



# All Slavonic American Association

## Summer Festival !

What a great afternoon we all had at our recent Summer Festival. Held on Sunday, August 13 at the American Slavonic Social Hall in Delano, we enjoyed a fabulous lunch of BBQ lamb, mostaccioli, sauerkraut, and salad. A huge thank you goes out to Louis Pandol, the Delano Club, and their crew of volunteers who organized the meal preparation and service. Capping off the delicious meal were the many varied desserts that were provided by the ladies in attendance. Thank you all!



We were treated throughout the afternoon to the music of the **Bob Samarzich Tamburitza band**, and what fun that was! We sang along, did a little dancing, and were serenaded in style!

Returning from last year was our **Artifactory**—an all-afternoon long display of memorabilia, artifacts, and keepsakes that showcase our Slavic heritage and culture. While many of the items on exhibit were the same as last year, we enjoyed viewing a large number of artifacts that were new to the display, and the collection this year filled four full tables. The exhibit included a hand-



painted oil by a local artist following her visit to Yugoslavia, as well as beautiful artwork from a contemporary Croatian artist. There were several examples of intricate needlework, both lace and embroidery, and hand-made and hand-embroidered clothing. On display were several hand-carved wooden items, both functional and decorative. The hand-carved cigarette dispenser was especially intriguing! We had two guzle on display, as well as hats,

slippers, dolls, photos, and some hand-spun, hand-woven wool items. And so much more!

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## Summer Festival continued . . .

The Board extends our gratitude to Linda Pandol for her efforts in promoting participation and in gathering such a wide variety of items for display from among our members and friends. And we thank all those who contributed to the Artifactory, shared your treasured items, and helped make the event a success.

One of the major functions of the Festival is to award **scholarships** to deserving high school seniors who are heading off to college. ASAA was very pleased to honor the following recipient this year:



*ASAA Pres. Louie Obradovich,  
Ryan Pavlovich, Treas. David Bronzan*

**Ryan Pavlovich**, is the grandson of Nick and Fran Pavlovich. He graduated from St. Anthony High School in Long Beach and will be attending the University of California, Santa Barbara. Ryan will be pursuing a degree in Biological Sciences.



*Nick, Ryan, Mark, and  
Fran Pavlovich*

An outstanding scholarship recipient, Ryan has maintained an exceptional grade point average throughout high school as well as being involved in extracurricular activities and volunteer work in his community. We congratulate him and wish him well in his college pursuits.

ASAA thanks Scholarship Chairperson Yvonne Duran and her committee her for their work in this year's scholarship award process. And we also extend grateful appreciation to the many members and friends who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund and help make these awards possible.

Ryan was able to meet many of the Festival attendees as he was kept busy selling raffle tickets for the **Scholarship raffle**. As a new twist this year, after purchasing raffle tickets, participants deposited their tickets into the bag next to their hoped-for prize. Raffle winners took home a wide array of prizes as previous scholarship winners Matt and Stephanie Pandol and friend pulled the winning tickets and



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announced the winning numbers. All proceeds from the Scholarship Raffle are added to the Scholarship fund for the benefit of future award recipients.

Returning to the Festival again this year was the **50/50 Raffle**; participants buy tickets with the winner receiving half of the proceeds from the total 50/50 ticket sales. The more tickets sold, the larger the “pot” of winnings. This year’s ticket sales amounted to \$490, so the very happy winner left the Festival with \$245! Proceeds from this raffle go into the ASAA General Fund.

And then there was the **Bocce Tournament!** Move over previous winners . . . This year’s bragging rights go to the team of Linda and Matt Pandol. The competition was fierce as a total of 8 teams vied for the win, each paying a \$10 per team entry fee, with the winning team taking the pot.

It was a busy and fun-filled day! If you missed the Festival this year, you missed a wonderful afternoon. Plan now to attend next year’s Festival in Fresno—it really is fun for everyone!



*Matt and Linda Pandol*

## And speaking of championships . . .



Who are these 4 individuals, and what World Championship did they just win?

These four people have just become the first ever World Championship Olive-Picking Team.

Organized by the Croatian Tourist Board, the first ever world championship of olive picking and raking was held just this past weekend, Oct 19-22, in Postira on the Island of Brač. A total of nine countries were represented; they were, in their order of placement: Croatia (winners of the gold), Netherlands, Hungary, New Zealand, Montenegro, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, and France. The 2-man 2-woman team of Ivana Gospodnetić, Zoran Gospodnetić, Sanda Gilić, and team captain Tonko Škarić

competed in 2 categories of hand-picking and harvesting with rakes and took the title by gathering 107.6 kg of olives; the Netherlands was second place with 86.4 kg. (There must have been a specified time limit ?? But the report from “Total Croatia News” does not say.)

Their prize? “Gold” medals (actually stone medals from the Island of Brač) and bottles of olive oil from the olives they harvested!

