

A Message from our Board of Directors

Dear residents, families, volunteers and friends,

Welcome and Goodbye

Welcome to two new members of the Board of Directors,

Joseph Cestnik and Milan Vinčec.

Joseph Cestnik is an entrepreneur of a thriving industrial distribution business serving the woodworking and the metal industry.

Most recently he was the CEO of Krek Slovenian Credit Union (now Moya Financial), where he guided the credit union for over 16 years using effective organizational communication, transparency and strategic team building. Working in concert with the Board, he developed strategic and tactical implementation plans to reposition and rebrand Krek to focus on two pillars: financial excellence and giving back to members and community.

Joseph has over 35 years' of financial and manufacturing management experience in areas of strategic planning, evaluation, financial reporting, business acquisitions, negotiating, marketing, commercial and retail banking and human resource development. In addition he has served on the board of the Canadian Slovenian Chamber of Commerce for over 16 years.

Milan Vinčec is an entrepreneur, and a graphic designer. He is very involved in the Slovenian community in the Toronto area, and recently served as the President of the All-Slovenian Cultural Organization.

Milan is well known as a singer, musician and composer. For over a decade, he has shared his talents as Youth Choir Director at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal parish. He is a frequent guest musician at Dom Lipa and always lifts the spirits of everyone, as he leads us in singing our beloved folk songs.

Good-bye to Board member, Sonya Rosenwirth

Sonya Rosenwirth, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and long-time friend of Dom Lipa, has announced she will pursue new adventures and experiences.

Sonya has an extensive background in strategic planning, project management and communication. Over the past 5 years, she has worked diligently and energetically in various important positions, including Vice-President, Fundraising Chair, and Lead of strategic initiatives. In addition, she was the chief organizer of our annual fundraising events: the Walkathon and the Luncheon and fulfilled many roles, including being a cheerful master of ceremonies.

Sonya's bright personality, enthusiasm and exceptional project management skills will be missed.

We wish Sonya much success and joy in her new endeavours!

Maria McDonald

President Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa

Welcome to our new residents

Nada Bevk

Maria Fidel

Franc Kofol

Valentin Kumprey

Dušan Kavčič

Maria Papa

**Dobrodošli novi
stanovalci**

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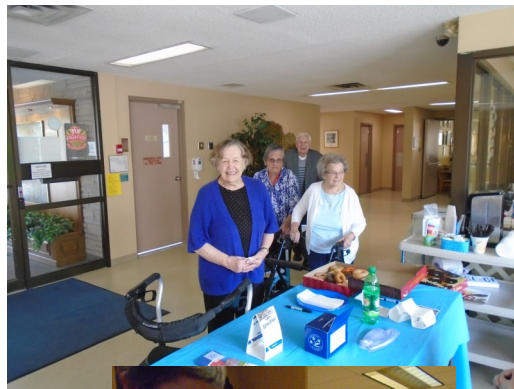
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What's New at Dom Lipa?

Kaj je novega v Domu Lipa?



Activities, singing, celebrations



What's New at Dom Lipa?

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Music by Motiv from Slovenia, Milan and Valentin



Štrudelj, palačinke, slovenske pesmi



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

Fundraising

Zbrana sredstva

Dom Lipa's 2017 Luncheon Fundraiser

On Sunday November 5th, guests gathered to enjoy a delicious Slovenian meal and to raise funds for Dom Lipa. In total, we are pleased to report that the event raised **\$8058**, which included ticket sales, bar sales, raffle, bake sale and donations.

Father Ivan Plazar said grace before the luncheon began, the meal beautifully prepared by Maria Sorsak and her excellent team of cooks and servers.

The Seniors Group was recognized for their hard work, creating beautiful craft and knitted items to sell at the luncheon. The bake sale was eagerly supported (thank you Damjana for all your yummy contributions). We extend our gratitude to Rozi Nesich for her expertise and assistance with the event.

A sincere thank you to our many volunteers for their help with hall set-up, coat check, ticket, bar and raffle sales, hall clean-up and anything in between.

Our thanks to Stan Konda (Equity and Konda Financial), FAB MFG. INC., Silver Fox Pharmacy, Cardinal and Majda McLaren for their generous raffle prize donations.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Slovenian Linden Foundation—Dom Lipa



Fundraising

Zbrana sredstva

Choral Concert

Choral Concert was held on Saturday, November 25th with proceeds going to benefit Dom Lipa. The concert featured the talented choirs of Naša Pesem, Plamen, Klapa Maestral and Croarte Chorale. It was held in the beautiful church - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on Brown's Line.

We thank the choirs and the organizers, Rozi Nesich and Jelena Guscic for this outstanding event.



Dom Lipa 2017 Christmas Campaign

Starting Monday, December 4th and ending on Thursday, December 21st

Angel Cards will be available in the Business Office.

For a minimum donation of \$5.00, a Christmas Angel will hold your personalized message and/or name. Messages can also be in honour or in memory of a loved one.

Donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a tax receipt.



UPCOMING EVENT - Dom Lipa Annual Walk-A-Thon Sunday, May 27, 2018

Duhovna Misel

Spiritual Message

SLIŠIŠ, KAR JAZ SLIŠIM?

