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# **CFU Scholarship Foundation** Announces **Award Recipients** Grand Total of \$150,450 Disbursed to 161 Applicants

By Edward W. Pazo / National President

PITTSBURGH, PA - Supporting our CFU youth remains a cornerstone activity among the fraternal benefits provided by the Croatian Fraternal Union since the late 1950's when the CFU Scholarship Foundation was incorporated. The impetus to encourage the academic pursuits of young CFU students underscores our commitment to the value of education and to serving the needs of CFU youth and families who incur financial burdens associated with higher education.

At the CFU Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors' annual meeting held on October 21, 2021, a total of \$150,450 was awarded among 161 applicants for the 2021-2022 academic year. The total includes a \$5,000 award presented for the winning entry in the annual Scholarship **Essay Contest.** 

For the third year in a row, a CFU Scholarship Essay Contest was conducted in 2021. The contest was first held in 2019 in celebration of our Society's 125th anniversary year when three candidates were each awarded a \$5,000 scholarship for their impressive essay entries. A similar opportunity was made available again in 2020, and once again in 2021, for one qualifying student to earn a \$5,000 scholarship award for his/her winning entry. We congratulate the 2021 essay contest winner for an excellent entry and thank all participants for their essay submissions.

Since the CFU Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was incorporated as a non-profit on June 27, 1958, CFU members have generously made donations to the fund. The Spirit of Christmas campaign was later launched to help boost the scholarship program and remains as a valuable source of revenue to annually benefit the fund. Following the Christmas 2021 campaign which concluded on February 28, 2022, I am pleased to acknowledge the generosity and concern of our CFU members who contributed to the grand total of \$47,266.38 which was received during the holiday solicitation. In addition to the Spirit of Christmas drive and the ongoing contributions received throughout the year, the CFU Scholarship Foundation program was further enhanced through the addition of two new individualized scholarship endowment funds recently established, namely the Father Frank Perkovich Endowment Fund and the Hrvatska Sloboda CFU Lodge 32 Frank M. Jerbich Memorial Scholarship Fund. Interest earned on the two new endowments will be utilized to fund future scholarships for deserving CFU students.

Currently, the total number of individual scholarship endowments included within the framework of the Foundation stands at one hundred and six (106), responsible for the CFU Scholarship Foundation reaching Eight Million Dollars in assets. These considerable assets make it possible to assist hundreds of applicants each year through the granting of non-repayable awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$300. Only the interest generated from the individual funds is used to provide scholarship grants which allows for the continued remembrance of the grantors each year, as deserving CFU scholars receive grants from the respective funds.



DOZENS OF CHILDREN joined their parents and grandparents at the 50th Annual CFU SkiFEST held February 4-6 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA. Current and future young participants had a great time at this winter playground and also had fun with one another at the Saturday evening social gathering. Special congratulations to several members of the younger set who were winners in their age categories in the ski and snowboarding competitions!

# Lodge 993 Plans **March Meeting**

MUKWANAGO, WI - John Movrich CFU Lodge 993 will hold its next meeting and St. Patrick's Day dinner on Saturday, March 12, with the meal at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting right after that. We will have a few grills going and everyone will make their own Reuben sandwich. The lodge will provide all of the ingredients. Please bring a dish to pass (dessert, salad or chips).

We had a great February meeting, with six fantastic soups to warm us up on a very cold winter evening. We voted to donate \$5,000 to the Croatian Pavilion Park Campaign in Patsy Lucas's name. She has been a lifelong member of our lodge and has greatly influenced so many people all over the Midwest with her love of Croatian music and her hard work in teaching it to our youth. We encourage all members to also make a donation to this worthy cause. The park has been in such need of updating. The plans for a new pavilion with a bar, full stage, and restrooms is amazing. They will also rehab the multi-use building, and the bakery building, all to better serve the Croatian Community for years to come. This million dollar project needs everyone's help in bringing it to fruition. Please give....generously! Carol Movrich Gedde Secretary/Treasurer

# Lodge 995 Plans Annual **Meeting for March**

CLEVELAND, OH - We would like to announce that our annual meeting will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022, starting at 2 p.m., at the American Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH.

We urge all members to attend this important annual meeting. Your support and input are crucial for our lodge to prosper and preserve our culture and heritage.

We will cover three important topics: Nominate and elect lodge officers; Review activities and financial standing for the year 2021; Plan activities for 2022. Your suggestions and ideas are welcomed.

We are looking forward seeing you on March 5. If you have any questions, please call our secretary Mary at 216-313-0298.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mary Laush/Secretary

# Žumberak Lodge March Meeting

CLEVELAND, OH - The next scheduled meeting of Žumberak FU Lodge 859 will be on Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m

The magnanimous bequests and contributions received for the initiation of the scholarship endowment funds have far exceeded all expectations and have served to benefit thousands of CFU students over the past seven decades.

#### **Meeting Recap**

At the Scholarship Foundation Board Meeting held this past October, a motion was made to retain the same officers and the (Continued on page 8)

The location for this March 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.

We hope to see you there!

Linda Russell/Recording Secretary

# **OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accord with the Society's By-Laws and in agreement with the President and Secretary of the CFU National Board of Trustees, all Members of the Board are hereby notified that the Annual Board of Trustees Meeting will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 2, 2022 in the CFU Home Office Facility in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

All Members of the CFU National Board of Directors are hereby, officially, notified that the Annual Spring Meeting of the National Board will commence at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in the Home Office Facility in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Edward W. Pazo, National President Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras, National Secretary/Treas. Daniel Kochis, President, Board of Trustees Robert Luketic, Secretary, Board of Trustees



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK...LORRAINE TURKALL

# **ympic-Size Dreams**

In recent weeks, millions of people have been glued to their TV screens, phones and tablets following the tremendous feats of physical strength and endurance as athletes from around the world are competing in the 2022 Olympics in Beijing. As casual viewers of the Olympic competitions, we can only marvel at the incredible skill, focus, strength, agility, discipline, tenacity, and determination to succeed exhibited by the athletes as they perform in the multi-dimensional Olympic events. Furthermore, we cannot begin to imagine the challenges, commitments and pressures they have experienced to reach this level of competition, having endured countless days, weeks and years of rigorous performance training, repetitive practice sessions, countless injuries and setbacks, and innumerable personal sacrifices to qualify for participation in the Olympic games.

Beyond all that, the intensity of the preparations, combined with the stringent guidelines they have followed, further enhanced by the strict Covid measures in place, have all contributed to the enormous pressures which have faced each and

every athlete taking part in this year's Olympic Games. The quest for Olympic Gold, Silver and Bronze fuels the fire within these athletes to challenge themselves to compete at the highest level and to train their minds and bodies to absorb the tests of high endurance and performance on an international playing field.

Risking it all, the best of the best achieve their hard-fought goals and are rewarded with the fame and joys of basking in the glory of triumph, as numerous others are left to manage their disappointments, shattered emotions, and lasting physical and mental pains and scars resulting from disastrous falls, injuries and defeats incurred while competing in various sports that have consumed their daily lives. To consider whether pursuing Olympic dreams outweighs the challenges and merits the investment of such intense focus, one would need to ask the athletes themselves. No matter where they finish in the standings, we applaud the monumental efforts of every Olympic athlete and congratulate them on their dedicated pursuits.

For those not seeking athletic goals, or for those who are seeking both

dreams of success, we take this moment to offer our congratulations to our CFU scholars who have been awarded CFU scholarship grants and who are highlighted in this edition of the **Zajedničar**. While they may not be intent on attaining "Olympic Gold" in the sports arena, many are laser-focused on becoming the best in their fields of study and in their future careers. Who knows how many future doctors, educators and titans of industry are among those included in the current listing of scholarship recipients? Who can anticipate the scholars who will help solve the next world crisis, mitigate the pain of debilitating illnesses, or work to prevent environmental catastrophes? We wish all of our CFU scholars success in their chosen fields and believe that every accomplishment they achieve along the way will help to make someone's life better and leave a positive impact upon our world.

**Croatian Fraternal Union of America** 

Founded in 1894

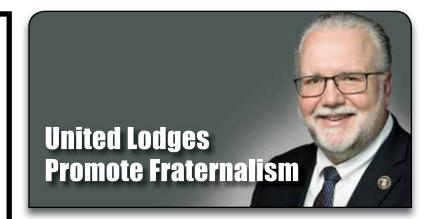
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## Zadnja Stanica in Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, OH - On Friday, March 4, the St. George Croatian Club of Youngstown, Ohio, is pleased to welcome back to the Youngstown area T.S. Zadnja Stanica of Steelton, PA.

Fish, Seafood and Schnitzel Dinners will be available prior to the party during the club's regular dinner hours, 4:30 p.m.



#### By Edward W. Pazo/National President

Our society, organized in 1894 with five original lodges from Southwestern Pennsylvania along with one original lodge from Northern West Virginia, has achieved great progress over the ensuing 128 years of our existence. This progress can be categorized in two areas for the purpose of this article. First and foremost, CFU, and its predecessor the National Croatian Society, has provided tangible financial benefits to its membership in times of sorrow and hardship. Through the trust and dedication of our membership, CFU has grown from humble beginnings of less than \$50 in its treasury to a modern insurance company with well over \$500 Million Dollars under management. This has been possible due to members thinking of CFU first when they choose a life insurance company to protect their family or when considering a financial institution to help them save for their retirement years.

The second area in which Croatian Fraternal Union has excelled includes the very active and successful efforts to preserve, promote and perpetuate our rich and beautiful Croatian heritage and culture. Remaining true to our Society's Charter and By-Laws, our present administration, as well as those who came before us, have worked toward building and strengthening bridges of cooperation with our Croatian brothers and sisters in the homeland. CFU is second to none with respect to ethnic fraternal benefit societies in its cultural preservation and enrichment programs. Croatian cultural events permeate the CFU events calendar on the national, regional and local levels all supported by the Croatian Fraternal Union in some form or fashion. Our society has been recognized for decades by Croatian governmental leaders as a key and important participant in the process of promoting Croatia to the world. We owe a large debt of gratitude to our departed National President Emeritus Bernard M. Luketich and his contemporaries in the National Administration for his and their vision in protecting and preserving the Croatian identity outside of Croatia itself.

In of all the successful programs initiated by the CFU Home Office and National Administration, we enjoyed the resounding support of our Lodges and United Lodges organizations. We take this opportunity to congratulate the following eight United Lodges organizations which we recognize among our fraternal ranks as listed in our 2021 Lodge Directory:

- United CFU Lodges of Western Pennsylvania
- United Lodges Mahoning Valley
- United Lodges of Fayette, Greene, Washington & Westmoreland Counties, SW Pennsylvania
- CFU Southern California United Lodges
- United CFU Lodges of Greater Milwaukee
- United CFU Lodges of New York, New Jersey, & Connecticut
- Northern California United Lodges, and
- Ontario Federation of CFU Lodges.

With the harmful restrictions from COVID-19 seemingly on their way out of our lives, we happily recognize the recent meeting of the United CFU Lodges of Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties which occurred on Sunday, February 20, 2022 hosted by St. George Lodge 354 of Cokeburg, Pennsylvania. The meeting provided an opportunity for delegates representing six CFU Lodges (72-Uniontown; 146-Versailles; 194-Monessen; 248-Clairton; 354-Cokeburg; and, 567-Canonsburg) to review the reports of the organization's president, financial secretary, radio announcer, and plan for the future activities in 2022. Following greetings by Lodge 354 Secretary/Treasurer Brother Dan Kochis, this writer was called upon by Sister Luketich-Sikaras to offer remarks concerning the society in general. We were pleased to address the crowd of delegates and provide some insight into the financial and cultural successes of Croatian Fraternal Union of America and thank them for the activity and fraternalism which they display in their respective Lodges. CFU Vice President/Member Services Brother Franjo Bertovic provided an in-depth report on the present CFU new membership campaign and urged all in attendance to recommend new members into the society. The highlight of the meeting occurred when the nominating committee for the Fraternalist of the Year award provided their report. We are pleased to officially congratulate | (Continued Teddi Ann and Randy Stevenson, active mem- on page 10)

# 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

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Members contact E-mail:\_

Return to: Croatian Fraternal Union Edward W. Pazo, National President 100 Delaney Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15235



to 7:30 p.m., with music beginning at 7 p.m.

This great night will be open to the public. We will have plenty of, Karlovačko, Šljivovica, and Kruskovac, as well as a fully stocked bar and snacks available for purchase after dinner hours.

