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CroatiaFest Newsletter

*A Celebration of Croatian
Culture and Folkways*

CroatiaFest

**October 7, 2006
Saturday Evening
Dance Party!**

**October 8, 2006
12noon - 7pm
at
Seattle Center**

CroatiaFest - October 7 & 8, 2006

Dear Friends of CroatiaFest,

As we get plans underway for CroatiaFest 2006, we can all look with pride on CroatiaFest 2004 & 2005.

This third year brings new artists and activities. We have added a Saturday evening dance where we can have some good ol' fun with friends and family!

It is important we continually explore new ways to showcase our culture for ourselves and for the community at large and that we continue to educate and entertain.

The CroatiaFest committee consists of few dedicated individuals who volunteer

their time and energy to share the Croatian culture and show pride in their country of origin.

Please contact the CroatiaFest Committee if you can volunteer or share your talents in any way!

Visit the official CroatiaFest website soon! We are excited to have a new "look"! An addition will be Business and Community Organization links! As CroatiaFest draws near we will post the CroatiaFest schedule, including stage performances, films & lectures. Go to: www.croatiafest.org.

Very truly yours,

Alma Plancich, CroatiaFest Coordinator

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Letter from the Honorary Consul of Croatia

Dear Fellow Croatian Americans and Friends of Croatia,

CroatiaFest 2006 promises to be even better than the 2005 and 2004. Your fellow Croatian Americans of the Committee for CroatiaFest have been meeting and planning for that reality.

Recently, I have been to events staged by Croatian Americans in Chicago and San Francisco. Many of the people with whom I talked had heard about CroatiaFest in Seattle. And they wanted to hear more about it. My answer was: "CroatiaFest is an occasion that has brought all segments of our Community together and it is an



*Croatian Independence Day Dinner 2005
Left to right: Nancy Freeman, Marjan Gubić -
Deputy Chief of Mission for the Croatian
Embassy, Washington D.C., Alma Plancich,
Suzanne Gubić & Carmen Tarabochia
More photos on page 9.*

occasion to let the rest of the world knows that Croatia exists and that it is a country that must be seen."

In addition to that, CroatiaFest is an opportunity for us to get together and to take pleasure in seeing

our history, our community and our homeland on display.

Also the Croatian Independence Day Dinner will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 1st in the sumptuous setting of the newly completed Emerald Queen Casino located just off of I-5 north of Tacoma. It is the one time when we can be

together in a venue where we can host representatives from local, state and federal governments and the international diplomatic corps. It will be a day of camaraderie and fine Croatian cuisine prepared under the supervision of Croatian American

John Vukus, head of food services at the casino.

I urge you to support and attend CroatiaFest and the Croatian Independence Day Dinner. With your help and attendance, our aspirations for again honoring our heritage and homeland will be realized. I urge you also to support all Croatian Americans, Croatian American organizations and their causes. Croatia now exists and we can be proud of that and of who we are.

Sincerely,

Frank Brozovich, DDS
Honorary Consul, Republic of Croatia

Roslyn's Croatian Community Keeps Ties to Homeland

- by *Adriana Janovich, Yakima Herald-Republic*

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Roslyn — The three Croatian cemeteries covering this town's hillsides are cared for. There's no need to pull aside a tangle of vines or branches to see the gravestones adorned with cherubs, recumbent lambs and hand-painted porcelain portraits.

Flowers in terra cotta pots and glass jars — signs that people come here to mourn and remember, pray and pay respects — decorate plots. Newer graves are marked by polished granite with distinct engraving; older ones are made of gray stone, topped with crosses and etched with faded lettering.

Whether set in the clearings among the pines this year or more than 100 years ago, the rocks bear surnames that mostly end in a combination of letters creating the "-ich" sound.

Katalinich. Starceovich. Starkovich. Osmonovich. Vlahovich. Marotich. Kauzlarich. Drazich. Barich.

The early ones came from Hrvatska, the Croatian word for Croatia. Most

made their way from the northwestern mountain villages of Delnice, Fuzine and Mrkopalj.

They came on ships in search of opportunity and a better life, settling in this coal-mining town in the Cascades around the turn of the 20th century. They mined, formed lodges to provide accident and death benefits, and filled nearly three of the two dozen segregated, ethnic and fraternal cemeteries blanketing Roslyn's hills.

