



All Slavonic American Association

Summer Festival !

The 2019 Summer Festival was held Sunday, August 4, at the Slav Social Hall in Delano, and a great time was had by all. Bob Samarzich and his tamburitza band provided the entertainment while guests socialized, friends re-connected, attendees browsed the selection



of raffle prizes, and the amazing cooks in the kitchen and BBQ area prepared the most delicious BBQ lamb and chicken meal complete with salad, sauerkraut, and mostaccioli. We are grateful for these men who shared their talents to make sure we were so well fed! In addition to the many members and guests who were present, we were also honored by the attendance of special guests for the day: Maryanne, Linda, and Stephanie from SACO, the Slavic American Cultural Organization in Watsonville; these three ladies also contributed a beautiful gift basket for the raffle with treats and goodies emblematic of the agricultural bounty of the Pajaro Valley.

Following the sumptuous lunch and delicious desserts (thanks to all the ladies for your tasty contributions of desserts!) we were honored to present five scholarships to deserving graduating seniors; Scholarship Committee co-chair Marc Hure presented each recipient a certificate of recognition and a \$2,000 scholarship award. (See additional details re: these recipients beginning on page 2) ASAA thanks Scholarship Chairpersons Yvonne Duran and Marc Hure and their committee 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 that helps make these awards possible.

The scholarship prize drawings came next with 22 prizes on the docket ... attendees bought tickets and placed their individual tickets in the basket corresponding to the prize that most caught their eye! Thanks to our Social Chair Donna Smith (and her sidekicks Mike and Susan!) for organizing the raffle, and to the scholarship recipients who did such a great job selling tickets and delivering the prizes to the winners. The 50/50 raffle capped off the excitement



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with Marilyn Bahn coming away as the winner of the cash prize - Congratulations!

During the social hour several of our young men were busy at work raking, smoothing, and otherwise preparing the bocce courts for the bocce tournament. And after lunch it was "game on!" Ten teams vied for the title this year, and the competition was fierce. Not only was the competition hot, so was the weather, but that didn't seem to slow anyone down! Eventual winners in this year's very spirited field were Linda Pandol and her son Mark. Runners-up were Mark Kovacevich Jr. and Anthony Tartaglia who withstood a formidable challenge by Marko and Dominique Zaninovich in the semi-finals. Congrats to all!

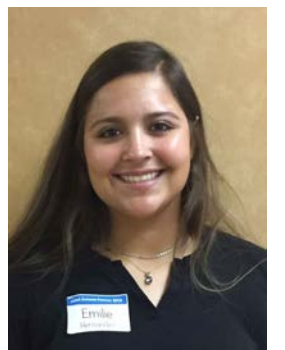
If you missed the festival this year, plan now to attend next year when we will meet in Fresno. It's great time for the whole family!



Meet the 2019 ASAA Scholarship Recipients ...

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 five scholarships this year. Congratulations to all of the recipients—we wish you the very best as you advance your education. Read on to find out a bit more about these deserving scholars:

Emelie Hernandez was awarded the Maikovich Family Scholarship in the amount of \$2000.00. Emelie is the daughter of Martin and Stacie Hernandez, granddaughter of Donna Smith, great-granddaughter of Anna Maikovich Evans, great-great niece of Joann Hixson Hall and Kathy Berger, and cousin of Sue Gonsalves. Emelie has competed in competitive softball at Redwood High School, Visalia, and maintained a 3.5 grade point average while also being active in volunteer organizations. Emelie will be attending **Northwest Nazarene University** in Nampa, Idaho, to pursue a degree in kinesiology; while there she will also be playing for the Nighthawks softball team. Emelie's long-term goal is career as an athletic trainer for a professional sports team.



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Mark Pandol was the recipient of the Louis Pandol Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. Mark is the son of Matt and Linda Pandol of Delano, CA. He will be pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at **Virginia Tech University** in Blacksburg, VA. During his high school years at Garces High School, Bakersfield, he was active in extra-curricular, volunteer and work programs, as well as being dedicated to academic excellence; Mark maintained a 4.87 grade point average and was a member of the National Honor Society and served as California Scholastic Federation President on his campus for four years.