Presale tickets can be purchased for \$10 in advance at the St. George Croatian Center, 3200 Vestal Rd., Youngstown, Ohio or by contacting Tim Komara at 330-519-9036 or Helena Ladd at 330-941-9363. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15.

We hope to see you at our Welcome Back Music Fešta, a night of Croatian culture.

Come and welcome the start of spring with us on Friday Night March 4th in Youngstown, OH. See you there.

Tim Komara/Lodge 66

# Tamburitzans Return to Ellwood City March 27

**ELLWOOD CITY, PA -** "The Tamburitzans" (formerly the Duquesne University Tamburitzans) will perform their new production, SYMBOLS - The Awakening, on Sunday, March 27, at 3 p.m., at Lincoln Junior/Senior High School, 501 Crescent Ave., Ellwood City, PA.

The concert is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ellwood City Scholarship Fund. Tickets may be purchased online at ellwoodtams.eventbrite.com for \$25, Adult Advanced Reserved, while tickets at the door on the day of the performance will be \$30. Student tickets are \$15.

Additionally, face to face ticket sales will be held at the Ellwood City Library, 415 Lawrence Avenue, on Friday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In their 85th season, the Tamburitzans will weave a tapestry of music, songs and dances of Croatian, Georgian, Nordic, Serbian, Polish, Italian and Bulgarian cultures. Audiences will be transported to folk celebrations through intricate choreography,

# Junior Combos Sought for Fest

**PITTSBURGH, PA** - The CFU Junior Cultural Federation requests your participation to provide entertainment for the Friday night social at the upcoming 54th Annual Festival, July 1-2-3, 2022 in Baltimore, MD.

Any junior group which has a combo and is interested in sharing its talent with our fellow tamburitzans at the Friday night social is asked to contact Mike Ricci at 412-821-5753 or, E-mail michaelricci18@verizon.net

Combo groups playing for the Friday night social will receive a donation of \$50. Don't delay, call brother Ricci at the above mentioned number as soon as possible.

#### Tam Orchestras Sought For Junior Festival

CFU Junior Cultural Federation is also accepting bids from Orchestras interested in providing entertainment for the Saturday evening social, July 2, 2022 at our upcoming 54th Annual Festival in Baltimore, MD.

The Croatian music must be beared to the tastes of our youth



SVETI LOVRO CFU LODGE 13 MEMBER Johnny Manning will be displaying his musical talents when the Tamburitzans return to Ellwood City, PA on March 27.

mesmerizing music, and unique voices. A memorable experience like no other!

Peter Kucan/Lodge 541

# Junior Tammies of Duquesne Present Annual Concert

PITTSBURGH, PA – The Junior Tamburitzans of Duquesne (JTD) will present their annual concert at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 26, at Steel Valley Senior High School in Munhall, PA. A dinner and reception will follow the concert at the Homeville Fire Hall in West Mifflin, PA, with entertainment by T.S. Ponoć.

Under the instruction of JT Kordesich and Nikola Vranesevic, JTD will perform songs and dances from Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria and more. We are also pleased to welcome the American Zagreb Junior Tamburitzans of Cleveland, OH as guest group.

The members, instructors, and parents of JTD also congratulate graduating seniors Ilija Belich, Zachary Brkovich, Chuck Cubelic, Ilijana Hasak, Isabella Hineman, and Evelyn Posavatz on their final JTD concert. We wish you all the best, JTD Seniors!

Ticket pricing details can be found on our website www. juniortammies.org. Tickets may be purchased online at our website ahead of time and are available for sale at the door. (Please note: cash or check only at the door).

After a two-year concert hiatus, the members of the Junior Tamburitzans are eager to share their love of music and dance with their friends and family. All are welcome! Steel Valley Senior High School is located at 3113 Main St., Munhall, PA 15120. The Homeville Fire Hall is located at 3900 Greensprings Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122.

# St. George Adult Tamburitzans Plan Annual Velika Fešta

**COKEBURG, PA** - The members of St. George Adult Tamburitzans of CFU Lodge 354 in Cokeburg, PA are pleased to announce the their annual Velika Fešta Tamburaša is back on the schedule and will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022. It has been two long years without this grand celebration of our beautiful tambura music which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although responses from the CFU adult tamburitza ensembles are still rolling in, we are happy to report that to date, seven ensembles have indicated that they will be participating.

This annual music celebration is an all-day event featuring CFU Adult Tamburitza Ensembles from near and far who entertain guests throughout the day on both floors of Lodge 354's beautiful Croatian Home. The evening wraps up with dancing to music by the popular Orkestar Zabava of Pittsburgh until the wee hours of the morning.

There will be traditional Croatian foods being served in the kitchen and plenty of your favorite refreshments available throughout the day, as well as a bake sale full of various homemade desserts, strudels and rolls. If you want to order extra nut, poppy seed or apricot rolls for the Easter holiday, please call Mary Lou Pohlot at 412-610-1560 or Marlene Luketich Kochis at 724-945-6618 with your order and they will be available for pick-up at Fešta.

A warm invitation is extended to all CFU members and friends to our 28th anniversary Fešta.

Don't miss an entire day of festive tamburitza music and the chance to socialize with some of the finest tamburaši in the Croatian Fraternal Union.

Svi nam dobro došli!

Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras President/Lodge 354

# Tamburitzans in Munster

**MUNSTER, IN** – The Tamburitzans, America's premier folk ensemble, will appear in concert on Sunday, March 20, at 2 p.m., at Munster Senior High School.

Tiered pricing available. All seats are reserved and group rates are available.

For general information or to purchase tickets, www.thetam-

# **RECRUITER SPOTLIGH**

#### SPOTLIGHT ON CFU PROGRAMS

#### an interview with CAROL STRIŠKOVIĆ

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

n this edition of the Zajedničar, we place the spotlight on CFU Referral Person for January 2022 - Carol Strišković. She is a member of CFU Lodge 995 "Cardinal A. Stepinac" and serves as Nest 651 Manager in Cleveland, Ohio.



Carol has been active in Lodge 995 and the local community of Cleveland. Sister Strišković has held numerous positions in the lodge and is active in the leadership of the American Zagreb Jr. Tamburitzans. She diligently works to increase our fraternal ranks and to enroll new members.

#### What is your favorite CFU memory?

My favorite CFU memory to date is the Lodge 995/Nest 651 Christmas Party we held this past Christmas in December 2021. We had many of our Nest 651 children participate along with their families. It was very touching to see so many of us come and celebrate together once Covid restrictions were lifted. Having the children receive presents from Santa Claus made all of us genuinely smile.

#### Do you participate in any of our CFU tamburitza ensembles?

I do not participate as a performer in any CFU tamburitza ensemble, however, I am co-treasurer of the American Zagreb Junior Tamburitzans where both my daughter and son are active performers. I have been serving as a member of the Board for the past 6 years.

#### What is your favorite Croatian tradition?

My favorite Croatian tradition is helping St. Nicholas leave surprises in my children's boots for St. Nicholas Day.

#### Do you have a favorite Croatian food?

My favorite Croatian food is palačinke

#### Any advice for other CFU recommenders?

We need to help our younger generation understand the importance of having life insurance not only for ourselves but for ALL members of our family. We cannot depend on the life insurance policies that can be obtained through our employers. They are not guaranteed, as they are dependent upon employment. With a CFU policy, you are guaranteed its coverage. Tomorrow is never promised and we have to be prepared for unexpected events. By having funds available after one's passing, we are assisting our loved ones during a very difficult time.

#### Please list CFU honors that you find notable about yourself?

I have been a Board Member of Lodge 995 in the various capacities of secretary, vice president, and member of the auditing committee for the past 12 years. Presently, I am fulfilling my first year of duties as Nest 651 Manager.

#### Describe why being a part of the CFU fraternal family is important to you.

Being a part of the CFU fraternal family is important to me because the CFU unites all of us and helps us come closer to our Croatian heritage. They sponsor many events that have greatly impacted all of our lives. We all have made new friends at these events. We all know many people who met significant others at such events and started new chapters of their lives with each other.

#### Do you have a favorite "Croatian?" (singer, musician, sports, etc)

My favorite Croatian singer is Mišo Kovač and my favorite band is Prljavo Kazalište. Zvonimir Boban is always going to be my favorite Croatian soccer player.

We appreciate and congratulate Sister Carol Strišković on her recruiting achievements and involvement in CFU activities. She is knowledgeable and well-versed about CFU's modern portfolio of life insurance and savings opportunities.

#### **REMINDER TO ALL:**

Don't forget to enter the 2022 Membership Campaign and

participating in the festival.

Please send your bid to the undersigned at 100 Delaney Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 or e-mail to editor@croatianfraternalunion.org. Bid must be received by April 1, 2022. Hvala! **Ivan Begg**/Secretary Junior Cultural Federation

Judi Resick/President

buritzans.org

Tickets are also being sold at Solan-Pruzin Funeral Homes; Schererville: 219-322-7766; Hammond: 219-931-5762.

Reception with Tamburitzans after the show in Munster High School cafeteria.

John Pruzin/Lodge 170

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"Win your Stay at TamFEST!" Qualify by earning 777 points! Earn 77 bonus points by completing and submitting the Campaign Coupon published in the Zajedničar.

#### **GRAND PRIZE AWARD**

for the 2022 New Membership Campaign:

- Three Nights (3) in the Entertainment capital of the world, Las Vegas, NV;
- Official recognition of winners at the CFU Adult TamFEST in attractive Bally's Hotel on the Strip, and
- **Two tickets (2)** for a reception in honor of all those volunteer recommenders who qualify for the prize.

<u>These awards are in addition</u> to either the standard commission for fraternal agents or referral bonus payable to individuals who refer a new member.

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.

# Lodge 19 Meeting Notice

PITTSBURGH, PA - CFU Lodge 19 will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 13, at Croatian National Hall Javor. The meeting is set to start at 1 p.m. Please try to attend. Joyce Simunovic/Recording Secretary Р

# **MINUTES • SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OCTOBER 21, 2021**

The meeting of the of the Croatian Fraternal Union Scholarship Foundation was called to order by Foundation President Edward W. Pazo on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the CFU Home Office.

President Pazo welcomed the Directors and thanked them for their service to the Foundation in the past year.

President Pazo called for the Roll Call of Directors which is as follows: President, Edward W. Pazo - present; Vice President, Dr. Marion Vujevich - present; Secretary/ Treasurer, Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras - present; Director Franjo Bertović - present; Director Derek Hohn - present; Director Michael Ricci - present; Director Robert Luketic present; Director Paul Lucas - excused.

President Pazo presented the meeting agenda for approval. A motion was made by Michael Ricci, seconded by Robert Luketic, to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Before proceeding with the agenda, President Pazo noted that the CFU Scholarship Program remains a key fraternal program for the Society which exists as a separate entity apart from CFU. He therefore thanked CFU Controller John Zupancic for keeping the accounts and performing the financial tasks associated with the Foundation and CFU Director of Fraternal Programs Derek Hohn for managing the administrative aspects of the Foundation, as well as other staff members who willingly provide assist as needed.

President Pazo then called for the Election of Officers of the Foundation. A motion was made by Robert Luketic, seconded by Derek Hohn, to retain the same Officers for the next one-year period. The Directors unanimously approved the motion.

President Pazo called for approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Michael Ricci, seconded by Dr. Marion Vujevich, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

President Pazo reported that the assets of the Foundation as of October 18, 2021 totaled \$8,164,240.41. The previous year's total assets were \$7,555,568.79. Year-to-date financial activity was reported as follows:

Income:	Donations	\$ 340,488.98	
	Interest		
	Capital Gains		
	Total Income	\$ 512,617.76	
Expense:	Scholarships	\$ 171,300.00	
	Grant Reissue		
	Administration		
	Total Expense	\$ 175,563.00	
	Net Income	\$ 337,054.76	

The Foundation granted \$171,300.00 in scholarships to 181 students for the 2020-2021 academic year.

President Pazo then announced the funds that have been established since the last meeting:

Pauline & Henry Polding	\$ 49,717.32
Jozo Bajurin	
Sv. Nikola Lodge 432	
(Additional \$26,000 to be forwarded)	,
Fr. Frank Perkovich	25,000,00

President Pazo noted that the Fr. Frank Perkovich Fund is the 105th award established for the Foundation.

President Pazo informed the Directors that a \$100,000 donation was received in memory of Brother Bill Jambrek of Lodge 692. No new individual endowment was established.

