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All Slavonic American Association

Summer Festival

Sunday, July 28 ~ 12 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

American Slavonic Social Hall
Rd 148 and County Line Road ~ Delano

Delicious Menu

BBQ Lamb & Chicken
Mostaccioli ~ Sauerkraut
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
Scholarship Raffle
Bocce Tournament

Scholarships Awarded

Fun for the Whole Family

Živjeli !

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

A Centenarian Celebration

Kay Ivancovich Jelacich ~ 100 Years Young

May 21, 2024

ASAA Member Kay Jelacich, together with her family, recently celebrated her 100th birthday. She has graciously shared with us some memories and family history. Happy Birthday, Kay, and Thank you!

My father, **George Ivancovich**, came to America at the age of 10 from the village of Klisheva. He entered thorough Ellis Island with his uncle in 1902. He went on to Watsonville, California to live with his father, John, who had an apple ranch. My mother, **Anna**



Margaretich, immigrated from Dubrovnik at age 15 in 1918. She also came through Ellis Island and continued on to California to live with her aunt in San Francisco.

Anna and George met and soon were married. I was born on May 21, 1924 in Watsonville. I am the oldest of six children. I married **Martin Jelacich** in June of 1946. We moved to Delano to start life together and start our family.

I have two sons: Marty and his wife, Angela, and Kenny and his wife, Linda. I have four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. My hobbies over a lifetime were playing bridge, traveling, gardening, and golf.

People ask what is the secret to a long life? I say be mentally and physically active and enjoy the outdoors, be a strong catholic, don't smoke, and at the end of the day enjoy a glass of wine or a brandy and water.

Ziveli !

Kay Jelacich



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

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	Sofia Zubacz - Aug 25
David Bronzan - July 4	Ken Kovacevich Jr. - Aug 26
Katherine Slaven - July 11	Adair Vasilovich - Aug 31
Katie Schneider - July 11	Andrei Romanenko - Sep
Vera Naden - July 12	Brandon Bronzan - Sep 3
Helena Zubacz - July 17	Stephanie Pandol - Sep 3
Katherine Martin - July 25	Janet Evans - Sep 4
Andrew J. Pandol - July 25	Judy Zaninovich—Sep 6
Marie Zaninovich - Aug 1	Donna Bronzan - Sep 7
Marnell Pandol - Aug 8	Katy Zaninovich - Sep 13
Mike Jerkovich - Aug 9	Rodney Ashley - Sep 16
Kate Ritchie - Aug 12	Donna Smith - Sep 19
Del Evans - Aug 13	Johnny Zaninovich - Sep 19
Jeff Bronzan - Aug 14	Lucy Pandol - Sep 22
Mark Pandol - Aug 20	Cheryl Jerkovich - Sep 23



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



to our newest members . . .

Anthony Tartaglia Sr. Earlimart
Brent Naden Sanger
John and Susan Wisniewski-Matsuoka Fresno

Congratulations Class of '24



Congratulations are extended to our 2024 College Graduates . . . former ASAA Scholarship recipients . . .

Emilie Hernandez graduated from **Northwest Nazarene University**, Nampa, Idaho with a BA in Kinesiology, Recreation and Sports Management. While at NNU she competed on and was a team captain of the softball team (first base and DH). She currently serves as an assistant coach for the Idaho DirtDogs softball team, and in August will begin pursuit of a Masters' degree at NNU (Teaching English and Physical Education). Emilie is the daughter of member Stacy Hernandez and granddaughter of Mike and Donna Smith.

Aaron Pavlovich has graduated Summa Cum Laude, and with multiple Dean's List honors, from the **University of Arizona** with a BS in Business Administration (double major in Finance and Accounting). With internship experience under his belt, both in California and Arizona, he will soon move to Austin, Texas to take a position at a major accounting firm and pursue CPA certification, but not before taking a summer trip with his sister, Nicole, to Croatia where they will visit Split, Hvar, and Dubrovnik. Aaron is the son of Michael and Lisa Pavlovich, and grandson of members Nick and Fran Pavlovich.

Jenna Pavlovich graduated from the **University of California, Santa Barbara** with a BA in Communications and a BS in Sociology as well as a minor in Japanese. She spent one year in a study-abroad program in Spain; she now has a position with a BioTech firm that encourages employees to work remotely, so more time spent overseas may be in her future. Jenna is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Pavlovich, and granddaughter of members Nick and Fran Pavlovich.