Joshua Papac was granted the All Slavonic American Association Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. A resident of Challis, Idaho, Joshua is the son of Bob and Christine Papac and the grandson of Betty and the late Lou Papac of Fresno. A home-school graduate, he will be attending **Boise State University** in Boise, Idaho majoring in Kinesiology with a minor in Business. Throughout high school he maintained a grade point average of 3.6 while also being active in sports, extra-curricular, and work programs. Additionally, Joshua is an accomplished pianist having received numerous awards in musical competitions.



Sara Vidrio (photo not available) was awarded the Katherine Maikovich Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. Sara is the daughter of David and Maria Vidrio and the granddaughter of Yvonne Duran. A resident of Antelope, California, Sara has a grade point average of 3.27 throughout her years at Porterville High, and will be attending **Yuba College**, Marysville CA, to obtain a degree in Radiologic Technology. Sara has been active in sports and extra-curricular activities, volunteer programs, was honored to be Homecoming Queen, and was on the Dean's list. Additionally, Sara has consistently held a job during after-school hours and on weekends.

Marko Zaninovich was the recipient of the Lucy Pandol Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.00. Marko is the son of Marko and Dominique Zaninovich of Bakersfield, CA. He will be attending **Cornell University** in Ithaca, New York, pursuing a degree in Viticulture with a minor in Entomology. Through his high school career at Stevenson High School Marko has maintained a 3.73 grade point average while also being active in sports, extra-curricular, scholastic, and volunteer programs. Marko speaks three languages, is a gifted clarinetist, and was a 4-year member of his school's varsity sailing team. Additionally, he served as a student ambassador and represented Croatian-American students when he traveled to Croatia as a member of the 2018 SACO Student Ambassador Exchange program.



Croatian World Games

See this Invitation: You are invited to sign up for the jubilee of the 5th Croatian World Games!



The 5th **Hrvatske Svjetske Igre** Jubilee will be held in Zagreb, July 21-25, 2020. Young Croatian athletes from all over the world and all others who feel that way will have the opportunity to compete in various sports disciplines.

Athletics (track & field), bowling, basketball, volleyball, table tennis, handball, beach volleyball, football, swimming, judo, soccer, tennis and taekwondo are offered for both female and male competitors. Male participants were also offered rugby and water polo.

At the same time, a special category of competitors will be veterans, and the sports they can apply for are tennis and table tennis (male and female), and football (male only).

ASAA member Marc Hure saw the invitation (actually, it came by way of his sister) and said to his son Dominic, "Let's go for it!" So they are planning to do just that - "go for it", and apply to be members of the Team USA contingent. They hope to travel to Croatia for the 2020 Croatian World Games, competing in the swimming competition. In addition to the many sports competitions, there will also be concerts and social celebrations, with the goal being to build and foster a bridge that permanently connects Croatian youth from their homeland and the world. Participants will be housed in the student housing at the University in Zagreb, and the Games are "open to anyone who has the smallest sense of love and belonging to the Croatian people in their hearts".



According to the Games website, some of the goals of the Games are: Strengthening national awareness and belonging, strengthening links between Croatian communities worldwide, promotion of Croatian tourism, providing incentive to return to the Homeland, making friends and business connections, reuniting with relatives, creating incentive for learning Croatian,

encouraging healthy living through sport, and providing an exchange of world cultures.

Marc and Dominic, what a great opportunity—we wish you success and will expect a full report complete with pictures!

Members and friends, if you, too, are interested in the Croatian Games please use this link for more information and entry form:

<http://hsi-cwg.com/2019/05/13/prijavite-se-i-vi-na-jubilarnu-v-hrvatske-svjetske-igre/>



Coming Events . . .