President Pazo also informed the Directors that the family of Frank Jerbich of Lodge 32 made a donation of \$25,000 to the Lodge to initiate a "Lodge 32 - Frank M. Jerbich Fund." The Lodge added additional money to that donation and the creation of the new fund is currently in process.

President Pazo informed the Directors that an additional \$225,000 has been received for the Salinger Fund which brings the total received to date to \$625,000.

Robert Luketic moved to accept the financial report, which was seconded by Franjo Bertović. Motion carried.

The Directors were then informed that the Foundation's financials were audited by the firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood for the year ending December 31, 2020. No adverse findings were reported. The audit report was filed with the State of Pennsylvania. The Directors were also informed that the Form 990 was also completed and filed in a timely fashion. A motion was made by Derek Hohn, seconded by Robert Luketic, to formally accept the audit report. Motion carried.

The Directors then discussed the essay contest for this academic year. Bernadette Luketich-Sikaras moved to hold another essay contest with a single winner of a \$5,000 scholarship. Michael Ricci seconded the motion and the Directors unanimously concurred. The Directors also recommended rotating the readers among our qualified CFU members. Sister Luketich-Sikaras will create the prompt and it will appear in an upcoming edition of the Zajedničar. Essays will be due at the end of December and all regular scholarship eligibility requirements must be met to participate.

Before reviewing the current applications for scholarship, President Pazo stated that, although the Foundation assets are at an all-time high of over eight million dollars, interest rates are considerably lower and generating less interest to be distributed. He

noted that 25-30 funds did not generate enough in interest to give an award this year; however, there is approximately \$187,000 available for this year's awards to the 150 students who submitted applications.

Before beginning the application review process, Derek Hohn noted that the current application and other associated documentation required by the student need updated and digitized. President Pazo directed Derek to work on changes to improve these items and to implement them for next year.

After a review of the stipulations attached to certain funds, the Directors authorized the

following grant amounts for the 2021-22 academic year:	
MRKONIC FAMILY FUND	¢15 650 00
RICHARD & KATHERINE JORDAN FUND	
	. \$14,750.00
GENERAL FUND	
MERLE FUND	
ELIZABETH SALINGER FUND	.\$ 8,050.00
GEORGE & BARBARA BAINE FUND	
GEORGE RADOSEVICH RODWICK FUND	\$ 6,800.00
CROATIAN AMERICAN HOME OF LOS ANGELES FUND	
PETER OBAD FUND	
STEPHEN L. ZEGURA FUND	
MATTHEW MAVRETIC FUND	.\$ 3,000.00
MARTHA & BERNARD LUKETICH FUND	
GOLDIE ZRNA FUND	.\$ 3,000.00
DAMIAN "DOMIJANOVIC" FAMILY FUND	\$ 2,600.00
MARY AND PEPA SOSTARICH FUND	.\$ 2,250.00
LODGE 170 FUND	
LODGE 305/FRANK J. STEFIC FUND	.\$ 2.000.00
CHARLES KOVAL FUND	
MARY E. ROPER FUND	
IGNAC & LUCILLE STIGLICH FUND.	\$ 1 800 00
LODGE 307 FUND.	
JOZO M. BAJURIN FUND	
WILLIAM BLAZEVICH FUND	\$ 1,000.00
JOSEPH M. BRIGICH FAMILY FUND	\$ 1,000.00
VLADO GOVIC FUND	
EMIL HANZEVACK FAMILY FUND	
JOSEPH M. IVCEVIC FAMILY FUND	
KLARIC FAMILY FUND	
	\$ 1,000.00
LODGE 29 FUND	
LODGE 859/MALONE FUND	
JENNIFER LUCAS MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 1,000.00
JEANETTE MANCE SHARPE FUND	
RENEE PLES FUND	
JOHN P. PLESH FUND	
NIKOLA SPOLJAR FUND	.\$ 1,000.00
EDWARD J. VERLICH FUND	.\$ 1,000.00
WAUKEGAN JR. TAMS FUND	
CLUB DOBROTVOR	\$ 800.00
JULIE DIXON FUND	
MARK K. JOYCE FUND	
LODGE 146 FUND	
LODGE 2/LODGE 745 FUND	.\$ 800.00
LODGE 530 FUND	.\$ 800.00
LODGE 80 FUND	.\$ 800.00
LODGE 85 FUND	.\$ 800.00
LODGE 856 FUND	
NY SEAMANS FUND	.\$ 800.00
ONTARIO FEDERATION CFU LODGES	.\$ 800.00
PAULINE & HARRY POLDING FUND	
LODGE 47/ANNA RESCIC FUND	
JOHN H. & FRANCES M. ROGAN FUND	
JOSEPH RUKAVINA FUND	
MR. & MRS. FRANJO VICEVICH FUND	.\$ 800.00
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A total of \$145,450 in grants were awarded by the directors to one hundred sixty applicants. An additional award of \$5,000 was authorized for the winner of the planned essay contest bringing the total amount of the awards to \$150,450. Six applications were either incomplete or otherwise ineligible to receive an award.

Upon conclusion of the review of applications and designation of the individual awards to students, President Pazo again thanked the Directors for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Foundation. He also reminded them that the annual Spirit of Christmas campaign will kick-off on November 1, 2021 and thanked the Directors in advance for their participation and generosity.

With no further business to come before this meeting, a motion was made by Michael Ricci, seconded by Robert Luketic, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

BERNADETTE M. LUKETICH-SIKARAS, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

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Special CFU Scholarship Award — \$5,000 I ODGE UNIVERSITY NAME

60 Shea Binkley 304 David Brock

New Mexico State University Penneylyania State Universit

Joseph M. lvcevich Fund — \$1,000

LODGE	INAIVIE	UNIVERSIT
602	Simon Jaronski	Duquesne University
F	Richard and Katherine Jorda	n and Family Fund – \$1,500
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
635	Niklas Perpich Damberg	Univ. of Minnesota Medica
	Richard and Katherine Jorda	n and Family Fund – \$1,250
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
126	Dana Jean Sydlowski	Ohio State University
	Mrkonic Family F	fund — \$1,250
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
354	Abbey Elaine Davis	Westmoreland County Community
	Elizabeth Salinger	r Fund — \$1,250
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
248	Benjamin James Milas	Pennsylvania State University
	Mary and Pepa Sostar	ich Award — \$1,250
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
1	Peyton M. Hart	University of Wisconsin-Stout
St	ephen L. Zegura Scholarship	) Endowment Fund — \$1,250
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
72	Carissa Ann Pegg	Duquesne University
	CFU 100th Anniversa	ry Award — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
354	Addaleia Beer	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
248	Mary Rose Slobodnyak	University of Pittsburgh
	George and Barbara B	aine Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
720	Frank Joseph Bedekvich III	California University of PA
354	Brynn Bertovic	University of Tennessee Knoxville

304	David Brock	Pennsylvania State University
320	Jack Cherkes	Pennsylvania State University
66	Ashlyn Rose Childs	Siena Heights University
402	Joseph Michael Incitti	San Diego State University
	Jozo M. Bajurin Fam	ily Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
351	Lorence Kathleen Perpich	Emerson College
	William Blazevich	n Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
320	Avi Adams	Penn State University
	<b>Brigich Family F</b>	und — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
567	John David Obenour	Clarion University
C	roatian American Home of I	Los Angeles Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
177	Luka M. Kosor	Cal Poly State University
177	Matea Angela Maric	St. Mary's College of California
177	Matteo Mlinarevic	Cal State University of Northridge
177	Luka Pilic	CSU Dominguez Hills
	Damian "Domijanovic"	Family Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
567	Kylie Renee Passieu	Duquesne University
	Vlado Govic Endowm	ent Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
859	Kristina Markovinovic	Fordham University
	Emil Hanzevack Family En	dowment Fund — \$1,000
LODGE	NAME	UNIVERSITY
N62	Lisa Ann Lowe	Miami University
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	1	Lauren May Niglio	West Virginia Wesleyan College
Y	351	Jon Robert Novosel	University of Michigan
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	541	Grace K. Painter	West Virginia University
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ty	718	Lydia Jordan Queen	University of Pittsburgh
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lls	848	Daniel Brock Serdar	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
		Eva Kovacich Endow	rment — \$1,000
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ty	1994	Emma Riley Fetherston	University of Wisconsin-Oshkos
		Charles Koval Fu	
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PETA STRANA

# Uručene su stipendije izSkolarinskoSkolarinskoSkolarinskoStajedniceSa svotom od \$150,450Stipendiran je 161 student

Piše: Edward W. Pazo/Nacionalni predsjednik

PITTSBURGH, PA – Pomoć koju Hrvatska bratska zajednica daje našim mladim članovima, ubraja se među najveće bratske beneficije koje naša bratska organizacija pruža našim mladima od kada je ova Zaklada utemeljena davnih 1950tih godina. Dakle, našim stalnim zalaganjem mi potičemo mlade članove studente na višu naobrazbu te njima i njihovim obiteljima sa stipendijama nastojimo olakšati poteškoće s kojima su suočeni a koje su povezane sa višom naobrazbom.

Na godišnjoj sjednici odbora Školarinske zaklade održanoj 21. listopada 2021. stipendije je za školsku 2021.-2022. godinu dobio 161 učenik na kojeg je podijeljena svota od \$150,450. U ovoj svoti uključeno je i \$5,000 kao nagrada koju je student dobio za godišnje natjecanje u školarinskom literarnom eseju.

Već treću godinu za redom, Školarinska zaklada je 2021. provela natjecanje u školarinskom literarnom eseju. Ovo natjecanje je prvi put održano 2019. u čast 125. obljetnice Hrvatske bratske zajednice kada su tri kandidata dobila nagradu od \$5,000. Slična ponuda je bila 2020. i naravno 2021. kada je jedan kandidat dobio poklon od \$5,000. Čestitamo pobjedniku iz 2021. godine na odličnom spisu.

Od kada je utemeljena Školarinska zaklada Zajednice 27. lipnja 1958. naši članovi su svake godine svojim novčanim prilozima podupirali ovaj nadasve vrijedan obrazovni program. Nekoliko godina kasnije pokrenuta je specijalna Božićna školarinska kampanja u kojoj se svake godine prikupljaju novčana sredstva za naše mlade stipendiste. U ovogodišnjoj takvoj kampanji prikupili smo svotu od \$47,266.38. Pored Božićne školarinske kampanje i drugih doprinosa primljenih tijekom godine, nedavno je uspostavljen novi individualni fond pod imenom Father Frank Perkovich Endowment Fund i Fond društva Hrvatska Sloboda odsjek broj 32 Frank M. Jerbich Memorialni fond. Iz investiranog novca samo kamate će se koristiti za dodjelu stipendija zaslužnim članovima. Trenutno u Školarinskoj zakladi naše Zajednice imamo 106 takvih individualnih fondova čija ukupna vrijednost iznosi preko osam milijuna dolara. Zbog toga smo u mogućnosti svake godine

nagraditi više stotina studenata sa godišnjim nepovratnim stipendijama u svoti od 300 do \$1,500. Samo kamate stečene na takvim računima se daju kvalificiranim studentima.

Novac kojeg smo do sada dobili u individualne fondove i u redovnoj školarinskoj kampanji nadmašuje sva naša očekivanja tako da smo u prošlih sedam decenija uspjeli nagraditi više tisuća mladih članova.

#### Sjednica odbora

Na godišnjoj sjednici Školarinskog odbora održanoj prošlog listopada predloženo je da ostanu isti odbornici što je jednoglasno potvrđeno. Trenutni odbornici su kako slijedi: predsjednik Edward W. Pazo; potpredsjednik dr. Marion Vujevich te tajnica/blagajnica Bernadette Luketich-Sikaras. Ostali članovi su Franjo Bertović, Robert Luketić, Derek Hohn, Michael Ricci i Paul Lucas. SUDIONICI MISNOG SLAVLJA povodom ovogodišnjeg 50. skijaškog natjecanja Hrvatske bratske zajednice održanog početkom veljače na obroncima planinskog lanca u Seven Springs Resortu, u Pennsylvaniji.

# Mesna industrija obitelji Medven

**GORNJE PREKRIŽJE** - Na pitomom brežuljku iznad Krašića u oazi netaknute prirode, smještena je MM Mesna industrija. Novo izgrađena klaonica i obnovljen proizvodni pogon uvršteni su na popis izvoznika u Europsku uniju što je garancija da su naši proizvodi visokokvalitetni i zdravstveno ispravni.

