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basketball player, member of the Serbian National Team, as our tour guide of the Cathedral of St. Tryphon, the maritime museum, and the old square.

While visiting Ston, on another day trip from Dubrovnik, we toured the Trsteno Arboretum. I thought it was really cool to find bamboo in Croatia. We also visited the Saltworks of Ston, which are the oldest salt pans in Europe and the largest preserved ones in the history of the Mediterranean. It was really interesting to see that they still harvest the salt as they have done for centuries. We watched the whole salt making process from pools of water, and I've never seen so much salt in my life!



City Square, Ston, Croatia



Restaurant, Molunat

Following those day trips, we relocated our base to Cavtat, a quaint town south of Dubrovnik, and we checked into Hotel Croatia. Just like in Dubrovnik, we met with the Mayor of Cavtat and other city officials. I was so honored that these officials took time out of their busy day to meet and spend time with us. We also received a tour of Cavtat by Ivo Basor, who showed us how charming Cavtat is. (On a very important note, when we arrived in Cavtat, this was the first time on our trip we were able to do laundry, a testament to how busy the first part of the trip was!)

To give you an idea of how close Cavtat is to Dubrovnik, one evening we were able to return to Dubrovnik from Cavtat to see Romeo and Juliet at Fort Lovrijenac. The play was part of Midsummer Scene (www.midsummer-scene.com), an annual English theater festival. The proximity to Dubrovnik makes Cavtat an ideal base if you prefer a smaller, quieter town with a lot less tourism.

About 30 minutes south of Cavtat, you will find the village of Molunat, the southernmost tourist destination in Croatia. For this day trip, we were so fortunate to be hosted by Igor Deranja and his family for an afternoon of swimming and relaxation after our crazy busy schedule. We had a lovely lunch and enjoyed a much-needed day of rest. And as you will see in the next issue, we needed that day of rest because there is still so much more to talk about!

Stay tuned for more in the next issue!

Got News?

Please send us your celebrations and shout-outs —we'd love to publish for the membership to see and we'll all celebrate with you!



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Summer Festival 2023

Sunday, August 6 ~ 12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church
Social Hall ~ Fresno

Delicious Menu

BBQ Lamb & Chicken
Mostaccioli
Salad ~ Rolls
Hosted Bar



Ladies, Please bring a dessert to share



Social and Cultural Events

Social Hour 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Lunch Served 1:30 pm
50/50 Money Pot Raffle ~ Scholarship Raffle
*Bocce
* see Reservation form



Scholarships Awarded

Fun for the Whole Family

Živjeli !

See Reservation Form Inside ... Send in your Reservation Today!

Congratulations Class of '23



Congratulations are extended to our 2023 College Graduates . . .

Mark Pandol — BS Mechanical Engineering with a specialization in Robotic Mechatronics, Virginia Tech University— he is now pursuing a PhD in Material Science Engineering, also at Virginia Tech

Joshua Papac — BS Kinesiology, Boise State University — now headed to Life University, Marietta GA pursuing degree in Chiropractic Medicine

Dominique Zaninovich — MS Business Administration, California State University, Bakersfield

Marko E. Zaninovich — BS Viticulture and Enology, Cornell University — currently working in the grape and wine industry, Bakersfield

“Travels with Danger !”

by Niko Lerandeanu

Happy Summer, ASAA members!

As you read this, I will have just returned from visiting my family in Šarić Struga, Croatia, where I was building on the connections I made in the summer of 2022, as a member of the Slavic American Cultural Organization’s Student Exchange and Ambassador Program (SAEP). I have already written about the first ten days of that wonderful 2022 trip in prior articles, a trip that was jam packed, hitting both major and minor destinations in Croatia (Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes, Split, Hvar, Dubrovnik, and Cavtat). In this article, we have reached our final week of the trip when we took a variety of day trips filled with one-of-a-kind activities. Again, this portion of the trip was perfectly planned by Jelka Basor at Adriatic Travel, who was also able to work each student’s family visit into the schedule as well!



