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# Welcome to 54th CFU Tamburitza Festival

## Annual CFU Junior TamFEST Scheduled for Baltimore

By Edward W. Pazo / National President

PITTSBURGH, PA - CFU members and friends will soon be arriving in the city of Baltimore, Maryland to celebrate our Croatian traditions and culture through the songs and dances of our beloved Croatia. Our National Administration eagerly awaits the resumption of this wonderful tamburitza music festival, begun in 1967, which has continued without fail for over fifty years.

Only a "once in a lifetime" pandemic of such epic proportions such as COVID-19 could derail our hosting of this wonderful Croatian cultural showcase which brings together scores of youthful CFU members and their families annually to celebrate our shared Croatian heritage.

We look with great anticipation for the sights and sounds of thirteen (13) participating ensembles who will entertain nearly a thousand attendees over the two-day concert series comprising the 54th Annual CFU Junior Cultural Federation Tamburitza Festival.

We offer our sincere gratitude and congratulations to each of the members of the ensembles as well as their directors for their commitment to our culture through Croatian folklore. These children and young adults are certain to follow in the footsteps of those that came before them and assume leadership positions within Adult Tamburitza Ensembles and our respective Lodges throughout the United States and Canada. With satisfaction and pride, we look forward to greeting them on the performance stage.

Beginning on Friday, July 1, 2022, attendees will be gathering in the Harborside Ballroom for the first evening social fea-

turing T.S. Svemir of Cokeburg, Pennsylvania. Comprised of former members of the St. George Junior Tamburitza of Lodge 354 in Cokeburg, this quartet of young and talented tamburaši are poised to take the stage with enthusiasm and vigor as they play a number of new and old Croatian songs as well as your favorite kolos.

Following T.S. Svemir, we are pleased to introduce the Duquesne Dadz who will continue the entertainment on into the night and early hours. As the name implies, the musicians who comprise this orchestra are drawn from the Duquesne Junior Tamburitza with many, if not all of them, former members of the world-renowned Duquesne Tamburitza (now known as the Pittsburgh Tamburitza) and following their college years have entertained members throughout North America. The musical repertoire of this troupe of enter-

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AN INVITING SCENIC VIEW OF THE BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR will greet CFU junior tamburitza and guests to the 54th Annual CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival on July 1-2-3 as they gather at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel for a full weekend of music, dancing and summertime fun. **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY** to all Festival participants as we celebrate our Croatian musical heritage in this historic American seaport city!

## Midwest CFU Day Picnic

**JOLIET, IL** – On Sunday, July 10, Sloboda Lodge 32 will host the Midwest CFU Day Picnic and Raffle at the Croatian Cultural Club, 1503 Clement St. in Joliet, IL. Admission is free to all!

The day begins with an outdoor Mass at 10 a.m., with Fr. Anthony Dosen as celebrant. Music during the Mass will be provided by the very talented Prijatelj Orchestra of Chicago, under the direction of John D. Gornick, Sr.

A cash bar will be available, as well as food for purchase from barbecued lamb right off the spit (that will be sold by the pound, in dinners and sandwiches) to hot dogs and beef sandwiches and čevapčići dinners. Anyone

wanting 10 lbs. or more of lamb, please pre-order by calling Tom at 773.586.3025. Side dishes of coleslaw and Croatian potato salad will also be available for purchase. To satisfy that sweet tooth, homemade bakery from cheese and apple strudels to nut rolls and cookies will be available. Yum!

The fabulous Sinovi Orchestra of Chicago will fill the picnic area all afternoon with live music for your listening and dancing pleasure, from kolos to American songs.

Need or want raffle tickets? Please contact Karen at 773.415.2773 or email her at karenbrozynski@yahoo.com and she'll send them right out to you. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. Prizes: \$100 to each of 5 lucky winners.

Hey, parents and grandparents...bring those kids and

grandkids to the picnic! Keep the tradition going or get one started. All Nest 17 members in attendance are eligible for a "special" drawing, so be sure to register because you could be that one lucky boy and one lucky girl to win. There will be other surprises, too!

Come out and join us, bring the whole family for a day of good old-fashioned fun! We're lookin' forward to seeing ya!

By the way, and very important I might add, we need some Croatian delicacies and cookies for our bakery table! If you can bring them on Saturday afternoon, it would be greatly appreciated!

Arlene Boudos/Lodge 32

## CFU Lodge 995 July Meeting

**CLEVELAND, OH** – Join our Lodge 995 at our next meeting on Saturday, July 9, at the American Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Ohio, at 2 p.m.

We encourage and welcome all members and those interested in joining us to attend. The main topic of discussion will be our Annual Picnic scheduled for Sunday, August 9, at the Croatian Center in Chardon, Ohio.

Your presence and input of ideas are very important for the success of this event.

We are looking forward seeing you at our meeting on July 9th.

Mary Laush/Secretary

## Lodge 993 Plans 62nd Annual Mukwonago Croatian Day Fest

**MUKWONAGO, WI** - John Movrich CFU Lodge 993 will hold its 62nd Annual Mukwonago Croatian Day Fest on Saturday, July 9, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

As always, it will be held at Mukwonago Field Park on the corner of 83 and NN. And as

always, admission and parking are free.

Come hungry...we will have all of your favorite Croatian foods such as barbecued lamb, pork, and chicken; as well as cevapici and smoked Croatian sausage sandwiches. Come thirsty too, as we will have plenty of beverages to serve, including Croatian beer.

We will also have plenty of great Croatian, European and American homemade bakery to purchase. (Members, please bring two bakery items portioned out in plastic bags.)

Our favorite band, Sinovi, will perform from 12 noon until 8 p.m. They have been entertaining us at our picnic for decades now and we always enjoy their wonderful music.

We will also be entertained by the Milwaukee Croatian Tamburitza (MCT) at 4 p.m., with Graničari performing right after the kids are done. Both groups are an absolute joy to listen to and to watch perform.

The kids' group (MCT) is so very talented and all three levels will have songs for you. Bring your children and grandchildren

to hear them and encourage them to join this wonderful group in the fall when practice starts up again. Joining is a great way of guaranteeing that our beautiful Croatian culture will continue to be celebrated and enjoyed.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.

For more information, visit our website at cfulodge993.org, go to our FB page at CFU Lodge 993, or e-mail me at croatian993@gmail.org.

Carol Movrich Gedde  
Secretary/Treasurer



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...LORRAINE TURKALL

## Cultural Rebound

Bouncing back from a setback is a life learning experience. It is quite difficult to recover from an illness, a heartbreak or a major disappointment. Oftentimes, it requires a great deal of patience, fortitude and energy to exert the effort needed to return to a reasonable state of acceptance of what life brings us. Throughout the Covid pandemic, many of us have learned how to cope with challenges and how to temper our expectations in order to control our disappointments for the things we have been missing in our lives.

Having not been able to participate in a CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival for the past two years has been problematic for many young tamburitizens who had enjoyed previous years of attending this yearly musical festival. These children and young adults have been remembering the great times they had in years past and the excitement and fun they shared. Many have expressed their disappointment of missing out on these festivals with family, friends and other tamburitizens who felt the same tug of sadness and emptiness when the Fourth of July weekend occurred in 2020 and 2021.

For those young members who had never experienced a CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival but, rather, just newly involved in a junior tamburitza ensemble and who were just beginning to learn to play a tambura, to sing Croatian melodies and to dance kolos, the abrupt discontinuation of these lessons prompted even greater concerns for parents and instructors. Would the children return to these ensembles once pandemic restrictions were lifted? Would they still have an interest in attending these group lessons? Would they ever enjoy the opportunity to take part in a CFU Festival? Those questions, unfortunately, still remain unanswered for a number of CFU junior tamburitza ensembles.

Thankfully, the 2022 CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival is on schedule for July 1-2-3 at Baltimore, Maryland. Several hundred junior tamburitizens are poised to perform. The impetus to entertain and to share their musical talents with fellow tamburitizens from a dozen other cities across the continent is nearly at a fever pitch as the first weekend in July draws near. When the festival pageantry finally takes place, the familiar feelings of pride, personal accomplishment and excitement will no doubt energize these young tamburitizens to celebrate the Festival's return and reignite their enthusiasm for future involvement.

In the months ahead, we are confident more young CFU budding musicians, singers and dancers will discover the joys of being a CFU junior tamburitizan. The benefits of learning a musical instrument along with the music and lyrics of Croatian songs, gaining coordination as a dancer, experiencing the thrills of performing and initiating lifelong friendships are all part of the tamburitza package.

Where do we go from here? The future is yet to unfold, but if past fraternal involvement offers a glimpse, thanks to many CFU members, there are now generations of families who have junior tamburitizens, adult tamburitizens and budding young tamburitizens in their lineage who share this unique musical bond. We are encouraged this progression is indicative that many more CFU tamburitizens will emerge to carry on the legacy of our musical culture and ancestry. *Živili Naši Tamburaši!*

## CFU TamFEST Returns to Las Vegas

**PITTSBURGH, PA –** We are pleased to announce that the 35th Annual CFU Adult Tamburitza Festival will be held in Las Vegas, NV, November 11-13, 2022.

This will mark the fourth CFU TamFEST to be staged in the city of Las Vegas. Headquarters Hotel for the weekend of music and fraternalism will be the Bally's Hotel and Resort located on the famous Las Vegas Strip.

Concerts and Socials will be held in the Jubilee Ballroom of the hotel.

Reduced room rates have been established with the hotel as follows: \$94.00 per night single & double for Thursday through Sunday. With the inclusion of a mandatory daily resort of \$37 plus tax, the nightly rate is \$148.53.

Rooms may be reserved through Bally's on-line reservation link, PASSKEY, by accessing the following URL <http://book.passkey.com/go/SBCRO2>.

**Alternately, the hotel reservations desk may be contacted at (877)-603-4390 using our Group Code SBCRO2 and mentioning Croatian Fraternal Union of America. The Hotel imposes a processing fee of \$15.00 to the cost of the room for those guests using this method of reservation. Therefore, we urge all members to utilize the Passkey option.**

Make your plans now to attend another thrilling CFU Croatian cultural experience in the fabulous city of Las Vegas, Nevada!

**Edward W. Pazo**  
National President

## Meeting Dates For Lodge 50

**ST. LOUIS, MO -** All meetings of CFU Lodge 50 are held at 1 p.m. at St. Joseph Croatian Church (Old Hall), 2112 S. 12th St., St. Louis, MO 63104.

Meeting dates are June 26; September 11; and March 12, 2023.

Also, December 3, 2022 at 12 Noon-Christmas Meeting and Luncheon, Pietro's Restaurant, 3801 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63109.

Call Catherine Sweeny for information on these meetings at 636-357-7649 or email at [cas3668@aol.com](mailto:cas3668@aol.com) (please put CFU in the subject line).

**Catherine Sweeny**  
Lodge 50

## 'Cardinal and his Conscience' Screened in Pittsburgh



By Edward W. Pazo/National President

**Bl. Kardinal Aloysius Stepinac Documentary Screening held at St. Nicholas RC Croatian Church located in Millvale, Pennsylvania.**

On Monday, June 13, 2022, we were pleased to take part in the Pittsburgh area screening of the documentary film produced and directed by Višnja Starešina, a Croatian journalist and author. Prior to the screening at the St. Nicholas Croatian worship site of the Shrines of Pittsburgh parish, our officers and staff welcomed Ms. Starešina and H.E. Pjer Šimunović, Croatian Ambassador to the United States, to the home office facility of the Croatian Fraternal Union of America.



After a tour of our office and Bernard M. Luketich Croatian Cultural Museum, we sat down for a brief interview with our guests. Our Executive Board Members and Co-editors of **Zajedničar**, Lorraine Turkall and Ivan Begg, participated in the exchange. Some of the more interesting highlights of the exchange are contained in the following paragraphs.

