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Easter holiday

This year Easter was celebrated on 5-th of May. Before, it was launched a Fundraising campaign Make Elderly happy on Easter. Some local companies involved and donated money. In this way 170 elderly enjoyed a Easter cake on their feast meal.



Easter Cakes



The representatives of Prime Capital Company

The Representatives of Prime Capital Company visited four elderly of Home care project before Easter holidays. They offered food package to needy elderly. They received back big thanks. The persons from the company discussed

with elderly and tried to relieve their pain and suffering. Neoumanist Association thanks all people who were involved in collaboration and wishes much prosperity in future.



Delivering of Easter cake

Pensioners Committee

Within the Neoumanist Association, the Pensioners Committee continues to activate. The Association encourages its beneficiaries to participate in all activities of the projects, but also supports the initiative of the elderly to learn to be more independent, to be selfless and help each other.

The committee started to work in 2010. It aims to encourage initiative among the elderly, motivating them to know and defend their rights independently and collaborate with local authorities in solving problems faced by the elderly in everyday



Meeting of the committee's board

life. All beneficiaries are members of the committee.

This year was re-elected the committee's board. So, after the unanimous vote there were elected the following representatives: committee president, two vice presidents and secretary. New management came up with a new

spirit. Thus the Committee has also established four departments: Green Department: responsible for the green indoor and outdoor space of the center. Department Responsible to provide assistance to the Kitchen Sanitary Department Responsible for the Dressing Room. Departments have started vigorous activity. Beneficiaries are actively involved, feeling useful to the center.

We wish them success in future and hope that the zeal which they show, will be only growing!

Highlights:

- *Easer holiday*
- *Shared Impressions*
- *Tree of reconnaissance*
- *Dinner for ten*

Upcoming Events

- *New volunteers*

Joanna Kinberger and Michaela Scholtz from Diakonie Austria visited Neoumanist



During the workshop

In April, Neoumanist Association hosted 2 representatives from Diakonie Austria – Joanna Kinberger and Michaela Scholtz. The purpose of their visit was facilitating workshops with a focus on application writing, evaluation and reporting.

Besides Neoumanist staff, 2 other partner organizations – Hope and Health from Chisinau and Fundatia Crestina Diakonie Sfantu Gheorghe from Romania participated. These

organizations provide day-care facilities for adults with disabilities.

The workshops helped the participants to acquire and share knowledge concerning project proposal writing, the new criteria and avoiding common mistakes while writing reports. One extremely interesting subject was the use of the logical framework in project cycle management – from project proposal to post project evaluation. For many of the participants it was a completely new topic.

All participants enjoyed workshop and asked to repeat the experience so as to deepen understanding of the topics covered. Everyone asked for more training in the area of capacity building and other important issues.

Besides the workshop, Diakonie's representatives had

the possibility to visit home care beneficiaries in villages of Straseni district. (The project has received funding from BMASK Austria and Diakonie since 2012). They gave the team very positive feedback and congratulated them on the excellent work they do every day.

Neoumanist staff wishes much success to all partners of Diakonie and hope to welcome them to Straseni again soon.



Meeting the elderly

Frederique Wittkampf shared impressions



Frederique Wittkampf at Rasarit

A week in Straseni with the Rasarit, Spectru and Home Care projects is fulfilling, touching, amazing, and makes you realize what is important in life. I have been

to Straseni and the projects here many times now and every time I visit I am surprised by the loving people that work here, their dedication to their job and the amount of people that they help.

This week I have given workshops, helped in the kitchen, laughed with the elderly and experienced the amazing help the home care project and especially its wonderful staff brings to people in the surrounding villages.

Giving the workshops was a very nice experience for me. Besides the fact I like teaching it was also interesting for me to exchange experiences and opinions

with the staff here. I notice we can learn a lot from each other and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Besides the projects in Straseni I keep discovering that Moldova has a lot to offer. This weekend I visited Milestii Mici which was a very nice experience! It had been six years since I was last here but I was welcomed like it was yesterday. The Moldovan culture is warm and welcoming and this is visible throughout the way everyone here makes you feel welcome and at home.

Thank you all so much!

Lots of love, Frederique

Exchange of experience at SUM

In the context of cooperation with the Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance of the State University, the representatives of Neumanist Association visited and exchanged the experience within the faculty.

The Elders met with the students and shared their experience gained over the years. The meeting was organized by the university lecturer, Salcuțan Liliana.

The Dean of the Faculty, Stela Milicenco offered to Neumanist Association a "Diploma of Excellence" in gratitude for the collabo-



ration with Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance. The beneficiaries at their turn have given personal handmade creations.

Grannies recited poems in Romanian, Russian and English. Some poems were of their own creation. They sang songs and answered the students questions.

Students were very sociable, kind and showed a deep respect for "gray hair" Grannies. Finally, students thanked elderly for the visit and donated them sweets and fruits.



The beneficiaries expressed their desire to come back to University, saying that they liked the exchange of opinions, emotions and felt young again, among the students.

Tree of reconnaissance in memoriam of Isabelle van Teeflen



Isabelle van Teeflen

One of the most devoted volunteers of Home care project was Isabelle van Teeflen from Holland.

A positive person with big soul who attached quickly to the elderly. She gave them moral and financial support.

She promised to visit us this year but got ill from incurable illness and in March she passed away.

Till the last breath she was thinking of the beneficiaries of the project. She asked relatives and friends, instead of flowers to come to her funeral with a small contribution for the project a for the needy elderly from Straseni.

The money that was collected was transferred to the project to buy necessary goods for the elderly. In memoriam and in reconnaissance of Isabelle, the Home care team planted a tree in the garden of Association.

We are very sorry for this lost.





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Dear friends,

On behalf of all beneficiaries and Neumanist staff we would like to ask you to organize your own Fundraising event. Together we can give support to needy elderly from Straseni Moldova. Please feel free to extend this invitation to your family members, friends and colleagues!

We need you support!

Neumanist team .

CELEBRATE WITH US THE **10 YEARS** OF **SUNRISE DAY CARE CENTRE FOR ELDERLY** IN MOLDOVA. HELP THEM CONTINUE DOING GOOD WORK WITH YOUR OWN PRIVATE FUNDRAISING EVENT. HAVE FUN AND HELP OTHERS!

Dinner for 10

Recipe for Dinner for 10:

- ✓ Invite 10 friends
+ sell the tickets for dinner
(recommended price is 20 € per person,
but set it according to your own taste)
- ✓ Cook something nice and easy
- ✓ Enjoy the good company
- ✓ Make a difference in
someone's life

P.S.: Share with us photos of your dinner.

It's easy to practice philanthropy...

Instead of DINNER you can organize events according to your choice: picnic, dance, games, concert, competitions, sports, auction, garage sale, chocolate tasting etc.

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