



# All Slavonic American Association

## Summer Festival !

A great time was had by all at our recent Summer Festival. Held on Sunday, August 12, in the social hall of St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church, Fresno, we enjoyed a fabulous hors d'oeuvres table loaded with traditional meets, cheeses and crackers, and liquid refreshments from the bar. At 1:30 a delicious lunch was served: BBQ lamb and chicken, mostaccioli, zeljanica, and salad. A huge thank you goes out to Nick Pavlovich and his crew of volunteers who organized the meal preparation and service. Thank you's are also extended to Marilyn Bahn and her volunteers from among the Serbian Women's Club for additional food preparation. 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!

Louie Obradovich had done some "closet cleaning" and had come across several very interesting memorabilia items that he put on display for us to view. Thank you, Louie.

One of the major functions of the Festival is to award scholarships to our young people through the **Tom and Martha Slaven Scholarship Program**. Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated high academic achievement, who also have been actively involved outside the classroom in extra-curricular activities in their schools and communities, and who are pursuing degrees in higher education. ASAA was very honored and pleased to award four scholarships this year; we were especially pleased that Martha Slaven was in attendance to present the awards to the deserving students. The recipients this year included:



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## Summer Festival continued . . .

**Dominic Hure** was awarded the *Lucy Pandol Scholarship* in the amount of \$2000. Dominic is the son of Marc Hure and grandson of the late John Hure. He is a graduate of Centennial High School of Bakersfield, California with a grade point average of 3.85. While in high school Dominic competed on the varsity swim team; at Cal State Long Beach has been active in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. Dominic is beginning his second year as a student at California State University Long Beach where he is majoring in Film and Narrative Production.



**Nicole Pavlovich** was the recipient of the *Kathryn Maikovich Berger Scholarship* in the amount of \$2000. Nicole is the daughter of Mike and Lisa Pavlovich and the granddaughter of Nick and Fran Pavlovich. She is a graduate of Ernest S. McBride Sr. High School of Long Beach, California with a grade point average of 4.0. While at McBride, Nicole participated in the Junior Statesmen of America program and the Metropolitan Water District Solar Cup competition. She will be attending Long Beach City College and will be majoring in Computer Science.

**Ashley Tartaglia** was awarded a \$2000 scholarship from the *Maikovich Family Scholarship*. Ashley is the daughter of Anthony and Ann Tartaglia and the granddaughter of Kenneth Kovacevich Sr. She is a graduate of Central Valley Christian High School of Visalia, California with a grade point average of 4.28. Ashley's extra-curricular activities at CVC included participation on the softball and tennis teams, school newspaper, and in the choir and Spring Musical productions. She will be attending California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and will be majoring in Animal Science.



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**Gabrielle Hure** was the recipient of the *Louis Pandol Scholarship* in the amount of \$2000. Gabrielle is the daughter of Marc Hure and the granddaughter of the late John Hure. She is a graduate of Centennial High School of Bakersfield, California with a grade point average of 4.50. At Centennial Gabrielle competed on the varsity swim team and was also involved on the Student Leadership Team at her church.

Congratulations to all of the recipients—we wish you the very best as you advance your education and are confident that each of you will enjoy great success in your chosen fields of study. 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.

We once again put the scholarship recipients to work selling raffle tickets for the scholarship prize raffle and for the 50/50 raffle. There was an impressive array of prizes given out and the 50/50 winner took home a cash pot totaling \$280. Thanks go to Susan Gonsalves for her work to make these raffles a success.

If you were not able to make it to the Festival this year we hope you will plan to come in 2019—the Festival will be in Delano and it will again be a fun and memorable occasion for all.

**Don't forget to "Tie One On" on October 18 !**



October 18 is World Cravat Day (also known as International Necktie Day) and as we know, the necktie, or "cravat" was the invention of the Croats in the 17th century. Spread to Western Europe by Croatian mercenaries and popularized by the French, the colorful tie was named "La Cravate" - a twisted French pronunciation of Croate - by French King Louis XIII in honor of the Slavic soldiers. Celebrate your heritage, tie one on (a necktie of some sort) and wear it proudly on October 18!

