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## SMBS BULLETIN

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Serving our members  
continuously from 1857 to 2021



The SMBS will continue to follow special CDC guidelines on masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing at our July 2021 quarterly meeting.

## SMBS Dinner Meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021 Croatian American Cultural Center

Members - \$20.00  
Non-Members - \$25.00  
Cocktails - 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.  
General Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

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If you expect us to have enough food.  
No reservations, you get the leftovers!

### INDEPENDENCE DAY MENU

COCKTAILS ♦ FINE WINE  
HOT DOG SLIDERS ♦ CHILI BEANS  
CORN ON THE COB ♦ SALAD  
COFFEE ♦ DESSERT  
CHEF: JOHN IVANCICH



## CACC Social/Cultural Events

2021 SMBS MEMBER EVENTS  
164th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance  
Saturday, November, Date TBD

**NEW WEBSITE!!** Completely revised and updated. Check it out and send us your comments!! [croatianamericanweb.org](http://croatianamericanweb.org)



## SPECIAL EDITION-SMBS NEWS!



Come see the Croatian American Cultural Center's new landscaping that includes flagstone paths, drought-resistant plantings and a patio area that works for socializing and is perfect for BBQing. The bark top cover gives the whole area the perfect finishing touch.

### DOBAR DAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

*I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health.*

*As many of you may know, my father Bob (Robert) Bozin passed away on May 16th. You may not know that the name on his birth certificate was Bob, not Robert. He passed away peacefully with family by his side. He was 90 years old. As a 50-plus-year member, he loved to come to the SMBS hall and enjoy dinners and drinks at the "club." He helped my brother and I cook dozens of crab feasts and anniversary dinners for SMBS. I am going to miss him.*

### July Meeting

As I am writing this, we are planning our July meeting. If you weren't there in October or April, please come and see our revitalized building. Thank you to all who helped and donated. We are still working...

Speaking of donations, we have received a matching donation opportunity from one of our members. He and his lovely wife will match up to \$1,000 of member donations. I announced this at the last dinner meeting and have received \$350 so far. I still would like to see an additional \$650 so we can maximize this opportunity.

### Vandalism

We have been serially vandalized by the neighborhood's homeless population. We've had our new gate cut up, graffiti, water pipes broken, garbage and human waste thrown all over our property. It has been a constant

struggle. Recently I had a meeting with our local supervisor along with Ingleside's Police Captain and several others to try to get a handle on the situation. More to follow.

### Membership Drive

As announced last month, if you have friends, family, kids, grandchildren that you have wanted to be a part of our organization the time is NOW! If you refer two or more candidates who are approved and initiated, they do not pay any dues/fees until January 2023. Must be two or more referrals. We are hoping to increase our ranks and bring in a new generation of members. This is a limited time exception so do not wait. I am looking forward to a new-member-welcoming extravaganza in January. Applications are on the new website.

### New Website!!!

That's right. We have completely revised and updated our website to make us more acces-  
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sible, easy to find and hopefully boost our catering business. Check it out at:  
[www.croatianamericanweb.org](http://www.croatianamericanweb.org)

#### Financial Update as of June 2, 2021:

We just received a \$5,000 COVID-related cultural grant from the State of California and are starting to see new bookings as we plan on being able to restart our catering business sometime in July.

**General Account – Balance \$3,493.**

**Building Fund – Balance \$9,815.**

**Scholarship Account – Balance \$22,733**

**Catering Account – Balance \$13,055**

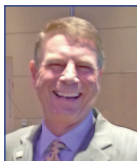
**Cultural Account – Balance \$9,528**

Waiters and Dishwashers needed for catered events! Please contact Danica.

I hope to see you in July.

*Hvala ti i Bog blagoslovi,*

*Gary*



## WELCOME NEW SMBS MEMBERS!

These individuals have been welcomed into our ranks as our newest SMBS members.

New Member	Sponsor
Grant Anticevich	Elsie Euing
Allen Blazick	Elsie Euing
Francesco Covucci	Pete Fazio
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James Euing	Elsie Euing
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Jan Purat	Kate Mangotich
Jeff Rowan	Greg Geide
Stacy Rowan	Greg Geide
Aaron Smith	Carol Geide

We need new members! Invite your spouse, sons, daughters, in-laws, grandchildren and friends. *All are welcome!*

*Elsie Euing, Membership Chair*



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## 2021 SMBS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In spite of the Pandemic, our Society continues to support the educational goals of our members and their families. This year two very worthy SMBS members from the Santich family, who are working hard to make their future dreams a reality, will be honored.

At the July 13th SMBS quarterly member dinner meeting, Anne Marie Santich and her brother Michael Anthony Santich will each receive \$1,000 awarded to them as the SMBS 2021 Scholarship recipients. Their college transcripts, grades and SMBS Scholarship applications demonstrate their abilities and the work ethic to achieve their stated academic goals. Family and friends are encouraged to make reservations to cheer them on as they are honored and acknowledged by the Society on July 13th. Congratulations to them both!