Ms. Starešina was motivated to tell the story of Bl. Kardinal Stepinac as she believed that his legacy is universal. Recognizing that he was written about extensively in present day Croatia, she wanted to tell his story to the world through the documentary.

The Cardinal was beatified by His Holiness Pope John Paul II on October 3, 1998 in recognition of the life in service of Christ that he led. Bl. Kardinal Stepinac was chosen for the position of Archbishop of Zagreb by his predecessor Archbishop Anton Bauer after only serving as a priest for a little more than three years. The cardinal prayed at that time that he not be elevated, however relented, and chose the motto of, "In te, Domine, spe ravi," which translates to "In you, Lord, I place my trust."

During World War II, he was an outspoken defender of human rights and vocal critic of Fascism. This made him an enemy of the state during the war years of 1941-1945; however, the Catholic Church members thronged to his sermons in Zagreb which presented a problem to his detractors. He was considered a "Hero" among Croatian Catholics and as well as large numbers of Jews who he helped evade capture and escape from death at the hands of the Nazis.

After the end of WWII, the victorious Partisans proved to be no better in their attitude toward Bl. Cardinal Stepinac and he was first placed in Lepoglava prison and later released to house arrest in his native village of Krašić, Croatia.

An outpouring of support for the Cardinal came from basically around the world, including the Catholic Church in the United States where a newly established Catholic High School in White Plains, New York, was named Archbishop Stepinac High School, in recognition of the values of love, sacrifice, bravery and humility that he exhibited throughout his lifetime.

Named a Cardinal in November of 1952, Bl. Kardinal Stepinac would not travel to the Vatican to receive his red hat as he knew the Government of Yugoslavia would not permit him to return to his Catholic

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## St. George Lodge To Host Annual Celebration July 23

**YOUNGSTOWN, OH** - After a two-year absence due to Covid restrictions, CFU Lodge 66 will host its annual indoor celebration picnic on Saturday, July 23, at the Croatian Home, 3200 Vestal Road, Youngstown, OH.

Please note that the event will be held on Saturday instead of Sunday afternoon as in the past. Doors will open at noon with a \$5 admission for adults.

The kitchen will be open with some of your favorite Lodge 66 items prepared by Mladen Doslovic and the kitchen crew. The bar will be well-stocked with your favorite beverages as well as some Croatian beers new to our club.

We will recognize our members who attained 50 years of CFU membership this year, as well as our members who attained that milestone in years 2020 and 2021. Due to Covid restrictions the past two years, we were unable to host an event to recognize them the past two years.

Our musical program will begin shortly after 12 noon with performances by our Happy Hearts Junior Tamburitans and Od Srca Adult Tamburitans. Happy Hearts will be back from their performance at the CFU Junior Festival and Od Srca will be gearing up for their performance at the November Adult Festival in Las Vegas.

Following the performances, we will recognize our 50, 51 and 52- year members. A short candlelight memorial service will then recognize those deceased members whose names are being added to our memorial plaque. Mikey Dee Orchestra will then perform and entertain until 6 p.m.

Lodge members and friends are asked to bake one of their special treats for the bake sale. This is a great way to help support our lodge and enable us to hold more events like this. Contact Patty Moran at 330-550-3404 if you would like to volunteer for a shift in the kitchen, at the bake sale or doors, set up or cleanup; or if you have any questions or would like more information.

Mark your calendar and join us for a great afternoon of fraternalism on Saturday, July 23rd.

Patty Moran/Secretary/Treasurer

## Lodge 75 To Meet July 10

**WAUKEGAN, IL** – St.

Mary's CFU Lodge 75 will hold their next meeting on Sunday, July 10, at 9:30 a.m., at the Croatian Cultural Center, located at 3420 Kehm Blvd., Park City, IL.

We hope everyone is staying cool and enjoying their summer.

Millie Biedron  
Recording Secretary

## Lodge 3 Postpones June Meeting

**MCKEESPORT, PA** - Sacred Heart of Jesus Lodge 3 has postponed the regular June meeting until Sunday, July 24th. Please mark your calendars appropriately.

Lodge 3 meetings are now held the fourth Sunday of the month, at the Croatian Home, 4400 Third St. in Versailles. The meetings are brought to order promptly at 1:15 p.m. by Lodge 3 President Robert Luketic.

Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fraternalism and fun!

Paula Puskaric  
Recording Secretary



## Annual St. Anthony's Picnic in Los Angeles Enjoyed By All

**LOS ANGELES, CA** - CFU Lodge 177, was happy to participate in the St. Anthony's well-attended 71st Annual Picnic on June 4, 2022.

After two years of Covid restrictions, everyone was excited to celebrate and attend this joyous day that had finally returned. Our Lodge 177 was able to contribute to the celebration with our Ice Cream Booth, put together by Daro Klaric and his committee, with all of the proceeds being donated to St. Anthony's Church.

The Picnic was held at Compton Hunting and Fishing Club, a beautiful venue for this special day. The Council of the Parish did an outstanding job of organizing this day. Also, the food was

delicious as usual, serving lamb, pork, čevapčići, pasta, coleslaw and all the special homemade pastries.

The St. Anthony's Kolo Club "Croatia", led by Heidi Wohlfahrt-Granic and Kolo Clinic with Željko Jergan, were spectacular as usual with their performance.

Also performing at the event

was the Skalinada Folk Dance Ensemble from Sacramento, Songs and Dances from Konavle and Dubrovnik region and a vocal performance from Annie Bosko. Music from the Bravo Band from Chicago was enjoyed by all. The Master of Ceremonies was Borislav Brkic.

We are grateful for this special celebration and look forward to next year and wish to thank everyone who participated in this joyous day.

Marge Konjevod/Lodge 177



## Zajedničar Publication Dates

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## SPOTLIGHT ON CFU PROGRAMS

A Message from the National Vice-President/  
Member Services **FRANJO BERTOVIĆ**

## LODGE ACTIVITY SUMMARY

**T**he CFU operates as a fraternal society with a lodge system. Activities and governance take place on a national, regional and local level. As a CFU member, you are valued on all of these levels. Local lodges provide the most "hands-on" way for a member to participate in the Society on a regular basis. CFU lodges truly follow the motto of "All for One – One for All" and value their members and their participation.

CFU is required to report local lodge fraternal data annually to the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA). **The data is used by the AFA to increase the public's awareness of benevolent activities carried on by fraternal benefit societies.**

Local lodge data is also used to demonstrate to legislators, insurance departments and other public officials the impact of fraternal efforts. It is very important for CFU to portray an accurate picture of the good work that the members and lodges take part in.

We are pleased to report that in the Year 2021, CFU had **206 active lodges** and approximately the same number of nests in its fraternal ranks.

During 2021, the Croatian Fraternal Union of America donated \$701,451 to charitable causes and performed 34,842 hours of volunteer service for **Fraternal Social/Fellowship Activities**.

There were also 25,549 hours of work and financial disbursements of \$114,275 for **Local Community Services**. These numbers show the positive work of our Society. We are very proud of the work of our lodges/nests, specifically because these activities took place during a pandemic with many limitations.

As a fraternal society, we are very proud of the work and effort our members and lodges put forth! **We extend sincere gratitude to all participants** that made these events successful.

In addition to the efforts that our members place into community projects and services, CFU is thankful to all who put time and effort in expanding our ranks. CFU has implemented a Referral Program. Volunteering is important to all of us, our families and the society! **We thank each and every member who speaks the good word of our Society and the many benefits it offers.**

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 It's a perfect time to take advantage of  
 CFU's current **SPOUSAL SPECIAL RATE**  
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### Current SPECIAL OFFER:

- Ages 18 to 49 may apply to purchase the amount of \$5,000 or \$10,000 face value for **ONLY \$20.22** for the first-year premium;
- Ages 50 to 65 may apply to purchase the amount of \$5,000 for **the first-year premium of \$20.22.**

Normal underwriting requirements apply.  
 Standard rates applicable in second year.

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**We also welcome you to take advantage of our current Annuity/IRA savings opportunities** with the current rates of 3.25% on the nine-year contract; 3.0% on the five-year contract and 1.50% on the zero-surrender charge contract.

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**The initial deposit needed to open an Annuity/IRA account with the CFU is \$3,000 or greater!**

If you have any further questions, or wish to review any specific CFU product or benefit, **please feel free to contact the Home Office at 412.843.0380** or visit our website at [www.cfu.org](http://www.cfu.org).

## DID YOU KNOW?...

...that you can now pay your CFU insurance premium on-line with a credit card?

This simple and quick way to pay is available on our website: [www.cfu.org](http://www.cfu.org). Just click the "pay now" tab on the top right of the home page and it will take you to the payment screen. Fill out the information, click on "pay now," enter your credit card information and that's it. For those parents and grandparents who may pay multiple policies for their family members, you can make those payments on up to four (4) policies at one time.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This feature is subject to a transaction fee and is not available to our Canadian policyholders at this time.









# Dobrodošli na 54ti godišnj

## tamburaški festival HBZ-a

*Ove godine okupljanje mladih tamburaša je u gradu Baltimoru*

Piše: Edward W. Pazo/Nacionalni predsjednik

PITTSBURGH, PA - Članovi i prijatelji Hrvatske bratske zajednice uskoro stižu u grad Baltimore u Marylandu kako bi kroz pjesme i plesove naše voljene Hrvatske proslavili našu hrvatsku tradiciju i kulturu. Naša Nacionalna uprava s nestrpljenjem iščekuje nastavak ovog prekrasnog tamburaškog glazbenog festivala započetog 1967. godine koji se dalje bezprekidno nastavlja za više od pedeset godina.

Samo pandemija "jednom u životu" takvih epskih razmjera kao što je COVID-19 poremetila je ovo naše godišnje hrvatsko kulturno okupljanje koje svake godine privlači mnoštvo mladih članova HBZ-a i njihovih obitelji kako bi proslavili našu zajedničku hrvatsku baštinu.

S velikim nestrpljenjem očekujemo znamenitosti i zvukove trinaest (13) ansambala koji sudjeluju i koji će tijekom dvodnevno koncertnog programa sačinjavati naš ovogodišnji 54. Omladinski tamburaški festival. Ovim putem izražavamo iskrenu zahvalnost i čestitke svakom od članova ansambla kao i njihovim ravnateljima na predanosti našoj kulturi kroz hrvatski folklor. Ova djeca i mladi-odrasli tamburaši sigurno će krenuti stopama onih koji su došli prije njih i preuzeti vodeće pozicije unutar naših odraslih ansambala i naših odsjeka diljem Sjedinjenih Država i Kanade.

