

Croatia Fest

Newsletter
Spring 2014

CroatiaFest 2014

Saturday, Oct. 4

Croatian Mass

5 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church
732 18th Ave. E. Seattle
*With music by Sinovi
Tamburitza Orchestra*

Dance and Sing-Along

6:30 p.m.-midnight

Russian Community Center
704 19th Ave. E. Seattle

Sunday, Oct. 5

CroatiaFest

12 p.m.

Seattle Center Armory
305 Harrison St., Seattle
*Music & Dance Performances,
Croatia Travel Today,
Historical Exhibits, Lectures,
Art Gallery, Genealogy,
Souvenirs of Croatia,
Market Place, Cooking
Demos, Crafts for Kids,
Croatian Food Booths*

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and like us on Facebook.

CroatiaFest activities are FREE
and open to the public.

TRADITIONS

By John Morovich

This year's CroatiaFest theme is Traditions. Traditions are those actions that we habitually perform. Traditions are those age-old stories, customs, information, history, songs, food preparation and handcrafts we learn from our elders.

Traditions can be as simple as baking a cookie from a tattered hand-written recipe and planting wheat berries at Christmas time, or they can be as grand as spit roasting a whole lamb on a special occasion.

After four generations of Croatian-Americans born in the Puget Sound Region, many traditions have been maintained, but unfortunately many have been forever lost in their original context.

This can be partially attributed to the overwhelming wish to assimilate into American life and also due to the lack of critical mass in order to perform some of the traditions. For those reasons, most of what exists, with some exceptions, survives in individual homes.

One of the main goals of CroatiaFest is to bring to light and preserve many of those traditions with the hope that attendees can take away the inspiration to renew a family tradition or start a new one.



Kasimir Lovrić and baka Theresia Alexander. Photo by Angelo Čikes.

Since Croatia's entrance to the European Union, several traditions have been nominated and added to the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Some of those traditions are still maintained in the Pacific Northwest; others are very obscure. At CroatiaFest 2014 attendees will be able to see and hear some of these traditions performed and learn more about these traditions with lectures, demonstrations, multi-media presentations and workshops

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SEEDS FOR A BETTER CROATIAN FUTURE

Tradition says that the 10th anniversary is represented by the gemstone diamond. Diamonds represent strength, excellence, purity, faithfulness, and of course, love. CroatiaFest 2013, our 10th year, was the perfect representation of that gemstone from every corner of the room to every minute of the day.

Strength: We had a record number of attendees with folks traveling here from near and far. There was such a buzz of excitement, and the Armory was filled with the energy of thousands of guests, which made the day that much more sparkling and spectacular!

Excellence: FOOD!! You asked for it, and we made sure it happened! CroatiaFest 2013 welcomed back our wonderful food vendors and added food booths from G&A Bakery and the Seattle

Junior Tamburitzaans. Big John's PFI joined us as another locally owned Croatian-Italian grocer in our vendor booths.

The cooking stage had four guest chefs with memorable demonstrations of Croatian dishes, and we expanded space at Quincy's Restaurant for a larger beer and wine garden for folks to enjoy their food, listen to the music, and be right in the middle of the festival while enjoying a Karlovacko beer or glass of wine.

Purity: Nothing is more clear and pure



CroatiaFest co-chairs Cathryn Morovich and Kristen LeMieux.

as the music and performances we had on the main stage. From our local groups, to those who joined us from

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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 cultural events that honors the richness and diversity of our region.



CROATIAN CONSUL GENERAL HOSTS CROATIAN CONSULAR DAYS AT CROATIAFEST 2014

By Frank Brozovich

Republic of Croatia Honorary Consul and CroatiaFest Chairman

Los Angeles Croatian Consul General, Josip Buljević, will again be attending CroatiaFest this year. Last year, I had the pleasure of spending time in his company. He told me of his background and his path into the service of the Republic of Croatia. It is an intriguing story and I will attempt to relay it.

Consul General Buljević was born in Split on April 2, 1971. He is married and has two sons, ages 12 and 14. His wife, Nives, is also from Split.

