



## EVENING OF THANKS OCTOBER 14 2017

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LABDARA FOUNDATION, INVITED 150 INDIVIDUALS AS VIPS OF THE EVENING, AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN SUPPORTING THE NURSING HOME THROUGH THEIR GENEROUS GIFTS OF TIME AND RESOURCES. OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE NURSING HOME, THEIR SUPPORT HAS MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE LITHUANIAN NURSING HOME LABDARA.

: OUR MASTER OF  
CEREMONY:  
BOARD DIRECTORS  
VIRGINIA AND JULIJA



DALIA VISKONTIENE,  
DIRECTOR OF THE  
VOLUNGE WOMEN'S  
ENSEMBLE WITH THE  
SOUND AND LIGHT SPE-  
CIALISTS: ARUNAS  
PABEDINSKAS AND  
ROMAS PILYPAVICIUS.



## VOLUNGE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE



A HIGH QUALITY AND STELLAR PERFORMANCE BY THE VOLUNGE WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE WAS ENJOYED BY ALL ATTENDING THE EVENING. AN OPENING IN MEMORIAM HYMN HONOURED DEPARTED RESIDENTS AND STAFF OF LABDARA AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A MEDLEY OF SONGS SOME ACCOMPANIED BY VARIOUS STAGE MOVEMENTS AND POSITION CHANGES, RECALLING MISSING SOLDIERS, SONGS OF LONGING AND LOVE BALLADS, CULMINATING IN A CREATIVE BODY CLAPPING SONG WITH JAZZ OVERTONES AT THE END. THEY SET AN UP-BEAT AND POSITIVE TONE FOR THE EVENING.

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**Labdara**  
Lithuanian Nursing Home  
Lietuvių slaugos namai

**EVENING OF THANKS PROGRAM**

5:00PM: CASH BAR -- WINE AND BEER  
5:20PM: OPENING REMARKS  
5:30PM: VOLUNTEER WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE  
6:00PM: 'NAPOLEON' TORTE COMPETITION  
6:30PM: DINNER BUFFET  
7:30PM: RECOGNITION  
8:00PM: DESSERT 'NAPOLEONS' & COFFEE/TEA

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE  
LABDARA LITHUANIAN NURSING HOME!

LABDARA FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## NAPOLEON TORTE COMPETITION



12 NAPOLEON TORTES WERE DONATED AS ENTRIES TO THE NAPOLEON TORTE COMPETITION. THE BAKERS DONATED THEIR TIME AND INGREDIENTS AND BROUGHT SUSPENSE AND FUN TO THE EVENING. OUR SINCERE THANKS GO OUT TO:

ANGELA AMBROZAITIS, VINCAS BALIUNAS, GAJUTE BUDRA, BRONE GREICIUNIENE, JANINA GURKLIENE, MRS. GUTAUSKAS, IRENA PECIULIENE, JIMMY PIKE, DALIA STEPONAITIENE, ONA STONCIENE, JULIJA VAITKEVICIENE AND OUR TEAM OF YOUNG BAKERS: RASA SIAUCIUNAS, LINA SAMONIS, RUTA SAMONIS AND DIANA PECIULIS.

THE NAPOLEONS WERE SERVED AS DESERT WITH COFFEE AND TEA AT THE END OF THE EVENING, SO THAT EVERYONE GOT TO ENJOY A SLICE OF NAPOLEON TORTE.

ALL 12 ENTRIES WERE JUDGED IN A BLIND TASTING COMPETITION. TORTES WERE IDENTIFIED BY NUMBER ONLY. THE JUDGES IN ROUND ONE WERE: HOME ADMINISTRATOR - ERIC HARELA, PRESIDENT OF ACC - HOME OVERSIGHT MANAGER - ROBERT BERG AND PRESIDENT OF THE LITHUANIAN CANADIAN COMMUNITY - JOANA KURAS. THEY JUDGED THE 12 ENTRIES AND SELECTED 3 TO MOVE ON TO ROUND TWO. THE FINAL JUDGEMENT IN ROUND TWO FELL TO REV. MONSIGNOR EDMUND PUTRIMAS. THERE WERE 3 REMAINING CANDIDATES: V. BALIUNAS, MRS. GUTAUSKAS AND A. AMBROZAITIS' TORTES. AND THE WINNER WAS TORTE NUMBER 9! ANGELE AMBROZAITIS! AS A PRIZE SHE RECEIVED AN ENGRAVED CAKE SERVER.

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THE FABULOUS BUFFET DINNER



THE SURPRISE ENTREE



LABDARA SURPRISE - EVERYONE GOT A TASTE OF VEGETARIAN AND CHICKEN BLENDED FOOD.

## IT TAKES A TEAM



RŪTA MANAGED TICKET SALES AND SEATING AND GENUTĒ WAS IN CHARGE OF CATERING THE DINNER BUFFET. GENUTE AND HER TEAM PREPARED A DELICIOUS MEAL.



## THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



ORGANIZING COMMITTEE WAS CHAIRED BY BOARD DIRECTOR RAUDA DICKINSON. HERE YOU SEE SOME OF THE MEMBERS: VOLUNTEER ANGELA AMBROZAITIS, BOARD DIRECTOR RAUDA DICKINSON, VOLUNTEER RUTA VAISVILA AND BOARD DIRECTOR REGINA MASIONIS. MISSING FROM PHOTO ARE: BOARD DIRECTORS: GABIJA PETRAUSKAS AND JULIJA SIMONELIS AND VOLUNTEER GENE KOBELSKIS. - MUCH APPRECIATION TO THE COMMITTEE FOR SUCH A SUCCESSFUL EVENING

## THE FULL HOUSE



OVER 300 GUESTS ATTENDED, 90 OF WHOM WERE VIPS AND 10 RESIDENTS ATTENDED, SOME IN WHEELCHAIRS.

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THE ORIGINAL CHAIR OF THE LIETUVIŲ NAMU (LCAT) LABDARA FOUNDATION BOARD AND CHAIR OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE, RIMAS J. JUODIS AND HIS WIFE (SEEN HERE WITH CURRENT BOARD CHAIR GABIJA PETRAUSKAS) HONOURED US WITH THEIR PRESENCE.

15 YEARS AFTER THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO (LCAT)/LIETUVIU NAMAI BUILT LABDARA LITHUANIAN NURSING HOME IN 2002, WE CAME TO REMEMBER THE FOUNDERS AND ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED BY GIVING OF THEIR TIME, TALENTS AND RESOURCES AND TO THANK THEM HUMBLY, BUT SINCERELY FOR THEIR SUPPORT OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS. THIS EVENING WAS HELD IN HONOUR OF THEM AND THEY EACH RECEIVED A HUMBLE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO OUR HOME AND TO OUR COMMUNITY. AS CHAIR OF THE LABDARA FOUNDATION AND OF THE NURSING HOME BUILD COMMITTEE IN 2002, RIMAS JONAS JUODIS SAID AT THE TIME: “ACTIVITIES IN THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY THAT ARE AIMED AT SERVING THAT COMMUNITY ARE WHAT WILL HAVE A LASTING EFFECT” (“ZMONISKUMO REMIAMA LIETUVYBENEISBLES.”). THIS ORIENTATION TOWARDS SERVICE IS WHAT IS EVIDENCED TODAY BY THE SUCCESS OF THE LABDARA LITHUANIAN NURSING HOME. THANK-YOU TO MR. JUODIS AND THE LCAT/LIETUVIU NAMAI ORGANIZATION FOR THEIR FORESIGHT AND LEADERSHIP IN MAKING THE IDEA OF A HOME A REALITY.

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