bomo.

For more information call Activation & Volunteer Coordinator at (416)-621-3820 x245, or visit us at <a href="https://www.domlipa.ca/">https://www.domlipa.ca/</a>

**HVALA!** Se vidimo!



# Thank you

#### Hvala

Thank you Cilka Plut, resident, for her generous donation for the purchase of speakers for the chapel. The newly installed speakers have greatly improved sound quality in the chapel for residents and attendees with hearing limitations. The speakers are located on the side walls of the chapel.

We also thank Lojska Kralj, resident, for her donation towards the purchase of the speakers.





Thank you Maria Ahačič-Pollak. The residents enjoyed singing along with you to well known Slovenian songs



Thank you Family Končan and friends for providing the musical entertainment at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. The residents and attendees had a wonderful time at the event.



Thank you Dennis for the lively entertainment. In addition to the piano, Dennis also played the accordian and trumpet.



Thank you Milan for the wonderful Mother's Day concert. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

## **Duhovna Misel**

## **Spiritual Message**

Po milosti smo pritegnjeni v ljubezenski pogovor s Presveto Trojico

"**Molitev**" tako vsakdanja in življenjska beseda in vendar "kaj mi pomeni?" Papež Frančišek nam jo je v katehezah, ki jih je imel ob sredah poskušal približati in osvetliti.

Razloži nam, da se krščanska molitev rodi iz drznosti, da kličemo Boga z imenom "Oče". Da rečemo Bogu "Oče" je korenina krščanske molitve. Ne gre toliko za obrazec, kakor za otroško intimnost, v katero nas uvede milost. "Božja beseda je tista, po kateri Sveti Duh uči Božje otroke moliti k svojemu Očetu" (KKC, 2766). Tudi Jezus sam je uporabljal različne izraze, ko je molil Očeta.

Ponoči v Getsemaniju je molil: "Aba, Oče, tebi je vse mogoče! Vzemi ta kelih od mene, vendar ne, kar jaz hočem, ampak kar ti" (Mr 14,36). Ali ne prepoznamo tudi v tej kratki molitvi, sledi "Očenaša". Sredi teme Jezus kliče, četudi čuti strah in tesnobo, s sinovskim zaupanjem Boga z imenom "Aba" in prosi, da se izpolni njegova (Očetova) volja.

Učence uči, da mora biti molitev vztrajna, posebej še ko živimo z njimi v težkih odnosih: "In kadar vstanete, k molitvi, odpustite, če imate kaj proti komu, da vam tudi vaš Oče, ki je v nebesih odpusti vaše prestopke" (Mr 11,25).

Ko so ga učenci videli, da se je pogosto umaknil in se poglobil v molitev, so se odločili in prosili: "Gospod, nauči nas moliti" (Lk 11,1).

V Novi zavezi se jasno vidi, da je Sveti Duh tisti, ki nas uči vsake krščanske molitve. Mi ne bi mogli nikoli moliti brez moči Svetega Duha. On je, ki moli v nas in nas spodbuja, da dobro molimo. On veje v srcu vsakega od nas, ki smo Jezusovi učenci. Duh nas napravlja sposobne moliti kot Božji otroci, kar resnično smo po krstu. Duh nam da moliti v tisti brazdi, ki jo je Jezus zaoral v nas. Skrivnost krščanske molitve je, da smo po milosti pritegnjeni v ljubezenski pogovor s Presveto Trojico.

"Moj Bog, moj Bog, zakaj si me zapustil?" (Mt 27,46). V tem "moj" je jedro odnosa z Očetom, je tudi jedro vere in molitve. Ko izhajamo iz tega jedra, razumemo, zakaj kristjan lahko moli v katerikoli situaciji, pa naj bo še tako brezizhodna.

Za molitev moramo postati mali, da bo Sveti Duh prišel v nas in bo On tisti, ki nas bo vodil v molitvi. Zato lahko ponovimo Jezusovo molitev: "Hvalim te Oče, Gospod neba in zemlje, ker si to prikril modrim in razumnim in razodel malim" (Lk 10,21). Hvala.

(cfr. Vatican news, Maj 22, 2019)

Pripravil Ivan Plazar, C.M.

In Memoriam
Rafael Pregelj
Marija Počkaj

**V** spomin

Franc Mavec

Irene Burdyszek

Marija Džeko

Naše globoko sožalje sorodnikom

Our deepest condolences to the families.

Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 30th, 2019

We remembered:

Maria Koželj

Sonia Benko

Zinka Brunšek

Zlata Bartol

Vida Subotich

**Ernest Contala** 

Louise Stefančič

Katarina Žižek

Hannah Tymush

Francka Kramar

Marijan Miletič

Maria (Mara) Muhič

# Dom Lipa FAMILY COUNCIL

The Dom Lipa FAMILY COUNCIL recognized the importance of "Garden Therapy" when the Activation Coordinator Sonja showed excited residents a presentation about the importance of gardening. Gardening is a natural stress/anxiety reliever, decreasing depression and promoting well-being.

Before immigrating to Canada many residents lived on farms in Slovenia. When they eventually bought their homes in Canada, they established vegetable gardens where they could grow their own produce. This pleasurable activity was sadly lost when they came to Dom Lipa.

Each one of us recognizes that after a long winter, everyone looks forward to warm spring weather and outdoor activities. Residents especially would greatly benefit from being once again outdoors in the fresh air, listening to birds, and being involved in one way or another in gardening.

Members of the FAMILY COUNCIL working with Dom Lipa staff for the benefit of all residents, agreed to support two gardening initiatives:

#### 1) Indoor Vegetable Seed Growing:

FAMILY COUNCIL funds were used to purchase packets of vegetable and herb seeds with grow trays, seed starter mix, a grow light with timer, and an adjustable stand made by the Council president. These items were presented to Dom Lipa staff in a meeting with written and verbal instructions on how to successfully implement this initiative with residents.

#### 2) Outdoor Vegetable Gardening:

Two 8' x 4' x 2' Cedar Wood Raised Vegetable Beds were built by Greg Muhic and funded by us as well as through private donations obtained by our COUNCIL. These raised beds are located close to the FAMILY COUNCIL garden at the back of the building. Once the indoor vegetables and herbs grown from seeds mature, they will be planted in these raised garden beds for all to enjoy!

Please feel free to visit these gardens throughout the growing year with your family, friends, and loved ones. ENJOY!

"To Nurture a Garden is to feed not only the body but also the soul"

# Dom Lipa FAMILY COUNCIL



Maria Muhič tending the tomato seedlings on an adjustable stand



Indoor vegetable seed growing supplies

Dom Lipa sincerely appreciates the efforts and generosity of the Dom Lipa FAMILY COUNCIL!

Last year they initiated an amazing project to "beautify" the grounds of Dom Lipa with perennial beds, a large planter box, bird feeder and much more. In many ways, all our residents benefit, as well as families, volunteers, staff and visitors.

This year, in addition to more perennial beds, Family Council donated seed growing supplies and raised gardening beds. This will enable our residents to plant the vegetable and herb seedlings, nurture, and enjoy.

On behalf of all our residents:

#### THANK YOU!

We couldn't do it without you!



Seedlings under the grow light



Raised gardening beds

## Thank You to Our Corporate Sponsor

#### for their generous support of Dom Lipa's newsletter!



#### **SAVE THE DATES**

Sunday June 2, 2019 Dom Lipa WALK A-THON

Sunday November 3, 2019

Dom Lipa Luncheon

#### **Sponsorship Opportunities:**

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This spring issue covered events from February 27, 2019 – May 30, 2019. Our summer issue will be available in September 2019.

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