He completed the Split four-year program of Nautical Science in 1989 and was subsequently conscripted to the Naval forces of the former country. He served for a year, but when Croatia opted for independence in 1990 and war broke out in 1991, Consul General Buljević immediately joined the Croatian Army and was awarded not only medals for participation in major operations Flash and Storm but also a medal for exceptional undertakings and achievements in 1995.

In 1995, Consul Buljević started his service in the Croatian State Security Services in Split. He went on to become Chief of the Department of Croatian National Security in 2008 and served in that position until 2012.



Consul General Josip Buljević.

He participated in the United Nations Security Council Committees on Non-Proliferation of the Weapons of Mass Destruction and Counter-Terrorism when Croatia became Chair and Vice-Chair (2008-2009), and he therefore actively participated in matters related to these issues and cooperated closely with NATO and other security institutions.

Along the way, Consul Buljević completed his academic goals and received a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of Zagreb. In 2013, he was appointed to the post of Croatian Consul General in Los Angeles.

CroatiaFest 2014 is honored to partner with Consul General Josip Buljević of the Republic of Croatia in Los Angeles, who will host Croatian Consular Days at CroatiaFest this year.

This is a tremendous opportunity to bring applications, notarize, certify or renew your Croatian documents, passports, fingerprints, visas or citizenship in Seattle, rather than making the trip to Los Angeles.

To prepare for your appointment, please check on the Consul General's website at www.us.mvp.hr to assure you bring all documentation and materials necessary for processing.

To schedule your appointment or if you have questions, please contact Petra Radojević in the Los Angeles Consular Office at 310-477-1009, ext. 4, or petra.radojevic@mvep.hr.

We extend a heartfelt thank you Consul General Buljević for this wonderful opportunity for the community.

WWW.CROATIAFEST.ORG - USEFUL INFORMATION ALL YEAR

The CroatiaFest website is resource for all things Croatian in the Pacific Northwest all year long.

On the home page, you'll find a calendar of upcoming Croatian events. If you'd like to add an event to the calendar, please email info@croatiafest.org. You'll also find posts from the CroatiaFest

Facebook page and a place to subscribe to eNews, CroatiaFest news delivered via email.

Under the Gallery Tab you can find photos from previous festivals and a fantastic new highlight video of CroatiaFest 2013. Under the Archive tab you can find previous newsletters and

a collection of interesting articles that have appeared in the CroatiaFest program and newsletters over the years. Also, be sure to click on the Directory tab and patronize businesses which support CroatiaFest.

If you have suggestions for the website, email webmaster@croatiafest.org.

CROATIAFEST COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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| May 3 | ASWC Annual Mother's Day Luncheon | Maplewood Greens Golf Course, Renton |
| | Annual Spring Festa Dinner Dance | American Croatian Club of Anacortes, Anacortes |
| May 10 | Oliver Dragojević Concert | Hard Rock Theatre, Coquitlam, BC, Canada |
| May 17 | Croatian-Canadian Folklore Festival | Hard Rock Theatre, Coquitlam, BC, Canada |
| May 18 | Croatian-Canadian Folklore Festival Banquet | Croatian Cultural Center, Vancouver, BC, Canada |
| May 24 | Folk Life Festival, Vela Luka, Ruze Dalmatinke, & Bonaca Bagley | Wright Theatre |
| June 7 | Seattle Jr Tamburitza's Kavana | Our Lady of Guadalupe Hall, West Seattle |
| June 7-8 | Maritime Gig Fest | Gig Harbor |
| July 20 | Roslyn Croatian Picnic | Roslyn City Park, Roslyn |
| July 26 | CFU Seattle Lodge 439 Annual Picnic | Vasa Park, Bellevue |
| Aug. 1-3 | Croatian Cultural Center | Anacortes Arts and Crafts |
| Aug. 17 | Vela Gospa Dinner | Slavonian American Benevolent Society, Tacoma |
| Aug. 30 | Bellingham Croatian Picnic | Hovander Park, Ferndale |
| Sept. 25-28 | Tamburitza Assoc. of America Extravaganza | Westen Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA |
| Sept. 28 | Croatian Pastry and Cooking Class | Slavonian American Benevolent Society, Tacoma |
| Oct. 4 | Croatian Mass | St. Joseph Catholic Church, Seattle |
| Oct. 4 | CroatiaFest Kick Off Dance and Sing-Along | Russian Community Center |
| Oct. 5 | CroatiaFest | Armory, Seattle Center |
| Dec. 13 | Christmas Party | Slavonian American Benevolent Society, Tacoma |
| Jan. 4, 2015 | Festa Tri Kralja | Holy Rosary Catholic Church, West Seattle |