V času pred Božičem bomo verjetno velikokrat slišali pesem "Do you hear what I hear – Slišiš, kar jaz slišim?" Ali smo se zaustavili in se vprašali, kaj nam hoče ta pesem povedati. Kaj je tako važnega, zanimivega, potrebnega, da slišim in vidim? Navadno pomislimo, da nam govori o tem kar vemo o noči, ko se je rodil Jezus. Toda ali nam pove tudi nekaj, kar je važno tudi zame, danes in sedaj?

Poglejmo, kako je pesem nastala: Noel Regney in njegova žena Gloria Shayne sta pesem napisala oktobra 1962, ko je bila kubanska kriza na vrhuncu. Noel se je sprehajal po newyorških ulicah in premišljeval o novi božični pesmi, ki so mu jo naročili. Sovjetska zveza in Združene države Amerike so bile na robu jedrske vojne. Vsi ljudje na ulicah so bili malodušni in živčni. Nato je opazil ženski z dojenčkoma v vozičkih. "Angelci so se spogledali in se nasmehnili," se je spomnil Regney. "Nenadoma me je prevzelo veselje."

Dojenčka sta ga spomnila in navdihnili njegovo novo pesem. Z ženo sta božične podobe jagenjčka, pastirčka in mogočnega kralja uporabila v prošnji za mir. Pesem je bila objavljena sredi kubanske raketne krize, sredi jasličnega prizora.

Noel in Gloria sta imela prav. Tema njune pesmi – videti, slišati in vedeti nekaj – je kot naročena, da se umirimo v adventnem času in mu damo pravi smisel. Ne odlašajmo. Predstavljajmo si tri različne osebe, ki nas vprašajo: "Vidiš, kar vidim jaz?" To so Bog Oče, Devica Marija in Sveti Duh. Kaj je videl Bog, ko se je ozrl na ljudi, izgubljene v grehu? Kaj je videla Marija, ko je zagledala svojega novorojenega sina? In kaj vidi danes Sveti Duh v našem srcu in svetu? Prosimo Boga, naj nam na novo razsvetli "oči srca", da nas bosta na novo prežela njegovo veselje in mir (Ef 1,18).

Ko so pastirji zaslišali angele oznanjati veselo vest o Kristusovem rojstvu, so takoj prekinili delo, pustili ovce in odhiteli v Betlehem. Ko so prišli k jaslim, so videli le majhno dete. Navzven se ni zdelo drugačno od drugih novorojenčkov. Pa vendar je bil njihov trud poplačan. Duhovne oči so se jim odprle in v detetu so videli utelešenje božje ljubezni in izpolnitev njegove obljube o odrešenju.

Bog želi tudi nas enako nagraditi. Želi nam dati vpogled v svoje videnje in načrt. Naši dnevi so zlasti v prazničnem času tako zatrpani, da komaj najdemo čas, da se usedemo in razmišljamo, kaj šele da bi se pogovarjali z Gospodom (tudi v Domu Lipa). Toda vse to je še kako vredno truda. Če si bomo vsak dan vzeli čisto malo časa, bomo blagoslovljeni. Videli bomo, kar vidi Bog, in ta pogled nam bo sprebrnil srce, da bomo res praznovali Gospodovo rojstvo! (Povzeto po eseju v reviji Beseda med nami, št. 6, 2017).

Poskusimo, in spoznali bomo, da nas bo to videnje res obogatilo in osrečilo. To Vam iz vsega srca želim in za to tudi molim.

Vaš duhovni spremljevalec in prijatelj Ivan Plazar

V spomin

In Memoriam

Karl Koščak

Ivanka Gorše

Vlado Perovič

Valentin Kumprey

**Naše globoko
sožalje sorodnikom.**

Our deepest condolences to the family.

Did you know?

Ali ste vedeli?

Residents' Council - Long Term Care

President - Maria Muhic Vice President - Joe Malesich

By virtue of being a resident of the home, all residents are members of the Residents' Council. The Residents' Council is provided with support from the home to form, organize and maintain administrative matters, as required.

The purpose of the Council, among others, is:

- to establish two-way communication between the residents and the home staff and to establish a formal mechanism, whereby Residents' Council concerns are communicated to administration for intervention and resolution
- to provide and encourage activities, directed at the provision of quality care and quality of life for residents
- to allow residents to be informed about the long-term care system as a whole and to provide a forum for discussion about strategies for improvement

Residents' Council - Retirement

President - Frances Cordeau

Vice President - John Nyers

Only residents of the retirement home may be members of the Residents' Council. A Residents' Council has the power to :

- inform residents of their rights and obligations under the Retirement Homes' Act
- provide advice and recommendations to Dom Lipa, regarding what the residents would like to see done to improve care or the quality of life in the home
- advise Dom Lipa of any concerns or recommendations the Council has about the operation of the home
- act as a tenants' association under the Residential Tenancies Act

Dom Lipa Family Council

You can make a difference! What can a Family Council do?

- assist families and the home to form a positive partnership aimed at improving resident care
- establish two-way communication between family members and staff
- allow family members to be informed about the long-term care system as a whole and to provide a forum for discussion about strategies for improvement
- promote and encourage activities directed at the provision of quality care and quality of life for residents

For more information please send an email to : domlipafamilycouncil@gmail.com

*We wish you a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year*

Vesel božič in srečno novo leto



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