Anna Phippen graduated from **Western Washington University** with a BA in Environmental Studies and a Certificate in Climate Leadership. She will work in the field of environmental education for the next year, and after that take a year to travel; she plans to spend a portion of her travel time in Croatia to learn the language and connect with her heritage. Anna is the daughter of Helene Obradovich and Ed Phippen, and granddaughter of late members Babe and Sonja Obradovich.

Alyssa Tartaglia graduated with Dean's List honors and a BA in Economics from the **University of California, Santa Barbara** where she was also a member of the Italian Club and Financial Director of her sorority. This past week she headed to Washington D.C. to fill a summer intern position in the office of Representative David Valadao. Alyssa is the daughter of members Anthony and Ann Tartaglia, and the granddaughter of late members Kenny and MaryAnn Kovacevich.

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Ryan Pavlovich, having previously received his BS (Biological Sciences) from UCSB, has continued his studies and graduated this spring from the **University of California, San Diego**, with a MPH in Public Health. With his MCAT exams completed, he is now beginning the several-months-long process of applying to Medical School; Ryan hopes to continue his studies here on the West Coast at UC Davis, UC San Diego, or UCLA. Ryan is the son of Mark and Jennifer Pavlovich, and grandson of members Nick and Fran Pavlovich.

Best Wishes to All

1904 Project ... Founding Fathers



Ivan John Kovacević

Visko Kovacević

Anton Kovacević

*Sambuck Brothers
Which one is Jerry ?*

These three Kovacević brothers and one of the Sambuck brothers, Jerry, were among the founding members of our organization, known then, in 1904, as the “Sveslavensko - Američkog Dobrotvornog Društva” (All-Slavic-American Charitable Society).

We are continuing on our effort to uncover as much information as we can regarding the early days (1904—1954) of our Association and life among the Slavic community in the early half of the 20th century. (We will be investigating the latter half of the century as well at a later date.)

Please contact us if you have any photographs, records, or information to share, or if you would like to help in this project. allslavonic@gmail.com

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 Home the 2024 Student Ambassador and Exchange Students

Sunday, July 14, 2024
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
Prize Drawing

\$35 Adults, \$10 Children under 12
RSVP by July 8th

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

73rd Annual



St. Anthony Croatian Festival and Picnic

Saturday, September 21, 2024 at 11 AM

Compton Hunting & Fishing Club
1625 Sportsman Dr., Compton

- Delicious BBQ'd Lamb, Cevapcici and other Croatian Delicacies
- Beautiful Private Park Setting
- Cultural Program by St Anthony Kolo Esemble
- Music by PONOSNI HRVATI of Canada

More Information: <https://www.facebook.com/croatianchurch/>



In Memoriam

NICK P. BOZANICH JR.

August 29, 1930 – April 24, 2024



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... not to miss !



SerbFest 2024

Saturday, September 21, 2024

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



Cultural Heritage Experience

Tour the beautiful Byzantine styled Church



Entertainment

Silent Auction • Live Serbian Music and Dancing

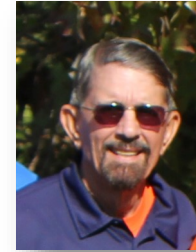


Croatia Fest

October 6 ~ Seattle Armory
Seattle, WA

Honoring and celebrating the Croatian Culture and Influence in
the Pacific Northwest ~ FREE and Open to the Public

More Information: <https://www.croatiafest.org/>



Congratulations to David Bronzan, our Treasurer, on his recent induction into the College of Sequoias Hall of Fame. Retired six years ago after a 32-year career as COS Cross Country and Track Coach, David was named five times as California JC Coach of the Year, but he counts his HOF honor as his most treasured. A former Giant himself, David has long been a supporter of the college and its athletic and academic programs. "Once a Giant, always a Giant"

ASAA members Craig and Carol Bronzan, son Ross and daughter Caitlin, received their Croatian citizenship and were sworn in at the recent 40th Annual Croatian Extravaganza in Sacramento, June 8, along with 32 other Northern California residents. The process of collecting all of the information that proves a direct line of descent to Croatia is not easy. All documents need to be certified by the respective County Clerk and then the State of California, including an FBI background check certified by the Department of State, copies of birth certificates from relatives in Croatia, and finally, all translated into Croatian. The process takes between one and two years. (For this family, 14 months ... but younger daughter Libbie is still waiting.) Being granted Croatian citizenship allows you to apply for a Croatian passport that can take another 3 to 8 months to receive, which allows you to travel and/or live anywhere in the European Union.



Got News? Have you welcomed a new grandchild? Celebrated an Anniversary? Landed a role in the upcoming community production? Maybe you've shot a hole in one (or close) or finally hooked the "big one" at the lake. Tell us about it! 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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