*Celebrate the Season . . .*

## **ASAA Holiday Luncheon**

Sunday, December 3

12 Noon – 4:00 pm

**Lamp LITER Inn**  
**3300 W. Mineral King**  
**Visalia, California**



Hosted Bar and Hors D’oeuvres

Social Hour 12 noon – 1:30 pm ~ Buffet Lunch at 1:30 pm

Delicious Turkey and Ham Holiday Menu

*Celebrate heritage and the holidays with family  
and friends.*

**Members:** Adults: \$25.00 ~ Children 12 & Under: Free ~ Children 13-18: \$5.00

Family Plan Members: All children: Free

**Non-Members:** Adults: \$30.00 ~ Children 6-12: \$5.00 ~ Children 13-18: \$10.00

All children 5 and Under: Free

**PLEASE MAKE PAID RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE – MAIL BY NOV 25**

*Your name will be on the reservation list at the door*

*See enclosed reservation form*

# Festival Photos



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

# Did you "Tie One On" ?

Did you remember to celebrate?

One of the many Croatian inventions had its official day on Wednesday, October 18, with the marking of **World Cravat Day**. The forerunner to the modern necktie was indeed the Croatian invention, the 'Cravat'.



*Croat mercenary*

Most sartorialists agree that the necktie originated in the 17th century, during the 30 year war in France. King Louis XIII hired Croatian mercenaries who wore a piece of cloth around their neck as part of their uniform. While these early neckties did serve a function (tying the top of their jackets, that is), they also had quite a decorative effect – a look that King Louis was quite fond of. In fact, he liked it so much that he made these ties a mandatory accessory for Royal gatherings, and – to honor the Croatian soldiers – he gave this clothing piece the name "La Cravate" – a twisted French pronunciation of Croate.

The oldest Croatian portrait of a person wearing a cravat was painted in Dubrovnik in 1622; the portrait depicted the great Croatian poet Ivan Gundulić with a scarf tied around his neck like a cravat.



*Ivan Gundulić*

The Cravat is a Croatian symbol known and recognized worldwide, and since 2008 the 18th of October has been declared as World Cravat Day by Academia Cravatica, the non-profit group that promotes the cravat as part of the Croatian and world cultural heritage.

The first ever Croatian and European festival dedicated to the necktie was held this year in Zagreb from Oct 14-18. The festival opened with ties being placed on monuments around the city of Zagreb, including on statues of King Tomislav and Ban Josip Jelačić. On Sunday, the 15th, a historical military spectacle was held on the streets of Zagreb exactly at noon with the Changing of the Guard taking place at St. Mark's Square led by the Kravat Regiment, a special guard of honor. The Kravat Regiment again held the final Changing of the Guard for this festival on European Square (Jelačić Square) on the 18th.



*Josip Jelačić*

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## Birthday Grams . . .

**Celebrating milestones!** ASAA extends birthday wishes to all those members who are celebrating birthdays this quarter ...

*želi Vam dobro zdravlje i sreću*

Oct 2 - Mark Pandol	Nov 11 - Brad Hixson
Oct 7 - Joann Hall	Nov 12 - Sonja Obradovich
Oct 7 - Andrew Zaninovich	Nov 16 - Janie Jurkovich
Oct 12 - Ruth Jurkovich	Nov 28 - Peter Zaninovich
Oct 18 - Kathy Hixson	Dec 1 - Michael Smith
Oct 22 - Nick Zaninovich	Dec 10 - Steve Jurkovich
Oct 28 - Cassie Bronzan	Dec 13 - George Pavlovich
Nov 1 - Bill Cucuk	Dec 15 - Linda Pandol
Nov 3 - Roy Zivanich	Dec 18 - Marianne Keathley
Nov 7 - Virginia Zarko	Dec 19 - Gary Ferguson
Nov 7 - John Kovacevich	Dec 20 - Susan Gonsalves
Nov 9 - Yvonne Duran	Dec 21 - Nancy Turnipseed
Nov 10 - Curtis Bronzan	Dec 30 - Michael Turnipseed
Nov 11—Antoinette Lerandean	



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

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Although this year marked the first festival dedicated to celebrating the necktie, there have been other displays, including in 2003 when the largest necktie in the world, a bright red one, was tied around the ancient Roman Coliseum in Pula, measuring 808 meters long and 25 meters wide at its widest point.



*Coliseum ~ Pula ~ 2003*

Ties, like other clothing styles, have changed over the years: we have skinny ties, wide ties, striped, solid, plaid, polka-dot, and other patterned ties, designer ties, crazy and funny ties. We have bow ties, and some still love their cravat ties. Many men wish the tie would just go away! But each October 18th let's remember the Croatian soldiers who brought us the necktie, and tie one on for remembrance!

## Coming Events . . .

### 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance

at the **Croatian American Cultural Center —  
San Francisco**

Saturday , Nov 18, 2017 • 5:00 PM  
60 Onondaga Ave ~ San Francisco

More Info: Phone: 510-649-0941



### 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Kolo Festival San Francisco Croatian American Cultural Center

Fri - Sat, Nov 24-25, 2017 • 9:00 AM  
60 Onondaga Ave ~ San Francisco

More Info: Phone: 510-649-0941



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### New Year's Eve Party

**Croatian American  
Cultural Center  
Sacramento**



Details: [www.croatiancenter.org/](http://www.croatiancenter.org/)