Povijest mesne industrije započinje 1974. godine kada je Milivoj Medven, vlasnik tvrtke, osnovao obrt. Četrdesetpeto godišnja tradicija obitelji Medven, predan rad i sposobnosti naših zaposlenika, te vizija i misija pomogli su nam da postanemo jedna od značajnijih mesnih industrija u Republici Hrvatskoj.

Ponosni smo na našu kombinaciju tradicije s modernom proizvodnjom i orijentaciju na sigurnost i kvalitetu hrane.

Orijentirani na zdravlje kupaca, zaštitu okoliša i kao društveno odgovorna tvrtka pridonijeli smo razvitku lokalne sredine. Strategiju poslovanja zasnivamo prvenstveno na kvaliteti i širokom proizvodnom asortimanu.

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na. Proizvodi kojima se posebno ponosimo i koji su inspirirani područjem iz kojega dolazimo su Kuhana šunka ala Prekrižje, Žumberačka kobasica sa sirom, Krašićka kobasica i već tradicionalno poznate hrenovke.

Meso i proizvodi iz našeg pogona svakodnevno se konzumiraju na stolu obitelji Medven, te iste takve visokokvalitetne proizvode s ponosom i povjerenjem plasiramo na tržište za vašu obitelj širom Hrvatske.

Naša je namjera na stol naših potrošača staviti hranu koja garantira kontinuiranu kvalitetu, okus i aromu.

Jedan od glavnih ciljeva MM



Mesne industrije je da postanemo preferirani partner u segmentu proizvodnje mesa i mesnih prerađevina. Kroz dobro poznavanje potreba tržišta, zajedno sa vještim i specijaliziranim osobljem sposobni smo zadovoljiti potrebe i potražnju tržišta pružajući kupcima i potrošačima najvišu razinu kvalitete proizvoda i konkurentne cijene.

Naši zadovoljni kupci i partneri najbolja su potvrda i reklama naših proizvoda. U prilog tome govori činjenica kako trenutno surađujemo s preko 400 maloprodajnih kupaca. Jedina naša tajna je kvaliteta!

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Odbornici su na ovoj sjednici provjerili i odobrili financijsko izvješće; provjerili izvještaj neovisne računovodske firme i predložili da se zadrži sadašnja neovisna računovodska firma pod imenom Hosack, Specht, Muetzel i Wood.

Nakon generalne sjednice odbornici su pregledali dostavljene molbenice i odredili stipendije mladim studentima.

Imena svih studenata koji su ove godine dobili stipendiju objavljena su na drugom mjestu ovog broja Zajedničara. Stoga ovim putem pozdravljamo i čestitamo svim studentima koji su se *(Nastavak na 7. strani)*  ju učinili vrhunskim gastronomskim užitkom koristimo samo probrane komade mesa od provjerenih dobavljača i visokokvalitetne mješavine zači-



# **Obavijest PMF Sveučilišta**

**ZAGREB -** PMF Sveučilišta u Zagrebu je, na čelu s Matematičkim odsjekom, kroz EU projekt financiran od strane Europskog Socijalnog Fonda razvio internacionalni Diplomski sveučilišni studij Biomedicinska matematika koji će se izvoditi na engleskom jeziku i prvi je i jedini takav studij u Hrvatskoj te jedan od svega nekoliko takvih studija u Europskoj uniji.

Program i kurikulum je razvio tim vrhunskih stručnjaka iz područja matematike, medicine i biologije pod vodstvom prof. dr. sc. Hrvoja Šikića (PMF -Matematički odsjek) i ima za cilj osposobiti studente kako bi postali vrhunski stručnjaci u polju matematike s dodatnim znanjem iz medicine i biologije potrebnim u modernom svijetu u kojem rapidno raste potražnja za takvim stručnjacima.

Farmaceutske i biomedicinske kompanije, istraživački instituti i laboratoriji i javne znanstveno-istraživačke ustanove samo su neka od potencijalnih mjesta za zapošljavanje takvog kadra koji će doprinijeti stvaranju bolje sutrašnjice.

Spomenimo nekoliko najtipičnijih područja u kojima se javlja potreba za matematičarima: modeli epidemije i pandemije, sekvenciranje gena, druge genetske studije, kardiovaskularni modeli (uključujući modeliranje toka krvi kroz žile i dizajniranje stentova), razvoj novih lijekova i analiza raznih procesa istraživanja u farmaceutskoj *(Nastavak na 6. strani)* 





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GLAVNI URED Hrvatske Bratske Zajednice u Americi Organizirane 1894. godine

#### RIJEČ UREDNIŠTVA...LORRAINE TURKALL

# <mark>Snovi</mark> olimpijskih veličina

Prošlih nekoliko tjedana milijune ljudi je na TV ekranima, telefonima i drugim elektronskim spravama pomno i s posebnim interesom pratilo svjetska nadmetanja, odnosno zimske olimpijske igre 2022. godine u kineskom gradu Beijingu. Kao ljubitelji svjetskih olimpijskih igara, možemo se samo diviti nevjerojatnim spretnostima, umijećima, snazi, disciplini i odlučnosti sudionika, odnosno atletičara koji su sudjelovali u višedimenzijalnim olimpijskim disciplinama. Osim toga, ne možemo potpuno ni shvatiti sva ta iskušenja, zalaganja, obveze, predanost, razočaranja, vježbanja, treniranja i još mnogo više kako bi se u tjednima, mjesecima i godinama dobro pripremili i konačno kvalificirali za njihovo sudjelovanje na olimpijskim igrama.

Uza sve to, intenzivne pripreme te pojedina pravila i propisi kojih se oni trebaju pridržavati, a da i ne govorimo o svjetskoj pandemiji, zadavali su ogroman pritisak svakom sudioniku ovogodišnjih zimskih olimpijskih igara. Težnja za olimpijskom zlatnom, srebrnom i brončanom medaljom svakom atletičaru daje dodatnu snagu i volju da se sa svojom najvećom mogućom snagom i nastojanjem uporno bori na

Dajući sve od sebe, najbolji od najboljih ostvaraju i ispunjavaju svoje ciljeve i najveća odlikovanja, dok su opet drugi razočarani, polomljenih srca, trajnih fizičkih i mentalnih bolova i rana koje su zadobili nekim katastrofalnim padom, povredama, ozljedama i porazima dok su se natjecali u pojedinim sportskim kategorijama tijekom svog života. Što se sve očekuje u takvim napornim sportskim takmičenjima najbolji odgovor dati će vam sami atletičara. Bez obzira koju visinu ili razinu će oni ostvariti, mi ovim putem svesrdno pozdravljamo sve atletičare koji sudjeluju na olimpijskim igrama i čestitamo im na njihovoj odanosti i upornosti.

ovom svjetskom takmičenju.

Svima koji teže za ostvarivanje svog atletskog cilja, te svima koji uporno rade na ostvarivanju svojih prosvjetnih snova, mi od srca čestitamo i ovom prilikom posebnu čestitku upućujemo svim našim mladim članovima koji su nedavno dobili školarinsku stipendiju od Hrvatske bratske zajednice a čija imena su objavljena na drugom mjestu Zajedničara. Dok mnogi od njih možda nisu sudjelovali u zimskim olimpijskim igrama mnogi ipak nastoje da u tom smislu budu najbolji u postizanju svoje više naobrazbe i svoje buduće karijere. Tko zna koliko će među njima biti budućih liječnika i znanstvenika koji će biti odgovorni za rješavanje budućih svjetskih kriza te raznoraznih bolesti ili ekoloških katastrofa. Svim našim stipendistima

još jednom čestitamo i želimo mnogo uspjeha u njihovoj odabranoj karijeri s uvjerenjem da će sve njihove težnje, uspjesi i postignuća imati pozitivan učinak kako na njihov osobni život tako i na ovaj naš svijet.

## HRVATSKA JE

Hrvatska je više nego zemlja majke Ona je krilo majke kojem je začet život treperav Hrvatska je Hrvatska je više nego li ime Ona je put da izraženi budu mnogi oblici ljubavi Hrvatska je Hrvatska je više nego samo međaš-kamen Ona je cvijet koji odrazuje njezinu sklad i ljepotu Hrvatska je Hrvatska je više nego samo kultura Ona je spomen prošlih dana i davnine Hrvatska je Hrvatska nije samo govor Ona je glas djeteta kojim ozvanjaju njezina riječ i pjesma Hrvatska je Hrvatska je više nego samo san Ona je stvarnost onima koji vjeruju u njezino pravo opstanka Hrvatska je Hrvatska je više nego samo kucaj srca Ona je duh kojeg je srž svjetlo božansko Hrvatska je Hrvatska će uvijek biti Preveo s engleskog Fra. Hrvoslav Ban Mira A. Novačić/odsj. 545



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

Naša Zajednica je utemeljena 1894. godine sa pet originalnih odsjeka s područja jugozapadne Pennsylvanije i jednim odsjekom iz West Virginije a tijekom svog uspješnog djelovanja od 128 godina ostvarila je veoma zapažene rezultate. Taj napredak možemo podijeliti u tri kategorije. Prije svega, a što je i najvažnije, HBZ i njezina preteća Narodna hrvatska zajednica omogućile su svojim članovima vrijedne financijske beneficije kada su im one bile najviše potrebne. Upornim radom i nastojanjima naših članova, Hrvatska bratska zajednica se od one sitne imovine manje od 50 dolara razvila u jednu veliku i snažnu organizaciju sa imovinom od preko 500 milijuna dolara. To je ostvareno samom željom naših članova kada su za svoje životno pokriće i zaštitu članova svoje obitelji najprije odabrali svoju Zajednicu.

Druga stvar zbog koje nam je Zajednica stalno napredovala odnosila se na promicanje i očuvanje naše hrvatske kulturne baštine. Držeći se svojih načela, naša sadašnja a i sve dosadašnje uprave uporno su radile na tome da budu tijesno povezane sa svojom hrvatskom braćom i sestrama u domovini Hrvatskoj. Hrvatska bratska zajednica je među prvima u bratskom potpornom sistemu što se tiče očuvanja naše lijepe i bogate hrvatske kulturne baštine. Tijekom godine održavaju se mnoge kulturne priredbe kako na mjesnoj tako i nacionalnoj razini i sve su podupirane od strane Hrvatske bratske zajednice. Hrvatske vlasti u domovini se dive našim postignućima i naporima u promicanju domovine Hrvatske izvan njenih granica. Za sve to moramo dati posebno priznanje našem pokojnom predsjedniku Bernardu Luketiću i njegovim suradnicima koji su uvijek i na svakom mjestu promicali hrvatsku baštinu i hrvatski identitet izvan Hrvatske.

naša glavna administracija, uvijek smo imali podršku naših odsjeka i organizacija Sjedinjenih odsjeka. Ovdje koristimo ovu priliku da se na tome zahvalimo slijedećim organizacijama Ujedinjenih odsjeka koji su spomenuti u našem Adresaru za 2021. godinu. To su:

Sjedinjeni odsjeci Zapadne Pennsylvanije; Sjedinjeni odsjeci Mahoning Valley; Sjedinjeni odsjeci u Fayette, Greene, Washington i Westmoreland kotarima jugoazapadne Pennsylvanije; Sjedinjeni odsjeci Južne Kalifornije; Sjedinjeni odsjeci Greater Milwaukee; Sjedinjeni odsjeci u New Yorku, New Jersey i Connecticut; Sjedinjeni odsjeci Sjeverne Kalifornije i Ontarijka federacija odsjeka HBZ.

