

DOM LIPA NEWS

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A Message from our Executive Director

Reflections on 2016

Dear residents, volunteers, families and friends,

As the Christmas season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year's accomplishments. Our thoughts turn gratefully to those in our community who have consistently contributed to our success. The Slovenian Linden Foundation hosted another well-attended Walkathon in the spring as well as a sold out Fall Luncheon. The "Linden Tree of Life" campaign was a brilliant success which will ensure that our grounds remain beautiful and safe for our residents, volunteers, families and friends for many years to come.

In addition, many cherished moments and great memories were created and shared with our community. We came together to celebrate Slovenia's 25 Years of Independence and created a special Centenarian Club to annually celebrate our residents who are 100 years of age and older.

We value our relationship with you and look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

The generosity and involvement of our community is immeasurable and in this spirit we say simply but sincerely - Thank You—we can't do it without you.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Veseli Božič in Srečno Novo Leto

Theresa



Welcome to our new residents

Jrzynski Boleslaw
 Milka Koščak
 Carl Koščak
 Lojska Kralj
 Josie Nosan
 Frank Osredkar
 Hanna Tymush

*Dobrodošli, novi
stanovalci!*

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What's New at Dom Lipa?

Kaj je novega v Dom Lipi?



Fall Entertainment:

Residents engaged in various activities this fall, including our very popular baking and bingo programs. Our instructor led dance classes (Fundance) are always highly anticipated and well attended. All resident birthdays, held in the same month, are celebrated together. There were so many October birthdays that the party was held in the auditorium. Monthly Resident Council meetings are also popular. Octoberfest celebrations included live musical entertainment, dancing and singing.

Fitness Fun:

Residents continued to stay active during weekly exercises. Physiotherapy sessions took place, as well.

Spiritual and Cultural:

Daily Mass was celebrated by Gospod Plazar. See page 6 for our farewell to Gospod Toni Burja and our welcome to Gospod Leopold Valant.



Happy 105th Birthday ,

Mr. Joseph Rosenwirth

Sharing our Stories

Delitev naših zgodb



Ivanka Jelen

Ivanka Jelen has lived at Dom Lipa Retirement Residence for the past five years. When Gospod Ivan Plazar asked if she would assist at Mass as a Minister of Communion, she readily agreed. Although apprehensive at first, she learned quickly. Today her motivation to continue serving in this ministry is rewarded by seeing the joy and gratitude on the faces of the residents as they receive Communion. In addition, she is always ready to assist fellow residents in the retirement community who may need a little extra help. She loves going outdoors to take advantage of the beautiful grounds that surround the home. She enjoys the many opportunities at the residence to listen to the singing of our beautiful folk songs. She is happy that everyone here is friendly and welcoming.



Ivanka Torkar

Prior to Ivanka Torkar's move to Dom Lipa she was an active volunteer at the residence for many years. She enjoyed volunteering as she knew many of the residents. The residents were happy to see her as she delivered evening snacks, transported them to chapel or around the home and took the time for friendly visits. In 2011 she moved into the retirement residence and is now living in Long Term Care. She enjoys attending daily mass, joining in singing, participating in activities (especially Bingo), reading, watching her favorite TV programs and completing crossword puzzles. She always enjoys visits from her family and friends.

Dr. Pilarski

25 Years of Service

On September 22nd Dom Lipa residents, volunteers, families, friends and staff celebrated Doctor Pilarski's 25 years of service at Dom Lipa. There were many smiles and hugs as Dr. Pilarski was honoured for all her hard work and dedication.



Congratulations, Dr. Pilarski!

Ana Maria & Stephanie

Summer Students

Dom Lipa was the proud recipient of a Canada Summer Jobs Grant that allowed us to benefit from Ana Maria and Stephanie's assistance in the retirement residence.

They helped with activity programs such as games, outdoor walks, exercises, ice cream & coffee afternoons and various other social events. Residents enjoyed barbeques, entertainment and computer sessions provided by Ana Maria and Stephanie. We thank them sincerely for joining our team this summer.



Thank you, Ana Maria and Stephanie!



Fundraising Initiatives

Dom Lipa's 2016 Fall Luncheon Fundraiser

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 Sunday, November 6th, the annual Fall Luncheon fundraiser was held at the Slovenian Church Hall on Brown's Line. It was great to see many of our residents, volunteers, families and friends in our Dom Lipa community attend this sold-out event. Dom Lipa staff and members of our community contributed delicious goodies for the bake sale. The Seniors Group sold their beautiful crafts. There were many smiling faces as we joined together to enjoy this happy, social fundraising event.

FUNDS RAISED — \$12,751

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 our incredible volunteers, the luncheon committee, the Slovenian Linden Foundation Board, as well as our raffle prize donors and corporate sponsors.

We're looking forward to...

Veselimo se ...

- *Christmas Star/Tree Fundraiser Dec 1– 23*
- *December 10, 2016 Christmas Concert*
- *June 4, 2017: Next year's Walk-a-thon*



Upcoming Events

Our next event is Dom Lipa's fundraising Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 10, 2016. The concert will be held at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal church hall in Etobicoke. Tickets \$25 (include a post-concert snack in the hall) available at the church office at 416-255-2721 and at Moya Financial.

Visit our website at www.domlipa.ca for more highlights and photos of our Luncheon in 2016.



Farewell to Gospod Toni Burja

In October residents, volunteers, families and friends gathered in the Dom Lipa Chapel as Gospod Toni Burja officiated his last Mass with Gospod Ivan Plazar. We sincerely wish him all the best on his new assignment in Argentina.

V spomin In Memoriam

Frank Bergoč

Jadwiga Bil

Mario Četrlič

Terezija Lukač

Mary Smrke

Naše globoko sožalje sorodnikom.

Our deepest condolences to the families.



Dobrodošli

Welcome to

Gospod Leopold Valant

On October 26th, Gospod Valant celebrated his first Mass in the Dom Lipa Chapel. We welcome him to our home and look forward to seeing him often.

Our Community

Naša skupnost

Volunteers - an integral part of our home

Volunteers enrich the lives of our residents as they share their valuable time and talents. From Maria in the tuck shop to Tončka in the library, their smiles bring joy to all. Thank you to all of our caring volunteers.

Seniors Group.

The Seniors Group meets on Tuesday's at Dom Lipa. We thank them for their participation at our annual luncheon with their Craft Sale .

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 our residents.



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

www.domlipa.ca



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