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Current Covid-19 regulations in San Francisco require indoor dining attendees to be fully-vaccinated, both at the April 2022 quarterly meeting and any other indoor dining events taking place in our hall.

SMBS Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
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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COFFEE ♦ DESSERT
CHEF: CATERED

CACC Social/Cultural Events

2022 SMBS MEMBER EVENTS
165th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance
Saturday, November 19th

2022 SMBS CULTURAL EVENTS

For information: croatianamericanweb.org



SAMUEL "S." SAM MOSUNIC

December 31, 1930 - March 24, 2022



March 30
Visitation
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Vigil/Rosary
7:00 pm
Garden Chapel Funeral Directors
885 El Camino Real, So. S.F., CA

"It is with great sorrow and loss I wish to let our membership know that our beloved President Emeritus, Sam Mosunic, passed away on Thursday evening, March 24th.

Sam has been a member of our Society for 70 years and served as our President for 37 years.

We mourn the loss of a dear friend and a truly devoted member of the Slavonic Mutual and Benevolent Society.

Details on services have been sent via email and a Special Edition newsletter will be devoted to Sam's service to our Society."

Gary Bozin, SMBS President



2022 ANNUAL CRAB DINNER & DANCE FUNDRAISER

by Pete Bacich

It was in February 2019 that the last Crab event was held at the Croatian American Cultural Center. To the delight of all who were in attendance on March 12, 2022, this popular event has returned.



The evening seemed somewhat odd. There had not been such a gathering (except for the 2021 Anniversary Dinner) for more than two years and, as people entered the hall, there was some questioning as whether the mask requirements and the other pandemic protocols that had become so ingrained in everyone's psyche would continue.

Those feelings quickly disappeared when the bar opened and the first drinks were ordered. With their talents for putting everyone at ease, bartenders Paul Alvers and Marijo Jerić served the requested orders with a welcoming spirit, even remembering certain favorite drinks before the order could even be requested.

Once the cocktail hour ended, everyone settled in for the dinner ably prepared by President Gary Bozin and his family. The menu began with a shrimp salad that many noted was the best that they had ever tasted. This was followed by pasta in a tomato sauce that begged to be tasted more than once. Two or even three helpings were needed to really enjoy. Afterwards, the star of the evening meal arrived. The two versions of crab arrived in their own silver bowls, one that was marinated and the other that was served without any type of dressing.

The evening also included a raffle for funds to repair the building's roof. The prizes included gift baskets, wines, and kitchen appliances on display for the lucky winners. The generosity of Maryann Skitarellic in providing these items made this raffle a rousing success. With the help of Susan Euing and Janice Becken, each attendee was able to purchase as many tickets as they wished to win one of the prizes.

To cap off this crabfest, the Showtime Band provided dancing music of every type from modern and contemporary to Croatian kolos and songs. Everyone also loved the Haagen-Daz ice cream bars that brought the meal to very satisfying end.

With the hopeful demise of Covid-19, once again a much-loved event has returned to the Croatian American Cultural Center. Let us do it all again in 2023!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOBAR DAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health. I am sorry that we had to cancel our January meeting and the Country Night dinner dance, but it was a good and necessary decision with the Omicron variant running rampant. It looks like we are over the hump, and I look forward to seeing everyone in April; although I am having surgery on April Fool's Day (great plan) so, though I may not be able to attend, you will be in good hands.

Thank you to all who attended our crab fundraiser dinner. We had over 170 members and friends join us for a delicious crab feast and a joyous night of dancing and merriment. No one went away hungry or unhappy. It was so wonderful seeing everyone enjoying themselves. I can't wait for the next event.

Our annual crab dinner has been our biggest fundraiser of the year but this year with crab almost \$13 per pound we were a little concerned. Thanks to an impromptu, but highly effective, raffle organized by Maryann Skitarellic generating over \$2,100 and also several donations, including two for \$1,000, we were able to turn a tidy profit which will be applied to needed building repairs and maintenance.

PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

Prior to wheeling out the 500 pounds of crab, I made a passionate plea to all attendees to consider helping The Society by volunteering, joining a committee and/or running for office. Our founding members gave up so much to provide a debt-free amazing building for us and future generations. We need to pick up the torch. We cannot rely on our octogenarians to carry the load. There is so much we can do and so many directions to go, it is up to us. You want a Casino Night, Frank Sinatra impersonator, Music themes, Food, Bingo, Comedy, Circus? You name it! We have a

wonderful venue, we just need ideas and volunteers. We have mentors that can help your ideas come to fruition. Let's have fun!

BUILDING UPDATE

As I reported last time, the October "atmospheric river" wasn't kind to our building. We suffered huge leaks in several places. We were able to fix the immediate problems but there are other issues. We are looking into further repairs as we are able. The lack of rain since has reduced urgency, but we need to address roof repairs prior to the next rain. Just a reminder, we have a donor matching all roof repair donations!

COVID UPDATE

San Francisco has relaxed restrictions. We are not required to wear masks indoors and we are no longer required to check vaccination cards.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our 2021 membership drive was very successful. We had 31 new members. We are rescheduling the New Member Welcome Extravaganza for Saturday, August 13th. It is going to be Western-Themed with BBQ, Country music, boots and cowboy hats. All those who joined in 2021 will be hosted.