Pri izlasku iz trenutne COVID-19 epidemije, drago nam je ovdje spomenuti nedavnu godišnju konferenciju Sjedinjenih odsjeka Četiri kotara održanu u nedjelju 20. veljače pod pokroviteljstvom društva Sv. Juraj odsjek 354 u Cokeburgu. Slijedeći odsjeci su bili zastupani: 72 Uniontown, 146 Versailles, 194 Monessen, 248 Clairton, 354 Cokeburg i 567 Canonsburg. Delegati su imali priliku saslušati izvješća predsjednice, zatim tajnice/blagajnice i direktora hrvatskog radio programa. Nakon pozdrava dobrodošlice od strane tajnika/blagajnika domaćinskog odsjeka 354 brata Dan Kochis, predsjednica organizacije sestra Sikaras nas je pozvala da kažemo par riječi o radu i napretku naše Zajednice. Nazočne smo posebno upoznali o financijskim i kulturnim uspjesima Hrvatske bratske zajednice i ujedno im se zahvalili na svemu što čine u korist svojih odsje ka i naše bratske ustanove. Nacionalni potpredsjednik/ članskih usluga brat Franjo Bertović je također prisutne upoznao o pojedinim planovima osiguranja i trenutnoj novoj članskoj kampanji. Vrhunac sjednice bio je kada je specijalni odbor podnio svoj izvještaj i predložio da kao Fraternaliste godine počastimo bračni par, Teddi Ann i Randy Stevenson, aktivne članove društva Sv. Juraj odsjek 354 u Cokeburgu. Više potankosti o njihovom banketu biti će naknadno objavljene. Delegati su također odlučili da ove godine održimo piknik u Clairton City Parku u Clairtonu. Točan datum u srpnju ili kolovozu ćemo objaviti kada dobijemo detaljne informacije. Poslije sjednice domaćini odsjeka 354 prisutnima su servirali vrlo ukusnu večeru. Što se tiče naših drugih ovakvih sjedinjenih odsjeka, mi smo uvjereni da će i oni naskoro početi sa svojim aktivnostima. U našem razgovoru sa bratom Donaldom Langenfeld, počasnim članom naše Zajednice i tajnikom Sjedinjenih ods-(Nastavak jeka HBZ Zapadne Pennsylvanije, saznali smo da na 7. strani)

# Godišnja sjednica odsjeka 995 HBZ

**CLEVELAND, OH** – Pozivamo sve članove odsjeka 995 HBZ na ovu važnu godišnju sjednicu koja će se održati u subotu 5. ožujka u 2 sata poslijepodne, u Hrvatskom Nacionalnom Domu, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH. Vaša podrška i prisustvo je ključno za napredak našeg odsjeka.

Tri važne teme ćemo imati na ovom sastanku; 1 - Imenovati i glasati za nove članove odbora; 2 - Bankovno stanje i rezultate rada za prošu godinu (2021); 3 - Plan aktivnosti za ovu godinu 2022. Vaši prijedlozi i ideje su dobrodošli.

Radujemo se našem susretu, dođite u što većem broju 5. ožujka u 2 sata poslijepodne. Sa pitanjima obratite se Meri na 216-313-0298.

Želimo vam svima zdravu, sretnu i uspješnu Novu godinu!

Mary Laush/taj.

# Obavijest...

(Nastavak sa 5. strane)

industriji, različiti aspekti bioinformatike, "big data" analiza u biologiji i medicini (uključujući "data mining").

Zatim modeliranje procesa u ljudskom mozgu (uključujući razne procese kognitivnog pada, recimo kod Alzheimerove i Parkinsonove bolesti), procesi starenja, evolucioni procesi, rast i razvoj organa u tijelu, razni aspekti onkoloških studija (uključujući modeliranje i analizu rasta tumora), široki spektar velikog broja sofisticiranih statističkih metoda koje se koriste i razvijaju u biomedicini. Dodatne informacije su na https://biomedmath.math.hr/

**Prof. dr. sc. Hrvoje Šikić** Voditelj BioMedMath programa





#### **DEATHS REPORTED** (UMRLI ČLANOVI)

FROM FEBRUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2022

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185	Kathryn Garzan	Campbell, OH
248	Allan A. Tomich	Clairton, PA
270		Ahmeek, MI
304	Marie H. Ellison	Ambridge, PA
351	Franjo Babic	Detroit, MI
354	Ivan P. Barin	Cokeburg, PA
402	Verline A. Chervenka	Pueblo, CO
402	Mary L. Pavlich	Pueblo, CO
530	Stjepan Brckan	St. Thomas, ON, CAN
541	Troy E. Funk	Trafford, PA
588	Albert Marchin	San Pedro, CA
684	Pete Beckage	Baltimore, MD
859	John J. Kordic	Cleveland, OH
930	George Boljkovac	Schumacher, ON, CAN
993		Mukwonago, WI
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3014		Kansas City, KS

# Ilruče

(Nastavak sa 5. strane)

kvalificirali za stipendije uz želju da im se ostvare sve njihove želie i snovi.

Želimo vas ovdje podsjetiti da na stipendiju imaju pravo svi mladi koji su u Zajednici najmanje tri godine. Molitelj mora biti osiguran na stalnu vrstu osiguranja i jedan od roditelja mora biti član Hrvatske bratske zajednice.

Molbenice za školsku 2022.-2023. godinu biti će na raspolaganju od 1. lipnja pa sve do 15. rujna ove godine.

Ovaj obrazovni školarinski program od velike je i značajne vrijednosti i pomoći svim našim mladim članovima koji polaze škole više naobrazbe. Svima koji ga podupiraju svojim novčanim prilozima iskreno zahvaljujemo. Mladi su sve najbolje što imamo i zato im moramo pomoći u ostvarivanju njihovih želja i ciljeva.

#### Piše: Edward W. Pazo/Nacionalni predsjednik (Nastavak sa 6. strane)

će i ova organizacija naskoro održati svoju godišnju sjednicu na kojoj će odrediti svoje ovogodišnje aktivnosti. Mi čestitamo ovoj vrijednoj organizaciji na održavanju lijepog Hrvatskog centra u mjestu Millvale, PA gdje se tijekom ljetnih mjeseci održavaju piknici naših odsjeka i drugih hrvatskih organizacija.

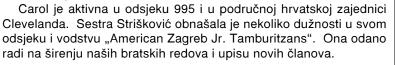
I na kraju, bilo nam je drago čuti od predsjednika Ontarijske federacije odsjeka HBZ brata Antuna Belan koji nam je rekao da će se njihov banket u čast Fraternaliste godine brata Mike Lukiček iz društva Ogulin odsjek 530 u St. Thomasu održati 25. rujna ove godine u St. Thomasu. Isto tako imaju u planu održati godišnji Dan zajedničara s piknikom u nedjelju 24. srpnja. Mi željno očekujemo prisustvovati na ovim priredbama naših Sjedinjenih odsjeka Zajednice i sve ih potičemo da nastave s održavanjem svojih programa i godišnjih aktivnosti.

# Ε F PROGRAMI HBZ-A POD POVEĆALOM

#### **RAZGOVOR S** CAROL STRIŠKOVIĆ

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

ovom izdanju Zajedničara pod reflektorsko svjetlo stavljamo Preporučiteljicu naše Zajednice za mjesec siječanj 2022. - Carol Štrišković. Ona je članica "Kardinal A. Stepinac" odsjeka 995 i ravnateljica gnijezda 651 HBZ u Clevelandu, OH.



#### Vaša najdraža uspomena iz HBZ-a?

Moja najdraža uspomena, do današnjeg dana, je Božićna zabava odsjeka 995/gnijezda 651 koja je održana prošlog Božića, u prosincu 2021. Imali smo mnogo djece iz gnijezda 651 koja su učestvovala sa svojim obiteljima. To je bilo doista dojmljivo vidjeti za mnoge od nas okupljene, da zajedno slavimo, nakon mjera zabrane zbog Covid-a. Djeca kod primanja darova od Sv. Nikole izazivala su osmjeh na našim licima.

#### Je li učestvujete u bilo kojem zboru tamburice u HBZ?

Ja ne učestvujem kao izvođač u bilo kojem tamburaškom ansamblu, međutim, služim kao pomoćna blagajnica u Američkom omladinskom tamburaškom zboru Zagreb u kojem moja kćerka i sin nastupaju. Ja obavljam odborničku dužnost već 6 godina.

#### Što Vam je najdraže od hrvatske tradicije?

Moj vrlo drag hrvatski običaj je pomoć sv. Nikoli, kod ostavljanja darova u pripremljene dječje cipelice, na dan sv. Nikole.

Koja Vam je najdraža hrana hrvatske kuhinje?

Moja omiljena hrvatska hrana su palačinke.

#### Imate li neki savjet za preporučitelje HBZ-a?

Mi moramo pomoći našim mladim naraštajima da razumiju važnost životnog osiguranja, ne samo za sebe ali i za SVE u obitelji. Mi se ne smijemo osloniti na police životnog osiguranja koje smo dobili kroz radni odnos. One nisu jamčevina jer ovise o našem zaposlenju i poslodavcu. S policom HBZ-a vama je zagarantirana zaštita. Budućnost je nepredvidljiva i moramo se pripremiti za neočekivane događaje. Imajući sredstva pripremljena kod smrtnog slučaja, mi smo od velike pomoći našim dragima u tom tužnom vremenu.

#### Navedite popis primljenih priznanja HBZ-a koje su vam od značaja.

Bila sam birana i služila na mnogim odsječnim dužnostima u posljednjih 12 godina. Bila sam odsječna tajnica, potpredsjednica i član Nadzornog odbora. Trenutno sam, u prvoj godini, na dužnosti ravnateljice gnijezda 651.

#### Zašto Vam je važno biti članom bratske obitelji HBZ-a?

Biti članom bratske obitelji HBZ-a je od velike važnosti za mene jer Zajednica ujedinjuje sve nas i veže s našom hrvatskom baštinom. Ona je pokrovitelj mnogih priredbi koje u veliko utječu na život svih nas. Mi smo svi uspostavili mnoga prijateljstva na ovim okupljanjima. Svi smo upoznali mnogo ljudi koji su prisustvovali ovakvim okupljanjima i koji su utjecali jedni na druge, te krenuli u zajedništvu u nova životna poglavlja.

#### Je li imate omiljene Hrvate (pjevače, glazbenike, sportaše)?

Moj najdraži hrvatski pjevač je Mišo Kovač a moja draga skupina je Prljavo kazalište. Zvonimir Boban je uvijek i oduvijek će biti, moj najdraži hrvatski nogometaš.

Mi cijenimo sva postignuća sestre Carol Strišković i čestitamo

# Mia Dimšić **To Represent** Croatia at **Eurovision 2022**

PITTSBURGH, PA - Croatian Pop Star and member of "Osijek" CFU Lodge 2002, Mia Dimšić will represent Croatia in the 66th Annual Eurovision Song Contest which will take place May 10-14, 2022 in Turin, Italy.

Our CFU members first met Mia during the 2014 CFU Cultural Tour when she accompanied T.S. Džentlemeni and Štef Jersek as the female vocalist. It was this tour that was the official start of Mia's singing career. She then partnered with Brother Damir Bačić, president of CFU Lodge 2007 in Županja, Croatia and together built Mia's career to where she is today.

Mia also performed for CFU members and guests at our Society's 125th Anniversary Gala Banauet held in Pittsburgh in 2019, accompanied by Vjeko Dimter.

Mia has won several Porin Music Awards: 2017 Best Video; 2018 Song of the Year; 2018 Best Pop Album & 2018 Album of the Year.



In 2020, she published her autobiography, "Cesta do snova - Moj Put Totalno Iskreno."

The Eurovision song contest is an international songwriting competition organized by the European Broadcasting Union featuring participants representing primarily European countries. This event has been held annually since 1956 (except in 2020) making it the longestrunning annual international televised music competition. Fiftytwo countries have participated at least once in Eurovision. Croatia has participated 26 times since 1993 and the country's best result was fourth place in both 1996 and 1999. Contestant countries submit one original song of three minutes or less duration performed by a singer or group of up to six people aged 16 or older.

Croatia selected the song and performer to represent it in the Eurovision competition at "Dora" which was broadcast live from the Marino Cvetković Sports Hall in Opatija on February 19. Mia beat out a star-studded lineup of 14 performers to win a landslide victory with a 78-point margin over runner-up Marko Bosnjak. Mia presented the original song "Guilty Pleasure" which she sang in English. The song was composed by Damir Bačić of Sv. Cecilija Lodge 2007, Vjekoslav Dimter of St. George Lodge 354, and Mia herself. She is scheduled to perform her song in the second half of the Eurovision first semi-final which is scheduled for May 10 at 9 p.m. local time. We are very proud of this talented trio of CFU members and extend congratulations from the officers and members of CFU on winning Dora 2022 and wish them great success at Eurovision 2022!

# RADIONICA HBZ-A U CLEVELANDU

PITTSBURGH, PA - Radionica HBZ-a, pod pokroviteljstvom odsjeka 235 "Slobodna Hrvatska" iz Clevelanda, održati će se, u nedjelju, 27. ožujka s početkom u 15 sati u Hrvatskom domu na adresi: 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095.

