

Dom Lipa's 2016 Fund-Raising Luncheon

Dom Lipa's annual Luncheon was held on Sunday November 6th at the Slovenian Church Hall, 739 Brown's Line. It was a happy gathering of board members, residents, volunteers, staff and supporters to celebrate a year of Dom Lipa milestones hosted by the Slovenian Linden Foundation.

We are pleased to report that the event raised \$12,751 which included ticket sales, raffle, bake sale, donations and bar sales. Funds raised will help to maintain and improve Dom Lipa's building and resident programs.

The luncheon's theme was Slovenia's 25th Anniversary and honorary guest; Slovenian ambassador to Canada, Dr. Marjan Cencen joined us to address the more than 400 guests. He kindly accepted our invitation to speak about Slovenia and he also brought some very informative banners that celebrated Slovenia's many different engaging features.

The Slovenia theme was carried on in the 2016 highlights slideshow, which featured our residents enjoying the June Slovenia celebrations. The hall was decorated in blue, red and white décor and each table had a little Slovenia flag. The Slovenian Linden Foundation President Maria Zajc McDonald, donned in traditional Slovenian "narodno noša" welcomed everyone and thanked the many people who make Dom Lipa the wonderful home that it is.

Maria and Vice President Sonya Rosenwirth then presented an informative summary about Retirement Living vs Long-term-care. They communicated that Dom Lipa is actually 2 homes in one and that the two divisions are differentiated in their admittance criteria and admission processes. The retirement home (independent living) is private and Dom Lipa controls the waiting list. The long-term-care residence (nursing home) is government funded to make it affordable for residents and the ministry controls the admissions. Interested parties are encouraged to explore Dom Lipa by booking a tour or by arranging a meeting with the executive director, Theresa MacDermid, who can help explain the admission processes in greater detail.

We were pleased to have a bake sale with scrumptious baked goods coming from the community, Dom Lipa's staff, volunteers, residents and their families who donated hundreds of cookies, strudels, squares, potica, and many sweet treat favourites. The Dom Lipa Senior's Group worked hard all year to create beautiful craft and knitted items, a welcome addition every year with two tables of treasures.

Top performers from Dom Lipa's 2016 Walk-A-Thon were celebrated and their names will be added to trophies displayed in the Dom Lipa front lobby. We hope to see you on June 4, 2017 for the 35th annual Sunny Sonček Walk-a-thon!

Father Valentin Batič said grace before the luncheon began, the meal beautifully prepared by Maria Soršak and her skilful team of cooks and servers.

New this year, there was a door prize of \$50 cash. The winner, Mrs. Iva Kastelic graciously donated her door prize back to Dom Lipa as a donation.

Sponsors donated all of this year's raffle prizes. Prizes won were a Procam, donated by the Klemencic family; Raptors 905 tickets donated by Healthcare Accounting Co.; Keg \$50 Certificate donated by Stan Konda Financial; Cineplex \$50 Movie Night for Family of 4, Pizza Nova Certificates for \$50, and Posticino Restaurant certificate for \$100 were donated by Soniccan Acoustic Design Elements; Park Avenue jewel earrings were donated by Sandra Cestnik and a Keurig Coffee Machine was donated by Imperial Coffee.

To bid farewell, red and white carnations (the official Slovenian flower) with thank you message were handed to each guest as they left the 2016 Dom Lipa Luncheon.

We would like to thank all those who helped make the 2016 Dom Lipa luncheon a success! We will continue to do our best to ensure that this is an annual informative and fun family event.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's Dom Lipa Luncheon on Sunday, November 5, 2017!

Nasvidenje!

The Slovenian Linden Foundation – Fund-Raising Committee

The Dom Lipa 2016 Luncheon Committee and Volunteers:

Maria McDonald, Sonya Rosenwirth, Theresa MacDermid, Rozika Nesich, Kristy Turk, Pauline Klemencic, Eva Lagan, Alex Doma, Miran Vamberger, Maryanne Walker, Anthony Klemencic, Coralee Babic, Ashlyne Babic, Josie Babic, Ed Erculj, Tanja Nanut, F. Ivan Plazar, F. Valentin Batic, Wayne Stamler, John Jereb and many behind-the-scenes contributors!