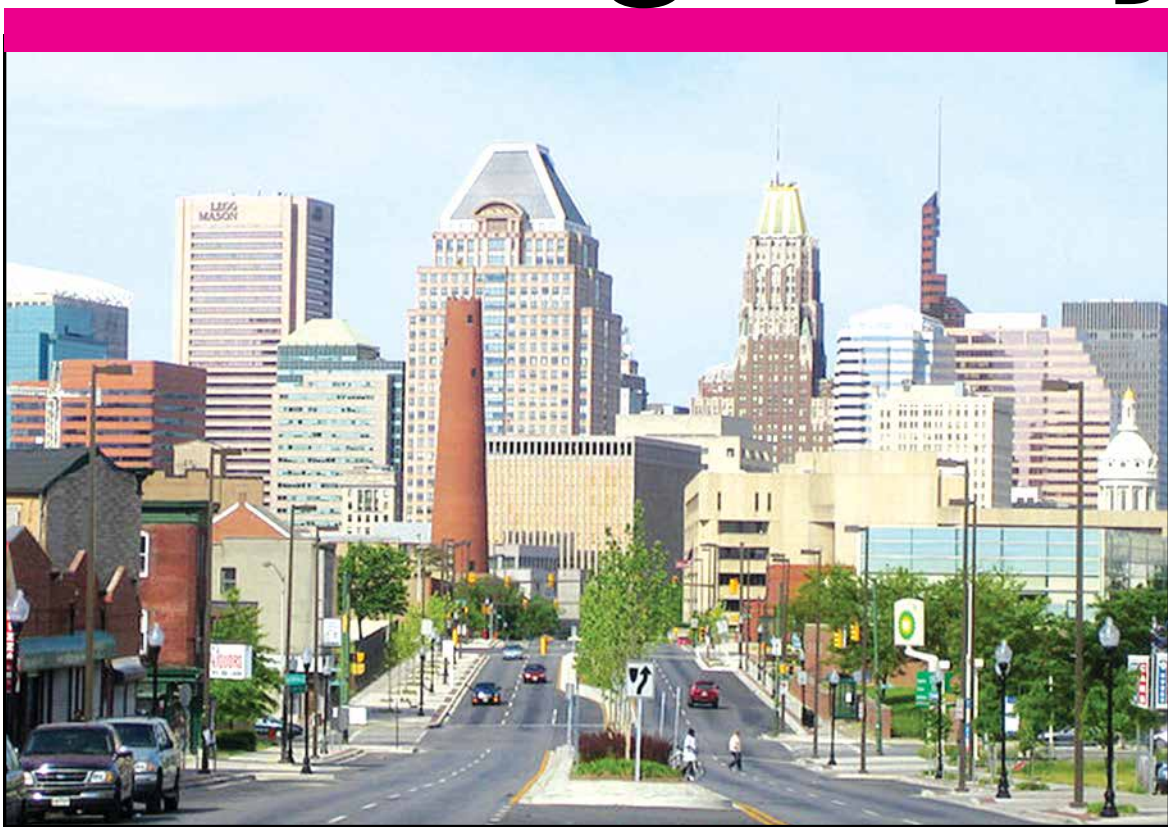
Počevši od petka, 1. srpnja 2022., sudionici će se okupiti u dvorani Harborside na prvom večernjem druženju na kojem će svirati T.S. Svemir iz Cokeburga u Pennsylvaniji. Sastavljen od bivših članova omladinskog zbora sv. Juraj iz odsjeka 354 u Cokeburgu, ovaj kvartet mladih i talentiranih tamburaša spreman je s oduševljenjem i snagom izaći na pozornicu dok će svirati niz

novih i starih hrvatskih pjesama i omiljenih kola.

Nakon T.S. Svemira zadovoljstvo nam je predstaviti tamburaški sastav "Duquesne Dadz" koji će nastaviti zabavu u noći i ranim jutarnjim satima. Kao što samo ime implicira, glazbenici koji čine ovaj orkestar su roditelji, odnosno očevi iz Duquesne Junior Tamburice, a mnogi, ako ne i svi su bili bivši članovi svjetski poznatih tamburaša Duquesnea (danas poznati kao Tamburaši iz Pittsburgha) i nakon fakultetskih godina nastavili su svirati. Radujemo se njihovom sviranju na zabavi u petak navečer i ujedno zahvaljujemo na odazivu.

Ovim potičemo naše članove i prijatelje koji prisustvuju vikend proslavi hrvatske kulture u ovom divnom gradu Baltimoreu da se za potpuni popis rasporeda događanja upute na Festivalski program koji je objavljen na drugom mjestu ovog broja Zajedničara. Tu je uključeno vrijeme početka dvodnevni koncerata

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BALTIMORE JE GRAD u američkoj saveznoj državi Maryland. Jedan je od najvećih luka na atlantskoj obali SAD-a te centar teške i naftne industrije, kao i sjedište brojnih farmaceutskih tvrtki. Također, u gradu se nalazi i svjetski poznata bolnica Johns Hopkins. Ovdje ćemo od 1. do 3. srpnja održati naš 54. godišnji festival Omladinske kulturne federacije Hrvatske bratske zajednice. Dobro došli i još sretnije prošli!

## Godišnji banket Ontarijske federacije zakazan za 25. rujna

TORONTO, ON – Ontarijska federacija sjedinjenih odsjeka HBZ s osobitim zadovoljstvom počastiti će svog Čovjeka za 2020. godinu brata Mikea Miju Lukičeka iz društva "Ogulin" odsjek 530 u St. Thomasu.

Mike "Mijo" Lukiček rođen je 2. siječnja 1941. u selu Dragovanščak kod Jastrebarskog i Krašića, Hrvatska. Mijo je završio četverogodišnji razred kada su mu teta Kata i ujak Ivan Matešić uplatili dolazak u Kanadu s 11 godina. Na pitanje bi li volio sam doći u Kanadu živjeti s tetom i ujakom, nije oklijevao budući da je vidio sliku svojih starijih oženjenih rođaka s automobilima! Mijo je bio toliko

uzbuđen da će se napokon voziti u automobilu!

U lipnju 1952. mjesec dana prije odlaska Miju i pokojnog brata Nikolu bermao je biskup Alojzije Stepinac u Pribiću kod Krašića. Mijo je vlakom otputovao u Genovu u Italiju gdje se ukrcao na brod "Saturnia" na 10 dana putovanja u Halifax. Nakon što je carinio na pristaništu 21 sa 6 boca šljivovice i četiri domaća sira, ukrcao se na vlak za pet dana putovanja u Vancouver, gdje ga je čekao ujak. Mijin san se ostvario kad su se iskricali s trajekta u Nanaimu, otok Vancouver! Da, imao je svoju prvu vožnju automobilom!

Sljedeće nedjelje Mijin ujak

John upisao ga je u gnijezdo HBZ u kojem se prijavio za čišćenje izletišta, posebno odstranjivanja praznih pivskih boca poslije piknika. Njegova teta i ujak bili su aktivni članovi Hrvatske bratske zajednice i Hrvatske Seljačke stranke gdje je Mijo aktivno sudjelovao u obje organizacije. Godine 1959. Mijo prelazi u jedan od najstarijih odsjeka HBZ u Kanadi - odsjek 268 "Sveti Nikola". Ostao je u vezi s lokalnom hrvatskom zajednicom sve dok se 1968. nije preselio u Sarniju u Ontariju i oženio Anne Bartol koja je također bila članica HBZ-a. Obojica su bili članovi odsjeka 953 "Hrvatska Ruža" gdje su obnašali različite odsječne dužnosti. Imaju dvije kćeri: Lisu McMurray i Lianu Bennett oboje članice HBZ-a sa svojim muževima i djecom. Mijo i

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## Hodočašće: Dolina kardinala i Žumberak

ŽUMBERAK - Za obitelji, župe i klubove iz domovinske i iseljene Hrvatske, imamo program u srcu Parka prirode Žumberak:

1 dan, Stepinčev Krašić od rodne kuće do Spomen doma. Kapelica sv. Blagovijesti u Pribiću i spomenik kardinalu Kuhariću.

Domaći obroci, Ribnjaci Jaševnica /Buffet Radić-Illas/ bistro Žumberački raj.

Navečer: Radionica za

hodočasnike, tema: Mladost i prijateljstvo kardinala Stepinca i pučkog pisca Janka Matka.

Oni su rođeni iste godine 1898. Pohađali istu školu i bili najbolji prijatelji. Temu predstavlja, Žumberčanka, mr.sc. Dragica Suljag, prof. u mirovini.

1. dan, Sošice, jedinstveni prizor dvije crkve grkokatoličkog i rimokatoličkog obreda.

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Organizirane 1894. godine

RIJEČ UREDNIŠTVA...LORRAINE TURKALL

## Kulturni oporavak

Odkakanje od neuspjeha iskustvo je životnog učenja. Vrlo je teško oporaviti se od bolesti, slomljenog srca ili velikog razočaranja. Često je potrebno mnogo strpljenja, hrabrosti i energije kako bi se uložio napor potreban za povratak u razumno stanje prihvaćanja onoga što nam život donosi. Tijekom pandemije Covida mnogi od nas naučili su kako postupati s izazovima i kako ublažiti svoja očekivanja kako bismo kontrolirali naša razočaranja za stvari koje su nam nedostajale u našim životima.

Budući da posljednje dvije godine nisu mogli sudjelovati na festivalima naše Omladinske kulturne federacije Hrvatske bratske zajednice, bilo je problematično za mnoge mlade tamburaše koji su uživali u prethodnim godinama sudjelovanja na ovom godišnjem glazbenom festivalu. Ova djeca i mladi odrasli prisjećaju se sjajnih trenutaka koje su imali prošlih godina te uzbuđenja i zabave koje su međusobno dijelili. Mnogi su izrazili razočaranje što su propustili ove festivale s obitelji, prijateljima i drugim tamburašima koji su osjetili iste tuge i praznine tijekom vikenda 4. srpnja 2020. i 2021. godine.

Za one mlade članove koji nikada nisu doživjeli naš omladinski tamburaški festival Zajednice, već su samo nedavno uključeni u juniorski tamburaški ansambl i koji su tek počeli učiti svirati tamburu, pjevati hrvatske melodije i plesati kolo, nagli prekid ovih lekcija potaknuo je još veću zabrinutost roditelja i instruktora. Bi li se djeca vratila tim ansamblima nakon ukidanja ograničenja pandemije? Bi li ih i dalje zanimalo pohađanje njihovih grupnih lekcija? Bi li ikada uživali u prilici sudjelovati na festivalu naše bratske organizacije? Ta pitanja, nažalost, još uvijek ostaju neodgovorena za brojne mlade tamburaške ansamble Zajednice. Srećom, omladinski tamburaški festival HBZ-a 2022. na rasporedu je za 1.-2.-3. srpnja u Baltimoreu u Marylandu. Nekoliko stotina mladih tamburaša spremno je za nastup. Poticaj za zabavu i dijeljenje njihovih glazbenih talenata s kolegama tamburašima iz desetak drugih gradova diljem kontinenta gotovo je na vrhu uzbudljivosti približavanjem prvog vikenda u srpnju. Kada festivalski program konačno krene, osjećaji ponosa, osobnog postignuća i uzbuđenja bez sumnje će potaknuti naše mlade tamburaše da proslave povratak Festivala i ponovno pokrenu svoje oduševljenje prema budućim festivalima.

U mjesecima koji slijede uvjereni smo da će sve više mladih glazbenika, pjevača i plesača CFU-a otkriti radosti što je CFU junior tamburaš. Blagodati učenja glazbenog instrumenta uz glazbu i stihove hrvatskih pjesama, stjecanja koordinacije kao plesača, doživljavanja uzbuđenja izvođenja i pokretanja cjeloživotnih prijateljstava dio su tamburaškog paketa.

Gdje ćemo dalje? Budućnost se tek treba razviti, ali ako ovakvi prošli festivali nude neki uvid, zahvaljujući mnogim članovima HBZ-a, sada postoje generacije obitelji koje u svojim sredinama imaju mlade i odrasle tamburaše koji u zajedništvu dijele ovu jedinstvenu glazbenu vezu. Ohrabreni smo da je ova progresija indikativna da će se u buduću pojaviti još mnogo tamburaša HBZ-a kako bi nastavili nasljeđe naše glazbene kulture i podrijetla. Živili naši tamburaši!