INTRODUCING: OUTSTANDING CROATIAN AWARD

The CroatiaFest planning committee announces the "Outstanding Croatian Award." This award will be given to an individual who has given significantly toward promoting and sharing the heritage and cultural traditions of Croatia. The award will be presented this year at CroatiaFest.

Please submit your nomination for a person that you believe has given much to our Croatian community. Nominations are due by Aug. 30.

To nominate someone, follow these directions:

1. Tell us why your nominee should be selected for this award in 1,000 words or less. Describe the contributions that your nominee makes to preserving and advancing the positive image of Croatia. How has this nominee's work/efforts

clearly benefited the Croatian community in the Northwest? What impact has this person's contributions made toward preserving and advancing Croatian heritage and cultural traditions?

2. Include the nominee's name, address, phone number and email address.

3. Include your name, address, phone number, and email address.

4. You may provide supporting material such as newspaper clippings, pictures, projects, and brochures. Please note that supporting materials will be given to the judging committee and will not be returned.

5. Submit your nomination to michi@rainierconnect.com or to Outstanding Croatian Award, 8221 North 11th St., Tacoma, WA 98406.

ADVERTISE IN THE CROATIAFEST PROGRAM

We are now accepting ads for the CroatiaFest 2014 program. CroatiaFest Business Pages promotes online the businesses that advertise in CroatiaFest's Keepsake Program, which highlights the events and activities of the festival.

Your ad will be seen by over 2,000 attendees at the festival in October. PLUS the full-year online ad with your name and business contact information will be on the CroatiaFest website.

Advertisements cost from \$75 to \$500 for a full-page ad. For more information and to place your order, contact advertising@croatiafest.org.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING CROATIAFEST SPARKLE

What makes CroatiaFest so unique and fun each year? How is it even possible for this festival to grow bigger and better – each year more exciting than the last? YOU! Your donations to CroatiaFest, a non-profit 501c3, are truly appreciated and make every single part of our festival weekend possible.

You may ask how your money is spent. CroatiaFest is funded by a series of unique partnerships that work together to create a day full of the sights, sounds and experiences Croatia has to offer!

Our largest partnership is with the Seattle Center and the Festal organization, which fall under the City of Seattle. The city allocates money to the Center for the public space and for resources to allow free ethnic festivals for the community. CroatiaFest is grateful for their support and sponsorship! Seattle Center offers us the use of the Armory, event support staff, set up of tables and chairs, clean up, security, sound, lighting and technical expertise.

In addition to what is provided by the City of Seattle, we are given the

opportunity to rent other facilities on the Seattle Center campus, such as the Pavilion, for our donor brunch and sound equipment needs beyond what is provided, to ensure a great festival day experience for our guests. Festal helps with press releases and keeps us updated about various city and state regulations and other valuable information that helps us produce the festival. We also partner with the Ethnic Heritage Council for their valuable support with organization's networking contacts, resources and guidance.

The night before CroatiaFest, the Armory is transformed into what you see when you arrive at the festival at noon on Sunday. We rent the pipe and drape to create the various vendor and food booths and pay a crew to build the "market place." We need equipment to keep food at state-regulated safe temperatures, washing stations, food and fire permits, BBQ grills, staging for the cooking demonstrations and more. CroatiaFest pays all of this, with help from your generous donations.

Then, it's showtime! We are very for-

tunate to have the best Croatian music and dance ensembles perform on our main stage. Some travel a great distance with their colorful, authentic costumes and instruments. CroatiaFest pays for airfare and housing expenses as well as honorariums, ensuring we bring vibrant and exciting performances that capture Croatian heritage.