A century later, these immigrants — and many of their children — are names on cemetery stones, portraits in porcelain or images in black-and-white photographs at Roslyn Museum. Their children, the ones who are left, are great-grandparents. Their grandchildren are grandparents.

Some descendants still populate this place. And many of the traditions, superstitions, customs, costumes, recipes and language brought by their ancestors from the old country survive, diffused through the generations.

On the third Sunday of July, "the kids all come back," says Gerri Ash, 67, of Roslyn.

Don't let her name fool you. She's 100 percent Croatian, part of the Katalinich clan. Her parents, George and Anna Katalinich, are buried in Roslyn's Dr. David Starceovich Croatian Cemetery No. One, along with Anna Katalinich's parents, Joseph and Marija Starkovich.

To Ash, being Croatian is "the food, the language, the singing."

That's what today's Croatian Picnic is all about. Croatians from across the state gather in Roslyn to celebrate their heritage. There'll be kielbasa and beer, an accordion band to play polkas and a bottle of "sljivovica," or slivovitz, plum brandy, for the oldest man who attends. The oldest woman who attends receives a bouquet.

Ash helps to organize the event, started by four Croatian couples around 1980. She expects 400 to 500 to attend.

"When the old-timers get together, they all sing," says Fran Divelbiss, 64, of Roslyn. "We'll sit and sing, and it brings a tear to your eye. You never forget those old songs. They come right back to you."

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Event Coordinators: Alma Franulović Plancich & Maria Plancich Kesovija

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*CroatiaFest is produced by the local Croatian American Community and is part of Seattle Center's **Festál**, a year-long series of world cultural events presented by **The Seattle Times** that honors the richness and diversity of our region.*

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for CroatiaFest 2006!**

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CroatiaFest 2006 Highlights

Mate & Petra Perform at CroatiaFest 2006!!!

Mate and Petra are coming to CroatiaFest! They will perform **Saturday, October 7**, and **Sunday, October 8**, at the 3rd Annual CroatiaFest, at Seattle. Center.

There has been terrific response to CroatiaFest and requests to make it bigger! So, this year we are adding a **Saturday evening dance party, October 7**, where out-of-towners and local Croatian-Americans, Croatian-Canadians and our American friends can enjoy friends, mu-

sic, dancing, food, laughter and Croatian beer and wine! Mate Carich and Petra Pozgaj are the headliners for Saturday evening!

From Los Angeles, this Croatian ensemble is well-known throughout not only California from Sacramento's Extravaganzas, South Bay Croatian Scholarship Fund events, and festivals all over Southern California, but across the U.S. and Canada. With a large and loyal fan base, Petra's rich, amazing voice and crowd-pleasing

delivery accompanied by Mate's vocal harmonies and instrumentals never fail to please. Their songbook includes literally hundreds of selections from Dalmatia, all other regions of Croatia, Slovenia, and beyond, both traditional old time favorites and the latest hits from Croatia. And they can do popular American numbers as well.

Don't miss dancing to music by Mate and Petra, October 7 & 8! Look for more information soon!

Artwork by Croatian Artist Miho Šimunović

*Primošten-Adriatic,
by Miho Šimunović*

Miho Šimunović is an internationally acclaimed watercolor artist with a BA from the Graphic Institute of Zagreb and Zagreb Academy of Art Education. Mr. Šimunović has exhibited extensively, both in Europe and in the United States. His remarkable career spans over forty-five years during which he has created watercolors in his unique style.

Through light and shadows he captures the silent beauty of the Adriatic coastline and harbors. While his Adriatic and California seascapes effectively capture the quiet, pensive mood of the coast, Mr.

Šimunović's landscapes are as varied as the countryside itself.

Mr. Šimunović has spent a lifetime learning to master the whims and complexity of watercolor painting. Adriatic islands and towns, from vivid childhood memories of vistas, as well as the California scenery are great inspirations to him today.

Artwork by Miho Šimunović will be displayed in the Harrison St. Gallery, prior to and during CroatiaFest. You may view his artwork and purchase at CroatiaFest!



Visit: www.simic.com to view and order artwork by Miho Šimunović.

