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Slovenian Canadian Association of Manitoba, Annual picnic lunch -
Celebration of Slovenian day - on June 27. 2010

Dear members, friends;

We are just finishing our newspaper and in this edition we will inform you about our important happenings. Our summer in Manitoba is not exactly what we would like, because we have too much rain, but we are hoping for warmer days because it is time for summer to start. In our thoughts we are planning summer vacations, travelling and meeting with families and friends. This year there will be a few of us traveling to our homeland Slovenia, to visit our families and friends. In our next edition in September we will be able to write about our visit to Slovenia. Our Board member Marjan Jakob is going to Slovenia with his family and his mother Marija Jakob. Mama Marija is planning this trip for few months and she is very excited. I will also visit Slovenia with my wife Evelyn. Last time she was in Slovenia was 30 years ago. My mother will be celebrating her 87th birthday on July 27th, I'm sure she will be happy to see us. I also look forward to show my wife, my family,

Spoštovane rojakinje in rojaki spoštovani prijatelji,

Pred vami je nova številka našega časopisa in v njej vam bomo opisali novice ki so zanimive za vse nas. Naše poletje v Manitobi ni takšno kot si ga želimo saj imamo preveč dežja in tudi temperature še niso takšne kot smo navajeni za ta poletni čas ampak v mislih se pa veselimo dopustov, potovanj in srečanj z družinskimi člani in prijatelji. Letos bo nekaj naših članov potovalo tudi v domovino Slovenijo na obiske svojim sorodnikom, in v naslednji Septemberski številki vam bomo lahko povedali kako je bilo doma med svojimi, naš Odbornik Marjan Jakob bo potoval v domovino s svojo družino in tudi Marjanova mama Marija Jakob bo med njimi, mama Marija se že dolgo veseli tega potovanja, v imenu vseh članov in Odbornikov SKD v Mb. želimo družini Jakob prijetno bivanje in srečno potovanje v domovino Slovenijo. Tudi jaz bom obiskal svojo družino v domovini,

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and our beautiful Slovenia, which has changed so much in last 30 years. We notice that our young relatives back in Slovenia are living the same life style as we do here in Canada. Time is the number one priority. We are rushing to finish our task and project, but many times we lose this battle, and sometimes we all run out of time.

Our last event, Slovenian day/ B.B.Q. picnic, is a family event and also cultural event about homeland Slovenia celebrating its 19th Anniversary as an independent state, the true date is actually June 25th. Our Association is proud of our heritage and we plan this annual Slovenian day, to be open to all friends and members in our community. This way our members and Board is showing great respect towards our homeland Slovenia and all our brothers and sisters in Slovenia.

Our event was held on June 27th, Sunday afternoon, in the Royal Canadian Legion #246, this time we had a record amount of visitors, over 170 people, the hall was full and to all who were with us I must say thank you so much, you all made our day to be remembered. On behalf of the members and Board thank you again. Our kitchen staff received most of the compliments on quality and amount of food served. Thank you Marjan Jakob, and all volunteers who did a tremendous good job. We will remember this for some time. Our volunteers were just fantastic and without them there won't be our annual BBQ event. Thank you goes to each and every volunteer with your help we can plan the next events and we are looking forward for the next BBQ day. Everybody is welcome. Slovenian beer (Lasko pivo) was in big demand and it helped us to show our Slovenian identity.

Our special guest and visitors were the students and their professor Bogomil Frfila from Slovenia and also special guest at the table was Judy Wasylycia-Leis. For the last 13 years as Federal MP for Winnipeg Center-North, and currently is a candidate for the city of Winnipeg Mayor job. Elections will be held on October 27th this year. Judy is known to be the people's person. She represented the most multicultural areas of this city and she was getting elected, because she truly represented all of us in Ottawa. I met Judy a few years ago when our postal service Canada-Slovenia was doing poorly. There were Slovenians in this city complaining of losing important mail and

27. Julija bo moja mama praznovala 87. rojstni dan in midva z ženo Evelyn se veseliva srečanja z mojo mamo in z mojimi v naši prelepi Štajerski, seveda bom pokazal vse lepote Slovenije moji ženi, ki je bila zadnjič v domovini pred 30 leti. Vsi ki obiskujemo našo Slovenijo smo že navajeni na ogromne spremembe, in na drugačen način življenja naših rojakov in rojakinj, kot je bilo včasih, sedaj opazamo da je tudi tam čas zelo dragocen, mlade generacije v domovini živijo tako kot mi tukaj, tudi nas čas preganja in zavedamo se da nam ne uspe vsega kar si želimo ker čas ni vedno naš prijatelj.