Srdačno pozivamo sve odsječne odbornike, članove i prijatelje iz Clevelanda i okolice na ovaj radni i informativni susret. Svojim dolaskom i učešćem pružiti će vam se prilika da saznate više o suvremenom poslovanju i modernim portfeljima životnog osiguranja i anuitetskih računa. Mnoge beneficije koje Zajednica daje svojim članovima i odsjecima biti će detaljno objašnjene.

Najnoviji obrasci, tablice s tarifama životnog osiguranja i anuitetskih računa biti će vam dostupni. Kod završetka poslužiti ćemo vas s osvježavajućim pićem i štrudlom.

Franjo Bertović/nacionalni/potpredsjednik/članske usluge



joj na rezultatima rada kod upisa novih članova te na njenim aktivnostima u HBZ. Ona dobro poznaje moderne portfelje životnog osiguranja i štedne mogućnosti kod HBZ-a te ih preporučuje drugima.

#### **PODSJETNK ZA SVE**

Ne zaboravite se uključiti u Člansku kampanju 2022. i "Nagradu smještaja na TamFestu"! Osvojite 777 poena!

Ispunite kupon objavljen u Zajedničaru koji vam na početku donosi 77 poena.

#### **GLAVNE NAGRADE**

u članskoj kampanji za upis novih članova u 2022.:

- Tri (3) noćenja u Glavnom gradu zabave u svijetu, as Vegasu, NV;
- Službeno proglašenje pobjednika na Odraslom TamFestu HBZ-a u otmjenom Bally's Hotelu na glavnoj ulici grada, i
- Dvije (2) ulaznice za prijem priređen u čast dobrovoljnih preporučitelja i graditelja koji su se kvalificirali za nagradu.

Uz ove spomenute nagrade, isplatiti ćemo proviziju osobama s fraternalističkom ili profesionalnom dozvolom za prodaju životnog osiguranja i svim preporučiteljima, novčane nagrade kroz Program preporučitelja ili predlagatelja koji predlože novog člana.

Ako imate bilo kakvo pitanje o našim planovima štednje, osiguranja ili beneficija nazovite naš Glavni ured na tel. 412-843-0380 ili posjetite naše internetske stranice na www.cfu.org.

Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras National Secretary/Treasurer

#### RSHIP AWARDEES (Continued from page 4)

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557	Nathan Robert Kristich	Fort Lewis College
525	Katarina N. Meze	Queen's University
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248	Jacob D. Gardiner	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
	General Fund A	ward — \$750
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320	Ginger Cubakovic	CCAC
515	Cassandra Emily Herceg	Humber College Institute
	General Fund A	ward — \$500
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515	Michael Vinko Dodig	Toronto, ON
616	Luke Sucic	Norwalk Community College
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2007	Ania Jovanovac	Zupania, Croatia

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2007	Martina Palic	Zupanja, Croatia
2007	Klara Perisic	Zupanja, Croatia
2007	Barbara Vestic	Zupanja, Croatia
2007	Vedrana Vestic	Zupanja, Croatia

# **CFU Scholarship...**

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motion passed unanimously. The current Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors include: Edward W. Pazo, president; Dr. Marion Vujevich, MD, vice president; and Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras, executive secretary/ treasurer. Additional members of the Board of Directors re-elected include: Franjo Bertovic, Robert Luketic, Derek Hohn, Michael Ricci and Paul Lucas.

The directors conducted the following important business of the Foundation: Approved the financial report presented; Reviewed the Independent Audit report which indicated that no irregularities were present; and Moved to retain the independent public accounting firm of Hosack, Specht, Muetzel & Wood.

Following the general business agenda, the directors reviewed the applications submitted and determined appropriate awards for each applicant.

A complete listing of each qualifying student and the award received is published in this issue of the Zajedničar. We are pleased to recognize and congratulate all who earned CFU Scholarships for the current academic year and wish them success in achieving their career goals.

All CFU members are reminded that eligibility for scholarship consideration is based upon: Three years of active CFU membership at the time an application is submitted; the applicant must be insured on a permanent life insurance plan; and at least one parent must be a member of the society.

Applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be made available June 1, 2022 and deadline for complete submission of the application package is September 15, 2022.

This CFU educational program has provided funding and encouragement to thousands of young CFU members seeking advanced educational degrees. We extend our profound thanks to all who have supported, and who continue to support, the CFU Scholarship Foundation and take pride in the valuable impact it has made upon our CFU youth and their future aspirations.

# Sloga Lodge Offers Scholarships

MILWAUKEE, WI - Sloga Lodge 1994 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin is again offering scholarships to our qualified lodge members. Information has been sent out to eligible members. If you need more information or if you need an application form, contact President Christina Carroll at

414-482-0378 or email her at chriscarro676@gmail.com . Honor a member or a loved one by making a donation in their name to the Sloga Lodge 1994 scholarship fund. You will also be helping our young members, our future leaders.

We would like to thank the following people that recently donated to our scholarship fund: Judy Bozich, in memory of her late husband's uncle, Carl Bozich; Christina and Washington & Lee University Michael Carroll, in memory of Chris' aunt, Marie Maierle; John and Sherrie Orazem, in memory of Frank Orazem. In January, the "Tony Verbick Memorial Fraternal Bowling Tournament" was held. The fraternal organizations of CFU, Sloga CFU, SNPJ and KSKJ all had teams participate. The proceeds from this tournament are then divided between the four scholarship funds. Thank you to Mary Donovan from SNPJ for running this each year, and thank you for donating to our Sloga scholarship fund. Mary Alyce Francis/Lodge 1994

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354	Alexander P. Hladio	Duquesne University
535	Alyssa Marie Lasko	SUNY Oneonta
316	Laura Neumann	University of Minnesota
776	Yuri Joseph Smaltz	Shenandoah University
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	Elizabeth Saling	jer Fund — \$1,000
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5	Alli Nicole Bodenschatz	James Madison University
354	Nicholas A. Kochis	University of Pittsburgh
859	Juliana Markovinovic	Stevens Institute of Technology
525	Anysa J. Meze	University of Guelph
439	Madison Mustach	Duquesne University
320	Leah Danielle Yoder	St. Vincent College
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170	Justin Presley	University of Central Florida					
	John H. & Frances M. Rogan Fund — \$800						
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320	Cody David Potts	Rochester Institute of Technology					
	Joseph Rukavina	Fund — \$800					
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635	Kaarl A. Perpich Damberg	St. Olaf College					
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Mr. & Mrs. Franjo Vicevich Fund — \$800							
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New York City Seamen's Fund — \$800

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# CFU Lodge 75 March Meeting

WAUKEGAN, IL - St. Mary's CFU Lodge 75 will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 13, at the Croatian Cultural Center, located at 3420 Kehm Blvd., Park City, IL. Hope to see all your smiling faces on March 13.

Millie Biedron/Recording Secretary

# Lodge 136 To Hold Meeting

LORAIN, OH - CFU Lodge 136 will hold their March meeting at the American Croatian Club, 4846 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, Ohio. It will be held on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. All members are welcome!

Fran Kurjan/Recording Secretary

# Merrillville Lodge 170 News

MERRILLVILLE, IN - The saying, "March comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb," is never truer than this month!

If you're looking to go out on the first Friday in Lent, Hoosier Hrvati will be hosting a Bakalar (codfish) dinner (\$16) on March 4th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the back hall at the Croatian Center in Merrillville.

For the non-fish eaters, tomato soup and a grilled cheese combo (\$6) will be available, as well as a cash bar for all.

Reservations are required by emailing hoosierhrvati@gmail. comor calling 219-649-1722.

Croatia's beloved singer, Tatiana "Tajci", will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 13, at St. John the Baptist Church located at 1849 Lincoln Ave., Whiting, IN. You won't want to miss her angelic voice. Seating is first come, first served; please wear a mask; a free-will offering will be taken up.

On March 19, Region Ale is hosting its "Lamb and Tamb" series featuring Tamburica Orkestar Braća including Jim Baric from Kansas City! The menu will include lamb, ćevaps, and homemade strudel. Stop by from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of fun! Region Ale is located at 1080 U.S. 41 in Schererville, IN.

On March 20, at 2 p.m., The Tamburitzans are returning to the area after a two-year hiatus. They will be performing at Munster High School, 8808 Columbia Ave., Munster IN. Contact Brother John Pruzin at 219-616-2828 for information. Tickets can be purchased at www.thetamburitzans.org. After the concert, Hoosier Strings and Hoosier Hrvati will host a fundraiser/reception in the cafeteria. Sandwiches and baked goods, including strudels and nut rolls, will be available for purchase.

Lodge 170 will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m., in the back hall. Join us at the Croatian Center, 8550 Taft St., Merrillville, IN for donuts and coffee upon arrival.

According to Fraternal Activities Director, Pete Piskol, the Frank Jerbich Memorial Bowling Tournament in Milwaukee was a special experience.

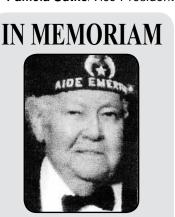
If you were not able to make it, you can still purchase the commemorative T-shirt honoring Brother Jerbich! For details, contact Brother Pete at (219) 746-5241 or email peter. piskol46@gmail.com.

Save-the-Date: Nest 10 Easter Party will be held on Sunday, April 3, at the Croatian

Center, 8550 Taft St. in Merrillville. Games begin at 11 am, followed by a buffet lunch at 12 pm; and an appearance by the Easter Bunny and entertainment. RSVP to Violet Bade at 219-577-5459.

The Retirees Club has a tentative date of Wednesday, April 6, for its first luncheon. Members will be contacted to confirm. Those interested in becoming a member, call Bill Glivar at 219-929-5000. Annual membership is \$10; Monthly luncheon is \$4.

Please continue to promote our Croatian heritage by supporting these local events. Pamela Sutko/Vice President



#### MARK DAVID MILLAS APR. 26, 1927 - FEB. 24, 2008

God looked around His garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon the earth.

And saw your tired face. He put His arms around you And lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful

He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering

He knew you were in pain He knew that you would never Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,

And the hills were hard to climb.

So He closed your weary eyelids,

And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you But you didn't go alone

For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

Mark was a member of CFU Lodge 248 in Clairton, PA.

Family

# $\star$ GUIDELINES $\star$ 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 respect-



#### Adam J. Pavesic

PORTLAND, OR - Adam Joseph Pavesic, 76, passed away January 9, 2022. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Kathryn and Max Pavesic.

He was a longtime resident of Southern California, graduating from George Washington High School and Pierce Junior College in horticulture.

Joseph worked for The City of Santa Monica for forty-five years. He enjoyed folk festivals and bowling and was a fifty-year member of the CFU Lodge 177.

He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Vincent.

Brother Pavesic is survived by his brother, Max G.

Pavesic (Katherine), cousins, Rachel Yglesias and Eugene March, and nieces, Kathy Smith, Camille, Kirsten and Tieneke Pavesic. No memorial is planned.

He was a ten-year resident of Vista Del Mar independent living facility in Long Beach, California.

#### The Family of Adam J. Pavesic



TEDDI AND RANDY STEVENSON of "St. George" Lodge 354 of Cokeburg, PA have been selected as the Four County Lodges' 2022 Fraternalists of the Year and are congratulated by the nominating committee.

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# Annual Meeting of CFU Four County Lodges

FOUR COUNTIES, PA - The United CFU Lodges of Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland Counties held annual conference on its Sunday, February 20, 2022 in Cokeburg, PA. The host lodge for the meeting was St. George Lodge 354.

This was the first official meeting in two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 35 officers and delegates of the United Lodges were in attendance.

The Board of Trustees met at the Croatian Home at 2 p.m. to review the financial records for the previous two years, all of which were found to be in perfect order.

The general meeting commenced at 3 p.m., with all officers and delegates representing six member lodges present. Brother Daniel Kochis, secretary of Lodge 354, officially greeted all present in the name of the lodge. The meeting proceeded with the reading of minutes and reports. Last year's Man of the Year, Brother Louis Palaisa of Lodge 72 and Sisters Marlene Fordian of Lodge 248 and Marlene Luketich Kochis of Lodge 354 were appointed as the nominating committee for the selection of the Man/Woman of the Year for 2022. We are pleased to announce that Teddi and Randy Stevenson of St. George Lodge 354 were selected as this year's honorees. A banquet is being planned for Sunday, October 9, 2022 at Nemacolin Country Club in Centerville, PA. It was also unanimously decided to hold a Fraternal Day Picnic in the summer at the Clairton Community Park. The date of Sunday, August 14, has

been selected and more information on both the picnic and banquet will be published in the Zajedničar and announced on the 4-Counties Croatian Hour radio program as details become available.