One of our first day trips took us to the neighboring country of Montenegro. On the drive to the beautiful city of Kotor, we stopped in Perast to take the short boat ride to visit Our Lady of the Rocks, a small island with a church and museum. The island is actually man made by the locals who would add rocks and sink old ships, a custom that continues each year on July 22nd, when the locals go out with their boats and throw rocks into the sea. From here, we continued on to Kotor, where we had an ex-pro



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... not to miss !



SerbFest 2023

Saturday, September 23, 2023

3:00 pm - 11:00 pm

St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church

3502 N. First St., Fresno

Admission/Parking is Free • Food and Beverages Available for Purchase

Food

Delicious à la carte Serbian Specialties

made with love and recipes passed down through generations

Delectable Bakery Sweets

Patio Dining

Take-out Food Available



Entertainment

Silent Auction • Live Serbian Music and Dancing

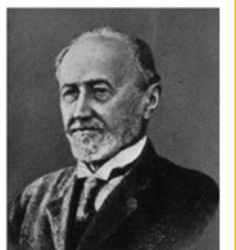


Cultural Heritage Experience

Tour the beautiful Byzantine styled Church

Slav Trivia ...

Ivan Vučetić, born on the island of Hvar and an immigrant to Argentina in 1882, was a criminologist credited as the inventor of **dactyloscopy**, or “the examination of fingerprints in order to establish identity.” After his process led to the “fingering” of a murderess in 1892, his fingerprinting classification methods were soon adopted worldwide as essential forensic tools.



News, Events, and Happenings . . .

The Slavic American Cultural Organization invites you to their

S.A.C.O. Summer BBQ

Honoring their Scholarship Recipients and
Welcoming the Student Ambassador and
Exchange Students from Croatia

Sunday, July 9, 2023
12 Noon - 4:00 pm

Corralitos Padres Community Hall

35 Browns Valley Road • Corralitos CA
(Just outside Watsonville in a beautiful setting,
under the shade of towering pines!)

Delicious Menu

Steak or Chicken Option
Makarula, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert

Fabulous Entertainment

Music by Petra Tulic

\$35 Adults, \$10 Children under 12

RSVP by July 5th

*** For more information, call Susan 831-722-3268 ***



72nd Annual St. Anthony Croatian Festival and Picnic

Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 10 AM

Compton Hunting & Fishing Club (Long Beach)

- Delicious BBQ'd Lamb and Piglets, Cevapcici and other Croatian Delicacies
- Beautiful Private Park Setting
- Cultural Program by St Anthony Kolo Ensemble
- Entertainment Featuring Petra Tulic and ZRINSKI Orchestra

Learn to Dance Kolo !

<https://www.facebook.com/croatianchurch/events>



Birthday Grams . . .

Summer Birthdays!

ASAA extends birthday wishes to all those members who will be celebrating a birthday this quarter ... **Želim vam dobro zdravlje i sreću**

Matt Schneider - July 2
David Bronzan - July 4
Katherine Slaven - July 11
Katie Schneider - July 11
Vera Naden - July 12
Helena Zubacz - July 17
Katherine Martin - July 25
Andrew J. Pandol - July 25
Marie Zaninovich - Aug 1
Marnell Pandol - Aug 8
Mike Jerkovich - Aug 9
Kate Ritchie - Aug 12
Del Evans - Aug 13
Jeff Bronzan - Aug 14

Sofia Zubacz - Aug 25
Mark Pandol - Aug 20
Ken Kovacevich Jr. - Aug 26
Andrei Romanenko - Sep
Brandon Bronzan — Sep 3
Stephanie Pandol - Sep 3
Janet Evans - Sep 4
Donna Bronzan - Sep 7
Katy Zaninovich - Sep 13
Rodney Ashley - Sep 16
Donna Smith - Sep 19
Johnny Zaninovich - Sep 19
Lucy Pandol - Sep 22
Cheryl Jerkovich - Sep 23



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

In Memoriam

MATT STEVE PANDOL JR.

June 27, 1962 – April 21, 2023

LOUIS STEVE CARIC

May 6, 1945 – May 8, 2023



Who Do You Think You Are ?

Zorka Tarailo, who just recently celebrated her 100th birthday, has deep roots in Yugoslavia and in California's Central Valley, and a wonderful life story to share.