Naša zadnja prireditev "Slovenski dan – Slovenian day" je bil posvečen kot kulturni družinski dogodek, srečanje vseh ki smo zavedni naši domovini, in na ta način pokažemo spoštovanje do naše Slovenije, ki je praznovala 19. obletnico in 25. Junij je dan osamosvojitve Republike Slovenije. Naša prireditev je bila tudi tokrat v Nedeljo, in lahko samo napišem da je bila dvorana v Royal Canadian Legion, popolnoma polna. Vsem ki ste bili med nami se iskreno zahvaljujem za vaš obisk in naše Slovensko kanadsko društvo se vam zahvaljuje za vaš čas ki ste ga podelili z nami, naše društvo je dobilo veliko komplimentov za dobro pripravljeno kosilo, hvala našemu šefu kuhinje Marjanu Jakobu, hvala vsem volanterjem ki ste mu pomagali, brez vas volanterjev ne bi bilo prireditev, in naše društvo se vam vsem zahvaljuje za vaše požrtvovalno delo, hvala vsem vam da smo to leto imeli rekordni obisk, čez 170 obiskovalcev in vsi ki so bili z nami si želijo še takšnih srečanj in prireditev, naše Slovensko Laško pivo, vina Merlot in Refošk iz Kopra so še dodali Slovensko inditeto na naš Slovenski dan.

Med nami so bili obiskovalci in gostje ki si jih želimo in se jih veselimo iz leta v leto, študentje iz domovine na čelu s Profesorjem Bogomilom Frfilom, njim se je pridružila naša dolgoletna Federalna zastopnica Winnipega v Ottawi ga. Judy Wasylycia – Leis ki se je sedaj kandidirala za županko našega mesta Winnipeg, volitve za župana bodo 27. Oktobra.

Judy je prijateljica vseh nas ki živimo v Winnipegu, zastopala je najbolj multikulturno naselje Center – North Winnipeg, z Judy sodelujem že veliko let in Judy nam je pomagala v težavah ki smo jih imeli s Kanadsko pošto pred 4 - 5 leti. Veliko vas

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parcels. At the same time Representatives in Winnipeg for the Slovenian congress in Toronto wrote a letter to „Rodna gruda“. With his appeal that the Slovenian postal service should do a better job, because he was under impression that it is Slovenian side to take blame for poor service. I read that answer from Slovenian director of postal service, he explained to this individual, here in Winnipeg, that it is not Slovenia to be blamed, but Canada post, they (Canada post) subcontract to Check Republic all postal services for Slovenia and that's where the problem was, all those information's I took to Judy and I ask for her help, she promised me some help and few months after Judy Wasylycia-Leis did exactly what she promised. In parliament Judy brought our concerns to the Minister for Canada post. It was not long after the Canada post director contacted myself and explained that problem was in the Check Republic. He promised changes in near future, for better service of all Slovenians in Canada. Not long after Canada post gave the contract to Germany. Since then there is no problem. Thank you Judy. I sent a letter to the current Slovenian Embassy staff in Ottawa to invite Judy over and also to thank Judy over cup of tea, but unfortunately this meeting never occurred, but I didn't forget Judy. The Slovenian community in Winnipeg and also in Canada should thank her for a job well done. Looking to our Mayor and councils fall elections, I must admit that I will support Judy for Mayor for the city of Winnipeg. Over the years she proved herself in Ottawa, with her dedicated service to all citizens of Winnipeg. She stand for issues for us regular people and that is what I respect as a workers advocate. I know who cares for us. You all notice how Winnipeg North is left behind in infrastructure, how many years the current Mayor study where project will be build, but they always go South, stadium was on agenda for Winnipeg North, but it's gone far away and this is happening for many years, Slovenians can witness around Slovenian church what is city politics all about, I remember issues when I was President of CSCS dealing with city when they open center for handling needles to people with extreme addictions, next door to our church. I would like to say thank you to professor Ferfila and his students for