## Godišnji banket...

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Anne bili su jedni od osnivača Ontarijske federacije odsjeka HBZ u Hamiltonu, ON. Društvo "Hrvatska Ruža" se 2001. spojilo s odsjekom 530 "Ogulin" u St. Thomasu u Ontariju gdje se Mijo pridružio folklornom ansamblu "Hrvatski Korijeni" i 20 godina uživao u plesu. Također obnaša dužnost direktora bratskih aktivnosti spomenutog odsjeka. Mijo se 2013. pridružio folklornom ansamblu "Nova Nada" u Warrenu, MI gdje rado pleše i putuje diljem SAD-a i Europe! Aktivno je uključen i u hrvatsku katoličku crkvu Sv. Lucije u Troy, MI. Uživa sudjelovati u zboru kao i pomagati u kuhinji za razne priredbe. Mijo također voli pomagati u Hrvatskom domu odsjeka 351 "Zora" u Warrenu, MI. On se do danas uvijek osjeća kao kod kuće bez obzira u kojoj se hrvatskoj zajednici nalazio.

Jedna od Mijinih omiljenih prilika za volontiranje bila je s društvom Sv. Vincenta de Paula. Posjećuje domove starijih osoba dijeleći banane stanovnicima i u tome mnogo uživa. Od milja ga svi zovu "Banana Man"! Brat Mike je dugi niz godina dugogodišnji aktivni član Kolumbovih vitezova i oltarni poslužitelj. Mike je dvadeset i pet godina radio za MaClean Hunter Cable TV. To je bio posao na koji je rado odlazio svaki dan! U mirovini ostaje aktivan vježbajući i podučavajući kinesku umjetnost Tai Chija te putujući u Detroit kako bi plesao s Novom Nadom. Kao istinski fraternalista, zadovoljstvo mu je pomagati starijim osobama s različitim teškoćama.

Brat Mike Lukiček iznimno je ponosan što je izabran za Čovjeka godine Ontarijske federacije odsjeka HBZ za 2020. godinu. Međutim, zbog pandemije svečani domjenak njemu na čast nije se mogao održati 2020./2021. On je smatrao kako "sigurnost i dobrobit naših članova moraju biti prioritet".

Svečani banket održat će se u Londonu, Ontario u nedjelju, 25. rujna 2022. Više detalja o oglasima za suvenirsku program knjižicu i ulaznicama javiti ćemo kasnije.

U ime svih članova Ontarijske federacije odsjeka HBZ i mene osobno, želimo ovim putem još jednom čestitati bratu Mikeu na zasluženosti časti i odlikovanju.

Antun Belan/predsjednik  
Ontarijske federacije  
odsjeka HBZ

## U Pittsburghu prikazan dokumentarni film 'kardinal i njegova savjest'



Piše: Edward W. Pazo/Nacionalni predsjednik

Blaženi Kardinal Alojzije Stepinac, dokumentarna projekcija održana je u hrvatskoj crkvi Sv. Nikole smještenoj u gradu Millvaleu nadomak Pittsburgha u Pennsylvaniji.

Naime, u ponedjeljak, 13. lipnja 2022. sa zadovoljstvom smo ovdje na području Pittsburgha prisustvovali na projekciji dokumentarnog filma u produkciji i režiji Višnje Starešine, hrvatske novinarkе i autorice. Uoči projekcije u hrvatskoj crkvi Sv. Nikoli u Millvale, naši odbornici i osoblje pozdravili su gospođu Starešinu i g. Pjera Šimunovića, hrvatskog veleposlanika u Sjedinjenim Američkim Državama, u glavnom uredu Hrvatske bratske zajednice Amerike. Nakon obilaska našeg ureda i hrvatskog kulturnog muzeja Bernard M. Luketich sjeli smo na kratki razgovor s našim gostima. U razmjeni su sudjelovali članovi našeg Izvršnog odbora te suurednici Zajedničara, Lorraine Turkall i Ivan Begg. Neki od zanimljivijih vrhunaca razmjene sadržani su u sljedećim odlomcima.



U GLAVNOM UREDU s lijeva su Nacionalni predsjednik Edward W. Pazo, Gospođa Starešina, hrvatski veleposlanik u Washingtonu g. Pjer Šimunović i nacionalni potpredsjednik/članske usluge Franjo Bertović.

Gospođa Starešina bila je motivirana ispričati priču o blaženom Kardinalu Stepincu jer je vjerovala da je njegova ostavština univerzalna. Prepoznavši da se o njemu intenzivno pisalo u današnjoj Hrvatskoj, željela je kroz dokumentarac ispričati njegovu priču svijetu. Kardinala je blaženim proglasio Njegova Svetost Papa Ivan Pavao II. 3. listopada 1998. u znak priznanja Kristovu životu u službi koji je vodio. Blaženog Kardinala Stepinca na mjesto zagrebačkog nadbiskupa izabrao je njegov prethodnik nadbiskup Anton Bauer nakon što je tek nešto više od tri godine bio svećenik. Kardinal je tada molio da ne bude uzdignut koliko god popustio i odabrao moto "In te, Domine, spe ravi" što u prijevodu znači "U tebe, Gospodine, polažem svoje povjerenje".

Tijekom Drugog svjetskog rata bio je otvoreni branitelj ljudskih prava i glasni kritičar fašizma. To ga je učinilo neprijateljem države tijekom ratnih godina 1941.-1945.; međutim, članovi Katoličke crkve u velikom su broju posjećivali njegove propovijedi u Zagrebu koje su predstavljale problem njegovim klevetnicima. Smatran je "herojem" među hrvatskim katolicima, kao i velikim brojem Židova kojima je pomogao izbjeći zarobljavanje i od smrti od strane nacista.

Nakon završetka Drugog svjetskog rata pobjednički partizani pokazali su se ništa boljima u odnosu prema blaženju kardinalu Stepincu te je prvo smješten u leopoglavski zatvor, a kasnije pušten u kućni pritvor u rodnom selu Krašiću u Hrvatskoj.

Ogromne podrške kardinalu došle su u osnovi iz cijelog svijeta, uključujući Katoličku crkvu u Sjedinjenim Državama gdje je novoosnovana Katolička srednja škola u White Plaines, u New Yorku dobila ime, nadbiskup Stepinac Srednja škola u znak priznanja vrijednostima ljubavi, žrtve, hrabrosti i poniznosti koje je izlagao tijekom svog života.

Imenovan kardinalom u studenom 1952., blaženi Kardinal Stepinac nije htio otputovati u Vatikan kako bi dobio crveni šešir jer je znao da mu Vlada Jugoslavije neće dopustiti povratak svojim katoličkim vjernicima u Hrvatskoj. Kao odgovor i u odnosu na ovaj život pobožnosti, mnogi ugledni novinari tog vremena pisali su članke o njemu.

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na 7. strani)





## DEATHS REPORTED (UMRLI ČLANOVI)

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930	Janet Sebalj .....	Schumacher, ON, CAN

### Piše: Edward W. Pazo/Nacionalni predsjednik

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Među članke uključen je i onaj Cyrusa L. Sulzbergera iz New York Timesa, koji je 1951. osvojio Pulitzerovu nagradu za ekskluzivni intervju s kardinalom.

S informacijama koje nam je dala gospođa Starešina, s nestrpljenjem smo očekivali gledati projekciju kasnije tijekom večeri u hrvatskoj crkvi Sv. Nikole, domu poznatih murala hrvatskog slikara Maxa Vanke. Nakon kratkog obilaska crkvenih murala, projekcija je započela u 6 i 30 navečer pred vrlo pažljivom publikom. Vjerujemo da su svi prisutni otišli s osjećajem dubokog poštovanja prema blaženom kardinalu Alojziju Stepincu i radujem se danu kada će biti poznat kao svetac Katoličke Crkve.

PS. Zahvaljujemo našem drugom nacionalnom potpredsjedniku HBZ, bratu Michaelu Ricciju, na njegovim dodatnim naporima da ovaj prikaz bude uspješan a tako isto i župljanima Svetog Nikole na njihovoj suradnji, što su pružili toplu dobrodošlicu svim prisutnim gostima koji su nakon filma prisustvovali na upriličenom prijemu u crkvenoj dvorani.

## Dolina kardinala...

(Nastavak sa 5. strane)

srednjovjekovni vitez Janko Šajatović Krabat (i danas je turistički brand u Njemačkoj), zagrebački gradonačelnik pl. Nikola Badovinac ..... Može se reći da je Žumberak najbogatiji ljudima koji su ostavili trag u hrvatskoj kulturnoj baštini. Noćenje i nakon doručka odlazak.

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kao i sveta misa koju će kon-  
celebrirati fra Vilim Hritsko i fra  
Maurus Dolčić. Zahvaljujemo  
obojici svećenika na sudjelovan-  
ju na festivalu i vjerujemo da je  
ovakva godišnja misa odraz  
hrvatskog mota "Bog i Hrvati" s  
kojim se svi slažemo.

Članovi će zasigurno htjeti  
uštedjeti nešto energije nakon  
mise i večernje večere za još  
jednu plesnu zabavu za koju će  
u subotu navečer svirati T.S. Zad-  
nja Stanica iz Steeltona u Penn-  
sylvaniji. Pozdravljamo naše pri-  
jatelje iz Steeltona (i Clevelanda)  
koji će nam biti glavni zabavljači za  
naše subotnje večernje druženje.  
Članovi i prijatelji HBZ-a pokazali  
su veliku zahvalnost za svoje tal-  
ente na prethodnim tamburaškim  
festivalima, skijaškim izletima,  
drugim nacionalnim turnirima te  
događajima u svojim odsjecima i  
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sve članove da podrže njihovu  
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organizaciju, ali i pridružene  
tamburaške skupine odraslih  
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## Poziv članovima odsjeka 995 HBZ

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kom Domu.

Mary Laush/taj.



# PROGRAMI HBZ-A POD POVEĆALOM ZBIR GODIŠNJIH AKTIVNOSTI NAŠIH ODSJEKA

Poruka iz ureda; nacionalnog potpredsjednika/  
članske usluge HBZ **FRANJE BERTOVIĆA**

**H**BZ vodi svoje poslovanje putem odsječnog sistema. Aktivnosti i  
zastupništva su na nacionalnoj, područnoj i mjesnoj razini. Ako  
ste član Zajednice vrlo ste važni i cijenjeni na svim ovim razinama.  
Odsjeci u svojim mjesnim zajednicama su na „dohvat ruke“ i član  
može učestvovati redovito u aktivnostima te zajednice. Odsjeci  
HBZ-a istinski sprovede geslo „Svi za jednoga - Jedan za sve“ i  
cijene svoje članove za učešće.

HBZ je dužna da prikupi brojeve svih tih aktivnosti i djelovanja na  
mjesnoj razini i dostaviti ih Američkom bratskom kongresu (American  
Fraternal Alliance), svake godine tijekom mjeseca lipnja. **Zbir  
podataka koristi to Udruženje (AFA) da bi se skrenula pozornost  
javnosti o potpornim društvima koja kroz bratski sistem rade i  
podupiru ovakve vrijedne aktivnosti.**

Izvjешća mjesnih odsjeka se također koriste da nadgledni državni  
organi, osiguravajuće odjeljenje i drugi javni dužnosnici vide utjecaj  
svih tih bratskih aktivnosti. Vrlo je važno oslikati istinsku sliku odanog  
rada naših odsjeka i članova.

Drago nam je izvijestiti da smo u minuloj godini 2021. imali u  
svojim redovima 206 aktivnih odsjeka te približno isti broj gnijezda  
za pomladak.

U 2021.g. Hrvatska bratska zajednica je darovala \$701,451.00  
za potrebite ili ugrožene, uložila 34,842 sati dobrovoljnog rada i  
pothvata u bratskom sistemu i društvenim aktivnostima.

Također je kroz odrađenih 25,459 sati potpomogla mjesne  
zajednice te u sredstvima \$114,275. Ovo su doista pozitivni rezultati!  
Mi se ponosimo s radom naših odsjeka/gnijezda posebno sada jer je  
sve to odrađeno u vremenu pandemije i vezanih ograničenja.