San Francisco Croatian Heritage Festival



Sunday , Oct 27, 2019 • 12:00 PM
Admission: \$15 (\$10 adv) • Children free

Sinovi Tamburitza Orchestra of Seattle with John Morovic will perform Croatian music throughout the day. They will be joined by Sidro Tamburitza Orchesta and the Slavonian Traveling Band. The Koraci Croatian Folk Ensemble will also perform. Workshops will be held in Croatian kolo dancing and singing. Sing, dance, and enjoy traditional Croatian cuisine.

More Information: <http://www.slavonicweb.org/>

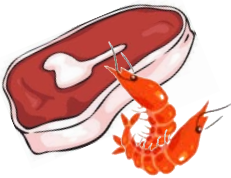
Slavic American Cultural Organization Watsonville

Student Ambassador and Exchange Program Fall BBQ Fundraiser

*Steak, prawns, and much more—Apple cake for dessert!
No Host Bar*

\$40 per person, \$15 Kids under 12

Sunday, October 6 ~ 12 Noon - 4:00 pm



**Reservations needed by Sept 28
Call Today 1-408-828-5206**

Pajaro Valley Historical Association
332 Beach St. - Watsonville



Birthday Grams . . .

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

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Oct 2 - Mark Pandol
Oct 7 - Andrew Zaninovich
Oct 11 - Melita Zubacz
Oct 18 - Kathy Hixson
Oct 22 - Nick V. Zaninovich
Oct 28 - Cassie Bronzan
Nov 3 - Roy Zivanich
Nov 7 - John Kovacevich
Nov 9 - Yvonne Duran
Nov 10 - Curtis Bronzan
Nov 11 - Antoinette Lerandeau
Nov 11 - Brad Hixson

Nov 16 - Janie Jurkovich
Nov 28 - Peter Zaninovich
Dec 1 - Michael Smith
Dec 10 - Steve Jurkovich
Dec 13 - George Pavlovich
Dec 15 - Linda Pandol
Dec 18 - Marianne Keathley
Dec 19 - Gary Ferguson
Dec 20 - Susan Gonsalves
Dec 21 - Nancy Turnipseed
Dec 30 - Michael Turnipseed



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



Celebrating 108 Years of HNK HAJDUK—SPLIT
November 2, 2019 at St Anthony Croatian Catholic Church
712 N. Grand, Los Angeles



Performing live ... Joško Čagalj - JOLE

6 pm - Cocktails and Silent Auction
7 pm - Catered Buffet Dinner
9 pm - Program

\$80 per person ~ \$50 Under 12 ~ Under 3 Free
More Information: <https://www.facebook.com/dphlosangeles/>

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

Scholarship Donations

Please Note:

As mentioned by President Louie Obradovich in his remarks to the club at the Summer Festival, the Scholarship Investment Account has been recently placed in a new aggregate fund at Wells Fargo Investors; our club treasurer, David Bronzan, will have the responsibility of managing, maintaining and reporting on all fund activity. Therefore, all donations and memorial gifts to the Scholarship Account should be mailed to:

ASAA Scholarship
c/o David Bronzan
112 Green Oaks Dr.
Visalia, CA 93277



“Tie One On” and Take the Challenge !



Friday, 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 “Croatie” - by French King Louis XIII in honor of the Slavic soldiers.

Celebrate your heritage and tie one on (a necktie of some sort) and wear it proudly on October 18! Then ... (drum roll please) ... take the **ASAA Tie Day Challenge!** All ASAA members and friends are invited to take a selfie, or have a friend snap your pic wearing your tie in public (in your bedroom doesn't count) and send the pic to allslavonic@gmail.com, or by mail to 112 Green Oaks, Visalia, 93277. **You are on your honor to do this on October 18!** All entries received by October 31 will receive a photo certificate to memorialize the day—suitable for framing! Wear your tie to

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work, to school, to the grocery store, to the football game! A long tie, short tie, bow tie, wide tie, colorful tie, string tie ... celebrate your heritage and tie one on!

