



All Slavonic American Association

President's Message

Dear Members, Friends, and Families of the All Slavonic American Association,

It is an honor to greet you, introduce myself, and offer service to support the objectives of the organization.

With gratitude, thank you Mr. Nick Pavlovich and members of the board of directors for encouraging my involvement in our century old institution. My grandfather, Marko Zaninovich was a member of the group years ago. I am pleased to



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Thank You Donors !

As we begin the New Year we can celebrate once again a very successful **Light the Tree Scholarship Campaign**. You, our members, have responded generously and we were able to reach and surpass our \$5,000 goal -- the campaign raised a total of \$5,325 for scholarships for deserving students. We not only were able to light all of the 100 lights on the tree, garland as well! A most lovely tree cause! In the past 6 years alone, awarded over \$36,000 to our students have attended 15 different for successful careers in search, agriculture, business, tion. We are so proud of consider it a privilege to be able their journeys into higher this newsletter to "catch scholarship recipients — ies and what lies ahead.] Once again, to our membership, thank you for your continued support of the scholarship program and to the Light the Tree Campaign.



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support the legacy and plan for the future through sharing our heritage with fellowship and social events, and by encouraging the formal education of our youth with expectations they will study, enjoy, and appreciate their great Slavic Heritage.

On a somber note, I raise a toast to Mr. Louis "Louie" Obradovich, our leader for twenty-two years. Živjeli! Louie's straight talk and humor will be missed. I appreciated his fishing stories and we had plans for a fishing trip to Chile. Unfortunately, that trip never happened.

To that, I encourage each of you to take a moment and call a friend or family member to say hello, tell a story, and recall some good times together. You just might make a difference in their day, and you just do not know what tomorrow will bring. God Bless all friends and family we have lost this past year. We pray for you and extend our condolences.

In the meantime, stay strong and we look forward to celebrating our summer barbecue together in August, and we hope to offer several scholarships to candidates applying to Colleges and Universities in the fall.

Together with my wife Dominique, and our three sons, Marko Emmanuel, Luka Ivo, and Anton, we wish you health and happiness in 2022. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions or comments.

Sincerely,
Marko Zaninovich

It's that time of year . . . Membership Dues are due and payable!

Good News! Dues amounts remained unchanged ... they are:



Single individual	\$25.00
Married Couple	40.00
Family *	50.00

* Family Membership includes parents and all children under 18 years of age

Please complete the enclosed membership form and send with payment to:

David Bronzan ~ ASAA Treasurer
112 W. Green Oaks Dr. ~ Visalia CA 93277

Birthday Grams . . .



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

želi Vam dobro zdravlje i sreću

Nick Pavlovich — January 3
Kathryn Spradling — January 3
Michael Yingst — January 4
Marilyn Bahn Jurkovich — January 6
Anton Zaninovich — January 7
Patricia Jurkovich — January 8
Evelyn Miljevich — January 13
Katina Zaninovich — January 20
Janet Ferguson — January 23
Mike Ubick — January 24
Marko Zaninovich Jr. — January 24
Matt Pandol III — January 31
Fr Gregory Zubacz — February 8
Stephanie Mello — February 9

Amy Turnipseed — February 10
Marc Hure — February 13
Myrna Zivanich — February 14
Martha Slaven — February 21
Nick Buratovich — February 22
Teresa Zubacz — February 25
A. J. Lakovich — March 11
Dominic Lerandau — March 14
Anna Zaninovich — March 15
Stacie Hernandez — March 24
Zorka Tarailo — March 25
Kurtis Smith — March 28

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

~ In Memoriam ~

Remembering those members, family and friends who passed from this life in 2021

Margaret Zaninovich

George Pavlovich

Helen Kojovich

Louie Obradovich

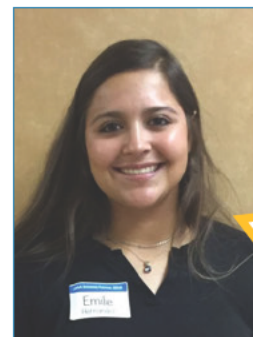
Andrea Turnipseed



Where are they now ?

I graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a degree in biochemistry. I have applied to graduate school with a goal of Masters Degree in Public Health and will be taking the MCAT (the entrance exam for Medical School) in June.

