

Annual Meeting Highlights

Sunday, March 20 was the date of the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association. Once again we met online via Zoom in order to best safeguard the health and safety of the members. We began our Zoom time with a bit of catching up, sharing over the video connection the glass of wine and other snacks we “brought to the gathering”, and then proceeded with the business of the Association. The first order of business was the election of officers for 2022. Our elected Board Members are listed at right. Welcome to our new Board member, At Large member Antoinette (Toni) Lerandean. Toni brings energy and enthusiasm and an eagerness to jump in and work on any project or event. We welcome her participation.

President	Marko Zaninovich
Vice President	Victoria Kovacevich
Secretary	Donna Bronzan
Treasurer	David Bronzan
Social Chair	Donna Smith
Scholarship	Marc Hure
Auditor	Susan Gonsalves
At Large	Toni Lerandean

Information Highlights were presented as follows:

Membership Report:

The Association closed out the 2021 year with 102 adult members. So far this year we have posted 80 new and renewed memberships with several members still yet to renew! If you have not gotten around to sending in your dues yet, now is the time— and maybe you can recruit a new member, too! (Cousin, in-law, Slavic friend or neighbor?) Let’s grow our membership in 2022!

And this is a good time to say “**Dobrodošli**” to our new members: **Ina Zaninovich** of Earlimart has attended several of our functions, and is now officially a member — Welcome Ina; also, greetings to **Paris and Annette Blohm** of Pismo Beach—we welcome you as members and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

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Social Report:

Speaking of functions, we were very disappointed to have to cancel our 2021 Fall BBQ in Fresno; we are SO eager to gather again and are hopeful that this summer we can safely do so. We have some tentative plans in the works and will make sure to let you have plenty of advance notice so you can schedule them on your calendar and join in!

Scholarship Report:

One scholarship was awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year; the recipient was Brock Obradovich of Fresno, grandson of member Babe Obradovich. Brock is currently attending Fresno State working toward a degree in Business. The Scholarship Committee and the Board extend their profound gratitude to those who have made contributions to the Scholarship Fund and make possible these awards to support our students. Our second Annual “Light the Tree” Scholarship Fund campaign was a great success; once again our goal of \$5,000 was surpassed as the campaign raised a total of \$5,325.

It is scholarship application time for 2022; if you have a graduating senior in your family, see page 5 of this newsletter for information re: the scholarship application process for 2022. And if you are interested in sponsoring a memorial scholarship, or designating a scholarship in your name, please contact our Scholarship Chair Marc Hure.

Financial and Audit Report:

The year-end financial reports of the Association indicate that our Scholarship Fund benefitted greatly from the generous donations of our membership. We look forward to continuing our mission of awarding scholarships to deserving graduates again this summer. The investment portion of the General Fund account has had modest growth; all operating expenses have been covered with ample ability to move forward with a more active social schedule in 2022.

Below is a brief financial summary for the close of 2021:

General Fund:	Checking Account:	\$ 6,413.16
	Investment Account:	<u>11,101.45</u>
	Total Assets:	\$ 17,514.61
Scholarship Account:	Investment Account:	\$ 70,323.54

Looking forward to a Great 2022 !

Birthday Grams . . .

Spring Birthdays !

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

želim vam dobro zdravlje i sreću



Emilie HernandezApril 1
Tootsie RiggsApril 1
Luka ZaninovichApril 5
Mike Pestorich.....April 8
Mel LubisichApril 14
Keeley HernandezApril 17
Ron Radish.....April 18
Betty Papac.....April 21
Marko Zaninovich Sr.April 22
Rosemary CameronApril 30
Thomas Zaninovich..... May 3
Barbara Vulich May 4
Dominique Zaninovich May 5
Marianne Kovacevich May 10
Babe Obradovich May 12

Nick JurkovichMay 13
Brian HixsonMay 16
Debra VasilovichMay 18
Alissa TurnipseedMay 19
Zachary HernandezMay 19
Patty HixsonMay 25
Fran Pavlovich June 1
Eric Zalunardo June 3
Dona Pestorich..... June 23
Matt Pandol June 27
Maryanne Smith June 28
Kenny Kovacevich June 29

If we missed you, please let us know !



In Memoriam **Anna Caric Zaninovich**

March 15, 1923 - March 20, 2022

Anna and her late husband Nick were long-time ASAA members. She will be missed.

Automobile Innovation from Croatia

In the mid-2000's, Mate Rimac had a "garage hobby" at his home in Sveta Nedelja , Croatia — race cars. Not just any race cars, but truly high performance cars. After successfully converting his own and several other BMW 3's into fully electric versions, he started, in 2009, his own company, **Rimac Automobili**, with the goal of building the world's first electric sports car. This was when Rimac was merely 21 years of age. His first original product, the Formula One, was introduced at the 2011 Frankfurt Motor Show and the 2012 Paris Concours d'Elegance to very positive reviews; with a selling price of \$ 980,000, the two-occupant Formula One, with carbon fiber body and all-leather upholstery, went into limited production.



Mate Rimac, Automobile Entrepreneur

Fast acceleration and top speeds were the marks of success, and with the 2017 version's modifications his car boasted top speeds of 200 mph and acceleration times of 0-60 mph in 2.4 seconds, 0-124 mph in 6 seconds, and a range of 205-217 miles before recharge.