Kao bratska ustanova, ponosimo se sa svim tim rezultatima, koje  
su naši odsjeci i članovi postigli. Upućujemo iskrenu zahvalu svim  
učesnicima koji su sva ova postignuća učinili uspješnima.

U dodatku svega iznesenog što su naši članovi obavili u mjesnim  
projektima i uslugama, HBZ se želi zahvaliti svima koji su radili  
na širenju naših redova. HBZ je uspostavila Program preporuke.  
Dobrovoljan rad je važan za sve nas, naše obitelji i našu Zajednicu.  
Zahvaljujemo svakom članu koji širi dobru riječ o našoj Zajednici i o  
mnogim koristima koje ona nudi. **Mi smo prvorazredno potporno  
udruženje koje daje daleko više a, koje traži daleko manje nego  
uzima!**



**Sada je pravo vrijeme da iskoristite SPECIJALNU PONUDU  
HBZ-a ZA BRAČNOG PARTNERA I UŠTEDITE NA PREMIJI U  
PRVOJ GODINI u planu Osiguranje otplaćeno u 20 godina!**

### Trenutna PONUDA:

- Za godine starosti od 18 do 49, na iznos od \$5,000 ili  
\$10,000 vrijednosti, premija u prvoj godini iznosi samo  
\$20.22;
- Za godine starosti od 50 do 65 možete podnijeti zahtjev za  
iznos od \$5,000 i premiju od \$20.22 u prvoj godini.

Normalne odrednice kod odobrenja.  
Standardna tarifa u drugoj godini.



Mi vas također pozivamo da iskoristite prednosti kroz trenutne  
umirovljeničke račune ili Anuitete/IRA račune s **kamatnim stopama  
od 3.25% na ugovor od 9 godina; 3% na ugovor od 5 godina i  
1.50% na račun providenju i s 1% zajamčene kamate.**

### Zašto otvoriti umirovljenički/IRA račun?

- Omogućuje štednju za budućnost a sredstva mogu bit  
dodatak mirovinskim primanjima;
- Pruža priliku akumulaciju zarađene kamate s odgođenim  
oporezivanjem;
- Stvara dodatna sredstva kroz kamatnu stopu i štednju za  
budućnost.

Da bi otvorili umirovljenički/IRA račun potreban vam je  
ulog od \$3,000 ili veći.

Ako imate bilo koje daljnje pitanje, ili bi ste htjeli više saznanja  
o bilo kojem proizvodu ili beneficijama kod HBZ-a, molimo vas  
da nazovete glavni ured na 412-843-0380 ili pogledajte naše web  
stranice na [www.cfu.org](http://www.cfu.org).

## Odsjeci Mahoning Shenango Valley održavaju godišnji piknika 26. lipnja

**FARRELL, PA** - Sretni smo  
što smo se vratili na Strossmay-  
erovo zemljište u Vienna, Ohio,  
u nedjelju, 26. lipnja, na naš  
godišnji piknik Sjedinjenih  
odsjeka HBZ.

Pečena janjetina i svinjetina  
bit će gotova u 12 sati od strane  
našeg poznatog pečenjara  
Zvonka Juratović. Program na  
pozornici počinje u 1 sat pos-  
lije podne uz glazbu sljedećih

grupa: Sveti Nikola iz Aliquippe,  
Sevdah iz Conwaya, Od Srca  
iz Youngstowna, Veseljaci  
iz Farrella, Penn-Sembles iz  
Versaillesa i Vesela Srca iz  
Youngstowna.

Nakon programa, slijedi  
zabava za koju će svirati Orkestar  
Mikey Dee. Pored toga biti će u  
izobilju mnogo hrane i pića.

Dodite u što većem broju  
i podijeliti ovaj dan s nama.  
Dobro došli!

**Fred Husnick/odsj. 126**







## KAKO SE RIJEŠITI MRAVA?

### Prirodni načini za borbu!

U ovim toplim vremenima u dvorištima i kućama neizbježna je pojava kukaca. Neki od njih lako se udomaće, a ako u svom domu primijetite mrava znajte da uvijek dolaze u velikom broju.

Mravi u domove ulaze kroz sitne otvore i pukotine, a privlače ih ostaci hrane, posebice one koja sadrži puno šećera. Mrave ćete najčešće pronaći u kuhinji, ali i na vlažnim mjestima poput kupaoonica, u podovima ili stropovima. Nazivaju se štetočinama jer se kreću u kolonijama koje mogu brojati više od tisuću jedinki te ih se izrazito teško riješiti jer mravinjake grade na mjestima koje je teško pronaći, a samim time i ukloniti.

Kako biste se riješili mrava, potrebno je riješiti se cijele kolonije. Kupovna sredstva sadrže otrovne sastojke te nisu najsigurnija opcija, posebice ako imate malo djeteta ili kućne ljubimce. Donosimo vam neke od prirodnih načina za borbu protiv mrava u vašem domu.

**Soda bikarbona** - Soda bikarbonu pomiješajte sa šećerom u prahu te pospite po mjestima gdje ste primijetili mrave ili gdje bi se potencijalno mogli pojaviti.

**Ocat** - Bijeli ocat jedno je od najpoznatijih prirodnih sredstava za uklanjanje mrava. Pomiješajte jednaku količinu octa i vode u bocu s raspršivačem te poprskajte na površine na kojima ste vidjeli mrave.

**Sol** - Nekoliko žlica kuhinjske soli pomiješajte s kipućom vodom i pustite da se tekućina ohladi. Prelijte ju u bocu s raspršivačem te pospricajte sve površine na kojima se mravi skupljaju.

**Kava** - Intenzivan miris mljevene kave odbija mrave. Pospite ju na mjesta gdje se mravi skupljaju i velika je vjerojatnost da ih tamo više nećete vidjeti.

**Limun** - Iscijeden limunov sok stavite na mjesta iz kojih ste primijetili da mravi izlaze. Kao i s kavom, mrave odbija miris citrusa te će ova mjesta zasigurno izbjegavati.

**Cimet** - Miris cimeta također odbija kukce te je ovo jednostavan trik za sprječavanje ulaska mrava u vaš dom. Pospite cimet na željena mjesta ili napravite liniju na mjestu gdje vam mravi ulaze u dom. Ovaj trik možete koristiti i kako biste zaštitili odjeću od moljaca tako da u vrećicu stavite štapić cimeta i objesite ga u ormar. Također, ovo vrijedi i za većinu drugih začina koje imate u svojim kuhinjskim ormarićima, primjerice kurkumu i papar.

**Deterdžent** - Prokuhajte vodu i dodajte joj nekoliko kapi kuhinjskog deterdženta te pospricajte mjesta na kojima ste vidjeli mrave.

**Kreda** - Kalcijev karbonat odbija mrave. Kredom nacrtajte liniju i mravi ju neće htjeti prijeći!

Nakon primjenjivanja nekih od ovih savjeta ne perite tretirane površine najmanje dva dana te po potrebi ponovite postupak jednom ili više puta. Sretno!

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**JOINING IN THE CELEBRATORY RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON, DC**, from left, CFU National Vice President/Member Services Franjo Bertović, former Ambassador of the USA in Zagreb and now Assistant Secretary of State Juliet Valls Noyes, Lieutenant General and Director of Army National Guard Jon A. Jensen, President of National Federation of Croatian Americans Steve Rukavina and Brigadier General Tomislav Galić.



**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA** Bonnie Crombie welcomed the guests and expressed her appreciation for the cherished allied relations between the Republic of Croatia and Croatian Community in the City.

## Recognition Honors for Croatia Statehood Day

**PITTSBURGH, PA** - I was pleased and honored to represent the Croatian Fraternal Union of America at two events celebrating the Statehood Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Croatia marking the 30th Anniversary of Croatia's international recognition and establishment of diplomatic relations between Croatia and the United States. One reception was organized and held in Washington, DC at the Croatian Embassy and the other was celebrated at the City Hall of Mississauga, Ontario by the Croatian General Consulate from Mississauga.

I thank His Excellency Pjer Šimunović, Croatian Ambassador to the USA, and General Consul Mr. Ante Jović from Mississauga for the invitations.

**Franjo Bertović**/National Vice President/Member Services



## Schedule for the



July 1 - July 3, 2022 • Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel

### FRIDAY, JULY 1, 2022

**8:30 P.M.** **WELCOME DANCE** in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel with music provided by T.S. Svemir of Cokeburg, PA and Duquesne Dadz of Duquesne, PA.

### SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2022

**8:00 A.M.** **REGISTRATION** of Participating Ensembles in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

**9:00 A.M.** **JOINT REHEARSAL OF ALL PARTICIPATING ENSEMBLES** in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

**10:00 A.M.** **REHEARSAL** for Music Directors in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

**12:00 P.M.** **Doors Open** for General Audience to enter Harborside Ballroom.

**1:00 P.M.** **OPENING** of the 54th Annual CFU Junior Cultural Federation Tamburitza Festival in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

**NATIONAL ANTHEMS** — By the St. George Junior Tamburitza of Cokeburg, Pennsylvania.

**INVOCATION** — Fr. Maurus Dolčić, Croatian Franciscan Fathers, T.O.R., Washington, DC.

**GREETINGS** — Donald Weakley, President CFU Junior Cultural Federation; H.E. Pjer Šimunović, Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Croatia, Franjo Bertović, National Vice President/Member Services, Croatian Fraternal Union of America.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES** —Edward W. Pazo, National President Croatian Fraternal Union of America.

### EACH ENSEMBLE WILL PERFORM FOR 12 MINUTES

1. **ST. GEORGE JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Cokeburg, Pennsylvania
2. **JADRAN-BEAVR VALLEY JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania
3. **JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS OF DUQUESNE**, Duquesne, Pennsylvania
4. **AMERICAN ZAGREB JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Cleveland, Ohio
5. **QUEEN HELENA TAMBURITZANS**, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
6. **MILWAUKEE CROATIAN JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
7. **RANKIN JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Rankin, Pennsylvania
8. **SVETI LOVRO JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Steelton, Pennsylvania

**5:00 P.M.** **TAMBURITZA CATHOLIC MASS** celebrated in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel by Fr. William Hritsko, Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake, OH and St. Leonard's Catholic Church, Heath, OH; Fr. Maurus Dolčić, Croatian Franciscan Fathers, T.O.R., Washington, DC. Music will be provided by directors of the ensembles.

**9:00 P.M.** **SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL AND DANCE** will be held in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. Music will be provided by Orkestar Zadnja Stanica of Steelton, Pennsylvania.

### SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

**11:00 A.M.** Children begin assembling on stage in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel for Grand Performance of all members of the participating ensembles. Doors to Ballroom remain closed to the general public.

**11:45 A.M.** Doors to the Harborside Ballroom open to general public.

**12:00 P.M.** Festival Program begins in the Harborside Ballroom of the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel.

**NATIONAL ANTHEMS** — By the Happy Hearts Junior Tamburitza of Youngstown, Ohio.

**INVOCATION** — Fr. William Hritsko, Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Buckeye Lake, OH and St. Leonard's Catholic Church, Heath, OH.

**PRESENTATION** of Guest Conductor Jason Ottmann, by Derek Hohn, CFU Director of Fraternal Programs, Croatian Fraternal Union of America.

**COMBINED PERFORMANCE** of participating ensembles under the direction of Guest Conductor Jason Ottmann.

1. **Slavonija Splet** – Arr. J.M. Hughes
2. **Čula Jesam** – *Composer: Traditional* Arr. J.M. Hughes
3. **Živila Hrvatska** – *Author: August Šenoa, Composer: Ivan Plemeniti Zajc, Arr. Patsy Lucas*

**GREETINGS** — Donald Weakley, President CFU Junior Cultural Federation; H.E. Pjer Šimunović, Ambassador to the United States, Republic of Croatia; Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras, National Secretary/Treasurer, Croatian Fraternal Union of America.