Genealogist Comes To CroatiaFest

By Bob and Peggy Gunovick

Have you ever wished you knew more about your Croatian ancestors? Your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents and beyond? Have you ever wondered how you can get more information about your Croatian family history so you can document this and pass it on to your children? Well, come to CroatiaFest October 8, 2006, and we will show you exactly how to do this with genealogist Barbara Starkey, our featured speaker this year.

Barbara was born in Seattle, the daughter of Madeline and John Budinich. Her grandparents, August and Jennie Budinich from the Island of Veli Losij, Croatia, lived in Georgetown and Barbara grew up on Beacon Hill. She graduated from the Univer-

sity of Washington with a B.A. in American History, from Evergreen State College with a degree in Secondary Science Education, and from City University with a M.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction. She taught science for 16 years in the public school system and now resides in Utah..

Barbara has been an active and enthusiastic genealogist for over 30 years. She has done Croatian research on her father's line and Polish research on her mother's line. She has been a presenter for FEEFHS (Federation of Eastern European Family History Societies); the Jewish Historical Society; the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and at Brigham Young University. In addition, she compiled and published an index of vital records and censuses for Veli Losij. This work was published under the title of "Stepping

Back." She has taught many other genealogists on such topics as the National Archives, How to find Your Eastern European Ancestors, Emigration and Naturalization, How to Use Excel to Create Databases, and How to Find and Document Sources.

Barbara will present two lectures at CroatiaFest this year with a Power-Point presentation and handouts in the conference room on the upper floor of the Center House, and will also have a table on the main floor to answer your questions about your family search. We feel very fortunate to have this expert as our featured speaker, and also the fact that she is a "local" girl is especially exciting to all of us. We are all looking forward to learning more about how to "find our Croatian roots" from Barbara! Come and join us at CroatiaFest!

Unique Croatian Culture Makes Its Way to the Northwest

By Duane Clark & Nikki Lovric

The **Anacortes Sister Cities Association (ASCA)** is an organization in Washington State that is devoted to fostering international understanding. ASCA's motto is "Joining Hands Around the World To Promote Peace, Friendship And Global Prosperity." To achieve this goal, ASCA organizes and sponsors international student, adult and cultural exchanges. ASCA has very active Sister Cities relationships with four cities - Lomonosov, Russia; Kisakata, Japan; Sidney BC, Canada; and Vela Luka, Croatia.

The Anacortes Sister Cities Association has made arrangements to bring a very unique group of performers to Anacortes from Vela Luka, Croatia, located on the west end of the island of Korcula on the southern coast of Croatia. They are a very talented, energetic, well rehearsed group of young men who perform very traditional dance routines. The **Kumpanija Sword Dancers** regularly perform, at times in connection with a group of well-known singers who are also from Vela Luka, known as Klapa Vela Luka.

In late September, and October, 2006, **Kumpanija** and **Klapa Vela Luka**, along with local Croatian music groups will perform in several locations in the Puget Sound area. There will be several paid performances: **Anacortes Brodriak Hall** Saturday, September 30th at 7:00 pm; **Everett Performing Arts Center** Sunday, October 1st at 2:00 pm; **Seattle Town Hall** Saturday, October 14th at 7:00 pm; **Bellingham Mount Baker Theatre** Sunday, October 15th at 2:00 pm. In addition **Kumpanija** and **Klapa Vela Luka** will give a short performance at the annual **CroatiaFest** at Seattle Center, October 8. They will also perform at several venues designed to provide a unique cultural experience to elementary, middle school and high school students.

ASCA, a 501(c)(3) organization, is organizing and fund-raising for this special event. The cost to bring 30 folks from Vela Luka to the US, pro-

vide lodging, transportation, and cover promotional costs is quite significant. Funds will come from a number of sources including grants, private gifts, and fund-raising events. The Croatian visitors will be in the US for 2 and ½ weeks.



*Kumpanija performing in Dubrovnik, 2003.
Photo by Nikki Lovric*

More information is available online. The ASCA website is www.anacortessistercities.com, and the website for this unique experience is www.kumpanija.org. The website provides information regarding Kumpanija's schedule and purchasing tickets, along with interesting information regarding Kumpanija & sponsorship information.

