

Annual Meeting Highlights

Sunday, March 10 was the date of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Association. Members met at Marie Callender’s Restaurant, Visalia, for a delicious lunch and a brief but important business meeting. Election of officers took place and we welcomed two new Board Members: Donna Smith is eager to assume the duties of Social Chairperson, and Marc Hure brings his expertise in education to his role of co-chair of the Scholarship Committee. Welcome Donna and Marc, and thank you to all of the Board Members who are serving our organization. The full slate of Board Members for 2019 is shown above.

President	Louie Obradovich
Vice President	Nick Pavlovich
Secretary	Donna Bronzan
Treasurer	David Bronzan
Social Chair	Donna Smith
Scholarship	Yvonne Duran
Co-Chairs	Marc Hure
Auditor	Susan Gonsalves

Information Highlights were presented as follows:

Membership Report:

The Association ended the 2018 year with 104 adult members. So far this year we have posted 82 new and renewed memberships with several members still yet to renew! If you have not sent in your dues yet, please do so—we want to once again top that century mark and hopefully continue to go beyond! Of course, *all* members are encouraged to recruit new members! We are pleased to welcome these new and returning members: Father Gregory Zubacz and his wife Melita and three lovely daughters, and Mike and Cheryl Jurkovich of Kerman. *Dobrodošli !*

Social Report:

Our 2018 Summer Festival Picnic in Fresno was well-attended, very enjoyable, and provided the social and cultural experience that we strive for. Bob

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Samarzich and his tambura musicians, always a favorite, provided the much-enjoyed musical entertainment. We capped the afternoon with two fun raffles after honoring four very deserving students with scholarships. Once again, due to very crowded personal schedules among the entire membership, the Board made the decision to forego the Winter Holiday Social.

Scholarship Report:

Four students were awarded scholarships this year: Dominic Hure, majoring in film and narrative production at Cal State Long Beach, Nicole Pavlovich, studying computer science at Long Beach City College, Ashley Tartaglia, an animal science major at Cal Poly SLO, and Gabrielle Hure, pursuing an architecture degree at U.C. Berkeley.

Financial Report:

The year-end financial reports of the Association indicate that our Scholarship Fund continues to grow and we look forward to once again awarding several deserving college-bound students with scholarships from the Association. As noted above, four students were awarded scholarships from the ASAA in 2018. A continued careful eye on expenditures by the Board of Directors over the past three years has helped to strengthen General Fund account.

Below, a brief financial summary for the close of 2018:
The Board always welcomes the input, suggestions, and participation of the membership; our Board of Directors meetings are open to all members to attend, add sugges-

General Fund:	Checking Account:	\$ 5,202.33
	Investment Account:	<u>9,126.28</u>
	Total Assets:	\$ 14,328.61

Scholarship Account:	Investment Account:	\$ 76,164.35
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tions, voice concerns, and work for the good of the Association. Our next **Board Meeting** will be **Tuesday, May 14**, 5:00 pm at **Marie Callender’s Restaurant** in Visalia. Come join us!

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

Birthday Grams . . .



Spring Birthdays!

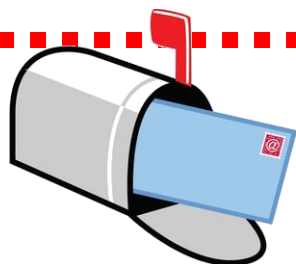
ASAA extends birthday wishes to all those members who will be celebrating a birthday this quarter ...

Emilie Hernandez..... April 1	Babe Obradovich May 12
Tootsie Riggs April 1	Nick Jurkovich..... May 13
Mike Pestorich..... April 8	Brian Hixson May 16
Mel Lubisich April 14	Debra Vasilovich May 18
Keeley Hernandez..... April 17	Alissa Turnipseed..... May 19
Ron Radish..... April 18	Zachary Hernandez..... May 19
Margaret Zaninovich..... April 19	Patty Hixson..... May 25
Betty Papac..... April 21	Fran Pavlovich June 1
Marko Zaninovich Sr. April 22	Eric Zalunardo..... June 3
Tonky Zaninovich..... April 26	Margaret Weersing..... June 7
Rosemary Cameron April 30	Dona Pestorich June 23
Thomas Zaninovich..... May 3	Scott Obradovich June 27
Barbara Vulich May 4	Matt Pandol..... June 27
Luka Zaninovich May 5	Maryanne Smith June 28
Dominique Zaninovich May 5	Kenny Kovacevich June 29
Marianne Kovacevich May 10	

Belated Wishes to our newest members:

Father Greg Zubacz.....Feb 8	Teresa ZubaczFeb 26
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If we missed you, please let us know !



**Keep these issues coming . . .
If you have not sent in your dues
for 2019, please do so today!**

News and Events Around the State . . .

Slavic American Cultural Organization (SACO)

Invites You . . .

