

January 2014

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# All Slavonic American Association

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE 2014

Well, another year has gone by and I am still standing erect. I celebrated my 78 birthday on January 16. My Doctors tell me I am doing well for my age. Still playing golf 4 times a week and fishing whenever possible. I went fishing in the Delta with my Grandson for the first time. We had a ball. I hope everybody is doing as good as or better than me. Hoping you all enjoyed a Merry Christmas and a wishing all a happy, healthy and enjoyable new year.

Now down to business. Our Association had a good year. Everyone who attended the Summer Picnic Festival and X-mas Party had lots of fun listening to the Tamburitza Orchestra and visiting with relatives and friends. This year, 2014, the Summer Festival will be in Fresno. Hope to see you there.

**GOOD NEWS:** Our financial position is sound. And, we now have an Auditor, Susan Gonsalves, my cousin, and a new Scholarship Chairperson, Yvonne Duran from Porterville. Welcome aboard and thank you.

**OTHER NEWS:** Our membership is still in need of new members. Please get some relatives or friends to join. We are still in desperate need of a Treasurer. Treasurer's responsibilities are: Monitor all Financial Accounts (General Checking, General Mutual Fund, and Scholarship Mutual Fund) of the Association and report their status to the Board. And of course, pay the bills. The Board is asking for someone to PLEASE step forward and help our Association to function properly for our members.

We will be having our Annual Meeting soon. This is a good time for members to give input and be involved in the functioning of the Association. The Board of Directors really *does* seek your input, suggestions, and voice. See details about the Annual Meeting next page, and plan to attend.

The nominating committee (The Board of Directors) will meet 30 minutes before the Annual Meeting. If you desire to be nominated for a position or nominate someone for a position, PLEASE ATTEND.

Thank you very much for your help in making our Association an enjoyable experience, where family and friends can get together, have fun, and celebrate our Slavic heritage.

Louie Obradovich, President

# ASAA Annual Membership\* Meeting

*\* for ALL members of the organization, not just the Board!*

**Sunday, March 2**

**Marie Callender's Restaurant, Visalia**

**12:30 pm**



- Conduct of Association Business:
  - Election of Officers
  - Association Reports
- Scheduling of Upcoming Events
- Delicious Lunch
- Special Video Presentation (see facing page)
- Socializing with Members, Family, Friends



## *Names Currently in Nomination for 2014 ASAA Board of Directors:*

President..... Louie Obradovich  
Vice President ..... Nick Pavlovich  
Secretary ..... Donna Bronzan  
Treasurer ..... OPEN  
Social Chairperson ..... Joann Hall  
Scholarship Chairpersons..... Yvonne Duran  
Auditor ..... Susan Gonsalves

If you would like to serve the membership of the ASAA in any capacity, please attend the Board Meeting 1/2 hour prior to the General Meeting; The Board, functioning as the nominating Committee, will meet at 12:00 noon at Marie Callender's Restaurant and welcomes all interested to join us, get your questions answered, and have your name placed in nomination.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for all positions. Especially needed: a member to serve in the Treasurer position.

Please consider in what capacity you can help serve the ASAA membership.

**Annual Dues are Due! See enclosed forms ... one for you and one for a family member. Renew now ... encourage others to join ... let's make this the best year ever!**

## A Special Feature you won't want to miss . . .



There will be a special showing of the video *“Diligence Grown from Strong Roots”* after the business portion of the Annual Meeting. This video, produced by the Tulare County Historical Society and the Tulare County Office of Education, honors the contributions and experiences of Croatian immigrants in Tulare County, especially with regard to the development of Tulare County Agriculture. This video features the stories and recollections of Kenny Kovacevich, Winnie Pandol, and Michael Turnipseed. Originally shown at a Tulare County Historical Society reception, we have been granted permission to re-show the video at our Annual Meeting. You will enjoy hearing about this important part of our Slavic heritage!

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*Looking Ahead ...*

**Annual Summer Picnic 2014 .... In Fresno .... Don't miss it!**

*(Specific date to be arranged)*

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**News!**

News from Croatia Travel Blog: Island-hopping will get easier this Summer of 2014. European Coastal Airlines will begin offering sea-plane flights that connect some islands and the mainland, as well as providing service between islands! On the routes planned for this summer are Split, Hvar town, Jelsa (Hvar Island), Korcula, Vis, Lastovo and Dubrovnik. There is also on the drawing board, for the future, a plan to connect the Croatian coastal towns with coastal cities in Italy. You can read more about it at [www.croatiatraveller.com](http://www.croatiatraveller.com).

For the really adventurous types, a new company, Cycling Croatia, has begun offering guided bicycle tours in various regions, with varying levels of difficulty, and with 3 and 4 star hotel accommodations that allow for rest and relaxation after a day of pedaling. You can find more information at [www.croatiatraveller.com](http://www.croatiatraveller.com) or more directly at [www.cyclingcroatia.com](http://www.cyclingcroatia.com).

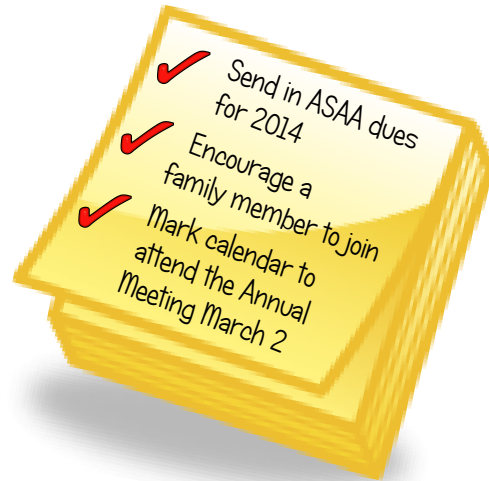
Another excellent resource for travel: Adriatic Travel [www.adriatictours.com](http://www.adriatictours.com)

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## My Check List:



Dues remain un-changed for 2014:

Single Membership ..... \$20

Couple Membership ..... \$35

Family Membership\* ..... \$50

\*includes husband, wife and all children age 18 and under living at home.

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### Just for Laughs ...



You know you are Slavic ...

When you have 17 consonants and 2 vowels in your name.

When the Baba Grapevine travels faster than the National Emergency Alert!

When you write on your history exam that Nikola Tesla is the Father of Electricity, not Thomas Edison, and your teacher fails you.

When you think there are only 2 types of people in this word..... the Slavs and everyone who wishes they were.

See more at [www.babamim.com](http://www.babamim.com)

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