CroatiaFest is completely run by the best group of devoted volunteers a festival could wish for. They donate hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars in in-kind services. With the commitment and tireless passion of this wonderful group of people, we can focus each and every penny of your donations entirely to the event.

Each year we strive to bring something new to the festival, to pique your interest and to keep you coming back. We are only able to do this, because of you, our wonderful donors. We treasure the support you give us, and we are committed to bringing you the best festival possible. Thank you for being a critical partner and friend. See you at CroatiaFest 2014.

THE SEARCH FOR A CORPORATE SPONSOR

We hope you enjoy our Festival weekend every October as much as we enjoy presenting it to you. As most of you know CroatiaFest is a non-profit organization. We have been able to finance the production of the festival principally by individual donations.

Last year these donations amounted to 59 percent of our total receipts of \$40,000. Other receipts included grants (13 percent), ads in our festival program (11 percent), T-shirt sales (7 percent), vendor fees (4 percent), Saturday Night Event (3 percent) and corporate matches (3 percent). Excluding some one-time

charges (principally website upgrades), our expenditures came within a whisper of our receipts.

Our planning committee plans to improve the quality of our programs and to expand them in the years to come. Thus we have formed a sponsorship sub-committee to pursue corporate sponsorships. We hope to obtain a lead sponsor for \$10,000 and/or lesser sponsorships for \$5,000 and \$2,500. A lead sponsorship would increase our budget by 25 percent.

This would go a long way toward

making the improvements we envision. Some of these improvements are bringing in more costly out-of-state performers; obtaining talent and art from Croatia; and documenting our Croatian traditions in print and/or video to share on our website, Facebook page, media, etc.

Treasurer Mark Ruljancich chairs the sponsorship sub-committee. If you have any ideas on potential corporate sponsors, especially if you have a contact with a person with authority to make such a decision, please email mruljancich@comcast.net.

COFFEE-BREAK TREATS FROM THE OLD DAYS

Several years ago, this article was printed in the Seattle Post Intelligencer. The P-I invited readers to send their favorite recipes passed down from their grandmothers. This story by Elaine Montgomery Matheson (nee Kaloper) was chosen from numerous responses. Elaine's grandparents, Victor and Matuča Kaloper, lived on 22nd Ave. SW in the densely Croatian populated area of "Riverside" in West Seattle.

We called my grandmother Baba Matusha (Grandma Matilda B. Kaloper) and was she a great homemaker and cook!

Every day as 2 p.m. rolled around, preparations for coffee break would

begin....the best part of the day. The coffee was made by Dida (my grandfather) in a hand strainer over a coffee pot. Then we would hear the click, click of high-heeled shoes coming up the walk. As we peered over the window ledge, all we could see was fur. One of my grandma's friends always wore a long fur coat with a fur hat and the other wore a fur stole around her neck.

Everyone assumed their positions and Dida retreated to the living room. The hermits were removed from the oven and it was time to enjoy.

Baba's Hermit Cookies

1 cup shortening

2 cups brown sugar
2 eggs beaten
3 ½ cups flour
½ teas salt
1 teas baking powder
1 teas baking soda
2 teas cinnamon
1 teas nutmeg
½ cup sour milk or buttermilk
2 cups raisins
1 cup broken nutmeats

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients, alternately with milk. Add raisins and nutmeats. Drop onto cookie sheet and bake at 375 degrees for 15 minutes. Makes 4 dozen.



Bobbin lace from the Island of Pag.

TRADITIONS

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including Dalmatian Klapa Singing, the colorful Licitarsko Srce Gingerbread Cookies, Ojkanje singing, the song form Becarac and Licko Prelo, a traditional gathering in Lika, and a demonstration of the art of bobbin lace from an expert artist and lacemaker.

CroatiaFest would like you to share your family Croatian tradition! Perhaps it is a specially prepared dish or something beautifully simple. We will have an area where you can document your family tradition no matter how big or small and hope that you can share your tradition with other CroatiaFest attendees.