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### EACH ENSEMBLE WILL PERFORM FOR 12 MINUTES

1. **HAPPY HEARTS JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Youngstown, Ohio
2. **OKOLITZA JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Pueblo, Colorado
3. **HOOSIER STRINGS JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Merrillville, Indiana
4. **CLEVELAND JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Cleveland, Ohio
5. **AMERICAN CROATIAN WAUKEGAN JUNIOR TAMBURITZANS**, Waukegan, Illinois

**GRAND FINALE** – Music Directors, Choreographers and Assistant Directors of participating ensembles perform under the direction of Guest Conductor Jason Ottmann.

1. **Dobar večer dobri ljudi** – *Traditional: Lado (Croatian Folk)*
2. **Kad Poletiš Mala Ptico** – Arranger: Aleksandar Homoky, Author: Vlado Mejdanc, Composer: Šima Jovanovac
3. **Cesarica** – *Composer: Z. Stipišić, Lyricist: Gibonni, Arranger: A. Tošić*



# Welcome to...

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tainers will, without a doubt, keep everyone thoroughly entertained whether through singing or dancing.

We encourage our members attending the weekend celebration of Croatian Culture in the Charm City, or Baltimore, to refer to the Festival Program included elsewhere within **Zajedničar** for a full listing of the schedule of events. This includes the start times for the two days of concerts as well as Holy Mass which will be celebrated by concelebrants Fr. William Hritsko and Fr. Maurus Dolčić. We thank both clergyman for their participation in the festival and believe that the annual Mass is reflective of the Croatian motto of “Bog i Hrvati” of which we all subscribe.

Members will want to save some energy after Mass and evening dinner for more kolo dancing and singing to the melodic tunes of T.S. Zadnja Stanica of Steelton, Pennsylvania. We welcome our friends from Steelton (and Cleveland) back to the CFU stage as the featured entertainment for our Saturday evening social. CFU members have shown great appreciation

## Lodge 978 Meeting Notice

**PHOENIX, AZ** - The next CFU Lodge 978 Meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on July 26, 2022, at the Schroder Residence located at 12606 N 74th Place, Scottsdale Arizona. For more information call (602) 405-2059.

**Steven Schroder**/President

for their talents at prior Tamburitza Festivals, Ski Fests, National Tournaments and lodge events where they have entertained.

### NFCACF to Host Annual Assembly of Delegates Meeting

For this year, we are pleased to announce that the National Federation of Croatian Americans Cultural Foundation (NFCACF) will host its annual Assembly of Delegates Meeting in conjunction with our Junior Tamburitza Festival in Baltimore, Maryland, beginning with their Delegates' meeting on Friday, July 1st, at the Marriott Waterfront Hotel followed by a public session on Saturday, July 2nd, at 10 a.m. We congratulate the NFCACF leadership and members for their outstanding history of positively affecting the relationship between the US Congress and the Croatian Government. Working on issues of importance throughout its history, the NFCACF has effectively informed our elected leaders and officials of the needs and abilities of Croatia and its people.

In closing, we once again call our members' attention to the children who are participating in this annual CFU Junior Cultural Federation Tamburitza Festival. It is through our children that we see bright tomorrows. The positive impact that their membership in our society and a junior tamburitza ensemble makes cannot go unnoticed or unrecognized. This is why our society supports this event with such strength and attention and why we ask all CFU members to support their local junior tamburitza group and as well as the associated Adult Tamburitza groups which also are affiliated with the Croatian Fraternal Union of America.

## Lodge 72 Annual Mass

**UNIONTOWN, PA** - We wish to inform members of Ss. Peter and Paul CFU Lodge 72 that the annual lodge Mass to honor our patron saints is scheduled for Saturday, July 2nd.

The 4:30 p.m. Mass, for the living and deceased members of the Lodge, is held annually at St. Mary's (Nativity) Church on 61 N. Mt. Vernon Avenue in Uniontown. The yearly Mass continues to be a meaningful event for Lodge 72.

We are thankful and truly recognize the efforts over the years of the deceased members of Lodge 72, as well as those from former Lodge 432 and Lodge 307, who were devoted to our fraternal organization. We are also thankful when current members recommend CFU membership to their family and friends.

Sincere best wishes are extended to our members for a very pleasant summer.

**Catherine Brnich**/Secretary

## CFU Lodge 859 Postpones Meetings

**CLEVELAND, OH** - Attention Lodge 859 members: The July and August meetings for Žumberak CFU Lodge 859 have been postponed.

There will be a September meeting tentatively set for Friday, September 9, at 7 p.m. Once the hall is confirmed, we will update this announcement.

The location for this tentative September meeting will be at: Polish Legion of American Veterans, George Washington Post 31, 850 East 200th St., Cleveland, OH 44119.

To enter the hall, you must use the backdoor entrance. Polish Legion of American Veterans is on the left, Home Depot is directly across the street.

Take an active role in your lodge and plan to attend. Refreshments are served after the meeting. We hope to see you in September.

**Linda Russell**  
Recording Secretary

## ★ GUIDELINES ★ for Submission of Obituaries

The **Zajednicar** understands that the death of a loved one is a difficult time for family members. Obituaries are among the most important items we publish in the **Zajednicar** since we are respectful of all CFU members and are grateful for their contributions to our Fraternal Family.

In light of the increasing number of lengthy obituaries which have been submitted in recent years, we ask all members submitting obituaries to please limit an obituary to two typed pages, double spaced (approximately 250 words). Be sure to include all basic obituary information include the CFU lodge affiliation of the deceased. Please note that eulogies, in most instances, will not be published. A photo may accompany the obituary, provided the photo submitted is of printable quality. Obituaries are published in the order they are received. We request that obituaries be submitted in typewritten copy by mail or by e-mail. We reserve the right to edit information provided in all obituaries in order to maintain the style adopted for the obituary pages.

Thank you for your cooperation!

**Editors**

# OBITUARIES



## Carl C. Vrtnar



**ROSLYN, WA** – It is with great sadness that Dr. David Starcevic Lodge 56 reports the passing of 80-plus year member Carl Vrtnar.

Carl C. Vrtnar, 98, of South Cle Elum, WA, passed away on April 9, 2022 at the Prestige Post Acute Care & Rehab Center in Ellensburg, WA.

Carl was born on November 26, 1923 in Roslyn, Washington to George and Matilda (Rusic) Vrtnar. He grew up in Roslyn and graduated from high school in 1943. He enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 19 and served towards the end of World War II, serving in the Army Corps of Engineers with deployments in Germany, Belgium and France. He was discharged at the age of 22 and returned home to Kittitas County where he attended Central Washington University, earning his bachelor's degree in business.

Carl married June Marie Krahenbuhl on December 18, 1948. Carl's employment with Fishbach & Moore Construction moved the couple to Seattle in 1956 and then Burbank, California in 1962. Carl worked his entire career for Fishbach & Moore, retiring as Chief Financial Officer.

Following retirement, Carl and June moved back to the upper county, residing in South Cle Elum. June passed away in 2014. Carl was a longtime member of the Cle Elum VFW Post, the Cle Elum-Roslyn-Ronald Heritage Club and the Croatian Lodge. Even into his 90's, Carl never slowed down. Folks in town would frequently see him out walking and staying active.

One of Carl's greatest life experiences occurred in 2016 when he and his daughter, Cheryl, went to Washington DC as part of the Honor Flight program. It was there that Carl was able to visit many of our nation's monuments, including the World War II Memorial.

Carl is survived by his daughters Cheryl (Carl) Munson, Pamela (Donald) Bucey and Lori Groff; grandsons Matthew Munson and Andrew (Cass) Bucey, as well as two great-grandchildren, Grace and David. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife June, brothers George and Rudy, as well as his sister Frances.

Memorial contributions in Carl's honor are suggested to Hospice Friends, noted for use of the benefit of upper county programs and services, 302 E. Second, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

Johnston & Williams Funeral Home and Crematory of Cle Elum has been entrusted with caring for Carl and his family. Online condolences may be left at [www.johnston-williams.com](http://www.johnston-williams.com)

A military graveside service was held on June 18, 2022 at the Roslyn Cemetery Kiosk with a reception following at the Roslyn Presbyterian Church.

Carl was an active member and participated in all lodge activities until the end. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

**Michele Kloss**/Secretary/Treasurer



## Vinko Peretić



**LONDON, ON** – It is with deep sadness that CFU Lodge 530 “Ogulin” reports the passing of member Vinko Peretić. Brother Peretić passed peacefully on May 4, 2022 at the age of 81 at Parkwood Hospital in London, Ontario.

Vinko was preceded in death by his wife, Katica. Loving father of Lilly (Peretić) Gluščić (Ivan) and son Joe Peretić. Cherished grandfather of Jacob Gluščić. Vinko will be greatly missed by his brothers Pero, John, Janko and Tom, as well as by his sisters Kata and Jaga Buršić and their families.

Predeceased by his brother Mike Peretić.

Brother Peretić will be missed in the Croatian community. He was an active member at St. Leopold Mandić Church for over 40 years and attended mass every Sunday. He happily served on the church council for many years and enjoyed doing volunteer work. He always said his sport was roasting pigs for church picnics and was always eager to lend a helping hand. He loved people and company, a good joke, and always made everyone feel welcome.

Vinko was a dedicated member of CFU Lodge 530 and volunteered his time and expertise. He and his late wife Katica were the very last to leave our picnic grounds and always waited until everything was completed. Brother Peretić was a quiet and respectful man and friendly to everyone he met. He will always be remembered as a good man, a generous father, a happy grandfather and a friend to many.

On behalf of the Officers and Members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge 530 “Ogulin”, we extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his entire family. May the Lord grant Brother Peretić eternal rest and may the perpetual light shine upon him. Neka mu je vječna slava i mir Božji!

**Franjo Bertović**/President

## IN MEMORIAM

### REMEMBERING FRANK AND ISSY JERBICH

Our parents are our greatest treasure and gift. Without them we are nothing, nothing at all.

Thank you, Mom and Dad, for showing us how to live life to the fullest and love so deeply. Holding you both in our hearts forever.



**Your Family**

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**Editors**

## ✓ Executive Board Extends Annuity Crediting Rates Through September 30, 2022

Members are hereby advised that the society's finance committee, comprised of the Members of the Executive Board, has reviewed the current interest rate environment and has affirmed the current crediting rates for CFU Annuity and IRA accounts through September 30, 2022.

Accordingly, members holding our currently issued contracts will continue to receive the following rates of return on their accounts:

- ★ **Nine Year contract – 3.25%**
- ★ **Five Year contract – 3.00%**
- ★ **Zero Surrender contract – 1.50%**

For those members who hold our Eight Year and Five Year Contracts, the rates of return on these two contracts has been set at the guaranteed minimum of 3.00%.

All other contracts previously issued with either a 4.5% or 4.0% minimum guarantee will continue to earn those rates of return.

Members are urged to consider saving for their retirement through the purchase of a CFU Annuity or IRA contract where their funds will receive rates of return superior to those available at the vast majority of banks and other financial institutions. We urge members to contact the CFU Sales Coordinator today and begin saving for tomorrow.

On behalf of the Executive Board,  
**Edward W. Pazo**/National President

**Attention: Members are reminded that Annuities and IRA accounts offered by the Croatian Fraternal Union of America are not FDIC insured nor are they eligible for coverage by State Guaranty Associations.**

**All Annuity/IRA contracts currently issued by the society carry a one percent (1%) minimum guarantee.**



# Cooking Corner

**Spicy Chocolate Bars**  
(Grandma R's Recipe)

3/4 c. shortening  
2 c. brown sugar, packed  
2 eggs, room temperature  
1 c. hot coffee  
3 c. flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1 12-oz. pkg. chocolate chips

Mix by hand the shortening, brown sugar and eggs until creamed together well. Then mix in one cup of hot coffee.