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iz Winnipeg je bilo nezadovoljnih ko so se nam izgubljale pošiljke za domovino, in nismo vedeli kako in kaj naj naredimo, eni so pisali v domovino tudi v Rodno Grudo, kot je to naredil zastopnik Slovenskega kongresa v Winnipegu, dotičen g. je bil kritičen na delo Slovenske pošte, ampak odgovor Slovenske pošte dotičnemu g. je bil: Vaše pošiljke in pisma se izgubljajo preden pridejo v Slovenijo, vaša Kanadska pošta je podpisala kontrakt – pogodbo z Republiko Česko, in tam je bil problem ne v Sloveniji. Takrat sem jaz prosil Judy za pomoč, in ji razložil probleme v servisu nas državljanov dveh domovin. Judy mi je obljubila pomoč, in je tudi v parlamentu odprla to vprašanje, kmalu potem sem dobil pismo ministra za Kanadsko pošto in tudi direktorice, in so se opravičili za izgubljeno pošto. Takoj po tistem je Kanadska pošta podpisala pogodbo z Nemškim kontraktorjem in sedaj ni več težav, tudi Direktorica Slovenske pošte se mi je zahvalila za pomoč in posredovanje Judy hvala ti za tvojo pomoč, jaz sem o tem dogodku obvestil Ambasado Republike Slovenije v Ottawi in sem jih zaprosil naj se tudi oni zahvalijo Judy ob skodelici čaja, ampak do tega srečanja na žalost nikoli ni prišlo.

Osebnostno mislim da ima Judy vse kvalitete kot poštena in navdse delovna oseba ki je lojalna svojim koreninam severnem delu Winnipegja ta severni del je vedno diskriminiran s strani vseh županov, in mislim da je to območje namerno zapuščeno, in vsi ki živimo tukaj že veliko let vemo zakaj je tako, dokaz je okolica kjer je danes Slovenska cerkev. Kot bivši predsednik CSCS sem imel težave z mestom ko so odprli center za odvisnike in jim nudijo igle za njihovo adikcijo drogam v samem sosesstvu Slovenske cerkve. Judy mi je obljubila da bo ona dala vse od sebe da se ta del mesta vzdigne na raven ostalih področij v mestu Winnipeg, sedanjemu županu si je oskrbel zemljišče za svoj "Bezbol team", in poskrbel je tudi za svoje prijatelje, mislim da bi Judy Wasylycia - Leis imela boljši pristop z nami multikulturnimi organizacijami in čas je da se Winnipeg North enakopravno gradi in razvija kot Winnipeg South.

Hvala Judy za tvoj obisk in jaz si želim da nas Judy obišče na naši naslednji proslavi "Slovenian day – Slovenski dan kot županka Winnipegja", če bo uspešna 27. Oktobra mi je obljubila da bo prišla še večkrat med SKD v Mb., hvala Profesorju Frfilu in študentom za njihov obisk,

ARBITRATION REFERENDUM

The YEAS Have It



02.07.2010

By Jaka Bartolj

The result of Slovenia's June 6 referendum was as close as expected, but the public's narrow approval of the arbitration deal with Croatia made the political elites in both countries – and beyond – very happy.

Slovenian television viewers spent the evening watching a constantly narrowing margin of victory for the "yes" camp as results trickled in from across the country. A solid lead from early voting quickly evaporated, but the "yes" votes still ended up outnumbering the "no" votes by a margin of 51.5% to 48.5%.

A Gift to the Government

One of the happiest politicians was certainly Prime Minister Borut Pahor, who beamed as he described the result as a victory for Slovenia. After the referendum, he confided that he would have resigned had voters rejected the arbitration agreement.

Indeed, he had placed all his bets on a "yes" vote. After originally taking a tough line on Croatia and blocking that country's EU accession negotiations, Pahor later bet everything on the arbitration deal. Behind-the-scenes negotiations with Croatia led the way to his public embrace of the agreement; Pahor presented it as a breakthrough at a meeting with Croatian Prime Minister Jadranka Kosor last September.

The new strategy became not just Pahor's favoured option – it became the only option. Before the referendum, Pahor even spoke to Kosor and promised that Slovenia would not block Croatia's EU talks in the future, regardless of the result. For Pahor, there was simply no plan B. A "no" vote at the referendum would have done irreparable harm to his international credibility. He had simply staked too much on a positive outcome.