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF MARCH 19, 2022

General Account – Balance \$17,436

Building Fund – Balance \$11,325

Scholarship Account – Balance \$21,338

Catering Account – Balance \$12,360

Cultural Account – Balance \$19,544

Please check www.croatianamericanweb.org.

We are looking for someone to help us keep our website up-to-date. Experience not necessary so please give me a call or text, (415) 987-9529.

I hope to see you in April.

*Hvala vam i Bog
vas blagoslovio,*

Gary



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Bits & Pieces

Our 2021 slate of officers were nominated unanimously to serve again in 2022 by members who attended the October 2021 quarterly meeting. The official election will be held at the annual meeting on April 12th, 2022. (The January 2022 meeting was postponed).

Congratulations to Newell & Janis Arnerich on the arrival of their first grandson, Logan, who is doing well. New parents Julia and Mike, outside of losing sleep, are blessed!

Deepest sympathy to the Franzoia family on the recent loss of their beloved grandmother and mother Anita Delucchi, age 95 years. Anita enjoyed many social events in our hall with her family who are SMBS members. May she rest in peace. †

Wishing speedy recovery to Joe Talaich who recently experienced health setbacks. We miss you, Joe, get well soon!

Gerry Zaro Johnson is celebrating her 39th birthday again. She's hosting dinner & a show in Las Vegas with immediate family. Wishing you another healthy 39 years! *Happy Birthday!*

MEMORIALS 1ST QUARTER 2022

SAM MOSUNIC BUILDING FUND

In Memory Of:	Donated By
Peter Cicibrk	Gary Bozin & Mary Ramirez
	John & Carolyn Kristovich
	Sam Mosunic &
	Gerry Zaro Johnson
Rose & Martin Santich	Anthony Bilich

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Honor Of:	Donated By
Michael & Donna Santich	Anthony Bilich

2021 MEMORIALS FINAL ANNUAL REPORT

FUNDS	# DONATIONS	AMOUNT
Sam Mosunic Bldg.	39	\$4,420.00
Scholarship	2	\$ 105.00
Cultural	2	\$ 200.00
Grand Total	43	\$4,725.00



Submitted by,
Gerry Zaro Johnson
Memorial Chairperson

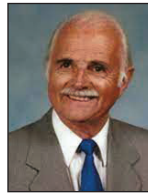
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IN MEMORIAM

PETER CICIBRK

June 12, 1924 –

November 22, 2021



Sincere sympathy to the Cicibrk family on the recent loss of a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather and a friend to many. A native San Franciscan, age 97, Peter grew up in the Excelsior District.

An S.M.B.S. member for 63 years, King of the Excelsior District, Pete assisted the S.M.B.S. Building committee in gaining acceptance, over many objections from the neighborhood, for the construction of our Cultural Center building.

In the early years, Pete volunteered as a bartender at our social and cultural events. In recent years, Pete volunteered assisting the clean up team in stacking chairs after social events.

As a bartender at the "Question Mark," a popular club on Mission Street and hangout many years ago for Croatian bachelors, Pete made sure we behaved ourselves evenings so we returned home safely.

He was an avid fan of the 49ers and the S.F. Giants. He loved cars. His ritual every night was to virgin clean the car and earned him the title "Clean Car Pete."

Pete is survived by his beloved Anna (65 years), son Nicholas Cicibrk, daughter Deborah and son-in-law Charles Lamp. He leaves three grandsons, Ryan Cicibrk, Alex and Eric Lamp, all S.M.B.S. members.

He had strong faith in God. Prayer services were private. May he rest in God's care. †



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3. The product or service would benefit the SMBS membership or the Society
4. No expense or liability to the Society

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2022 SMBS SCHOLARSHIP NEWS!

We will be announcing this year's scholarship recipients at the April dinner meeting. Hopefully the winners can join us at the July meeting to receive their awards.

SMBS Scholarship Committee

Michael and Donna Santich, Chairs

Gerry Zaro Johnson

Gary Bozin

Awards will be \$1,000 for university/college level and \$500 for trade/vocational or other.

2022 DEADLINE: APRIL 1ST

Applications and transcripts of grades must reach the Scholarship Committee by April 1st each year. Send applications and transcripts to:

SMBS Scholarship Committee

60 Onondaga Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94112 or

email your documents to

Donna Santich at

dsantich@preferredfinancial.com



MEMBER VIDEO REMEMBRANCES/ ROBERT BOZIN

Thanks to Gary, Greg, Carol and Lorraine for submitting photos and biographical details for the video *Remembrance of Robert Bozin!* The photos as well as the loving stories told at the Anniversary Dinner by Mary, Annie, Carol and Greg provided not only memories for those who knew Robert but also a bit of Croatian history and sense of our SMBS community to those of us who were not so fortunate to have known him.

It is my hope that Robert's remembrance, the first in the video series, will be followed by other member remembrances. Families of departed members can request a video by contacting Kate Mangotich: 510-367-9287 or katemangotich@yahoo.com

GET WELL/STAY WELL WISHES

Thankfully, our SMBS membership seem to have maintained good health this past quarter. That is such good news!

Please continue to keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Nicholas Krulech • Judy Laura • Anna Milon

Frederica Mirkovich • Ivan Zagar

As always, if you know of a member or their family member who is sick, hospitalized, homebound or otherwise in distress or is fully recovered? Please contact Kate Mangotich: katemangotich@yahoo.com or call/text at (510) 367-9287.



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