

Peace Festival

Bad Eisenkappel - *Železna Kapla-Bela* - South Austria

Sunday, July 26, 2020



Eisenpappel, *Železna Kapla-Bela* in Slovenj language, is a town at the Southern tipoff Austria, the hometown of Hermann Grubelnik, a member of the Family Federation of World Peace in Carinthia.

This town together with the whole region of Southern Carinthia in the last century has been severely affected by ethnic and political conflicts during and after the two world wars.

Both, the Slavic and the German Culture, have been domiciled in this region since centuries and mutual respect has always been a guarantor for peace and prosperity before that.

Each year the FFWPU Carinthia is organizing a peace event in this region. Because of the threat of the COVID 19 pandemic this event took place in a private setting this summer. Around 30 people coming from Austria and Slovenja gathered at this private estate.

The event had been planned and prepared by very few people but with lots of zeal and enthusiasm. The coordination was also done by different zoom conferences beforehand so a smooth flow of this celebration was guaranteed.

The overarching theme of the celebration was the centenary of Sun Myung Moon plus the 60 years of marriage with his wife Hak Ja Han, the `Mother of Peace`.

The first part of the event included various cultural contributions, coordinated by Gottfried Ibounig, readings given by various participants from Sun Myung Moon`s Autobiography and the Bible in both languages, German and Slovejn as well as testimonis by Erna Kosmrl and Ferdinand Blaschke.

In his sermon Alfred Waldmann, chairman of the FFWPU Carinthia,, drew the bow from the Old Testament to the present time by quoting from the first chapter in the book of the prophet Habakuk where Habakuk is lamenting in front of God over unrighteousness and violence in this world and thus receiving the immediate answer from God: *`...for I am doing a work in your days that you would not belief, even if you were told`*.(Hab 1 : 5) and then calling upon the assembled community to take action, everyone starting by oneself.

Subsequently a hearty meal was served by the head of the house. The afternoon continued and drew to a close with songs in different languages and lively conversations, sweetened by homemade cakes and drinks.