### Anne Marie Santich

*"I had a great first year of college at Chapman University studying biochemistry and molecular biology. I have enjoyed spending time with new friends, participating in clubs and learning new, in-depth material. I can't wait to go back in-person next fall! Thank you to SMBS and my family for all of their support!"*



### Michael Anthony Santich

*"My freshman year at Buena Vista University was amazing. I was able to continue toward my academic and athletic goals studying for a business degree and playing on the basketball team. I am always grateful for the support SMBS has given me."*

## 2022 SMBS SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2022!

**REMINDER:** SMBS members who want to apply for a scholarship need to plan ahead. Contact a member of the SMBS Scholarship Committee to learn the requirements. Awards will be \$1,000 for university/college level and \$500 for trade/vocational or other. **Send applications and transcripts to:** SMBS Scholarship Committee, 60 Onondaga Avenue, San Francisco, Ca 94112

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## Bits & Pieces

Nick Barbarotto retired from the business world when he sold Star Glass Company. Our thanks to Nick for his support over the years by advertising in the SMBS quarterly newsletter. Our best wishes to Nick for a healthy retirement and may he fulfill his "bucket list" dreams.

**Congratulations to Newell Arnerich** who was re-elected to the Danville Town Council, receiving the highest vote among nine candidates. Hopefully Newell will surprise us with a visit soon.

**The '97-years-young group added new members.** Dick St. Denny continues to bowl, golf, play senior baseball and "hug the ladies." Waiting for the "Go sign" for dancing.

**Nick Cicibrk recently recovered from a back injury** and hopefully will soon be able to assist the catering group in setting up chairs for SMBS social events.

**Stephen Barbarotto, San Francisco's most eligible bachelor**, fell in love and will tie the knot in Spring 2022.

**If you spot Lorraine Vallejo's arm in a sling**, you'll know she is recovering from a recent surgery to repair a shoulder rotator cuff tear. Get well wishes from the SMBS membership!

**"Where do you fit?" There are three types of SMBS members:**

*Those who make it happen*

*Those who watch it happen and*

*Those who wonder "what happened?"*

## GET WELL/STAY WELL WISHES

The following SMBS members had medical or other health issues in 2020 so keep them in your thoughts and prayers for continued improvement. A check-in on their recovery status would be a nice touch.

Tony Augustinovich • Pete Cicibrk, Ann Devine • Nedjeljka Dijanic, Danica Eterovich • Patsy Jabuka, Nicholas Kriletich • Carolyn Kristovich Ana Milon • Frederica Mirkovich, Gladys Puizina • David & Lea Schermerhorn and Ivan Zagar

As of 2021, some additional members to keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Judy Laura (very, very ill),  
Radmila Forencich (back surgery)

Know of a member or someone in their family who is sick, hospitalized, homebound or otherwise in distress? Please contact Kate Mangotich: [katemangotich@yahoo.com](mailto:katemangotich@yahoo.com) or (510) 367-9287 (calls or texts to that number).



## IN MEMORIAM

**Robert (Bob) Bozin**  
**December 1, 1930 –**  
**May 16, 2021**



Our sympathies to Gary (Mary), Carol (Greg) and Scott (Elsie) on the death of their father, Robert Bozin.

Born in San Francisco, Robert had a long successful career as a longshoreman in both San Francisco and Oakland and was enjoying his "Golden Years" (retired 30 years) with family and friends.

An SMBS member for 63 years, he made sure that his children would become members of the Society. One of his proudest moments was when his son Gary was elected SMBS President. His six grandchildren & great-granddaughter Anjuli added much pleasure to his years in retirement.

Robert served his country (Corporal, U.S. Army), lived simply and loved generously. He will be remembered as a kind man, loyal to SMBS who cared deeply for family and friends. May he rest in eternal peace. †

**William (Bill) Farac**

**April 1, 1928 - March 23, 2021**

Bill was an SMBS member so our heartfelt condolences to his son Steve Farac and to members Elsie Euing, Helen O'Brien and Nikola Farats on the recent death of their brother. Also to his extended family relations and friends. Known as the San Francisco policeman on a horse, Bill was fun-loving and will be lovingly remembered and missed very much. May God grant him peace. †

**Branko Zenetich Pudarich**

**October 4, 1932 - April 1, 2021**



Our sympathies to Branko Pudarich's family. Branko is survived by his children Steve (Lori) and Lisa (Rob), grandchildren Nicolette (Garian), Alexander (Allie), Jonathan (Kori) and Tina (Kevin), his adored great-grandchildren and the many cousins and close friends who will miss his fun spirit. Although Branko was not an SMBS member, he was very happy on the day his grandkids became Society members.

His popular restaurant "The Rib Shack," the best BBQ in town, was a meeting place for laughter and the latest jokes. Talented as a comedian and musician, Branko performed across the country. Now with the angels, he's keeping things "rockin" above.

Branko loved his country (served in the U.S. Army), cared deeply for family and friends with a great sense of humor. May he rest in God's care. †

**Sam Mosunic, President Emeritus**



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## MEMBER REMEMBRANCES

Kate Mangotich, Sunshine Chairperson, is working on a retrospective slideshow about members we lost in 2020-2021 and those who are in home-care or other care facilities now.

If you have in-focus photos/movies, especially those that show the person's character (style, hobbies, etc) or illustrate a fun story, please label them with the member's name and either hand them off to Kate at any SMBS meeting or send them to her:

via email: [katemangotich@yahoo.com](mailto:katemangotich@yahoo.com)

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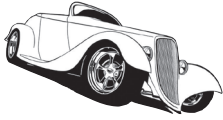
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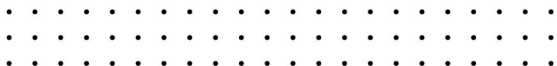
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