A Much-Needed Victory

The "yes" vote also did wonders for Pahor's political position at home. After a string of failures and scandals, Pahor's government had been at its nadir, both in terms of political leverage and public opinion. Pahor needed some good news; he became the most vocal advocate of the arbitration deal and invested everything in a "yes" vote. The voters' rejection of the agreement would have been a catastrophic -- and possibly fatal -- blow for the centre-left government. In the end, the "yes" vote gave Pahor's government a new lease on life. At last, it was some desperately needed good news: a narrow political victory that restored Pahor's leadership at a time of significant fractures within the coalition. The effects of the victory will almost certainly be very short-lived, but the political boost couldn't have come at a better time.

The EU was also deeply relieved by the "yes" vote. To many EU officials, the border dispute between Slovenia and Croatia was little more than a nuisance that prevented the 27-member union's much-heralded expansion into southeastern Europe. Having always insisted that the border issue was a bilateral one, the EU was thrilled by the "yes" vote, which all but closes this unpleasant dispute. Like Pahor, the EU had come to view the arbitration agreement as the only way forward. After all, it had publicly displayed its frustration at the two countries' previous inability to reach an agreement and had long since given up on trying to mediate a solution acceptable to both sides. The relief also extended to the US, which had become involved behind the scenes in mediating the arbitration deal. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was quick to issue a statement that by "cementing this agreement, the people of Slovenia have helped move the region closer to full European integration."

Zgodovinsko srečanje, ki oznanja prijateljstvo med tremi narodi

Manjši incident: fašisti so pred Narodni dom položili venec

13. julij 2010 ob 09:01,

zadnji poseg: 13. julij 2010 ob 20:53

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V Trstu so se na spravnem srečanju sešli slovenski predsednik Danilo Türk, italijanski predsednik Giorgio Napolitano in hrvaški predsednik Ivo Josipović.

"Naša navzočnost naj priča o trdni zavezi, da tisto, kar nas danes združuje, prevlada nad tistim, kar nas je boleče delilo v burnem zgodovinskem obdobju, ki so ga zaznamovale vojne med državami in narodi," so še pred srečanjem v skupni izjavi zapisali predsedniki treh držav.

Nato pa je nekaj čez 18.00 predsednika Türka, Napolitana in Josipovića v Trstu najprej pozdravil tržaški prefekt Alessandro Giachetti, nato pa so se skupaj odpravili v Narodni dom, kjer so se poklonili spominu na požig zgradbe 13. julija 1920.

V Narodnem domu so se sešli s predsednikoma krovnih organizacij slovenske manjšine v Italiji, Slovenske kulturno-gospodarske zveze (SKGZ) in Sveta slovenskih organizacij (SSO), Rudijem Pavšičem in Dragom Štoko. Pavšič in Štoka sta v dobrodošlici državnikom, ki sta jo poslala v pone-deljek pred obiskom spomnila, da je bil Narodni dom pred 90 leti požgan, in poudarila: "Spomin ostaja, a naše oči so uprte v prihodnost."

Predsedniki so iz Narodnega doma odšli pred spominsko obeležje italijanskim pregnancem iz Istre, Reke in Dalmacije, kjer je venec položil italijanski predsednik. "To so dejanja, ki govorijo sama, so dejanja prijateljstva med našimi tremi narodi," je ob tem dejal Napolitano.

Ob prihodu predsednikov se je pred Narodnim domom zbralo več sto ljudi, med njimi tudi Slovenci, ki so predsednike pozdravili s ploskanjem.

"Vsi razumemo krivičnost zgodovine. Vsi razumemo, da je bil požig Narodnega doma prvo dejanje v veliki tragediji, ki jo je povzročil fašizem v 20. stoletju, ki je privedlo do druge svetovne vojne in drugih krivic," je po pogovorih s hrvaškim in italijanskim kolegom Ivom Josipovićem in

Giorgiom Napolitanom v Trstu pojasnil Danilo Türk. Vendar je to obdobje po njegovih besedah že daleč za nami in prišel je trenutek, ko se spominjamo zgodovine s spoštljivostjo, s sočutjem do žrtev in vseh, ki so trpeli.

