

April 2016

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# All Slavonic American Association

## Annual Meeting Highlights

March 13 was the date and Marie Callender's Restaurant, Visalia, was the place for the Annual Meeting of ASAA. Election of officers was held and those members elected to serve as your Board of Directors for 2015 are shown at right.

**Information Highlights were presented as follows:**

### Membership:

The Association closed 2015 with a membership of 110 adult members. The 2016 active membership as of the meeting date is 74. Several members have not yet renewed, so there is an expectation that the number will increase shortly. All members are encouraged to recruit new members!

### Social:

Both of our 2015 annual social functions (Summer Picnic in Delano, and Holiday Social in Visalia) were enjoyable and provided the social and cultural experience that we strive for. The 2016 Summer Picnic will be held in Fresno.

### Financial:

The year-end financial reports of the Association indicate that our Scholarship Fund remains in a solid financial position and we look forward to once again awarding several deserving college-bound students with scholarships from the Association. One student was awarded a scholarship from the ASAA in 2015. Belt-tightening and a careful eye on expenditures by the Board of Directors has made

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President . . . . . Louie Obradovich  
Vice President . . . . . Nick Pavlovich  
Secretary . . . . . Donna Bronzan  
Treasurer . . . . . David Bronzan  
Social Chair . . . . . Joann Hall  
Scholarship Chair . . . . . Yvonne Duran  
Auditor . . . . . Susan Gonzalves



## Annual Meeting, cont.

the financial status of the General Fund somewhat healthier.

**Historical:** President Louie Obradovich presented to the membership the original State of California club charter presented to the Association in 1905. This document had been in the possession of long time (now deceased) member Vincent Dulcich (see more on p. 3) and has been given to the association by his daughter, Judi Kravevich. (Pictured with Louie on previous page is member Winnie Pandol.) This document will be on display at the Summer Picnic in August as ASAA hosts its first **Artifactory**— a showcase of Slav artifacts that showcase our heritage and history. (*See p. 6*)

The Board always welcomes the input and participation of the membership; our Board of Directors meetings are open to all members to attend, add suggestions, voice concerns, and work for the good of the Association.

**Next Board Meeting:** 5:30 pm, Tuesday, May 10  
The Bear Club Restaurant  
1695 E. Manning Ave, Reedley

## Slavs in Sports - a correction!

*Was it an incomplete pass? A fumble? Whatever you call it, it was a blown play. In our article showcasing Slav players in the NFL, we overlooked a local gridiron standout from our own backyard:*

**Nick Papac** (1935—2009), raised in the Del Rey area, son of Yugoslav immigrants Robert and Madeline Tomicich Papac, first played as a quarterback on the football team at Sanger High School. Lovingly coached, encouraged, and cheered on by brother and sister, ASAA members Stella Wisniewski and the late Lou Papac, Nick went on to quarterback at Cal Berkeley and then completed his college football career at Fresno State, where he played quarterback for the Bulldogs. During a stint in the military, Nick played for the Army team at Fort Carson, Colorado. He then tried out for the Dallas Cowboys and the Oakland Raiders, eventually wearing #12 and playing QB for the Raiders, alongside fellow Sanger grad Tom Flores, during the 1961 season.



# Who do you think you are?

We continue our series of short biographies, in this issue looking back at the life and legacy of long-time member Vincent R. Dulcich (1918—2010):

Born on the island of Hvar in 1918, **Vince (Visko Ratimir) Dulcich** was the oldest of four siblings. With the hope of building a new life for his family, Vince's father, Nikola, left Hvar and his young family in 1922 (when little Vince was only 4) to travel to San Pedro, California, determined to earn enough money to send for them soon. That dream was not easily realized, and in 1933, at the age of 15, young Vince also made the trip to San Pedro (via New York) to help his father work toward his dream of reuniting his family in America. First working in a cannery, Vince then found work on a fishing boat, and worked for the next ten years as a commercial fisherman.



In 1935 he made his first trip to visit relatives, the Subotich family, in Kerman. There he met Lucille Jerkovich, his cousin's girlfriend, and over time and after many visits to the valley, stole her heart. She played a little "hard to get", but eventually Vince and Lucille were married in Kerman in 1941. They made their first home in San Pedro, where Vince was still a fisherman. After daughter Nanci was born the young family moved to Kerman (1945) where Vince became a grape grower. Second daughter Judi was born, and over the years Vince became highly respected not only as a grower, but also as a jack-of-all-trades, especially skilled in the building trades ... so skilled, in fact, that he built his own home in 1965 and later made significant additions to his daughter Nanci's home.

It was in 1946 that Vince joined the ASAA, and he remained a member until his passing in 2010 at age 91—a total of 64 years! Vince and Lucille were blessed with two daughters, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. After many years as a grower in the Kerman area, Vince retired as a gentleman farmer, fisherman, coffee club member, storyteller, and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. He and Lucille enjoyed 45 years of marriage until her death in 1987.

As for Vince's mother and siblings on Hvar? Several attempts were made to bring them to the U.S., but there were several obstacles as well ... his mother contracting cancer, World War II, and his siblings starting families of their own. Sadly,

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Share your family story with us!  
Contact Donna at [allslavonic@gmail.com](mailto:allslavonic@gmail.com) or call 625-9537

## Birthday Grams . . .

### Spring Birthdays!

ASAA extends birthday wishes to all those members who will be celebrating a birthday this quarter ...