Accolades have come from many sources in the automotive world and Rimac Automobili has continued to be a force of growth and innovation in the Electronic Vehicle arena. Leading automobile magazine **Top Gear** has named Croatian Mate Rimac on its list of the world's most influential people shaping electric cars. The CNBC documentary "The Unstoppables" names Rimac as one of the three unstoppable global entrepreneurs from around the world who "create a better and more sustainable future through technology, innovation and long-term value creation." In the words of **Croatia Week** magazine, "Mate Rimac put his vision into action, proved that high-tech products can be created in Croatia and surprised the world with his global competitiveness."

The current model under production (limited to 150, selling for \$2.4 million each) is the Rimac Nevera (at right) which exhibited its acceleration and speed in California at the Famoso track (Kern County) this past summer and was later on display at the Monterey Car Week in August.



At age 33, Mate Rimac has expanded his outlook and now holds the controlling ownership of Bugatti with some added buy-in from Porsche. Additionally, construction is currently underway just outside Zagreb for a new state-of-the-art R&D and production facility, allowing for higher-volume production. Says Mate Rimac, "Croatia will always be our home and to begin laying the foundations of our new long-term base is a huge milestone as we build something that allows us to best reflect our brand, ambitions and be a springboard for growth."

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:

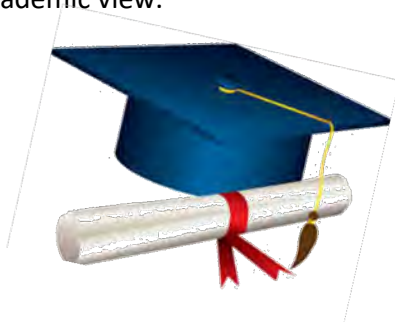
The Tom and Martha Slaven Scholarship Program

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. High school graduating seniors and undergraduate college students may apply; **Previous ASAA Scholarship winners are ineligible.**
- 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:

Marc Hure
13110 Nantucket Place
Bakersfield, California 93314
Ph: (661) 808-6208
marcohure@gmail.com



FILING YOUR APPLICATION:

- A. Please mail completed applications to above address by June 1, 2022.
- 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, and contact information.

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 2022-2023 academic year will be determined at a later date. These funds will be sent to the successful candidates' colleges in July or August.

Happening Around the State . . .

St. Anthony Croatian Festival Picnic

Saturday, June 4, 2022

11:00 a.m.—11:00 p.m.



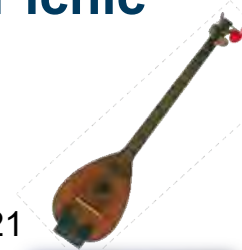
Compton Hunting and Fishing Club
1625 Sportsman Drive, Compton CA 90221

*Featuring: BRAVO Band from Chicago
St. Anthony's Kolo Club, CROATIA
Skalinada Croatian Folklore Ensemble, Sacramento*

Traditional Croatian Food, Music, and Dance

Admission: \$5 per Person, Children under 12 FREE

More info see: <https://www.facebook.com/croatianchurch/events>



CROATIAN EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, June 11, 2022

Croatian American Cultural Center

3730 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95821



*Enjoy delicious Croatian Dishes and Drinks
Dance to the music of Bravo Band from Chicago*



More Information to Follow—See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1463967697338926>



Stjepan Hauser and Luka Šulić

Tickets are still available at these two Venues:

Fri, April 15, Hollywood Bowl • Sat, April 16, Concord Pavilion

Tickets available at <https://2cellos.com/>

**Next
Week!**



S.A.C.O. Summer BBQ and Picnic

July 10, Noon - 4:00 pm

Corralitos Community Center and Padres Hall

33 Browns Valley Road • Corralitos CA
(Just outside Watsonville)

More Info: Call Maryann Schnitter 408-828-5206

Mark your Calendars

SerbFest 2022

St. Peter the Apostle Serbian Orthodox Church, Fresno
Saturday, September 24 ~ 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Delicious Food ~ Music ~ Fun for the Whole Family



ASAA Well-Represented in Watsonville



Lerandeau and son Niko. All three young men will be traveling to Croatia this summer as members of the Student Ambassador team. A total of eight students (4 young men and 4 young ladies) will be participating in the exchange program this summer, so it is a privilege that three of them will be from our Association! Also representing ASAA at this event were David and Donna Bronzan.

The dinner was delicious, and as promised each course was accompanied by specially chosen Croatian wines. As a special treat, the Croatian Consul General from Los Angeles, Renee

Nine All Slavonic members traveled to Watsonville the weekend of February 26 to attend the SACO SAEP dinner at the Sea Breeze Country Club in Aptos. The dinner was a fund-raising event to benefit SACO's Student Ambassador and Exchange program. President Marko Zaninovich and wife Dominique attended with sons Luka and Anton, and were joined by Paul and Toni



*SACO Pres. Linda Pavlovich,
Consul Renee Pia, ASAA Pres.
Marko Zaninovich*

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This 'n' That . . .

Language Lab . . .

Let's count Easter Eggs from zero to 10 in Serbo-Croatian . . .

0 nula	3 tri	6 šest (š = sh)	
1 jedan	4 četiri (č = ch)	7 sedam	9 devet
2 dva	5 pet	8 osam	10 deset

See complete numbers lesson at <https://learn-croatian.com/numbers/>



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Pia, briefly addressed the attendees and then prior to each course introduced each of the wines, providing information of the wines geographical origin and unique properties. Adding to the fun and excitement of the evening were a silent auction, a live auction, and a raffle. Luka, Anton, and Niko were kept busy making sure that everyone had an opportunity to take part in the raffle! It was a wonderful evening supporting a good cause. We look forward to hearing from "our" three Ambassadors at summer's end and learn more about their travels.



All Aboard !

If you have not sent in your dues for 2022, please do so today!

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