Na vprašanje, zakaj do zgodovinskega srečanja prihaja ravno sedaj, pa je slovenski predsednik odvrnil, da je bilo odločilno posebno datumsko naključje. Pojasnil je, da je takoj, ko ga je predsednik Napolitano 30. maja poklical in mu povedal, da je za 13. julij predviden koncert, pomislil, da to sovpada z 90-letnico požiga Narodnega doma in da na takšen dan ni moč iti mimo tega dejstva in je treba tudi z javno manifestacijo pokazati spoštovanje do žrtev preteklosti. "Potem smo se vsi trije zelo hitro sporazumeli in ni bilo težko izdelati nadaljnjih podrobnosti," je še povedal Türk.

Venec položili tudi fašisti

Kot je poročala novinarka TV Dnevnika Maja Cestnik, je že v dopoldanskem času v Trstu prišlo do manjšega incidenta. Skupina italijanskih fašistov je namreč na pročelje Narodnega doma položila venec italijanskemu fašistu, ki je bil ubit med požigom. Italijanska policija je venec čez dve uri odstranila. Kot je poročala Cestnikova, je bil v Trstu tudi slovenski zamejec Samo Pahor, ki nasprotuje temu, da italijanska vlada še vedno ne izvaja zaščitnega zakona za manjšine.

In za konec: Koncert prijateljstva

Vsi trije predsedniki imajo na programu še tristranske pogovore in večerjo, ki jo bo gostil Napolitano. Današnje zgodovinsko druženje bodo ob 21.30 sklenili z udeležbo na Koncertu prijateljstva na Trgu edinosti Italije 8 (Piazza dell'Unità d'Italia 8), na katerem bodo pod taktirko znanega italijanskega dirigenta Riccarda Mutija nastopili glasbeniki iz Slovenije, Hrvaške in Italije.

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The Other Side

The losers included a portion of the Slovenian intelligentsia who had spoken out against the arbitration deal. Motivated by genuine concern, they nevertheless appeared to overplay their hand, particularly with sharp rhetoric sometimes likening a "yes" vote to a selling out of Slovenia's national interest (and, at least in Tine Hribar's words, referring to the deal as "collaboration" with the enemy.) While they may have helped to drive up the "no" to a certain extent – something that is difficult to determine based on pre-referendum polling -, in the end, the group of intellectuals may have merely ended up illustrating its limited capability for influencing public opinion.

The opposition was united against the arbitration deal, both as a result of genuine concerns and, at least in some cases, a desire to see the government defeated on such a make-or-break issue. The government's victory - and its subsequent survival -, resulted in several visible opposition politicians voicing somewhat bitter comments (SDS leader Janez Janša blamed a left-wing media monopoly for the results, which he called a "defeat for Slovenia"), but is unlikely to alter the Slovenian political landscape in the longer term.

The opposition does hold at least one trump card, however. Several opposition politicians have indicated that the opposition, if it gets in power, may decide to block Croatia's EU accession until the verdict of the arbitration.

The Final Outcome

Who ends up the ultimate winner won't be known for a long time to come. The two countries won't even select their arbiters until after Croatia signs its accession agreement with the EU. Before the two sides present their arguments and the final decision is reached, several years are expected to pass.

In the meantime, Slovenia's political parties will concentrate on new election cycles and new issues. The arbitration agreement will fade from public attention. By the time the final verdict comes, the political situation in the country may have changed too much for the outcome to have a major political impact. It will, however, determine whether Slovenia as a whole ends up as a winner or a loser for having narrowly backed the arbitration deal.

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Pirjevec za Odmeve: Trst mora prepoznati slovensko komponento

Tržaški zgodovinar Jože Pirjevec je v pogovoru za ponedeljkove Odmeve poudaril, da se je nasilje nad Slovenci v Italiji začelo pred požigom Narodnega doma in je potekalo že od leta 1848, a je bilo prej bolj verbalnega značaja. Sam nasilje vidi tudi v tem, da v Trstu niso dovolili odprtja slovenskih javnih šol.

Ko so tržaški Slovenci zgradili mogočno poslopje Narodnega doma, so hoteli pokazati, kako močni, bogati, razviti in kulturni so. Ustvarili so nekaj novega, česar v Evropi takrat še ni bilo, pravi Pirjevec in pojasnjuje, da so imeli v domu gledališče, restavracijo, kavarno, glasbeno šolo, hotel, urade, knjižnice in arhiv.

