



DOM LIPA

SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

April 19, 2023

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we remind you to register for our upcoming Annual General Meeting, list the medical team at Dom Lipa and tell you a little about one of our dedicated family physicians, Dr. Maja Seidl. As it is the start of gardening season, we include an update of the plans of our volunteer gardeners and invite you to support their work.

Register Now for Dom Lipa's Annual General Meeting

We don't yet have a quorum of voting members, so don't delay and register today for *Dom Lipa's Annual General Meeting* to be held virtually on

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2 p.m. by Zoom

Register on Eventbrite to reserve a free ticket

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/virtual-annual-general-meeting-slovenian-linden-foundation-dom-lipa-2023-tickets-320829548817>

A voting member is one who has donated at least \$1000 over the years. Guests are also welcome to attend the meeting.

Meet the Medical Care Team at Dom Lipa

We have a dedicated medical team taking good care of all our residents at Dom Lipa. Our hardworking family physicians are:

- Medical Director, Dr. Barbara Pilarski, who leads the Medical team and has provided care to our residents for over 31 years
- Attending Physician Dr. Maja Seidl came to Dom Lipa over 22 years ago, and
- Attending Physician, Dr. Hariclia Johnston came to Dom Lipa team over 15 years ago.

In addition, we have the following specialists available to our residents:

- Geriatric Psychiatrist – Dr. Dr. Babak Abadi
- Dietician – Ester Jarosz
- Physiotherapist – Marie May Imutan
- Pharmacist - Amy Randhawa from Silver Fox Pharmacy
- Nurse Practitioners are also available for consultation.

Recently, we had a lovely chat with Dr. Maja Seidl.

Dr. Maja Seidl, family physician, has been walking the halls of Dom Lipa for over 22 years providing care to residents. She credits Dr. Elizabeth Kocmur for mentoring and supporting the beginning of her medical practice at Dom Lipa.

Dr. Seidl has known Dom Lipa for almost 30 years because she often visited her grandmother who was a resident in the home. Dr. Seidl herself is Croatian by background and has good memories of her visits to Slovenia. Her father is also a physician and talks fondly of his residency training in Slovenia.

Dr. Seidl talks admiringly of the hard-working staff at Dom Lipa and how difficult the pandemic has been on everyone. She recognizes that nursing shortages across the country are causing scheduling challenges in long-term care homes too. These shortages sometime lead to hiring nursing agency staff who do not know our residents as well as our regular staff. Collaboration is the key, says Dr. Seidl, to providing ongoing excellent care to our residents.

Our Volunteer Gardeners are Getting Ready

Family Council volunteer gardeners are itching to start gardening. Their gardens at the rear of the Dom Lipa building are spectacular year after year.

The gardeners will be purchasing needed supplies and cleaning up the gardens at Dom Lipa. This entails pruning and weeding, as well as buying mulch, soil, compost, organic fertilizer, vegetables and herbs for the kitchen garden.

If you have the time and interest to help create and maintain these gardens, please reach out to the gardeners by emailing them at DomLipaFamilyCouncil@gmail.com.

If you wish to help by making a monetary donation, go to the Dom Lipa Donate page and mention it is for garden supplies, at <https://domlipa.ca/ways-give>.

Thank you volunteer gardeners for all the love you show to our residents, families, staff and visitors with your hard work and beautiful gardens!

We wish you Happy Spring!

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

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