Anacortes-Vela Luka Sister City Committee, plays host to guest Croatian chef, **John Sarich** at the Depot Arts Center, **June 3rd**, 2pm.

Sarich, Culinary Director at Chateau St. Michelle, will present a 90 minute demonstration of Croatian culinary delights including Cevapcici, Hobotnica (octopus salad) and more from favorite Croatian recipes. ASCA and Sarich invite you to experience and enjoy the food of Croatia along with wine tasting featuring the wines of the exquisite Chateau St. Michelle. For more information about John Sarich please view www.ste-michelle.com. Reservations are encouraged, call: 360-293-8530; lovric@comcast.net. Tickets are \$45 per person. All proceeds are applied to the Vela Luka committee's fundraiser to bring Kumpanija Sword Dancers and Klapa Vela Luka from Croatia this fall.

Student Cultural Exchange

By Nikki Lovric, Vela Luka Sister City Committee Chair

Anacortes Sister Cities Association is proud to sponsor two student trips this summer. In June we will host five students from Vela Luka, Croatia. **Jan Nypl, Ante Borovina, Ivana Ljubic, Ivana Gugic & Nina Andreis**. They will arrive on June 22nd & stay until July 9th. ASCA will have many programs set for them including; a welcome party, 4th of July parade, visits to local historical sites, shopping, etc. The students from Vela Luka will be hosted by Anacortes High school student families.

This year we are very proud to say that we have reached our goal & will be sending four high school students to Vela Luka for three weeks. **Brianna Bikker, Stephen Hudak, Sonja Kassa, & Krys Lijek**. To qualify for this exchange the students had to handwrite a 10 page application, be in good standing at Anacortes high school & be prepared to fundraise for the cost of their tickets and other expenses!



Ante Žuvela, Kumpanija member & 2004 Anacortes-Vela Luka exchange student.

The students started fund-raising by selling Croatian Chocolates & Croatian ornaments from www.croatiagifts.com. We even had to purchase more from Balkan Market in Lynnwood (Thank you Dubravka)!

We recently had a good old American Car wash, and our next fundraiser was **SPRING ZABAVA** - A Croatian party, dinner & silent auction, with special guests: Dobri Dečki from Vancouver BC. With all of the fundraisers we have done in the past 5 months we made over \$7000! We now have enough to purchase their tickets & make sure that most of their expenses are paid for!

Chicago Sinovi to Spark CFU Picnic - August 13

By Richard Major

Pacific Northwesterners mark you calendars! The 89th annual picnic of "Sinovi Hrvatske Domovine" CFU Lodge 439 will be held Sunday, August 13 at Royal Arch Park in Maple Valley, 8 miles southeast of Renton on the Maple Valley Highway, otherwise known as State Route 169.

We are delighted to announce that the ever-popular Sinovi Tamburitzaans from Chicago will entertain us with Croatian tunes, both traditional and modern. The Sinovi troupe, which last appeared here in 1993, performs regularly at the CFU's Tamfests and at the Tamburitza Extravaganzas. It is a real treat to have them again.

As usual, traditional Croatian cuisine items and pas-

tries will be for sale at the main cook shack and barbecued lamb and pork will be sold at cook shack #2. Although we have never prevented anyone from bringing their own picnic embellishments, it cer-

tainly would help sustain these wonderful annual events if folks would buy the lodge's plate dinners, barbecued meats and beverages. Thank you in advance!

We are also delighted that this year's picnic will again be free of any conflicts with the Seattle Seafair event. In other words, there will be no traffic congestion caused by people positioning to view the Seafair hydroplane race, the Navy's dazzling Blue Angels, etc. No excuses this year! So organize your group early and plan to be with us on Sunday, August 13 at Royal Arch Park. Gates open at 11 a.m., the kitchen opens around noon and the first barbecued lamb and pork are usually ready around 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$6, but only \$3 for children 6-12. Kids 5 and under are free. For information call: 206-282-1424.



Sinovi from Chicago performed at San Francisco's 6th Ever TamFest, February 2006. Photo by Maria Kesovija

Seattle Junior Tamburitzaans

Seattle Junior Tamburitzaans present Kavana 2006—Celebrating 36 years! Kavana 2006 will be held **June 3, 2006**, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School, 140 S. 140th St., Burien. The Tammies will present new choreographies featuring Ogulin and Delnice. Doors open at 4pm; dinner at 5:30pm; SJT performance at 7:00pm; and dance to music by our very own SINOVI.