Zorka was born in Trebinje, Yugoslavia, on March 25, 1923 to parents Risto Kisin and Gospava Vucurevich Kisin, but not before her father first put down temporary roots working in the U.S.

Zorka's father Risto (1892-1935) immigrated to the US in June of 1910 and made his way west where he worked in the silver mines in Tonopah, Nevada. After a few years of this grueling work he returned to visit family in Trebinje. One day the blond, blue-eyed gentleman went visiting at the Vucurevich home, riding up on a white horse, and immediately caught the eye of young Gospava! Although a marriage of Gospava to another local gentleman had already been arranged by her brother, those plans became "history", and Zorka's parents soon wed in Trebinje. The young couple remained in Yugoslavia for a time, and welcomed baby Zorka there, but when Zorka was 11 months old, and with a second child on the way, Risto and his family returned to the US, arriving on the HSS Antonia, Feb 25, 1924, this time bound for California.

Settling in San Francisco, Zorka's father was employed by Union Oil. Two more daughters were born, but Risto was plagued by health problems (no doubt due to the previous mine work) and tragically lost his life in 1935. Now living in Berkeley, Gospava, with 3 young girls to support, was grateful to Union Oil for offering her employment. Gospava was now the breadwinner, and Zorka, as the oldest daughter, became "mom" of the family; Zorka and her sisters finished their schooling in Berkeley.

Radivoj Tarailo was born in 1917 and raised by Yugoslavian immigrants Eli (1883-1927) and Sava (1890-1981) Vukanovich Tarailo on a farm in Sanger. Radivoj's parents were *also* from Trebinje, Yugoslavia, having come to the US in 1902. Like Zorka, Radivoj also lost his father when he was only about 10 years of age. The family remained in the valley and Radivoj graduated from Sanger High. After high school he began working in the Heating/Air Conditioning field and moved to the Bay Area. When Radivoj and Zorka first met she was not interested ("he was 5 years older!"), but her mother and a friend played "matchmaker", and on their eventual date he and Zorka chatted and laughed for hours! The match was made! It was 1942, Radivoj had been called into military service, and they decided



to marry before his deployment. High blood pressure prevented his call to active duty, however, so Radivoj worked in the shipyards for the duration of WWII.

Following the war Zorka and Radivoj traveled to the Valley to visit his family and Zorka decided that she would like to relocate here; she had become tired of the cold, damp Bay Area climate. So the move was made! Radivoj started his own sheet metal business, and he and Zorka raised their three children in Fresno: sons Richard and Ronald, and daughter Patti, and later welcomed 6 grandchildren. When the children were young Zorka was a busy homemaker and enjoyed gardening, sewing, and reading (she still reads a lot!) After her children were grown Zorka worked for the Bank of America almost 20 years – when her husband retired, she did also.

Over the years Zorka made a concerted effort to keep her Slavic heritage alive in the family: she made it a habit to speak Serbian around the dinner table, all of her grandchildren call her "Baba", she and Radivoj became members of ASAA, the family were faithful worshippers at St. Peter's Serbian Orthodox Church. Zorka and her husband made several trips back to Yugoslavia and Trebinje to visit remaining family there. Their first trip was in 1969 and Zorka was able to take her mother Gospava with her. And on another trip, her son Ron not only fell in love with the country, but also fell in love with a beautiful girl in Trebinje – his lovely wife Radmila; they now make Fresno their home.

Zorka's life has not been without tragedy – she lost her husband in 1995, a son, and 2 beautiful granddaughters far too soon – but she faces each day with a zest and optimism that is an inspiration. She and her companion Mila look forward to seeing all of us at the Summer Picnic in Fresno this year!

Thank you, Zorka, for sharing your story with us.



Where is Trebinje? *The ancestral home of Zorka and her family, known as "the city of the sun and platan trees", is located approx. 35 km east of Dubrovnik – about 45 minutes driving time (according to Google Maps) – in a lovely valley along the banks of the Trebišnjica River. This is the southernmost city, and considered the loveliest, in what is now Bosnia-Herzegovina .*



A people without the knowledge of their past, origin, and culture is like a tree with no roots.