We would also like to hear about traditions that you observed as a child but may not be practiced any longer. To share your traditions at CroatiaFest, email a description to info@croatiafest.org.



TRADITIONS PASSED ON FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT

By: Cathryn Morovich

Many Croatian traditions have been passed from one generation to the next, perpetuating our beautiful and colorful heritage: the art of wine making and "rakja" (white lighting whiskey); hand work such as knitting, crocheting and embroidery; music played on the tambura, accordion or guitar; and of course the many, many verses to folk songs that vary from region to region and village to village. Hearty main dishes of meat and fish stews, soups, BBQ lamb and pork, and of course the delicious old-fashioned cabbage rolls called sarma, were a staple on a Croatian dining table.

One of the most endearing of passed-on traditions is the baking of delicious breads, cookies and other delicacies, lovingly mixed, kneaded, rolled and shaped with artistic hands. Bread baking was done on a regular basis; however, a variety of baked goods were prepared for special occasions.

Hrstule were fried for Christmas, weddings and baptisms. Povitica (also called orahnjača) and frite (also called pršurite or uštipci) were also prepared for the holiday.

Easter had its own special bread, which depending on the region is called pogača, sirnica or uskrsnica. What made this bread so different were the 12 eggs that were part of the recipe. It seems that every baker had their own take

or variation to the bread. Some used fresh lemons and oranges for flavoring. Anise and vanilla are also options. The bread can be braided or shaped into round loafs with a cross cut on the top.

Here is the pogača recipe that my mother-in-law Ane Branica Morovich passed on to me. I've cut the recipe to make the dough easier to handle.

Grandma Ane's Pogaca

4 eggs
1 cube butter
1 orange juice and zest
½ lemon juice and zest
1 ½ cups granulated sugar
2 packages of dried yeast
1 cup milk
2 tsp salt
2 tsp pure vanilla flavoring
2-3 tsp pure anise flavoring (optional and to taste)
5-7 cups of sifted all purpose flour or enough to make a soft dough

Warm milk in sauce pan with butter, salt and sugar until butter is melted and

sugar dissolved. Set aside to cool. In the mean time, proof yeast in ¼ cup of warm water. Beat eggs, add flavorings, cooled milk mixture, juices and grated rind and yeast.

Mix in the flour enough to form a soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until the dough is soft and smooth. Place in a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap and a clean kitchen towel. Set aside in a warm draft free place to rise until doubled in bulk, approximately 2 hours.

Grease three 8-inch round pans. When the dough has doubled in bulk, place it on a floured surface, cut it in three pieces and form each into a round loaf. Place in the greased baking pans, cover with plastic wrap and a clean kitchen towel and let the dough rise again until doubled in bulk.

Just before putting the bread in a pre-heated 350° oven, cut a cross on the top of each loaf with a sharp knife. Brush with tops with egg wash and bake for 35-40 minutes until the bread is done.



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CROATIA AND CROATIANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

In December 2013 in Zagreb, a newly formed Committee of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for Croats Outside the Republic of Croatia held its first meeting with newly appointed members from around the world.

The 55-member committee is tasked with the responsibility of serving as an advisory body to the Government of the Republic of Croatia; providing assistance in the creation and implementation of policy, activities and programs; relating to Croats outside the Republic of Croatia; and allowing Croats abroad to contribute to cultural and economic issues between their new and old countries.

Two of our very own, long-time CroatiaFest participants were selected through a lengthy and thorough nomination process with recommendations stemming from various Croatian organizations and communities. Zvonimir Aničić, a member of the Tamburica Orkestra Kardinal Stepinac, is one of the representatives from Canada. Niko Hazdovac, owner and operator of Adriatic Travel and Tours of Los Angeles, represents the United States West Coast.

Both men were selected for their



Zvonimir Aničić and Niko Hazdovac

dedication to preserving and strengthening the identity of Croats in the community in which they live and improving relations with the Croatian homeland. Zvonimir and Niko will serve for four years.

Already, our two representatives are making a significant impact on the committee at large with their service.