Please come and wish the kids luck at the up-coming festival in Anaheim! Stop by the gift booth for Croatian and Bosnian pastries, stock up on Vegeta, teas and kiki! Find something you can't live with-

out at the silent auction, sing a few old songs and dance a few kolos and polkas! We hop to see you there. Tickets information: \$25 for adults (age 15 and over); FREE for kids (under 15). For more information please call Trish Joyce: 253-265-8526; or Toni Stipetic: 253-813-8477.

See SJT perform: **May 29, 4:35pm, Northwest Folklife Festival, Bagley Wright Theatre; Kavana, June 3, Kennedy High School; July 8, CFU Junior Cultural Federation Festival, Anaheim, California; October 8, CroatiaFest, Seattle Center.**



Photo by Jal Schrof, 2004



JULY 2006

Seattle Center's Festál at downtown Macy's!

Twelve downtown Macy's display windows will feature student interpretations of Seattle Center Festál events as part of Macy's annual **Windows on Diversity Program**.
2006 Theme: **World Folk Tales**

Artwork created by **Coyote Central**, an innovative arts and academic program for youth ages 10 - 15. **To learn more about Seattle Center's Festál program visit: www.seattlecenter.com**

Artwork left: by **Cvijeta Job**, from **Šuma Striborova** (Stribor's Forest), by **Ivana Brlić Mažuranić**

CroatiaFest

Seattle Center - October 2, 2005



*Žive Žice Orchestra member
Pauli Borojevich*



*Kristin & Nick
Tarabochia model
costume of Susak*

THE HONORARY CONSUL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,
ETHNIC HERITAGE COUNCIL & THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY
PRESENT

CroatiaFest 2005

Sunday, October 2nd

*CroatiaFest is an opportunity to bring together the Croatian community, create new friendships,
and share our culture and traditions with the community at large.*

CroatiaFest Activities
Center House Stage, 12 noon-9:00 pm

- 12:00 Dignitary Welcome: Honorary Consul of Croatia Dr. Frank Brozovich, Croatian Ambassador Neven Jurica, Washington State Speaker of the House Frank Chopp
- 12:20 Tamburaski Orkestar Kardinal Stepinac
- 12:55 Radost Folk Ensemble
- 1:20 Seattle Junior Tamburitizans
- 1:55 Dave & The Dalmatians
- 2:20 Hrvatski Vitezovi
- 2:55 Jele Croatian Women's Choir
- 3:20 Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble
- 4:00 Žive Žice
- 4:20-5:20 Presentation of Croatian Costumes
- 6:00-9:00 Dance Party
- 6:00 Ruze Dalmatinke Orchestra
- 6:35 Dobri Dečki Tamburica Orchestra
- 7:10 Lindjo Seminar with Nick Petrish III
- 8:00 Pasko & Damir
- 8:30 Sinovi

Program subject to change.



*Pizza Haven served
"Marko Polo Pizza"
at CroatiaFest! **



*"Slavonija Girl"
Painting by Gloria Barello **

*Artwork by local Croatian
Americans & Friends of Croatia,
September 26-October 19, 2005,
Harrison Street Gallery,
Seattle Center House*

*Historian Adam Eterović,
from San Francisco, CA,
gave lectures and was
available for questions*



Historical Displays in Seattle Center House



"Dalmatian Kitchen" in the CroatiaFest Marketplace

CroatiaFest

Seattle Center - October 2, 2005



Photos by Jal Schrof
To view more photos visit:
www.pbase.com/jal/croatiafest_2005

* photos by M. Kesovija

Photo left: Pasko, Damir & Dečki

Photo below: Sinovi *



Photo above: Ruže Dalmatinke Orchestra

Photo right: Nick Petrish III teaches & plays for
lindo seminar



Photo above: CF attendees enjoying the music!