Add the remaining dry ingredients to the mixture and then stir in the chocolate chips. Combine well and turn into a well-greased jellyroll sheet pan (10x15x1 inches).

Bake at 325 degrees for 20-25 minutes until toothpick in center comes out clean.

**Glaze:**  
Hot coffee  
Powdered sugar

Mix hot coffee, a little at a time, with some powdered sugar to make a glaze consistency. Glaze top of cake while cake is still warm. Cool and cut into bars.

**Bunny DiMartile/Lodge 720**

**Peanut Butter Oatmeal Cookies**

1 jar (12 oz.) peanut butter  
1/2 c. butter, softened  
1 c. plus 2 Tbsp. brown sugar  
1 c. sugar  
3 eggs  
2 tsp. baking soda  
3/4 tsp. vanilla extract  
3/4 tsp. corn syrup  
4 1/2 c. quick-cooking oats  
1 c. chocolate chips  
1/2 c. English toffee bits or almond brickle chips

Cream peanut butter, butter, brown sugar; add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Beat in baking soda, vanilla, corn syrup; stir in oats, chips, toffee bits.

Drop by rounded table-spoonfuls 2 inches apart onto a greased baking sheet. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes, or until lightly browned. Cool for 1 minute before removing from sheet.

Editor note: Reduced fat or generic brands of peanut butter are not recommended for this recipe. This recipe does not use flour. It's a favorite recipe of family and friends!

**Cynthia Ferencic/Lodge 248**

**Javor Tamburaši Annual Picnic**

**PITTSBURGH, PA** - Join the Javor Pittsburgh Tamburaši for our annual picnic at Croatian Center picnic grounds in Millvale, PA on Sunday, June 26.

Doors open at 12 noon. Lamb by Mezick will be available for purchase, and the kitchen and bar will be open.

Special performances at 1:45 p.m. by the Sacred Heart Ensemble of McKeesport and Javor Pittsburgh Tamburaši. Entertainment by Trubaduri beginning at 2:30 p.m.

**Nancy Simunovic/Lodge 19**

**Mahoning Shenango Lodges Host Annual Picnic June 26**

**FARRELL, PA** - We are happy to be back at Strossmayer's picnic grounds in Vienna, Ohio, on Sunday, June 26, for our United CFU Lodges Picnic.

Barbequed lamb and pork will be available at 12 noon prepared by Zvonko Juratovich. The program on stage begins at 1 p.m., with music by the following groups: Sveti Nikola of Aliquippa, Sevdah of Conway, Od Srca of Youngstown, Veseljaci of Farrell, Penn-Sembles of Versailles, and Happy Hearts of Youngstown.

Following the program, there will be music provided by our versatile Mikey Dee Orchestra. Lots of food and drinks will be available. Come share this day with us. Dobro došli!

**Fred Husnick/Lodge 126**

**Lodge 66 To Honor Deceased Members at July 23 Picnic**

**YOUNGSTOWN, OH** - Donations are now being accepted for the memorial plaque honoring deceased members of St. George CFU Lodge 66. A donation of \$15 for each deceased family member or loved one is needed to have their names permanently engraved on our lodge memorial plaque.

This is a permanent tribute to our deceased members. The names will be presented and added to the memorial plaque during a short candlelight service at the Lodge's annual indoor picnic celebration on Saturday, July 23. A family member or friend must be present to participate in the candlelight memorial.

Please print clearly the name of the deceased Lodge 66 member and indicate if the member was a 50-year member of Lodge 66, officer or trustee. Send your \$15 payment by check made payable to ST. GEORGE LODGE 66, prior to July 14th, to St. George Lodge 66, c/o Patricia A. Moran, 1806 Lancaster Drive, Youngstown, OH 44511.

Please include your name and phone number in case there are any questions concerning the donation. Contact Patty Moran at 330-550-3404 for any other information.

**Patty Moran**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CLEVELAND, OH** - CFU Lodge 995 Annual Picnic  
Sunday, August 7 at 2 p.m.  
Croatian Center, 10022 Mulberry Rd., Chardon Ohio

Join us for a fun-filled day, roasted lamb and pork, čeva-pi, potato salad and delicious homemade pastries.

Details to follow in future issues of "Z".

**Mary Laush/Secretary**

**Croatian Center Summer Picnics**

**PITTSBURGH, PA** - Following is the Sunday Summer Picnic Schedule for 2022 which includes all of the events to be held at the Croatian Center, 80 Schuetzen Park Road, Millvale, PA 15209.

**June 26:** Javor Pittsburgh Folklore Ensemble  
**July 17:** Croatian Center Day  
**August 7:** CNH Javor  
**August 21:** Fraternal Day

Please plan to join in the festivities at Croatian Center as we celebrate the summer season!

**Don Langenfeld/Lodge 1**

**SAVE THE DATE**

for the Annual CFU Four County Fraternal Day Picnic on Sunday, August 14 at Clairton Community Park in Clairton, PA.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**CFU Sports and Cultural National and Regional Schedule**

**July 23**  
**68th Joe Rady Golf Tournament**  
**Glenwoodie Golf Club**  
19301 South State Street, Glenwood, IL.  
Hosted by "Hrvatska Sloboda" Lodge 32, Chicago, Illinois



Read the ZAJEDNIČAR for the latest on Croatian banquets, picnics, barbecues, lodge meetings, concerts and sporting events going on in your area.

**Attention All Cooking Corner Contributors:**

All submissions for the **Zajednicar Cooking Corner** are greatly appreciated. However, since we do not operate a test kitchen to validate all recipes received, we kindly ask everyone to please review each recipe submitted to ensure its accuracy. We realize many "Z" readers enjoy trying the recipes and recognize the fact that cooking and baking involves considerable time, effort, and expense. Missing ingredients and incomplete details result in disappointing finished products. We appreciate your accuracy because we want all of our **Cooking Corner** readers to be happy cooks and satisfied bakers!

—Editors

➔ **RECIPES WANTED!** If you have a Croatian or American culinary specialty of which you're quite proud, please submit it to the "Z" by addressing it to **Zajedničar** at 100 Delaney Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235, faxing to 412-823-1594 or e-mailing editor@croatianfraternalunion.org.

Aid for Ukrainian REFUGEES IN CROATIA	
NEW BERLIN, WI – Rudolph Pesut, Jr. ....	100.00
EVERGREEN PARK, IL – Edward Sambol .....	100.00
JOLIET, IL – Doris and Mike Warren.....	200.00
TOTAL THIS REPORT.....	\$400.00
TOTAL COLLECTED .....	\$28,247.00

## Angels Fund Donation

YES! I (we) want to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Angels Fund to assist charitable and social agencies in the United States, Canada and Croatia, who administer to people with basic essential needs.

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CFU 2022 Calendar of Coming Events	
■ JUNE	
26	Javor Pittsburgh Folk Ensemble Picnic - Croatian Center - Millvale, PA
26	Mahoning Shenango Valley Lodges' Annual Picnic - Strossmayer Picnic Grounds - Vienna, Ohio
■ JULY	
1-2-3	54th Annual CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival - Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel - Baltimore, Maryland
9	62nd Annual Mukwonago Croatian Day Fest - Mukwonago, Wisconsin
10	Sloboda CFU Lodge 32 Midwest Croatian Day Picnic - Joliet Croatian Cultural Center - Joliet, Illinois
16	Croatian Fest 2022 - Croatian Park - Milwaukee, Wisconsin
17	Croatian Center Day - Croatian Center - Millvale, PA
23	St. George CFU Lodge 66 Annual Indoor Picnic - Croatian Home - Youngstown, Ohio
23	68th Annual Joe Rady Golf Outing - Glenwoodie Golf Course - Glenwood, Illinois
■ AUGUST	
7	St. George Junior Tamburitians' Annual Golf Outing - Nemacolin Country Club - Beallsville, PA
7	CNH Javor Day - Croatian Center - Millvale, PA
14	United CFU Lodges of Four Counties Annual Picnic - Clairton Community Park - Clairton, PA
20-21	"Ogulin" CFU Lodge 530 Annual Picnic - St. Thomas, Ontario
21	United Lodges of Western Pennsylvania Annual Fraternal Day - Croatian Center - Millvale, PA
■ SEPTEMBER	
3	Annual Croatian Day at Kennywood Park, Hosted by the English-Speaking Lodges of Western PA
4	Post-Croatian Day Celebration - Croatian Home - Rankin, PA
10	Annual St. George Junior Tamburitians' Picnic - Cokeburg Community Park - Cokeburg, PA
25	Ontario Federation of CFU Lodges' Man of the Year Dinner - Honoring Mike "Mijo" Lukicek - London, Ontario
■ OCTOBER	
9	United CFU Lodges of Fayette, Greene, Washington & Westmoreland Counties' Fraternalist of the Year Banquet-honoring Teddi and Randy Stevenson - Nemacolin Country Club - Beallsville, PA
22	Annual Farrell Croatian Home Indoor Picnic - Croatian Home - Farrell, PA
■ NOVEMBER	
11-12	35th Annual CFU Adult TamFEST - Bally's Hotel and Resort - Las Vegas, NV
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**By Edward W. Pazo/National President***(Continued from page 2)*

faithful in Croatia. In response and in respect for this life of piety, many respected journalists of the time wrote articles about him. Included among the articles was one by Cyrus L. Sulzberger, of the New York Times, who won a Pulitzer Prize in 1951 for his exclusive interview with the Cardinal.

With the background information provided by Ms. Starešina, we eagerly anticipated the screening later in the evening at the St. Nicholas worship site, home to the acclaimed murals by Croatian painter Maxo Vanka. After a short tour of the Church's murals, the screening began at 6:30 p.m. to a very attentive audience. We believe that all in attendance left with a feeling of deep reverence for Bl. Kardinal Aloysius Stepinac and look forward to the day that he will be known as a Saint of the Catholic Church.



*Our thanks to Second National Vice President, Brother Michael Ricci, for his extra efforts in making the event a success and the parishioners of St. Nicholas, for extending a warm welcome to all guests in attendance which included a reception in the Church Hall following the film.*

## BOOK RELEASES

### Learn Croatian Language

**ST. LOUIS, MO** - Nasja Bošković Meyer announces the 20th Anniversary of the revised, enhanced and new edition of the Croatian Language and Culture Books. The book is published in two volumes and is called **"Croatia: The Country and the Language" / "Hrvatska: Zemlja i Jezik"** by Nasja Bošković Meyer and Jasna Meyer McCarthy, Ph.D., ACM Publishing, Copyright 2018. Each volume includes an extensive English-Croatian/Croatian-English Dictionary, and an audio component-CD, that helps with pronunciation and reinforces progress in learning. The books are a dynamic new way to learn about the country and language of Croatia.

Nasja Bošković Meyer holds a B.A. in Foreign Languages and is a native of Split, Croatia. She has taught Croatian language and culture for over 35 years at colleges throughout St. Louis. Her daughter and co-author, Jasna Meyer McCarthy, Ph.D., is American born, but educated in Croatia, as well as in the U.S. Currently she is a professor at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

#### Volume I

For everyone who wants to learn more about the rich history and culture of Croatia and its language, Hrvatski Jezik.

This first volume is an Introduction to the Language and its Structure, Pronunciation, Basic Grammar, Gender of Nouns, Present Tense, Grammatical Cases, and Declension of Nouns. Key sections include: Intro to the Language, Greetings, Familiar Scenes in Zagreb, Poems and Proverbs, Everyday Expressions, Brief History of Croatia, Exercises in Speaking and Writing Croatian, Jokes and Short Conversations, Practical Suggestions for Visitors and Tourists to Croatia, English-Croatian and Croatian-English Dictionaries, 299 pages with colored pictures and illustrations, and a CD which is essential for pronunciation.