At the inaugural meeting, a number of boards were created to focus on the concerns of Croats abroad. One board is for preserving and strengthening the identity of Croats outside the Republic of Croatia – a board responsible for assisting the government in the development of policies, measures and tools for preservation of Croatian language, culture and identity among the Croats outside the Republic of Croatia, with the ultimate goal of strengthening

Croatian communities in the diaspora. Zvonimir Aničić has been named the president of this board.

Niko Hazdovac, with his extensive background in the travel industry, was selected to head the task force that is working to re-establish direct flights between North America and Croatia, further strengthening ties between Croatian diaspora and the homeland.

“A convenient air bridge will also help an ever rising tourism industry to flourish,” Niko said. “We hope that next year we will have Canadian and American airlines flying directly from Toronto, New York and Chicago to Croatia.”

Niko is also developing policy to encourage the Croatian government to cut red tape and reduce bureaucracy in order to facilitate more effective personal and business dealings within Croatia.

CroatiaFest congratulates these two fine men on their appointment to this very important committee. They are certainly deserving, already making a huge difference, and will be outstanding representatives for the United States and Canada. We look forward to hearing their updates at CroatiaFest 2014!

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Canada, to the absolute honor of having Jerry Grcevich, the most celebrated tamburitza player in the United States, perform, we were treated to quite the show. Grcevich brought the audience

to their feet and completely mesmerized us with his talent!

Faithfulness: Just as the diamond represents, each and every one of our volunteers, planning committee members, donors and attendees bring with them the love of our heritage and a devotion

that made CroatiaFest 2013 a truly wonderful experience. We could not have done it without you and appreciate you all so very much.

Thank you all for making CroatiaFest 2013 spectacular! We look forward to the surprises we have in store for 2014.

HOW FINDING YOUR ANCESTORS CAN TOUCH THE HEART

By Barbara Starkey

During the 2013 Croatiafest, I had the wonderful opportunity to show many interested people how to access Croatian records online. One lady had already done some research on her Croatian grandfather and was able to show me the naturalization papers for him. This document contained the exact place of birth and the date of birth. It did not contain the name of his parents and any other information about his family in Croatia.

With those pieces of information, I was able to look up the grandfather in the online records and found him with his parents. The great thing about the records was that it contained not only the

name of the mother and father, but also their marriage date. With that, I located the marriage of his parents. Would you believe that the record contained the exact birth dates of the parents and also a record of the bride and groom's parents? The records from this town in Croatia date from 1577 to 1946.

Overwhelmed by the seeing these records, tears flowed as this granddaughter in 2013 was able to reach back to 1883 and see the birth record for her grandfather. With a little more research and recording on a pedigree chart, she will be able to see much more than great grandparents and their families. She was also able to establish the original spelling of the family name.



Please contact Barbara Starkey at barb@thestarkeys.com to learn how you can access the online records.

CROATIA TO OPEN WORLD CUP AGAINST HOST BRAZIL

All eyes in the soccer world will be on Croatia for the opening match of the World Cup. They will take on mighty Brazil, five time winners of the tournament and this year's host. Rest assured that Coach Niko Kovac will have our guys up for the challenge!

Croatia will then travel to the Amazon to play Cameroon. In our final group game, Croatia will take on America's neighbors to the south, Mexico.

In the past, local bars such as Fado and The George & Dragon have been gracious hosts for viewing parties. For those watching from home, all three matches will be shown live on ESPN.

June 12 – Croatia vs. Brazil, 1pm on ESPN

June 18 – Croatia vs. Cameroon, 3pm on ESPN

June 23 – Croatia vs. Mexico, 1pm on ESPN

Idemo Hrvatska!!

HOTELS OFFER CROATIAFEST RATES

By Stephanie Rogstad

The Best Western Executive Inn has been a long time hospitality partner with CroatiaFest, and is excited to offer a special rate of \$115 per night.

October is a busy month at the Seattle Center, and they advise to book your rooms early.

Other hotels may offer special rates as festival time draws near. Check www.croatiafest.org for links, details and updates about special CroatiaFest room rates.

To make a reservation at The Best Western Executive Inn, call 206-448-9444 and tell them you are attending CroatiaFest.



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