Photo right: Dobri Dečki Tamburica Orchestra



The Roslyn – Ronald – Cle-Elum Heritage Club

– by Marcy (Minerich) Bogachus

A couple of friends, originally from Roslyn & Ronald, decided to meet for coffee. This was in 1989 in Kent, WA. Next time they met, more friends joined them. Pretty soon they were meeting regularly, calling themselves the Roslyn-Ronald Breakfast Club.

In 1994, it became the Roslyn-Ronald Heritage Club. The club wanted to do something to honor our coal miners so a plan was made to sell granite tiles with personal inscriptions and raise enough money to commission a 6'2" bronze statue of a coal miner. Michael Maiden of Oregon started the job without any money down, as he had faith in the club.

In 1996, the memorial wall was erected by the members and the statue dedicated (The club also donates to organizations and worthy causes.)

In 1998, the Coal Miners Festival was started (now promoted by the City of Roslyn). It was during this time that Cle Elum was added to the club's name. The RRD Heritage Club held their coal miners ceremony to honor our miners and crown a "King Coal" a man who put many years in the mines. Every year since then, on Sunday of Labor Day weekend, the ceremony is held, and a new King Coal is crowned. In 1999, our first King was John Ferro, 2000 Joe Ozbalt, 2001 Frank Cernich II, 2002 Tony Minerich, 2003 Bob Ruhich, 2004 Fred Dullahant

and 2005 Joe Melas. The newly crowned King gets to lead the parade following the ceremony.

In 2003, there were so many local people wanting to join the club that an east-side chapter was started. This made it easier to maintain the memorial. Due to extreme weather conditions, the tiles began falling off the memorial wall. Money was raised for the repair, only to fall off again the following year. It was during this time that the secretary-treasurer came up with the idea of publishing a book – to raise money and to preserve our history. The stories were written by the members telling how their families settled in our area. It tells why and how they left Europe, the hardships, happy and sad times and the precious memories of growing up in our small towns. "If these stories weren't written down now, they would all be forgotten."

The book was titled "From Old Country to Coal Country" and debuted in September 2005. To date, more than 600 books have been sold – all over the United States, most with connections to our towns. Anyone interested in purchasing a book may send a check for \$17.50 + \$3.00 postage to:

RRC Heritage Club
Marcy Bogachus
2680 Nelson Siding Rd.
Cle Elum, WA 98922

All monies go to the maintenance fund.

Anyone interested in joining the

club, the west-side chapter meets every 3rd Thursday at the Golden Steer in Kent at 10:00am. The East-side chapter meets every other month – February, April, June (Potluck picnic), August, October & December (Christmas party), usually the 1st Thursday of that month. Letters of notification are sent to members as the meetings are in a different place each time.

Last year, 2005, our meetings were held in different historical places. A talk was given on each establishment – from the Old #3 Tavern in Ronald, to Roslyn's Brick Tavern, the Pioneer Restaurant, which was the old Pioneer Grocery and the Pastime Tavern, which was the old Owens Meat Market in 1936. Tours were taken at the Old Roslyn City Hall and jail and the Roslyn Museum.

In October 2005, the members chartered a bus to CroatiaFest. Comments were, "we have to go next year too." It was thoroughly enjoyed.

Present west-side officers: President: Frank Jovanovich; Vice President: Ellen (Karich) Snyder; Treasurer: Frank Elenich; Secretary: MaryAnn "Cookie" Stimich.

Present east-side officers: President: Jim Barich; Vice President: Rick Henderson (Mother is an Osmonovich); Secretary/Treasurer: Marcy Minerich Bogachus.

(Did you ever see so many "ich's" in one place! We really do have about 20 different nationalities in our club.)

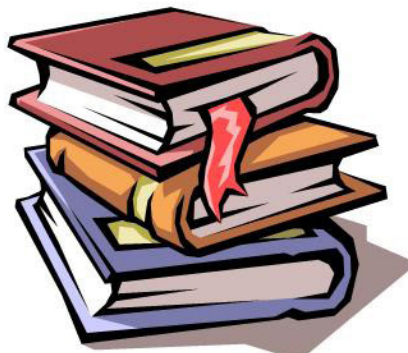
Books! Books? We Want Your Books! You May Want Ours!

To make CroatiaFest evermore reflective of our beautiful and diverse Croatian cultural heritage, the CroatiaFest committee has added "CroatiaFest Book Fair" to the upcoming 2006 CroatiaFest!