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

## The Coming Season . . .

*Greetings . . . It is early October, we have just welcomed the first day of Fall, but already we see holiday decorations popping up in stores, and plans are already in place for holiday programs, festivities and gatherings. 'Tis the season to be jolly ... indeed it will be ... but more and more it seems " 'tis the season to be very, very busy!!"*



*Our annual All Slavonic Holiday Christmas Party has been a treasured tradition; the Board of Directors cherishes the opportunity to gather the membership together in celebration. However **the Board has decided that for this year we will forego the event**, allow you one less "go to" on your calendar, and encourage you to instead spend the time with family and loved ones. And as you do, as you are sitting by a warm fire, drinking eggnog, or nibbling Christmas cookies, remember your friends in ASAA; we will surely be thinking fondly of all of you. In anticipation of the coming Holiday season . . .*



***The All Slavonic American Association Board of Directors  
wishes each of you a Happy Thanksgiving,  
a Merry and Blessed Christmas,  
and a Peaceful and Joyous New Year***



*Louie, Nick, Susan, David, Donna, and Yvonne*



The July passing of our Social Chairperson, Joann Hixson Hall, left a void in our hearts. Joann was a devoted wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, Aunt, and friend to all. She loved a party and enjoyed working with the Board to help plan our annual celebrations. She is and will continue to be missed.

In her honor we need to move forward. We need an ASAA member to volunteer to do as Joann did—work with the Board—not do all the work—but **assist** the Board as we plan for the cultural celebrations and social events of the association.

Please consider if this might be a way for YOU to serve your organization.



# Festival Photos

The collage features 15 photographs of festival activities:

- Top left: A woman in a black top holds a carved jack-o'-lantern next to a woman in a red and white patterned top who is holding a box labeled "ICED PLATTER".
- Top center: A group of five women are line dancing in a room with a red tablecloth.
- Top right: A woman in a red top is smiling next to a blue cooler.
- Middle left: A young girl with a "13" tag is smiling.
- Middle center: A woman in a floral top is smiling next to a woman in a blue top who is holding a glass.
- Middle right: A woman in a green cardigan is holding a yellow card next to a man in a white shirt who is standing at a podium.
- Bottom left: A woman in a floral top is holding a red cooler.
- Bottom center: A man in a pink shirt is smiling next to a woman in a floral top who is holding a carved jack-o'-lantern.
- Bottom right: A woman in a floral top is dancing next to a man in a blue shirt who is holding a glass.
- Other photos show a band playing instruments (accordion, guitar, bass), a woman in a white shirt holding a glass, and a group of people sitting at a table.

See additional pictures at [www.allslavonic.org](http://www.allslavonic.org)

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Advance Tickets <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3606972>



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



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

## Most Beautiful . . .

In our last issue we told you about, and encouraged you to cast your vote for **"The Most Beautiful Croatian in National Folk Costume Living Out of Croatia"**.

The pageant was held in July in Tomislavgrad, B&H, where 19 girls of Croatian origin living in countries around the globe competed for this year's title. The winner (center) was **Marina Romic from Vojvodina in Serbia**. Runners-up were from Germany and Hungary. Beauties, all!



## Student Ambassador and Exchange Program

### 4th Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

Watsonville Civic Plaza

More Info and Reservations: call 1-408-828-5206

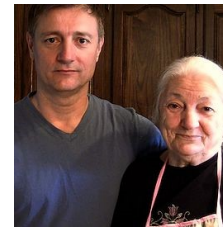


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## In the Kitchen . . .

Have you ever longed to make that special dish that your mother or grandmother prepared ... but can't seem to get it right? Or perhaps you'd like to try a new recipe, but need a little guidance? Well, grab your apron because help is just a couple of clicks away!

Via [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com), Chef Baba, an Eastern European grandma living in America, shares recipes and cooking secrets from the old country. There are plenty of laughs as Baba teaches her son Damir how to cook her favorite recipes so he can one day make them for his own grandchildren. Originally Damir filmed Baba cooking for his own purposes, maintaining the heritage for his children. But when he saw how well-received the videos were among his extended family, he began posting the videos to YouTube and the cooking show was born!



Baba's name is Miraslava Perge, and she says, "I want to give to the world so I share my cooking secrets from the old country. I learned to cook as a girl in Yugoslavia and have been cooking for 75 years."

The Perge family, Miraslava, husband Ivan, and three children, left their home in Sremska Mitrovica, Yugoslavia (Serbia) in 1974 when they saw the financial and political conditions changing in their home country. The family immigrated to the U.S. and settled in Texas. She says, "I was raised with six brothers and sisters, and all of us have our specialty. Mine is Gibanica and at least 30 other recipes. After cooking three meals a day for nearly my entire life, I think I know what I am doing."

From stuffed cabbage and sarma to chocolate walnut torta, from apricot dumplings to homemade noodles and chicken noodle soup, Baba and Damir will keep you entertained and informed as she describes the ingredients, the techniques, and special preparation secrets. She also peppers her cooking lessons with special Baba witticisms: "Don't waste anything in the kitchen", "everything is possible to fix", and especially for the younger generation "no texting in my kitchen!"

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Chef Baba also has a cookbook containing recipes from her first 4 seasons of the cooking show; it promises Eastern European recipes that are the ultimate in comfort food for your family.

***Dobar apetit !***

