

My Check List:



Travel News!

Not easy to get to, but www.adriatic-home.com calls the island of Losinj Croatia's "best-kept secret". They write: *The stampede to Croatia takes place every summer but one island has been curiously overlooked: Losinj. This gently undulating pine forested beauty, measuring 20 miles long by two miles wide is in the northern Adriatic, just south of the Istrian peninsula. Without any celebrated cultural icons to boast about, Losinj may not compete with the likes of Dubrovnik or Split.*

Yet it has a great deal going for it. It offers the classic Mediterranean idyll, perfect baroque fishing villages, terrific food, superb climate, warm clear seas, an ancient way of life, low prices, uncrowded beaches (a rarity in Croatia) and no poisonous snakes.

I'm ready to go !

Just for Laughs ...

You know you are Slavic when ...



...Your favorite phrase is "Nema Problema."

... Rakija is used to cure all illnesses, celebrate all occasions, and is used as a massage lotion.

See more at www.babamim.com

July 2014

Established 1904



All Slavonic American Association

Annual Meeting News

The Annual Business Meeting of the Membership was held on Sunday, March 9, at Marie Callender's Restaurant in Visalia. If you missed it, you missed a wonderful afternoon - the food was delicious, the conversation was stimulating and entertaining, the business meeting was short and to the point, and we viewed the very-interesting documentary, "*Diligence Grown from Strong Roots*", a tribute to the contributions of Slavic immigrants and their descendants to the development of Tulare County agriculture. The video is a production of the Tulare County Department of Education in conjunction with the Tulare County Historical Society and Ag Museum. It featured our own Winnie Pandol, Michael Turnipseed, and Kenny Kovacevich. Our thanks to the Tulare County Dept of Ed for making the video available to us, and to **Rent to Own of Visalia** for providing the equipment for viewing.



"*Diligence Grown from Strong Roots*"

During the business portion of the meeting the members in attendance re-elected the current Board Members to another term of office, including the newly appointed Susan Gonsalves as Auditor, and Yvonne Duran as Scholarship Chair. Members also elected a new Treasurer, David Bronzan of Visalia. Welcome aboard, David !

See more about our newest Board Members inside ...

2014 Summer Festival !

Sunday, August 3

See inside for details and reservation form

2014 Summer Festival

Cultural Experience

Tamburitza Orchestra led by
Robert Samarzich

Delicious Menu

BBQ Lamb
BBQ Chicken
Mostaccioli
Zeljanica
Salad



Ladies - Please bring a dessert to share!

Fun for All Ages

Raffle - Proceeds benefit the
ASAA Scholarship Fund

**Don't miss this event!
Invite your friends !**

**St. Peter the Apostle
Serbian Orthodox Church Hall**

3502 N. First St. ~ Fresno, CA

August 3, 2014

12 pm to 4 pm

Lunch Served at 1:30 pm



Questions?? Call Louie (559) 348-1927 or Joann (559) 638-5723

Quarterly Newsletter . . .

News and information related to the ASAA will now be coming to you in the form of Quarterly newsletters (like this one!) . . . Planned publications will be January, April, July, and October of each year. In addition to information regarding club functions, we also want to make this a vehicle for members to stay in-touch in-between official functions and share with one another. So ... do you have some news to share? Want to brag about a grandchild? Have any interesting tidbits to share about a recent trip? Want to send a unique birthday or anniversary greeting? Contact Donna Bronzan at 112 Green Oaks, Visalia, or call her at 559-625-9537 with your news or messages.

Meet your newest Board Members . . .

David Bronzan, our new Treasurer, is the son of the late Andro "Andy" Bronzan, longtime Valley farm equipment dealer, and the grandson of Niko Bronzan and Ana Borovinic who emigrated from Croatia (villages of Gruda and Cilipi in the Konavle Valley) in 1901 and 1909 respectively. After many years in private business, he has just completed his 28th year coaching Cross Country and Track for College of the Sequoias and was recently inducted into the State Community College Coaches Hall of Fame. David will put his Cal Poly Business Administration degree to work as he handles our money!

Susan Gonsalves, our new Auditor, is now retired after a 30+ year career working for Fresno County Mental Health and 6 years as an adjunct Mental Health instructor at Fresno State. Susan's grandmother (nee Bjelokosic) emigrated c. 1912 at age 9 from Dubrovnik and later married Susan's grandfather (Maikovich) who had emigrated earlier from Gromaca, a small village north of Dubrovnik. Family members still reside in the same home in Gromaca. She enjoys traveling and spending time in the mountains, especially the Shaver Lake area. And although slowed down a bit with a recent ankle break, she likes to play golf when she can. Her years of administrative work will serve her well as she fills the role as our auditor.

Yvonne Duran is our new Scholarship Chairperson. Her grandmother, Evanitza Gregovich, traveled from the beautiful blue shores of the Montenegrin coast, the village of Petrovac Na Moru, in 1910 as a mail-order bride and met her husband to be, Mitar Krsto Medigovich, who had arrived some years earlier, in Bisbee, Arizona. With family still in Montenegro, Yvonne would love to visit them and see the family homeplace. Yvonne retired from 34 years at Strathmore High School where she did "a bit of everything", including establishing a historical memorabilia room at Strathmore High. She now enjoys time with women's clubs in Strathmore, and serves as a member of the High School Scholarship Committee.