Although we are well under way with our collections, having on hand volumes in both languages ranging from 1895 to 2006, we do need your help to round out our stock.

We ask you, therefore, to consider donating any extra volumes, even those old musty treasures you inherited from great grandma and don't know what to do with.

Don't let these books languish from lack of attention and eventually end up in the trash. **DONATE THEM TO CROATIAFEST 2006! SOMEONE WILL LOVE AND APPRECIATE THEM!** (Profits will help fund future CroatiaFests). To donate, call: 206-282-1424.



Gig Harbor Blessing of the Fleet Celebration - June 4

Sunday, **June 4**, come to Gig Harbor for the **Blessing of the Fleet Celebration and Taste of Gig Harbor**. Events held at: Jerisich Park & Dock and Skansie Brothers Park. There's plenty to do! Food and Celebration!

Schedule of Events: **SATURDAY, June 3: Wooden Boat Festival** at Jerisich Dock, 10am-6pm. **SUNDAY, June 4: Wooden Boat Festival** at Jerisich Dock, 10am-12:30pm; **Gig Harbor Dinghy Races; Taste of Gig Harbor**, featuring local restaurants—**ALL DAY**; **Ecumenical Memorial Service - Fishermen's Memorial Statue**, 11am; **performance by VELA LUKA Croatian Dance Ensemble & Ruže Dalmatinke Orchestra**, 12 noon; **Blessing of the Fleet Procession from St. Nicholas to Jersich Dock**, 1pm; **performance by Carrowmore Celtic**, 2:30pm; **performance by Gig Harbor Peninsula Symphony Orchestra**, 3:30pm.

The Knights of Columbus want to make this a Spiritual Day for the Gig Harbor Community. They request all visitors attending to wear the color "RED" as this is "Pentecost Sunday". Event Coordinator: Paris Kaphahn, 253-851-6138; salon-paris@narrows.com. Thank You and God Bless You. John L. Oldham, Chair, 253-225-1866.

"2006 Blessing of the Fleet" needs sponsors! They are not a part of the Maritime Festival and do not receive funds from the Gig Harbor



*Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble to perform at "Blessing of the Fleet," Sunday, June 4, Gig Harbor
Photo by Marius Hibbard. Vela Luka in Dubrovnik, 2000.*

Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble performances include: **May 27, 1:25pm, Northwest Folklife Festival, Mural Stage, Seattle Center; May 28, Juan de Fuca Festival, Port Angeles; June 4, Gig Harbor Blessing of the Fleet Celebration.**

Support Vela Luka this summer during the **Anacortes Arts Festival, August 4-6!** Follow the scrumptious aroma of čevapčići and kobasica on the grill... and look for the VELA LUKA DANCERS sign. You are promised a fantastic meal!

For more information visit: www.velaluka.org; call: 206-443-1410; 360-293-3663.

Croatian Independence Day Dinner October 15, 2005



Seattle Junior Tamburitza



*Photo above, left to right:
U.S. Congressman Jim McDermott
and Honorary Croatian Consul
Dr. Frank Brozovich*



U.S. Congressman Dave Reichert

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Nick Henderson, 46, of Roslyn likes to go to the picnic because "you run into folks you knew, or who knew your parents."

Henderson is half-Croatian, part of the Osmonovich clan. His cousin, Ivan Osmonovich, owner of Cle Elum Bakery, is baking bread for the picnic. His grandparents, Nikola and Mara Osmonovich, are buried in Starceovich No. One, along with an aunt, Milka Osmanovich, and an uncle, Richard Osmonovich, who both died as infants.

These days, Henderson remembers several phrases and words of his mother tongue.

"When you don't speak it, you forget it," he says.

But as a child, he had to see a speech therapist to learn to stop rolling his exaggerated Croatian "R's."

"They put a Cheerio on the tip of my tongue," he says.

Henderson serves as chairman of the Roslyn Cemetery Commission, which oversees the city's graveyards, including two other Croatian cemeteries, Saint Barbara and Dr. David Starceovich No. Two.

He's never been to the old country. But he's proud of his heritage.

"It's good to know you came from people who had backbone," he says. "Those people had guts."