CFU National President Edward Pazo addressed the group regarding the general financial condition of CFU and National Vice President/Member Services Franjo Bertović presented information on the current new membership campaign.

A motion was made to retain the same officers for the coming year: Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras, President; Ivan Begg, Vice President/Radio Program Director; Lorraine Turkall, Secretary/Treasurer; Janice Smargie, Recording Secretary; Edward W. Pazo, President/Board of Trustees; and Trustees Catherine Brnich, Mark Brigich, Janet

# There's Much To Do With 32

CHICAGO, IL - Don't forget the Joliet Croatian Cultural Club's (1503 Clement St.) Friday Fish Fry going on now through April 15. For more information, call the club at 815.723.3154.

Wednesday March 2 - Ash Wednesday. Lent begins.

Friday, March 4 – Fish Fry at the Croatian Cultural Club in Joliet. Sinovi will entertain, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., so put on those kolo dancing shoes!

Sunday, March 6 - SAC's next meeting at the Rubinic Clubhouse at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served.

Sunday, March 13 - Daylight Savings Time begins-don't forget to Spring Ahead!

Also, it's our Lodge 32's General Meeting at J.C. Georges Restaurant, 181 Countryside Plaza, Countryside, IL (just north of Joliet Rd. on LaGrange Rd. and south of 55th St. on the west side of the street), starting at 9:30 with a fabulous deluxe continental breakfast and some fraternalism followed by our General Meeting at 10 a.m. Come and have breakfast with us!

Thursday, March 17 - It's St. Patrick's Day!

Sunday, March 20 - The 1st

Friday and the last Joliet Croatian Cultural Club Fish Fry. Sunday, April 17 - Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 24 - To all of our Orthodox friends, Christos Anesti!

Sunday, May 8 - No general Lodge Meeting because it's Mother's Day!

SAVE THE DATE-Sunday, July 10 - We're back! Sloboda Lodge 32 will again be hosting the Midwest Croatian Day Picnic and Raffle at the Joliet Croatian Cultural Club.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, the SAC held their Annual Holiday Party at Jen's Guesthouse. Our Thanks to Mike and Sharon Smetko, who chaired the event, for such a lovely venue. The food was out of this world from the appetizers to the entrees and desserts. Needless to say, the drinks were pretty good as well! So, Mike and Sharon, congratulations for another job well done!

We're collecting beer and pop top rings from cans for the Ronald McDonald House and also water bottle screw-on caps for a different organization. The next time you have a beer, pop or a bottle of water, think of these two charities before you dispose of it in the garbage. Bring all of those pop tabs and water bottle caps to the meeting. This will be an ongoing project.

Day of Spring! Whoopee!

Friday, April 8 - KGB will be playing at the Joliet Croatian Cultural Club right after the Fish Fry from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 – lt's the second Sunday of the month-Sloboda Lodge Meeting. And it's Palm Sunday!

Friday, April 15 - It's Good

It's not over 'til it's over! So PLEASE help us get "over" this thing-GET VACCINATED!

Arlene Boudos/Lodge 32

#### **CFU Appeal for** TORNADOVICTIMS CECILIA, KY – Mike and Jean Jerbich ...... 25.00 CANTON, IL - "Sacred Heart" Lodge 367 ...... 100.00 CECIL, PA - John Gasper..... 100.00 MILTON, DE – Kathleen Trzcinski...... 100.00 200.00 CAMPBELL. CA - ESL "De Anza" Lodge 929...

SACRAMENTO, CA – Nikola Bilandzich	100.00
TOTAL THIS REPORT	\$625.00
FINAL LISTING AND TOTAL RECEIVED FOR	
THE CFU HUMANITARIAN TORNADO FUND	\$3.465.00

ful 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

Danko and Wayne Vlasic. National President Pazo administered the oath of office and the meeting was adjourned.

Lodge 354 provided a delicious and plentiful dinner to all immediately following the meeting. We thank Donna and Marty Hajduk, as well as all the kitchen helpers and servers, for such a wonderful meal.

We thank all who attended our 2022 Annual Conference and again cngratulate our deserving Man and Woman of the Year, Randy and Teddi Stevenson.

We extend a warm invitation to all CFU members and friends to our Fraternal Day picnic and fall banquet and remind everyone to tune into our Croatian Radio Hour that airs each Sunday. 11 am-12:30 pm over WEDO 810 AM

Bernadette M. Luketich-Sikaras President/Four County Lodges



Note from Evelyn Loos: I'm over 99 years old, Croatian, and enjoy cooking and baking...and, I have enjoyed your paper and recipes!

Response from Editors: Evelyn, We thank you for your wonderful recipes and especially thank you for being a loyal reader of our Zajedničar and for contributing to our Cooking Corner for the pleasure of our cooks and bakers!

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#### **Carmel Glazed Apple** Pecan Coffee Cake

#### 3 eggs

- 2 c. sugar 1 1/2 c. vegetable oil
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 c. flour
- 3 c. peeled & chopped apples
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- Topping:
- 1 stick butter
- 1/4 c. milk
- 1 c. brown sugar
- Pinch salt

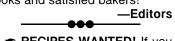
Beat eggs, sugar and oil until creamy. Add soda, salt and flour. Mix until blended. Add apples, pecans and vanilla. Bake at 350° in a greased tube pan for 1 hour, 15 minutes. Remove from pan and pour on topping.

For topping, mix butter, milk, brown sugar and salt in saucepan and boil for 3 minutes. Pour over cake while still warm.

Evelyn Loos/Lodge 1994

#### 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!



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(a croatianfraternalunion.org.

#### German Cheesecake

- 2-8 oz. pkgs. softened
- cream cheese
- 1 c. sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1/4 c. all-purpose flour 2 c. (16 oz.) sour cream

Sprinkle crumbs over the bottom and up the sides of a greased 10-inch springform pan.

In a blender or food processor, puree cottage cheese, set aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in lemon juice, vanilla, flour, sour cream and pureed cottage cheese. Pour into pan.

Bake at 325° for 50-60 minutes. Turn off heat and let cheesecake stand in oven for 2 hours. Do not open door. Cool. Refrigerate overnight. (Slice with wet knife). Yield 16 servings.

Evelyn Loos/Lodge 1994

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#### **Baked Cornmeal Dumplings**

- 2/3 c. all-purpose flour
- 2/3 c. cornmeal
- 3 Tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 Tbsp. minced fresh parsley (or dried parsley flakes)
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 c. milk
- 1/4 c. vegetable oil
- 1 quart chicken broth
- (Add additional minced fresh parsley if desired)

In a bowl combine flour, cornmeal, cheese, baking powder, parsley and salt. Combine milk and oil, and stir into dry ingredients. Bring broth to a boil and carefully transfer to a 2 1/2 qt. round baking dish. Drop batter in six mounds onto broth. Cover and bake at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into a dumpling comes out clean. (Do not lift the cover while baking.) Garnish

with parsley, if desired. iald 6 d

# Annual Indoor **Picnic** Set For March 6 in Rankin

RANKIN, PA - Sunday, March 6, is the date for the return of Rankin Croatian Home's annual Indoor Picnic! This has become an annual event in Rankin, with many activities planned for the entire day for the whole family to enjoy. This year promises to be just as memorable with music, dancing and entertainment throughout the club for the duration of the day.

Admission to the event for those 12 and older will be \$10; kids under 12 will be admitted FREE OF CHARGE!

The doors of the club, located at 236 4th Avenue, corner of 4th and Antisbury, will open at 12 noon with the Croatian kitchen ready to serve your lunch!

We will have plenty of powerful musical entertainment for your listening and dancing enjoyment! Our line-up in the upstairs hall will include our home groups Rankin Junior Tamburitzans, and Ansambl Hrvatski Dom, and Javor Pittsburgh from Pittsburgh's North Side! Following all of these great groups, Gypsy Stringz will take the stage to keep your toes tapping! In our downstairs bar room, Orkestar Pobjeda will finish the day's musical entertainment!

Featured in the Rankin kitchen will be all of your favorite ethnic picnic items and, to round out your dinner plate, you can satisfy your sweet tooth by stopping at the bake sale! As usual, the bar will be stocked with a variety of liquid refreshments that will quench your thirst!

With the generous space that the Rankin Croatian Home offers, we are able to provide a large area for games and entertainment for children and teens. The children can choose from ping-pong to badminton to board games and many things in-between.

Mark your calendars to join us in Rankin for a day filled with music, dancing, friends, and fun on Sunday, March 6, 2022! Dobro došli!

Dawn Whalen/Lodge 718

# **Easter Party** in Merrillville

MERRILLVILLE. IN - Dear CFU Lodge 170 members and Nest 10 children: We encourage all Nest 10 children, ages 18 and under, their parents and grandparents to participate in our annual Easter Party on Sunday, April 3. Due to policy changes, only those children who attend will be given a gift. Where: Croatian Center, 8550 Taft St., Merrillville, IN 46410. Date: Sunday, April 3. Doors Open: 11 a.m., Games; Start Time: 12 Noon Lunch; 1 p.m.- Entertainment; 2 p.m.-Gifts from Easter Bunny. Registration Deadline is Sunday, March 20. RSVP and Registration options: 1) Email violetbade3393a@comcast. net; 2) Text 219-577-5459; 3) Mail registration form to: Violet Bade, 3393A W. Lake Shore Dr., Crown Point, IN 46307. We hope to see you there! Sretan Uskrs! Happy Easter! Violet Bade/Nest 10 Manager



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## **Javor Lenten** Fish Fries

PITTSBURGH, PA - It's here, your favorite time of year! Lenten Fish Fries at CNH Javor begin Friday, March 4 (4:30 pm - 8 pm) and continue every Friday throughout Lent.

Take out is available at 412-321-8104. See you there! Nancy Simunovic/Lodge 19

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## **Spaghetti Dinner in Versailles**

VERSAILLES, PA - CFU Lodge 146 will host a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, March 27, from 12 noon to 6 p.m., in our spacious upstairs hall located at 4400 3rd St., Versailles, PA.

Dinner includes a generous portion of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and butter, dessert and coffee or tea. All other refreshments can be purchased at the bar. Available for dine in or take-out.

Tickets are available at the club in advance or at the door for \$12. For more information, call the club at 412-751-6261.

All social distancing and guidelines will be followed. We hope to see all of our members and friends there.

Joe Cindric/Vice President

#### By Edward W. Pazo/National President

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bers of St. George Lodge 354, who were chosen as Fraternalists of the Year. Additional information will be made available concerning the location and date for their festive banquet.

The delegates unanimously agreed to plan an outdoor picnic for the summer months with the Clairton Park Lodge chosen as the desired site. A date in the month of July or August was planned dependent upon the availability of the facility. Following the meeting the members of Lodge 354 served a homecooked meal to all in attendance while the delegates had an opportunity to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

With respect to our other United Lodges Organizations, we are positive that they will soon resume an active calendar of fraternal events. In discussion with Brother Donald Langenfeld, Honorary Lifetime CFU Member and secretary of the Western PA United CFU Lodges, we have learned that their organization will soon be holding its annual meeting in order to plan activities for the coming year. We salute this fine organization for maintaining beautiful picnic grounds in Millvale, Pennsylvania where numerous lodges and Croatian organizations may hold gatherings.

Finally, we were pleased to learn from Brother Antun Belan, president of the Ontario Federation of CFU Lodges, that the annual Fraternalist of the Year banquet, honoring Brother Mike Lukicek of Ogulin CFU Lodge 530 in St. Thomas, ON, is scheduled for September 25, 2022 in St. Thomas. Additionally, the group is seriously considering a resumption of their annual Fraternal Day picnic with a tentative date of July 24, 2022.

We look forward to attending all of these scheduled activities of our United Lodges organizations and encourage all of them to actively pursue a resumption of their former annual schedule of events.

# **CFU Workshop in Cleveland**

CLEVELAND, OH - A CFU Workshop sponsored by Lodge 235 Slobodna Hrvatska" is scheduled for Sunday, March 27, 2022 at 3 PM. It will be held at the American-Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095.