Ryan Pavlovich, 2017 Scholarship Recipient



*Emilie Hernandez,
2019 Scholarship Recipient*

I am a Junior at Northwest Nazarene University with a double major: Kinesiology (emphasis in coaching) and Psychology, and I am completing theology classes as well. I play first base this year for NNU Nighthawks Softball and am also one of the captains. We are looking forward to having a great season! Later this year I'll be doing an outdoor pursuits class: outdoor activities for my kinesiology major. My favorite things about NNU are the small campus and population, and professors who really care. NNU never fails to make sure everyone feels like they can call this place home!

I am in my sophomore year at Fresno State where my classes currently are hybrid —some in-person and some online. Originally a Biology major, I changed my major to Nursing and have completed all the pre-requisites for nursing school. My most rewarding class so far has been human anatomy and physiology. I am especially interested in Labor/delivery and Neonatal Intensive care nursing. In addition to sciences, I am also working toward a minor in French.



*Sofia Zubacz,
2020 Scholarship Recipient*



Marko E. Zaninovich, 2019 Scholarship Recipient

I am currently a junior at Cornell University pursuing a major in Viticulture and Enology. This summer I will be attending Offshore to a career working in Napa.

atching up with some former Scholarship Recipients . . .

I am currently in my sophomore year at University of California at Santa Barbara majoring in communications. I have an interest in residential real estate staging and also marketing (buying and selling) second-hand or thrift clothing. In fact, I have developed an app for that!



Jenna Pavlovich, 2020 Scholarship Recipient



Anna Phippen,
2020 Scholarship
Recipient

I am in my sophomore year at Western Washington University majoring in Environmental Studies. New aspects of my college experience this year: I am living off-campus (as opposed to dorms) with 4 housemates (both eye-opening and fun!) and our classes are now in-person; I have a new appreciation for in-person learning! One of my favorite classes thus far has been Human Ecology: our human effect on the environment and the environment's effect on us humans! I am also working toward a minor in Disaster Risk Reduction - learning how to create resilience within communities in the face of natural disasters so they can rebound quicker. Things could change, of course, but right now I am intrigued by the career possibilities in this field.

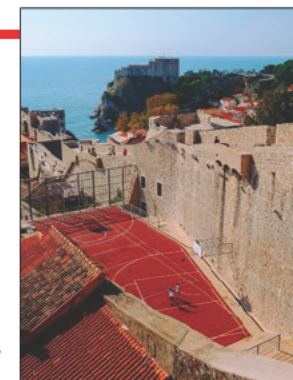
I am in my junior year at Boise State University, looking forward to a spring 2023 graduation. My major is Kinesiology/ Exercise Physiology; my goal after graduation: enrollment in chiropractic school. In fact I am working now part-time as a chiropractic assistant and getting lots of practical experience. In my spare time, I enjoy all of the many opportunities available in Boise for outdoor sports and activities. My most interesting class at Boise State so far? A class called "Difficult Conversations" ... helping me to develop essential communication skills that will be useful in every part of life.



Joshua Papac,
2019 Scholarship
Recipient

culture and Enology. I am enjoying the wine making education and look forward candidate school in Quantico, Virginia for the United States Marine Corps.

B-Ball in Style! If you have visited Dubrovnik, and if you have walked the wall surrounding the Old City, you have probably seen it, and taken a picture of it! — the red-surfaced basketball court nestled between the old stone walls. It has now drawn the attention of Architectural Digest Magazine, and has been named by them the best-designed basketball court in the world! Their list contained 17 others, from Paris to Cambodia (including 4 in California) but Dubrovnik topped the list. They write: "Not only is the court set within the old, terra-cotta roofs of the city, but the views of the Adriatic Sea are something out of a fairy tale in Croatia." Read more at <https://www.architectural-digest.com/gallery/best-designed-basketball-courts-world>



Basketball in the Old City

SACO continues its work promoting cultural exchange — sending US High Schoolers to Croatia in the summer and in alternate years housing Croatian teens here in the US. Below is information re: an upcoming fund-raising effort to continue this mission:

SACO **Slavic American Cultural Organization—Watsonville** **Student Ambassador and Exchange Program**

Sixth Annual Fundraising Dinner
Saturday, February 26, 2022 ~ 5:30 p.m.