Joe Lowatchie Jr., 54, of Roslyn agrees.

His grandparents, Veronika and Steve Vlahovich, came here from Croatia. They're buried in Starkovich No. Two, where Lowatchie will "most likely" also be buried.

"You have to admire strong-willed types and their work ethic and propensity for fun," he says. "They worked hard and they played hard."

They grew up in families full of relatives named Marija, Vinko, Ivan and Anton, and in homes exhibiting the Croatian coat of arms, and usually, at least one crucifix. They grew up speaking Croatian at home, rolling their R's at school, roasting lamb on a spit in the yard and going to impromptu parties on Sunday afternoons after Mass.

"Someone would bring the accordion out," Henderson says. "It wasn't planned. It just happened."

Mary Plesha Favero, 83, of Ronald remembers.

"We had big parties," she says. "We always had lamb. We talked Croatian all the time. We sang all the Croatian songs."

They taught their children that families stick together, often sending money and clothing to relatives in the old country. They talked loudly and laughed loudly, were slightly superstitious and oh, man, did they ever make you eat: cabbage rolls, pigs-in-a-blanket, walnut rolls called "povitica."

To drink, on holidays and special occasions, there's slivovitz.

"That's white lightening," Divelbiss says. "It just burns going down."

Divelbiss — half Croatian, half Italian — speaks fluent Croatian, and has visited the old country several times, including Delnice, the town from which her ancestors hailed.

"I got off the train, and I said, 'This is just like Roslyn.' I can understand why they migrated here. That and, of course, the mines were here."

The discovery of coal near Roslyn in 1895 brought an influx of immigrants from around the world. "Black gold" fed babies and built businesses. But it had its downside, too. "Black lung" sent many miners to early graves upon Roslyn's hillsides. Mine collapses, explosions and accidents made wives into widows and left children fatherless.

In 1900, more than 5,500 people lived in Roslyn, then Kittitas County's largest city. Some 60 years later, the coal industry petered out. Now, mines are sealed, and the city is about a fifth of its former size.

"When the mines closed, a lot of people moved to Renton and Seattle," says Divelbiss, who was born in a Roslyn boarding house, run by her grandparents, Josip and Frances Marotich, on Washington Avenue.

In the old days, "there were Croats (living in homes) all the way up the hill," Divelbiss says.

Now, the Marotiches are buried in Starceovich No. Two. And Divelbiss' mother, Kate Glondo, 92, is one of Roslyn's last Croatian old-timers.

Her 53-year-old son, Charles Glondo, Divelbiss' brother, owns Glondo's Sausage & Italian Market in Cle Elum. He's supplying 25 pounds of sausage for today's picnic, along with another 25 pounds from Roslyn's Carek's Meat Market, owned by Dianna Carek. Her grandfather was a Kauzlarich.

So was Kathryn "Pinky" Brassington's. The 68-year-old Brassington traced her roots to Fuzine, similar to Roslyn with its forested mountains and nearby lake. Roslyn Museum contains a copy of the Kauzlarich family history — compiled by Brassington in the 1980s — along with a poster-size photograph of her grandfather, William Kauzlarich, at The Corner Saloon, an old Roslyn bar which he owned in the early 1900s.

William Kauzlarich arrived in Roslyn 1898 to work in the coal mines. Two years later, he sent for and married his village sweetheart, Helena Kovacevich. They had six children. The second oldest was Anna, Kathryn's mother.

Also in 1900, William Kauzlarich's brother, Franjo "Frank" Kauzlarich, Brassington's uncle, arrived in Roslyn. In 1908, he married Eva Drazich, who arrived in Roslyn as an 8-year-old in 1900 with her parents, Vinko and Marija Drazich. They came from Mrkopalj.

Now, the Draziches are buried in Starceovich No. One. The Kauzlariches lie in Starceovich No. Two.

Jim Barich's parents, Paulina and Vance Barich, are buried in Saint Barbara's.

Barich, 72, of Cle Elum serves as caretaker of the cemetery. He pulls weeds, repairs fences, sells plots, restores headstones, places flowers on his parents' grave and enjoys the tranquility of this final resting place.

"Those old stones," Barich says, "are just beautiful."

"Who knows," he muses, "I might sell myself a plot."

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