#### Volume II

For persons who want to learn more, and in greater depth about Croatian language and culture, for visitors to Croatia, for those

with friends and family connections in Croatia.

Continuation of the Study of Grammar, Past Tense, Future Tense, Imperative Form and Conditional. Poems, Proverbs, Songs, Recipes. Visits to Karlovac, Plitvice Lakes, Split, Trogir, Šibenik, Zadar, Dalmatian Islands, Dubrovnik, Međugorje. The Game of "Alka" at Sinj, Everyday Expressions, Exercises in Speaking and Writing Croatian, Recipes for Holiday Baking, Jokes and Short Conversations, English-Croatian and Croatian-English Dictionaries, 321 pages with colored pictures and illustrations, and a CD necessary for pronunciation.

To order, send your Name, Address, Phone No., and a Check to Nasja Meyer, 8055 Davis Dr., St. Louis, MO 63105. Free Shipping Anywhere in the U.S. Soft-Cover: Vol. I-\$67, Vol. II-\$67, Hard-Cover: Vol. I-\$79, Vol. II-\$79. Two soft-cover volumes, only \$130. Two hard-cover volumes, only \$150. Free shipping included.

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**Nasja Boskovic Meyer**  
Lodge 50

## Book of Croatian Poetry

**ST. LOUIS, MO** - A book of Croatian poetry in the Croatian language by a Croatian poet! This book called, **"Pet Rubina Crvenih" (Five Red Rubies)**, can be ordered by sending a check for \$27 US (\$37 Canadian) written to Nasja Meyer, which includes postage, to the address: Nasja Meyer, 8055 Davis Dr., St. Louis, MO 63105. For additional information, call: 314-727-0747 or email [jmeyer@fontbonne.edu](mailto:jmeyer@fontbonne.edu)

**Nasja Meyer**/Lodge 50



## CFU Scholar Emily Boss Earns Master's Degree

**STEELTON, PA** - Emily Ellen Boss, member of Lodge 13, and daughter of CFU member Jeffrey Wm. Boss, and Karen Boss, graduated from Purdue University on May 16, 2022, with a Master of Science degree in Athletic Training.

Emily begins her residency at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, at the end of June. She received her BS Degree in 2020 from the University of Georgia.

Emily was a four-year recipient of a CFU scholarship which she claims helped her financially in undergraduate days. Hvala to the CFU.

A member since birth, Emily's CFU family includes her Dad, fraternal twin Andrew, sister Allison, many Southern cousins and her "Yankee" northern family. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Perina Timko and the great-niece of Patricia Timko.

We, her "Yankee" family, are very proud of her and wish her success and God's Blessings in her residency.

"Know that you are loved."

**Patricia Ann Timko**/Lodge 13

## Nest 27 To Host Movie Night

**VERSAILLES, PA** - Let's celebrate the end of the school year with an awesome night filled with popcorn, films, friends and fun.

On Friday, June 24, CFU Nest 27/Lodge 146 will host a movie night. We'd like to invite all Nest 27 members and all Junior Nest members from the surrounding areas to attend.

We will be showing ENCANTO starting at 5 p.m. and a 2nd movie starting at 7 p.m. We haven't decided what movie to play and would love your suggestions on what you'd like to see. Beth's Snack Bar will be open serving up all your movie munching needs at no charge.

Also, we have a fun craft planned for all attendees. And don't forget your blankets, sleeping bags, pillows and camp chairs because we'll be setting up a mini DRIVE-IN right here in our Croatian Home.

I can't wait to have you all here so please RSVP to me via email, text, or call. This event is definitely something you don't want to miss!

Here are the details: When: Friday June 24. Where: Croatian Club Lodge 146 - 4400 3rd Street Versailles, PA 15132. Time: 1st movie at 5 p.m.; 2nd movie at 7 p.m. Contact: Beth Cindric-Steele, Email: [Litup915@gmail.com](mailto:Litup915@gmail.com); Phone: 412-496-5512; Croatian Club phone: 412-751-6261.

**Beth Cindric-Steele**  
Manager/Nest 27

## CFU SEMINARS

**PITTSBURGH, PA** - We are happy to announce the Croatian Fraternal Union of America has resumed hosting CFU seminars. The focus is to help CFU members (referrers) and agents to understand the Society's many products and benefits so that they may recommend or enroll new members into our ranks.

If interested in hosting a CFU Seminar, please contact the National Vice President and Director of Member Services office.

**The following CFU Seminars were recently held:**

Cleveland, OH on March 27, 2022, sponsored by Lodge 235 "Slobodna Hrvatska"

**Franjo Bertović**/National Vice-President/Member Services



**PRESENTATION TO GROUP OF RETIREES** in Cleveland, was held on April 20, 2022. Over 70 people attended. The Officers of Croatian Retirees Club.



**THE CROATIAN RETIREES CLUB** in Cleveland is comprised of approximately of 185 members which meet every third Thursday of the month at Croatian Lodge Cardinal Stepinac, Eastlake, OH



**SEMINAR ON CFU Modern Portfolio of Products** was held in Youngstown, on June 05, 2022 ... sponsored by CFU Lodge 66 "St. George"

## NFCACF Annual Assembly of Delegates Set for July 1-2

**PHILADELPHIA, PA** - The National Federation of Croatian Americans Cultural Foundation (NFCACF) is proud to announce that our annual Assembly of Delegates meeting will be held July 1-2 and integrated within the CFU Junior Cultural Federation's 54th Annual Tamburitza Festival to be held at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel (700 Aliceanna St). The NFCACF Board Members and delegates look forward to a productive agenda for the organization and a festive weekend of Croatian music within the Croatian Fraternal Union's (CFU) Junior Tamburitza Festival annual event.

The NFCACF will host a Saturday, July 2nd, 10 a.m. public session to highlight several Croatian initiatives and with a representative from the Croatian Embassy and major announcements regarding the Croatian American Sports Hall of Fame (CASHOF). The winners for the first induction class will be announced at this session and the venue details for the October CASHOF award ceremony. The honorees for this maiden class were chosen from forty-four overall nominations within a three-step and six-month selection process. The CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival participants and parents are invited to attend this Saturday, July 2nd event set for 10 a.m. that will be held in the Waterview Room at the host Marriott hotel.

Please let me share that the NFCACF is still looking for a Rudy Perpich Fellow for the summer of 2022. This is a paid position with a mix of interesting Croatian projects and can be done remotely. Please contact me at: [sjukavina@gmail.com](mailto:sjukavina@gmail.com) for more details if necessary. Lastly, we invite all CFU members and friends to take a look at our NFCACF website at: [www.nfcacf.org](http://www.nfcacf.org)

**Steve Rukavina**/President NFCACF and CFU Lodge 760



**NFCACF Hall of Fame Banner Table**



Ready, Set, Recommend, Vegas!  
2022 New Membership Campaign

Yes, Brother Pazo,

Credit me with 77 bonus points and count me among those dedicated fraternalists who have joined the 2022 New Membership Campaign with Grand Prize Award of:

- Three nights at Bally's Las Vegas;
- Official Recognition at the CFU Adult TamFEST; and,
- Two Tickets to a society sponsored reception.

2022 CFU Campaign Prizes are Non-Transferable.  
Winner must claim prize Nov. 11-13, 2022 in Las Vegas.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Members contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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New Membership Campaign  
Spousal Benefit Offer

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CFU Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ontario  
Federation of  
CFU Lodges Offers  
Scholarships

TORONTO, CANADA -

We are happy to finally be able to plan the Man of the Year banquet which will be held in London, Ontario on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022. We will not only honour Mike Lukicek, a member of CFU Lodge 530, but also award scholarships to members entering college or university. Application forms can be obtained from your local CFU lodge or can be sent to you by email from Mary Grubic, chairperson of the Scholarship committee, at mgrubic.grubic@gmail.com .

Students entering first year or any year in university or college (Undergrad or Postgrad with a full-time student load of courses) will qualify to apply. You will also be required to submit an Official copy of your transcript, completed application form, personal profile, reference and photo. You must be a member of one of the Federation affiliated CFU Lodges for a minimum of three years and at least one parent or grandparent must also be a member of the CFU for at least three years.

This year the awards are given in memory of all the deceased members of the Federation.

Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to Mary Grubic at mgrubic.grubic@gmail.com or 4241 Sarazen Drive, Unit 24, Burlington, ON L7M5B7 by September 1, 2022.

Mary Grubic/Scholarship  
Committee Chairperson



Taste of Croatia in Phoenix

BUCKEYE, AZ - Hearty congratulations are in order to the officers of CFU Lodge 978 in Phoenix, Arizona for staging a most innovative fraternal event titled "Taste of Croatia" on Saturday, April 23.

The setting for this event was the spacious back patio at the home of Steve and Sonja Schroeder in Scottsdale, Arizona. Steve is the President of the lodge and Sonja is the Secretary. Under their able leadership, they are blessed to have dedicated and supportive lodge officers.

Approximately 60 CFU members and friends gathered at 6 p.m. Weather was excellent—simply perfect for this type of an outdoor event. It was dining under the blue sky and stars Croatian style in the land of paradise. Photos that accompany this article are a testament as to how well this event was organized.

Lodge President Steve Schroeder welcomed everyone with a traditional toast of Šljivovica. He introduced Andy Sepich, member of the CFU National Board of Trustees, who was present and greeted us on behalf of CFU. We are grateful for his presence.

The menu for the evening consisted of multiple courses. Cheese Burek for appetizer, followed by traditional Croatian recipes of Noodle Soup, Sarma with sauerkraut and potatoes, Hrvatski Beef Goulash. All of this wonderful meal was topped with the very popular Apple Strudel. Complimentary Croatian wines and beer were served during the dinner and available for purchase throughout the evening.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Jason Ottmann and his friends. Jason now lives in Phoenix area and is this year's Guest Conductor for the Annual CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival. Jason, an accomplished tambura player and choreographer, is a wonderful and welcome addition to the Phoenix Croatian Community. Discussions are already going on with Jason and Melita Ivezić Obeid, President of the Croatian Club, about starting a tamburitza junior group.

CFU Lodge 978 has been known over the years for staging an annual picnic. It is well attended. This year's picnic will be held on November 19, at the Schroeders' home. Traditional barbecued lamb, čevapčići and sausage, along with plenty of Croatian beer and wine, will be on tap. Entertainment will be provided by Dunav Orchestra from Chicago. All CFU members of Lodge 978 and members who vacation in the Phoenix area during the winter are encouraged to attend.

Michael Stivoric/Former CFU Vice President

CFU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MYERSTOWN, PA – Dolores Jurjevich. Sincere thanks for the scholarships I received during the 1960's. They were a valuable addition to my own meager funds .....	200.00
EVERGREEN PARK, IL – Edward Sambol, in memory of my parents Edward and Dolores Sambol.....	250.00
PLAINFIELD, IL – Bob and Dolores Pavich, in memory of our friend George Boulanger .....	32.00
Towards the "Sloboda" Lodge 32 Frank M. Jerbich Scholarship Fund	
METAIRIE, LA – Klara Cvitanovich .....	\$100.00
TOTAL THIS REPORT .....	\$582.00
TOTAL COLLECTED .....	\$9,267.00

DONATION

CFU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yes! I want to CONTRIBUTE \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the CFU Scholarship Fund in order to aid CFU students seeking a higher education. Please include the following message or memorial with my contribution.

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ELIGIBILITY: Must be a spouse of a CFU member that is currently not enrolled in the Society.  
Ages 18-49 may apply to enroll for the amount of \$5,000 or \$10,000 face value.

Ages 50-65 may apply for the \$5,000 life insurance amount.

Normal Underwriting requirements apply. Standard rates applicable in second year.

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