# 1/2 c. Graham cracker crumbs 2 c. (16 oz.) cottage cheese



#### April 1-3 77th CFU National **Basketball Tournament**

Duquesne, PA Hosted by "Holy Cross" Lodge 320, Duquesne, PA

#### May 13-15 86th CFU National **Bowling Tournament** Stardust **Bowl Merrillville**

Merrillville, IN Hosted by "Croatian Sons" Lodge 170, Merrillville, IN

Evelyn Loos/Lodge 1994

# Consular **Day Returns** March 29

PITTSBURGH, PA - All CFU members and friends are hereby advised that a Consular Affairs officer from the Croatian Embassv in Washington DC will be on hand at the CFU Home Office on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Individuals, particularly Croatian Citizens, with questions regarding passports and other consular actions, are encouraged to visit the Home Office at this time. We have been informed that applications for Croatian Citizenship must be handled through direct contact with the Embassy in Washington, DC.

We are cordially inviting all CFU lodge officers, members and friends in the area to attend. You will have the opportunity to learn more about CFU's modern portfolio of life insurance and annuity/ IRA products. The many benefits the CFU offers to its members and lodges will also be explained in detail.

Information on CFU products and programs, current rates and forms will be available. Following the workshop, light refreshments and pastries will be served.

Franjo Bertovic/National Vice President/Member Services

# How to Email Your Materials to the "Z"

PITTSBURGH, PA - If you are e-mailing material for publication in the Zajednicar, please direct them to: editor@croatianfraternalunion.org.

Information should be included in the body of the e-mail, not in attachments. We cannot provide individual confirmation of receipt for each e-mail. Sender must rely on automatic verification of "message sent."

Deadline for submission of articles is the Thursday prior to the publication date and submissions should include sender's name, lodge affiliation and telephone number. Deadline for e-mail submissions is the same as that for submissions by mail or fax.

Photographs may be sent via e-mail but due to incompatability of some systems, photos will be considered on a case-by-case basis and we may ask that you send hard copies.

WARMLY

WELCOMING a new member to our CFU Family! BJORN ERICK MICAH VAN WYK was born on

November 20, 2021 and

is the great-grandson of

longtime CFU member are

Canjar, of CFU Lodge 919,

wishes for Bjorn to enjoy a

life of happiness and love

as he grows and brings joy

S. Ste. Marie. Our best

to all around him!

dedicated fraternalist, Frank

# Tammies Called To **Design Logo** For Junior Fest

**PITTSBURGH, PA -**Members of our CFU Junior Cultural Federation groups are invited to submit entries for this year's Junior Festival Logo Contest.

The 2022 CFU Junior Tamburitza Festival will be held July 1-2-3 in Baltimore, MD.

Logo entries must include the words "CFU Junior Cultural Federation Tamburitza Festival," city and the country of the festival, year of the festival, only three colors, red, black and blue on a white background, something about the host city, a Croatian aspect of the festival and the entrant's name on the back of the entry.

If flags are used, the U.S. flag must be above or to the left of the Canadian and Croatian flags. Computer generated Logo is also accepted.

First place winner gets \$100 and logo on festival t-shirts. Second place winner gets \$50 and third place gets \$25.

Entry must be received by April 1, 2022. Mail all entries to: Ivan Begg, Croatian Fraternal Union, 100 Delaney Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235. E-mail:editor@ croatianfraternalunion.org. Hvala! Ivan Begg/Secretary Junior Cultural Federation

# **ATTENTION** All Lodge 617 Members

WELLAND, ON - CFU Lodge 617 will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 3, at 2 p.m., at the Croatian National Home, Broadway Avenue, Welland. Please plan to attend. Ann Simunic/Secretary

# **CROATIA IS**

Croatia is more than just a motherland It is a womb in which a vibrant life is conceived

#### Croatia is

Croatia is more than just a name It is a way of being expressed in many forms of love

#### Croatia is

Croatia is more than just a landmark It is a flower which reflects its beauty and grace



The **Zajedničar** welcomes children and young adults to submit articles of interest and personal artwork for the CFU Kids Page which is published monthly in the first issue of each month. Original stories and artwork by CFU Nest Members may be submitted by *e-mail to:* editor@croatianfraternalunion.org or by *mail to:* Editor/Junior Page, Croatian Fraternal Union, 100 Delaney Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

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(Junior Members Transferring into the Adult Lodge)

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### JOHN Movrich Lodge 993,

Mukwanago, WI, welcomes its newest member to our lodge and to her very first lodge meeting. Pictured are **Josie Pearl King** with her proud mom and dad, Ammber and



Scott King. Josie is the great-granddaughter of lodge founder John Movrich. **Carol Movrich Gedde**/Lodge 993

# **WORD SEARCH** Time For Hoops!

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#### Croatia is

Croatia is more than just a culture It is a remembering of days gone by and long ago

Croatia is Croatia is more than just a language It is a voice of children echoing its word and song

Croatia is Croatia is more than just a vision It is a reality to those who believe in its right to be

#### Croatia is

Croatia is more than just a heartbeat It is a spirit whose essence is divine light

Croatia is Croatia shall always be **Mira Ann Novacic**/Lodge 545



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF STEELTON, PA CFU NEST 15 are having a blast playing in the snow on the slopes at the 50th Annual CFU SkiFest at Seven Springs Mountain Resort.

PATTY MORAN, LODGE 66 SECRETARY/TREASURER, of Youngstown, Ohio, enjoying the CFU SkiFEST social gathering with her family, Brooklyn Moran and Dalton DeLong.

AIR BALL	CROSSOVER	LAY UP
ASSIST	DRIBBLE	OUT OF BOUNDS
BACKBOARD	FAST BREAK	POINT GUARD
BANK SHOT	FOUL LINE	POSSESSION
BASELINES	FREE THROW	REBOUND
BASKETBALL	GOAL TENDING	SLAM DUNK
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# **Conversational Expressions In Croatian**

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## Heart of Croatia **Offers Cultural Immersion Tours** to Croatia in July and September

COLUMBUS, OH - If you would like to experience the authentic flavors of CROATIA, along with the rich addition of dance, music and song, then consider traveling with Heart of Croatia!

One of the highlights of our tours is the inclusion of traditional music almost every day...whether it is tambura, klapa, İstrian folk music, folk dance ensembles, accordion, guitar-mandolin duos, or traditional singing groups!

We are offering two opportu-

nities to travel in Croatia in 2022 on a Heart of Croatia "Cultural Immersion Tour." In the words of our tour guests, "It's Like Going on Vacation with Friends ... "

**Cultural Immersion Tour** to Croatia July 3-18

#### "DALMATIAN DREAM TOUR"

We will begin by touring Diocletian's Palace in Split and dining in an "agroturistic" restaurant overlooking the coastline where one of our favorite klapa groups will perform!

Next, we will travel on Croatia's scenic Coastal Road, where we will visit many locations along the way, from Split to Dubrovnik: the Museum of Alka, the aweinspiring Medieval Tombstones of Stećci, and the Imotski Red and Blue Lakes.

From Makarska, we will enjoy an excursion to visit the spectacular Biokovo Mountain, traveling on to Ston to participate in an actual Oyster Harvest!

We will finish up in Dubrovnik, where we will have a tour of the city, followed by a spirited folklore performance.

The next morning, we will board our ship and sail amongst Croatia's gorgeous islands for the next 7 days! Our plan for the cruise portion of our itinerary will be: DUBROVNIK-ELAPHITI ISLANDS-KORČULA ISLAND-ISLAND of VIS-HVAR ISLAND-BRAČ ISLAND-SPLIT.

Please contact Melissa at melissa@heartofcroatia.com or call 614-230-2634.

(Also, please see the next issue of the Zajedničar for information on our September Cultural

Immersion Tour!) Melissa Obenauf/Lodge 310

**Radost Returns to** 

**Twin Oaks Lounge** 

MCKEESPORT, PA -

Orchestra Radost will make

day, March 19, starting at

Plaza, at the intersection of

Route 48 and Lincoln Way in

Come and enjoy a great afternoon of music and fun with

Dan Vranesevic, all members

of the Tamburitza Hall of Fame,

look forward to seeing many of

their friends and supporters at

Dave Vranesevic/Lodge 146

Lodge 170

March Meeting

Twin Oaks Lounge.

Orchestra Radost. Joe Cindrich, Paul Milanovich. Dave and

4:30 p.m.

White Oak, PA.

their much- anticipated return

to Twin Oaks Lounge on Satur-

The Twin Oaks is located in the Rainbow Village Shopping

The popular Tamburitza

# Happenings in Youngstown

YOUNGSTOWN, OH - St. George Croatian Club of Youngstown, Ohio is looking for an Office Manager and a Bar Manager (can be one person) working on average 2-4 hours a day, average 4 days a week. Please call Tim Komara 330-519-9036 for more information.

#### **Fish/Seafood Dinners**

St. George Croatian Club/Center, 3200 Vestal Rd., Youngstown, Ohio is pleased to announce that it will be open every Friday for Fish/ Seafood and Potato Pierogi dinners during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Open to the public, cash or check only.

To place an order, or for more information, please call 330-270-9056 or just walk in and place your orders. Currently to-go only.

We are also open every Friday of the year for fish/seafood/pierogi and pork schnitzel dinners 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please stop in and try our award-winning food.

#### Tim Komara/Lodge 66

**Hoosier Hrvati Upcoming Events** 

**MERRILLVILLE. IN –** Hoosier Hrvati events on the horizon: Friday, April 8, Fish Fry, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Come join us in the Cro Lounge, 8550 Taft St.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 5, Croatian-American Mass followed by Sarma Dinner.

Additional information can be found by visiting us on Facebook at Hoosier Hrvati or call 219-649-1722. Mnogo Hvala!

Sally Kegley/Lodge 170

# Anaconda Lodge Celebrates Mesopust

ANACONDA, MT - St. Peter & Paul Society, Lodge 84 of the Croatian Fraternal Union, will celebrate Mesopust on Sunday, March 20, at 5 p.m., at the Croatian Hall, 816 East Third St.

Because of COVID issues, we are moving our annual celebration a few weeks. We will celebrate "halfway through Lent" and the first day of Spring on the 20th. The menu consists of sarma, kolbase, potatoes, salad, dessert, etc.

We look forward to seeing many of our members and friends at this annual affair. Take-out orders will also be available.

Reservations should be made by Thursday, March 17, by calling Marion at 563-7386 or Stan at 563-6959.

#### Stan Blaz/President

Editors

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updates. Pamela Sutko/Vice President



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21 points for each certificate issued on a CFU term life insurance plan; or

11 points for each 10k of Annuity premium received on either our Five Year or Nine Year Contracts once issued.

# CFU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

EIGHTY-FOUR, PA – National Secretary/Treasurer
Bernadette M. Luketich Sikaras, husband John, in
memory of our dear friend, Mary Ann Chernicky\$25.00
Towards the Martha and Bernard M. Luketich Scholarship Fund
WILMINGTON, DE – Pauline Morgan, in memory of
Mary Chernicky250.00
BETHEL PARK, PA – Gina and Kevin Conroy, in memory
of Mary Chernicky100.00
OSPREY, FL – Michael and Lisa Teutsch, in memory of
Mary Chernicky100.00
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Mary Chernicky50.00
Towards the Edward "Cookie" Verlich Scholarship Fund
HICKORY, PA – Member, CFU National Board of Trustees
Catherine Obenour, in memory of
Joanne Baburich and Rosemarie Pavlecic
Towards the Brigich Family Scholarship Fund
PITTSBURGH, PA – United CFU Lodges of Fayette,
Green, Washington and Westmoreland Counties,
Annual donation made at the Four Counties' Conference
held on Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022100.00
BELLE VERNON, PA – Paul and Kathy Barton, in
memory of Helen Gerbin, our neighbor25.00
BETHEL PARK, PA – Karen and Ronald Masztak, in
memory of Mary Chernicky50.00
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of Mary Chernicky25.00
LEVEL GREEN, PA – Darlene Cravener, in memory of
Joanne Baburich
Towards the "Hrvatska Vila" Lodge 141 Scholarship Fund
CHARLEROI, PA – DMI Companies, in memory of
Mary Chernicky75.00
BROOKFIELD, OH – "Abraham Lincoln" Lodge 85, in
memory of Barbara S. Shaban
Towards the Lodge 85 Scholarship Fund
WESTMONT, IL – Jamie Malone, in memory of my mother
Goldie Malone. Missing her on the second anniversary
of her passing, March 11. "Love you, Mom!"50.00
Towards the "Zumberak" Lodge 859 Malone Scholarship Fund
TOTAL THIS REPORT\$945.00
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(This reporting concludes the Annual CEU Spirit of Christm



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Please mark your calendar with the following 2022 Sunday meeting dates: April 24; May 22; June 19; July 17; August 21; September 18: October 16: November 20; December 18.

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