Annual Spring Lamb BBQ

Saturday, April 27, 2019

4:00 pm Social Hour ~ 5:30 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Raffle Drawing

Moreland Notre Dame Gym

133 Brennan St, Watsonville, CA

Delicious Menu Includes:

Full Rack of Lamb

Makarula ~ Asparagus

Green Salad ~ Roll ~ Dessert

\$35 Adults, \$10 Children under 12

**** Reservations Required by April 21—No tickets sold at door ****

Makes Checks Payable to SACO, PO Box 226, Watsonville, CA 95077



Festival of the Mandolins ~ San Francisco

Sunday, April 28, 2019 ~ 12:00—5:00 pm

\$15 Advance Registration ~ \$20 at the Door ~ Kids Free

Contact: **Croatian American Cultural Center**

Phone: **510-649-0941**

60 Onondaga Ave. ~ San Francisco, CA 94112

Advance tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com



St. Peter's SerbFest 2019

Saturday, June 1 ~ 3:00 -11:00 pm

an evening of culture, delicious food, and amazing music

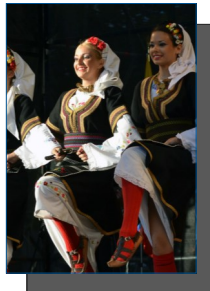


- Delicious a-la-carte menu
- Savory sweet delicacies made with love and recipes passed down from generation to generation

Fun for the Whole



- Dancing under the stars with music by **Orkestar Srma**
- Kolo line dancing performances by Mladost (Bay Area Serb Churches) at 4:30 and 6:30 pm
- A silent auction featuring a variety of local goods and experiences



Hosted by KMJ's
Matt Otstot

The Public is invited to:

- Church tours at 4, 6 and 8 p.m.
- Vespers church service at 5 p.m.
- St. Peter's Choir Concert at 7 p.m.

St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church

3502 N. First Street, Fresno, CA 93726

More info: <https://www.serbifestfresno.com/>

Looking Ahead...

SACO July Picnic

July 7, 12 Noon

Corralitos Community Center and Padres Hall
33 Browns Valley Road • Corralitos CA



29th Croatian Independence Day Weekend

June 24 - 26

Croatian American Hall of San Pedro

- Friday - Welcome Party
- Saturday - Small Goals Soccer Tournament and Kids Tourney 8am—3pm
- Sunday - Street Party 12 Noon—10 pm

Entertainment by **"Modro Nebo" from Edmonton, Canada**

More Info: see Croatian Independence Day San Pedro on Facebook



Cousins Receive Agritourism Award

Croatia has for some time been quite well known among travelers for its clear blue Adriatic waters and stunning coastlines. Be we know there is so much more to see and appreciate.



Enter Agritourism: Agritourism has become quite developed in Croatia, especially in the Dalmatian foothills, just off the busy and crowded shoreline. It is here that many Croatian families invite visitors to their homes, lands, and farms to show tourists the many other charms Croatia has to offer. Here visitors get a taste of authentic rural village life; they see the animals being raised, the produce being grown, the homemade

wines, olive oils and preserves being produced, and they are welcomed into a dining experience where local dishes are prepared in authentic style.

Zlatna Naranca, (literal translation "Golden Orange") is a competition that aims to proclaim the best localities for rural tourism in Dubrovnik-Neretva County. Just cont. page 8

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 1, 2019.
- 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 2018-2019 academic year will be determined at a later date. These funds will be sent to the successful candidates' colleges in July or August.

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recently the competition awarded their second-place prize to **Agrotourism Laptalo**, the establishment owned by the Laptalo family of Gromača, cousins to our ASAA members the Hixson, Smith, Evans, and Gonsalves families. You may remember that the cousins from California visited their extended family in the picturesque village of Gromača a couple of years ago and wrote in this newsletter about their experiences at this very home.



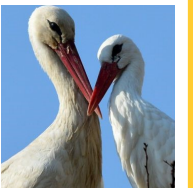
Located on green fields of Mediterranean vegetation, with the view of the blue Adriatic Sea below, Agrotourism Laptalo offers a wide variety of experiences, sights, sounds, and aromas to make any visitor feel right at home. One of the key features of the property is the konoba tavern, built from the stone blocks carved back in the times of the Dubrovnik Republic. Another notable feature is the so-called "guvno", a circular threshing floor that was used by farmers to separate grains and prepare them for milling.

TripAdvisor.com has published many rave reviews by travelers world-wide, including this from Australia: "We were able to learn about age old cooking methods and buy the beautiful homemade crafts." A visitor from the UK especially liked starting her evening with a tour of the traditional kitchen and cellar, a sampling of liqueurs, and then described in detail the sumptuous meal that followed, remarking that "everything is homemade" and summing up her remarks with "Lovely hospitality and you can tell the hosts care about you enjoying your visit . . . definitely not to be missed."

Congratulations, **Agrotourism Laptalo**, for a well-deserved award.



By the Way ... Do you remember the stork pair who is separated every winter when he, Klepetan, migrates to warmer Africa while Malena, with irreparable wing damage from a poacher, has to stay behind? The good news is that on March 18, Klepetan has again, for the 17th year, returned to Malena and they are nesting on the rooftop in Brodski Varos, Croatia. Such a love story!



Mark your Calendars:

Annual ASAA Summer Picnic
Sunday, August 4th or 11
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