*želi Vam dobro zdravlje i sreću*



Emilie Hernandez - April 1  
Tootsie Riggs - April 1  
Mike Pestorich - April 8  
Mel Lubisich - April 14  
Keeley Hernandez - April 17  
Ron Radish - April 18  
Margaret Zaninovich - April 19  
Betty Papac - April 21  
Marko Zaninovich Sr. - April 22  
Tonky Zaninovich - April 26  
Rosemary Cameron - April 30  
Thomas Zaninovich - May 3  
Barbara Vulich - May 4  
Luka Zaninovich - May 5  
Dominique Zaninovich - May 5  
Babe Obradovich - May 12

Nick Jurkovich - May 13  
Brian Hixson - May 16  
Debra Vasilovich - May 18  
Alissa Turnipseed - May 19  
Zachary Hernandez - May 19  
Patty Hixson - May 25  
Fran Pavlovich - June 1  
Eric Zalunardo - June 3  
Dona Pestorich - June 3  
Margaret Weersing - June 7  
Linda Obradovich - June 10  
Scott Obradovich - June 27  
Matt Pandol - June 27  
Maryanne Smith - June 28

### Belated Wishes to ...

Martha Slaven—February 21

Anna Zaninovich—March 15

*If we missed you ... please let us know!*

*Dulcich, cont. from p. 3*

Vince's father, Nikola, never saw his family again after arriving in America.

Due to his long involvement with ASAA and his service as a Board Member, Vince came to be in possession of the original charter for the association, signed by the California Secretary of State in 1905 (see p. 1 and 2). We are so grateful that he kept the document, and that his daughter Judi has made the document available to ASAA.

This charter document will be on display at our Summer Picnic in Fresno this coming August 7—make plans to join us, and thus honor the memory of Vincent R. Dulcich.



## Serbian Food Fest and Cultural Extravaganza

Saturday, June 4 ~ 3:00 -11:00 pm

in  
Fresno!

- Listen to the Music: *Orkestar Srma*
- Watch the Dancing: *Morava Folklore Ensemble*  
from San Diego
- Enjoy the Fabulous *A-La-Carte Menu*
  - including *raznjici, sarma, kobasica, cevapcici, rizot, zeljanica, and more !*
  - mouth-watering *strudels, kolaci, tortes, and more !!*
- Participate in the Spiritual Life
  - Church Tours
  - Vespers service - Public Invited
  - Concert by Church Choir - Public Invited



**St. Peter the Apostle**  
**Serbian Orthodox Church - Fresno**

## Festival of the Mandolins ~ San Francisco

Sunday, April 24, 2016

11AM Workshops (bring your mandolin!) ~ 1PM Concert  
*and* delicious Bulgarian food by chef **Hristo Kolev**.

Tickets \$20, (\$15 if paid in advance), children free

Contact: **Croatian American Cultural Center** ~ Phone: 510-649-0941

Advance tickets at [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)



## All Slavonic Summer Picnic . . .

Mark your calendars and save the date! The **2016 ASAA Summer Picnic** and Festival will be **Sunday, August 7** in the Social Hall of St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church in Fresno.

From noon until 4:00 p.m. the music, food, and fun will abound . . . Scholarships will be presented, and we will have our traditional Scholarship Raffle. Plan now to attend, bring your family and friends . . . it's an event you won't want to miss. Look for more details and reservation forms in our next newsletter.



## and Artifactory\* . . .

What is an "artifactory?" you ask? Well, it is a "made up" word, but we think the definition would go something like this:

**\*artifactory (noun):** the organized and purposeful display of objects that celebrate and showcase culture; objects often made by people from the past, usually made for a practical and/or artful purpose.

So, our artifactory will be a showcase of Slav life, a collection of artifacts or objects that showcase our art, history, music, dance, traditions, pastimes, people, language ... in short, any thing that celebrates and gives information about Slav culture, either here in the U.S., or in Europe. It might be needlework, photographs, pottery, clothing, tools, instruments, books, dolls ... or our original club State Charter! (We'll have that on display!)



## and we need you!

Our artifactory will be successful with **your** participation. What artifacts do you have that you would be willing to share? It could be any of the above, or perhaps something that is not mentioned! Look through that old trunk, photo album, or scrapbook. What you share will enrich all of us.

Help us make this a success . . . Please call Louie (559.348.1927)

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**You don't stumble upon your heritage.**  
**It's there, just waiting to be explored and shared.**

## Scholarship News . . .

*One of the important goals of the All Slavonic American Association is to encourage and provide support to our young people as they continue their educations beyond high school. Support comes via our Association's scholarship program. Details concerning the scholarship program are as follows:*

### The Tom and Martha Slaven Scholarship Program

#### HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO MAY APPLY:

- A. A child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a present member in good standing for at least two full calendar years.
- B. A child, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a deceased member in good standing at the time of demise.
- C. AND who plan to attend a two year or four year accredited college or university.
- D. Applicants must demonstrate scholastic and extra-curricular achievements, civic accomplishments, and work history (if applicable). The selection committee of the ASAA shall evaluate these with an objective and academic view.

You may write or call to request an application:

Yvonne M. Duran  
19490 Rea Rd.  
Strathmore, California 93267  
Ph: (559) 280-6172



#### FILING YOUR APPLICATION:

- A. Please mail completed applications to above address by June 3, 2016.
- B. Please provide the name and address of the institution the student will attend, and include the name of the Dean of Admissions, Registrar, or Director of Scholarship Administration.

**Previous years' scholarship winners are ineligible.**

#### SELECTION COMMITTEE TIMELINE:

The highest scoring candidates, as scored by the members of the selection committee, will be notified by mail in July. The amounts of the grants for the 2016-2017 academic year will be determined at a later date. These funds will be sent to the successful candidates' colleges in July or August.

or Donna (559.625.9537) or send an email to [allslavonic@gmail.com](mailto:allslavonic@gmail.com) to lend your participation. The earlier we know of your participation, the better able we will be to plan!



Do you know these gentlemen?

#### Mark your Calendars:

**Annual  
ASAA Summer Picnic  
Sunday, August 7  
Fresno**



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