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Dear Dom Lipa Families, Friends, Employees and Supporters,

In this communication we ask you to save the date for our Annual Meeting in May, and thank Maryanne Blatnik Walker upon her retirement from Dom Lipa. We invite you and your families to think about becoming a legacy donor. Next we share the link for the taped virtual session on the importance of Wills and POAs, and provide resources for Advance Care Planning. Finally, we wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Save The Date for Our Annual Meeting

Save Sunday May 24th at 2 pm for our Annual Meeting. Every not-for-profit corporation must have an annual meeting with its members within 6 months of its fiscal year end. As in past years, we will meet in person at the Edward Erčulj Auditorium in Dom Lipa, and also offer attendance by Zoom.

Watch for more information in future emailed communications.

Thank you Maryanne Blatnik Walker

Our dedicated Maryanne Blatnik Walker retired this past December after 10 years at Dom Lipa. She started on August 10, 2015 in the role of Communications and Fundraising Coordinator, interacting with donors and helping with fundraising events.

Then in 2016, Maryanne took over the role of Education Coordinator until her retirement and helped make sure our staff were supported in their learning goals. She was instrumental in bringing Gentle Persuasive Approaches training to all staff, a noteworthy achievement!

In addition, Maryanne was responsible for keeping on eye on all the emails that came to info@domlipa.ca and distributed to them to the right person for a response. Maryanne especially enjoyed planning staff and family events, and helped decorate the home for all the holidays.

Maryanne's love for her work with staff and seniors at Dom Lipa may have been inherited from her father, Albin Blatnik, who was a founder of Dom Lipa and who worked tirelessly to build this home for Slovenian seniors.

Maryanne brought her unending enthusiasm and energy to each of her roles. We are grateful for all her hard work and her good care of everyone at Dom Lipa.

Become a Legacy Donor

We invite you to consider becoming a Legacy Giving Donor. A legacy giving donor is someone who chooses to include the Slovenian Linden Foundation – Dom Lipa in their estate plans, such as by making a charitable gift to Dom Lipa in their Will. Your support will ensure that our seniors have a safe and comfortable home with familiar food, music and entertainment.

Please know that every gift, no matter the size is special and meaningful.

You can also leave a legacy gift with your life insurance. When you donate a new or existing life insurance policy to Dom Lipa, you can transform modest monthly premiums into an extraordinary gift that will make a real difference.

As your insurance benefit is paid directly to Dom Lipa and kept separate from your estate, there are no administrative costs of probate fees. Your estate's assets remain untouched and you will receive a charitable tax receipt that can be used in your lifetime or by your estate.

Speak to your legal advisor or insurance advisor!

Recorded Wills and POA Session Now Available on our Website

We taped our virtual session which was held February 10th at 7 pm on why a Will and Power of Attorney documents at every age are a good idea. Lawyers Andrea Tratnik and Tony Klemenčič shared their experience and wisdom.

The recorded session is approximately 45 minutes long and posted on our Dom Lipa website under Communications. Available at <https://domlipa.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Wills-and-POA-Zoom-Call-Dom-Lipa.mp4>

For more information about our presenters, see <https://klemenciclaw.ca/> and <https://www.beardwinter.com/lawyers/andrea-tratnik/>

Advance Care Planning

Talk to your loved ones about the care you wish to receive when you get older. A first good step is to speak to a lawyer to review/create a Will and Power of Attorney documents (Personal Care and Property/Finances).

Hospice and Palliative Care Ontario have prepared Advance Care Planning resources for persons and their families. The useful workbook examines various planning scenarios and is available at <https://www.advancecareplanningontario.ca/>

Remember to look at Ontario specific resources, since the legislation varies from province to province.

Here is the graphic on Advance Care Planning Ontario to explain what a person can plan for now, to be more ready for decision-making in the future:



Caregivers may also find helpful these materials from Ontario Caregiver Organization: The Healthcare Journey Binder. Available at <https://ontariocaregiver.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Healthcare-Journey-Consent-and-Legal-Matters.pdf>

As we approach Easter, we wish you all a blessed Easter season with your family and loved ones!

Sincerely,
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