610 Clubhouse Drive - Aptos, California 95003

Ticket Price: \$150.00 per person

Featuring Croatian Wines

Special Guest: **Renee Pia**, Croatian Consul General,
Republic of Croatia Consulate in Los Angeles, CA

RSVP by Feb 12, 2022

For Information Call:
Maryann Bulich Schnitter ~ 408-828-5206



Congratulations to our own **Niko Lerandeanu**, son of Paul and Toni Nikolac Lerandeanu, and **Luka and Anton Zaninovich**, sons of Marko and Dominique Zaninovich — these three young men have been selected as **SACO Student Ambassadors** for the Summer 2022 trip to Croatia. Best Wishes for a marvelous experience.



Annual Meeting of the ASAA

Sunday, March 20 ~ 2:00 p.m.

- Election of Officers
- Financial Reports: Auditor and Treasurer

Meeting to be held via ZOOM -
Members can join by Computer, Tablet, or Telephone
(See below for specific Details to Join Meeting)

Due to the ongoing incidents of Covid 19 and its variants, and in an effort to protect the health of our members, your Board has decided to forego meeting in person, and to instead utilize the latest technology resources to connect members digitally for this Annual event. You can connect via Zoom and see & hear other attendees via your computer, iPad, or SmartPhone, or simply call in using your digital OR land line phone to listen and participate in the proceedings with audio only. We met virtually last year, and it was great — Just a little bit of time on business (election of officers, presentation/report of the club's finances, opportunity for input from the membership) and an ample amount of time on visiting and catching up with one another! This year will be the same— a little necessary business, and a lot of socializing! Except ... President Marko suggests we add some cultural tradition to our meeting this year with each participant, in the comfort of your own home, bringing your favorite glass of wine to the meeting, maybe a plate of Pršut and cheese, bread or crackers, a few olives (you can choose your favorite Sunday afternoon treats!) ... we can wine, dine, and take care of business!



If any member wishes to 1) volunteer to have your name placed in nomination for **ANY** Board position, or 2) receive via email a copy of the financial report prior to the meeting, or 3) receive specific instructions for connecting via Zoom, please email us at allslavonic@gmail.com. Zoom email invite will be sent 2 days prior to meeting, or ...

Join Meeting via Internet Connection:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83472476007?pwd=bU00UUU2YUhoOeG1LTTVmcTRvZVM3UT09>

Join Meeting via Dial-up: 1 669 900 6833 Meeting ID: 834 7247 6007
 Passcode: 032022

Language Lab . . . Calendar Basics



Months of the Year

English	Croatian / Serbian
January	siječanj / Januar
February	veljača / Februar
March	ožujak / Mart
April	travanj / April
May	svibanj / Maj
June	lipanj / Jun
July	srpanj / Jul
August	kolovaz / Avgust
September	rujan / Septembar
October	listopad / Oktobar
November	studen / Novembar
December	prosinac / Decembar

Days of the Week

English	Croatian / Serbian (if different)
Sunday	Nedjelja
Monday	Ponedjeljak
Tuesday	Utorak
Wednesday	Srijeda / Sreda
Thursday	Četvrtak
Friday	Petak
Saturday	Subota

Source: LingoHut.com Check here for more information including pronunciation!

Bridging the Gap: Pelješac Nears Completion

Construction began in July 2018 on the Pelješac Bridge connecting the Croatian mainland and the Pelješac Peninsula, and bypassing, for automobile, truck and bus traffic, a short strip of Bosnia and Herzegovina's territory. The 2.4-km (1.5 mi) cable-stayed bridge over the Mali Ston Bay of the Adriatic Sea will now allow Croatian travelers full access to the length of the country without passing through the BiH checkpoints at Neum. The final span was lifted into place on the evening of July 28 with the final welding completed about 1 am. Although fully connected, the bridge and its access roads will not be open to passenger traffic until June 2022. There have been numerous suggestions for an "official" name for the bridge (among them "Marco Polo Bridge" and "Nikola Tesla Bridge") but for now, the name Pelješac Bridge is its only moniker. The bridge project was designed by Slovenian engineer Marjan Pipenbaher and is being constructed by China

Road and Bridge Corporation. Total cost of the project is estimated at 420.3 million Euros (481.5 million dollars).



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