



DOM LIPA

SLOVENIAN LINDEN FOUNDATION

April 19, 2024

Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication provide we report on the dedication of the Auditorium to Ed Erčulj and the successful Annual General Meeting. We thank several generous donors and share some photographs.

Presenting the Ed Erčulj Auditorium

The Board of Directors are pleased to announce the naming of the auditorium at Dom Lipa as the Ed Erčulj Auditorium, to honour Ed's unique dedication, and hard work as Director at Dom Lipa for over eight years. Ed had joined the Board in 2011 and participated actively until April 2019, when he reluctantly stepped away from the Board. Ed died in May 2019.

We had intended to dedicate this auditorium to Ed in 2020, but Covid-19 intervened and made it risky to gather safely until now. A memorial plaque, commissioned and installed in 2020, was finally seen by the family and our members and guests. In attendance were Ed's dear wife, Ina and children, Victoria and Thomas, along with sister Dorothy (Greg) Clarke; father & mother-in-law, Frank and Mary Raisp, and brothers-in-law Robert and William Raisp.

Some of our fondest memories include Ed insisting that he will wash the big pots and pans in the Slovenian Summer Camp kitchens, or helping barbeque burgers, or serving drinks at the Dom Lipa luncheons. Ed was always ready to help with any task that needed to be done!

Ed took his role seriously, as Director and Chair of the Facilities Committee. Ed continually prowled around Dom Lipa to see how things worked, testing to see what needed fixing or updating, and then reaching out to colleagues to get it fixed, or getting his hands dirty to do it himself. He brought to Dom Lipa, his special skills, experience and knowledge in areas of contracts and maintenance and we benefitted greatly.

Ed's good cheer, positive can-do attitude was a gift to us all. He reminded us we are in this together.

Father Valant officiated over the blessing of the Ed Erčulj Auditorium and was joined by family members for a commemorative photograph.



Successful Hybrid Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors successfully hosted the first hybrid Annual General Meeting of the Slovenian Linden Foundation in its history. On April 7, 2024, members of the Foundation and guests were able to attend either in person or by Zoom. With the able assistance of sound mixing engineer, Mr. Danny Šuštar, attendees were able to hear anyone speaking or be heard when speaking both on Zoom and in the Ed Erčulj Auditorium.

During the meeting, the membership approved the new By-law 1 of the Slovenian Linden Foundation. Our by-laws are now in compliance with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Act (ONCA).

Our auditor, Joe Bates of MNP LLP, provided an overview of Dom Lipa's good financial position and provided a qualified opinion that the financial statements fairly represent the financial position of Dom Lipa as at December 31, 2023.

The by-law and financial statements are available on Google Drive via the following link:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PpdjHsOXRL3RdvGjRjQHtACzKuH5yV6h?usp=sharing>

Finally, two directors, Rozika Nesich and Sylvia Kobal were each re-elected for a three-year term. Thank you Rozika and Sylvia for your dedication and hard work on the Board!

Future communications will address other topics discussed at the AGM.

Generous Donations

At the Annual General Meeting, Mark Žižek, Board Chair, Moya Financial, presented Dom Lipa with a \$10,000 donation! We are so grateful for Moya Financial's continued and consistent support of our Slovenian seniors. Their last donation allowed us to buy a wheelchair washer, and we will use this donation to help us keep the building functional and comfortable for our seniors and staff.

A big surprise during the AGM came when Mr. Frank Raisp asked to say a few words and presented Dom Lipa with a \$15,000 donation. He also offered to help create wayfinding signage so visitors could find their way around the building more easily. Thank you, Mr. Raisp, for your generosity!

Here are some photos with our generous donors.



A heartfelt thank you is extended to an unnamed trust, from which Dom Lipa received almost \$10,000 in March. Our gratitude also to Mrs. Danila Zajc for her generous donation and her annual support.

Once again, we thank Fiera Real Estate which donated \$500 this year in support of William Sečnik's volunteer engagement as Director on Dom Lipa's Board. Fiera Real Estate firmly believes it has a responsibility to make positive community impacts and they support their staff to take action locally with respect to causes which matter most to them.

Thank you to all our donors and supporters for your generosity and good will!

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

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