

# DOM LIPA NEWS

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## A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Residents, Volunteers, Families and Friends,

Our Dom Lipa newsletter is back and we are excited to launch our summer issue! We have revamped our newsletter with a fresh new look and plan to publish quarterly issues moving forward. Our goal is to provide readers with snapshots of important events and current activities taking place within our home.

We also anticipate the launch of our new website in the coming months. Our website will provide information about Dom Lipa as well as more highlights and photos.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope you enjoy.

Sincerely,

Theresa MacDermid

# Welcome New Residents

Angela Horvat
Karolina Kastelic
Ivanka Kuhar
Kristina Prelec
Ann Resnik
Anna Šircelj
Angela Suban

Sprejem novih stanovalce.



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# What's New at Dom Lipa?

Kaj je novega v Dom Lipi?



#### **Summer Entertainment:**

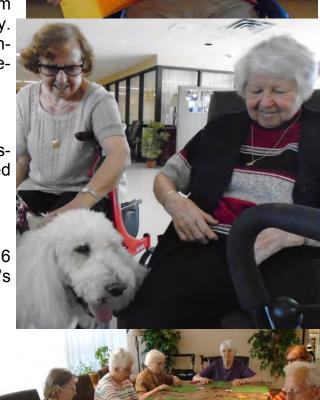
Residents engaged in various activities this summer including "coffee time" social gatherings, table games, birthday celebrations and Bingo. Singer, Nezka, visited and performed for residents, while our fury friend, Chaz (from St. John's ambulance), stopped by for some pet therapy. When the weather permitted, outdoor activities were enjoyed including walks in the sunshine and delicious barbeques.

#### **Fitness Fun:**

Residents continued to stay active during weekly exercises. Physiotherapy sessions also took place (pictured above right).

#### **Spiritual and Cultural:**

Daily Mass was celebrated by Gospod Plazar. See page 6 for highlights from Dom Lipa's celebration of Slovenia's 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence.



# Sharing our Stories

## Delitev naših zgodb



Mrs. Maria Muhič

Mrs. Muhič has lived at Dom Lipa for the past eight and a half years. She initially lived in the retirement residence with her late husband, and now resides in long term care. Mrs. Muhič attends daily Mass where she enjoys singing hymns and leading the prayers during services. She also enjoys walking to keep active and expresses that she likes "everything" about living here. Prior to becoming a resident, Mrs.Muhič volunteered in the kitchen at Dom Lipa for thirteen years. She now volunteers as the President of the Long Term Care Residents Council.







Pictured above: Mrs. Cordeau and Mrs. Muhič at Dom Lipa's celebration of Slovenia's 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence. Both residents participated in the flag presentation and shared meaningful memories during the ceremony.



Mrs. Frances Cordeau

Mrs. Cordeau has been a retirement resident at Dom Lipa for the past two years. She enjoys keeping active and participates in a variety of social activities including coffee time, singing, and baking. She attends daily Mass and says that living here has helped her to connect with her Slovenian heritage. Mrs. Cordeau has a wealth of volunteer experience (including eleven years at St. Mary's hospital in Montreal), and now volunteers as the President of the Retirement Residents Council.

During Staff Appreciation Week, a sincere thank you was expressed to all staff for their ongoing hard work and dedication to residents and services at Dom Lipa.

Throughout the week, staff enjoyed a patio barbeque, pizza party, and homemade donuts. Staff were also invited to a wellness trade show and an exercise class. The following staff were awarded with service recognition pins:

15 Years of Service: Raisa S., Kata T., Francisca D., Theresa M.

10 Years of Service: Sofia F., Nada M., Anita M.

5 Years of Service: Angela D.M., Irina S., Ewa S., Maria Christina V., Ema J.

We also congratulate Margaret B. and Millie U. on their retirement after 28 years with Dom Lipa.



# Staff Appreciation Week



Thank you!

Hvala



# **Fundraising Initiatives**

# Sunny Sonček Walk-a-thon Fundraiser 2016

As a non-profit organization, fundraising is an integral part of helping Dom Lipa maintain its ability to provide the highest quality of care and services to residents. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Dom Lipa hosted its annual Walk-a-thon fundraiser. Participants walked for 6 kilometres along the Caledon-Trans Canada Trail. A BBQ lunch was also held and followed by an outdoor Mass by Gospod Batič. During the afternoon ceremony, trophy presentations, raffle prizes, and colouring contest winners were announced.

#### FUNDS RAISED \$67,838

We extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone in the Dom Lipa community who contributed to the success of this fundraiser. A special thank you to the Slovenian Summer Camp (Letovišče), our incredible volunteers, the Walk-a-thon committee, the Slovenian Linden Foundation Board, as well as our raffle prize donors and corporate sponsors:

Moya Credit Union, Bateman & Mackay Financial, Konda Financial, Classic Care Pharmacy, Family Meats, Condus Electric, Advantis Project Management, Chemsyn, and Medical Mart.



# **Upcoming Events**

Our next event is Dom Lipa's Fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The luncheon will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church Hall in Etobicoke from 12:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m. What's on the agenda? A Slovenian prepared lunch, raffle prizes, and our annual craft/bake sale.

As always, your support is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you there.

# We're looking forward to...

#### Veselimo se

- November 6, 2016:
   Fundraiser Luncheon
- June 4, 2017: Next year's Walk-a-thon Fundraiser



Visit our website at www.domlipa.ca for more highlights and photos of our Walk-a-thon 2016.



# Celebrating Slovenia's 25th Year of Independence

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, residents enjoyed an outdoor ceremony to celebrate Slovenia's Statehood Day. The celebration included cupcakes, a live musical performance, and a flag presentation in front of our Linden tree.

# V spomin In Memory

Gospod Tone Zrnec
Ignac Krampelj
Olga Okorn
Danica Vukosich
Krystyna Zajkowski
Martha Žbogar

Naše globoko sožalje sorondnikom.

Our deepest condolences to the family.





# Our Community Naša skupnost

# Volunteers are an integral part of our home.

They enhance the lives of residents and contribute to the vibrancy of our community. Volunteers assist with everyday experiences, recreational activities, and fundraising events. Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers.

## A special thank you to our donors.

Your generosity has enabled us to provide quality services at Dom Lipa. Every donation contributes to the well being of our residents. With your support, we continue to uphold our mission statement and foster the medical, spiritual, recreational, social and cultural interests of all residents.



A place to embrace and celebrate Slovenian culture. Mesto sprejemov in praznovanje slovenske kulture.



## **Contact Us**

Visit our website to learn more about volunteer opportunities and how to make a donation.

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