"To je bilo mesto v mestu," Narodni dom opisuje Pirjevec in dodaja, da je bil to za Italijane tako strašen izziv, da ga niso mogli prenesti. Izkoristili so prvo priložnost, da so odgovorili na ta izziv, in odgovorili so s požigom.

Na podlagi popisa iz leta 1910 je v Trstu živelo 76.000 prebivalcev, ki so uporabljali slovenščino kot pogovorni jezik, kar je takrat predstavljalo okoli tretjino mestnega prebivalstva. "Vsekakor je bilo takrat v Trstu več Slovencev kot v Ljubljani," pojasnjuje Pirjevec.

Slovenski zgodovinar je izrazil skrb, da bodo neofašistični krogi izrabili obisk slovenskega predsednika Türka pri spomeniku italijanskim beguncem. Po njegovih besedah je spominska plošča z zgodovinskega zornega kota zlagana, saj navaja, da je bilo beguncev 350.000, kar pa ni res.

Po prepričanju Pirjevca ima Trst, ki je iz svojega kozmopolitizma postal najbolj italijansko mesto, prihodnost samo, če bo spoznal svojo slovensko komponento in če bo našel dialog z nami. "Mi, Slovenci, smo edino upanje za Trst," je končal.

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your visit, thank you Judy, thank you all visitors, you all made Slovenian day(Slovenski dan) a very special event. Our two countries Slovenia and Canada are only few days apart celebrating the same event, Slovenia on June, 25th, Canada on July 1st. I wish you all here in Canada and in Slovenia, a happy Slovenian day and also Happy Canada day. Slovenia was celebrating the 19th. Birthday, and Canada 143rd. Our Slovenian Canadian Association of Manitoba is looking forward to see you all again in the near future. Thank you all for your visit and we wish Judy to come back at the next opportunity as a Mayor of the city of Winnipeg. On behalf of our members and Board we wish you all a good summer holiday. We are looking forward to see you all again.

Branko Maligec

polepšali ste nam naš dan , z vašo prisotnostjo smo občutili delček domovine Slovenije , vi mlade generacije Slovencev in Slovenk pa ste lahko v živo videli in doživeli nas ki živimo v Winnipegu čez pol stoletja , ob tej priložnosti bi rad čestital domovini Sloveniji ob 19. obletnici osamosvojitve , 25. Junij , in tudi naši drugi domovini Kanadi Srečen 143. rojstni dan Canada day 1. Julij , še enkrat hvala vsem za obisk rojakinje in rojaki , hvala prijateljem , hvala Judy in hvala profesorju s študenti , veselimo se vašega naslednjega obiska in srečanja z vami . V imenu članov in Odbornikov vam vsem želim prijetno poletje in varno potovanje na dopuste .

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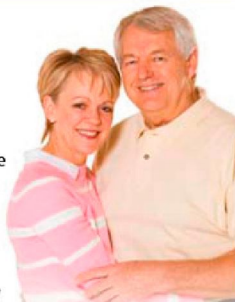
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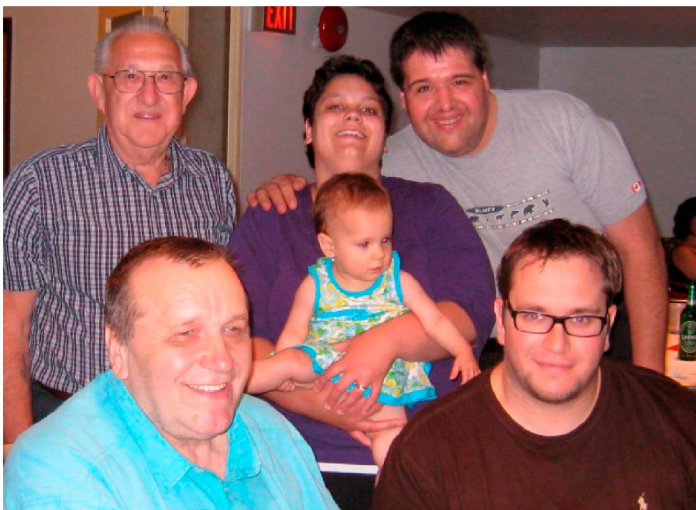
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