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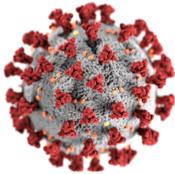
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continuously from 1857 to 2021



STAY SAFE,
EVERYONE!



Current Covid-19 regulations in San Francisco require indoor dining attendees to be fully-vaccinated, both at the October 2021 quarterly meeting and any other indoor dining events taking place in our hall.

SMBS Dinner Meeting
Tuesday, October 12, 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!

MENU

COCKTAILS ♦ FINE WINE
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MASHED POTATOES
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COFFEE ♦ DESSERT
CHEF: ABRAHAM ESPINOZA

CACC Social/Cultural Events

2021 SMBS MEMBER EVENTS
164th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance
Saturday, November 13th

NEW WEBSITE!! Completely revised and updated. Check it out and send us your comments!! croatianamericanweb.org



WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!



Vice-President Frank Forenich, Jr. (left) and Conductor Ed Gorzynski, Jr. (right) assist new member Harley Morath (center) in taking his Society oath. Cultural Director John Daley and Catering Manager Danica Eterovich watch with interest from the Directors' table. © Marijo Jeric.

DOBAR DAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

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

As I am writing this, we are planning our October 12th meeting. If the last time you came to the hall was pre-COVID, please come and see our revitalized building. We are also looking forward to celebrating our 164th anniversary on November 13th. Mark your calendars and find a designated driver because we are going to do some partying.

COVID UPDATE

San Francisco is mandating that eating establishments require patrons to be fully vaccinated to dine indoors. We must comply with this order at our dinner meeting. This also affects our catering business and will be in effect for our Anniversary Banquet.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

As announced earlier in the year. If you have friends, family, kids, grandchildren that you have wanted to be a part of our Society the time is NOW! If you refer 2 or more candidates who are approved and initiated, they do not pay any dues/fees

until January 2023. Must be 2 or more referrals. Applications must be in by Dec. 31st. We are planning a new member welcoming extravaganza in January. Applications are on the new website www.croatianamericanweb.org

CATERING IS BACK!

And I hope to stay. Danica's phone is ringing off the hook (aging myself). We've raised prices and updated our contracts. Parties are being booked and our calendar is filling up. COVID be damned!

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF AUGUST 31, 2021

General Account – Balance \$2,593
Building Fund – Balance \$16,440
Scholarship Account – Balance \$20,763
Catering Account – Balance \$17,877
Cultural Account – Balance \$10,276
Waiters and Dishwashers needed for catered events! Please contact Danica.

Hope to see you in October.

Hvala vam i Bog vas blagoslovio,

Gary



2021 SMBS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED & NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED!

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, were honored.

At the July 13th SMBS quarterly member dinner meeting, Anne Marie Santich and her brother Michael Anthony Santich each received \$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 cheered them on as they were honored and acknowledged by the Society on July 13th. Congratulations to them both and to the family members and friends who supported them!



Left to right: Anne Marie Santich and Michael Anthony Santich (scholarship recipients) await their \$1,000 award checks as Cultural Director John Daley, Catering Manager Danica Eterovich, President Gary Bozin and Scholarship Committee member Gerry Zaro Johnson prepare to make the 2021 SMBS awards official. © Marijo Jerić.



Left to right: Tim Santich (Dad), daughter Kate Santich, Michael Santich (Grandfather), Michael Anthony Santich and Anne Marie Santich (scholarship recipients) and their mother, Catherine Santich celebrate the academic accomplishments of Michael and Anne Marie. © Marijo Jerić.

Another high point of the 2021 July quarterly member meeting was the welcoming into our Society's ranks of the following new members. We encourage all members to do as their sponsors did and seek out more prospective new members to continue to grow our ranks.

JULY 2021

New Member	Sponsored By
Jacqueline Bodor	Janice Becken
Marko Bodor	Janice Becken
Frank Blazic	Allen Blazick
Whitney Dunleavy	Gary Bozin
Stacy Millich	Elsie Euing & Gerry Johnson
Harley Morath	Gary Bozin

2022 SMBS SCHOLARSHIP TIME WILL BE COMING SOON!

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.

SMBS Scholarship Committee
Donna Santich, Chair
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
 (415) 584-8859



A BIT OF OUR SOCIETY'S HISTORY CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE-TAKE A LOOK!



The Slavonic Mutual and Benevolent Society was founded in San Francisco in 1857 by Croatian immigrants, primarily from the Dalmatian coast of Croatia. For more than 164 years the SMBS and its Croatian American Cultural Center of San Francisco has welcomed lovers of Croatian cultural heritage. www.croatianamericanweb.org

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Bits & Pieces

Nominations for the 2022 SMBS officers will be held at the October 12th quarterly dinner meeting. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in January 2022.

After missing our 163rd Anniversary Gala because of the Covid-19 pandemic—the first time in 164 years—we are looking forward to November 13, 2021 and celebrating our 164th Anniversary Dinner Dance. Hope to see you all there!!

**MEMORIALS
3RD QUARTER 2021**

SAM MOSUNIC BUILDING FUND

In Memory Of:	Donated By
Robert Bozin	Maryann Skitarelic, Elsie Euing and Ed Gorzynski, Paul Alvers and Donna Puizina-Alvers, Frank Forencich Family, Danica Eterovich, Michael and Donna Santich, Robert Zink and Joyce Lynn
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In Memory Of:	Donated By
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In Memory Of:	Donated By
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Submitted by,
Gerry Zaro Johnson
Memorial Chairperson

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SMBS NEWSLETTER NEEDS YOU!

One important way we share SMBS news and events with our members, both in print and via email, is with our quarterly newsletter. And we rely on members to be an important source of information, photos and stories. Call or send me your ideas, stories and photos. *Sam Mosunic*, Editor

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IN MEMORIAM

**Anthony "Tony" Thomas Agustin
(Agustinovich)
November 24, 1924 –
August 20, 2021**



Tony at the age of 96 died peacefully of natural causes in a care facility. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

Loving father of the late Andrew, Vincent and Paul. Survived by his niece Mira Palihnich and nephew Ivo Palihnich plus many relatives and dear friends.

Tony was a proud member of SMBS for 39 years. He was the sparkplug on our many social bus trips, singing the old Croatian songs and telling jokes. He was funloving and cared deeply for family and friends.

He served in the U.S. Army in Italy during World War II and was honorably discharged. He then returned to sheet metal work as he enjoyed crafting with his hands and gardening. Tony will be missed dearly but never forgotten. May he rest in God's care. †

**Frances Mary Bulanti
December 24, 1925 -
June 8, 2021**



Our condolences to the Bulanti family on the recent loss of Frances Mary Bulanti, age 95. She was the sister to the late Adam Eterovich and sister-in-law to Danica Eterovich.

Frances was an SMBS member for 39 years. Attended and supported SMBS social activities and cultural events.

As her obituary stated, Fran had a rich life with family and friends. An enthusiastic bridge player and a superb cook, she had a great sense of humor, an impeccable eye for fashion and was a world traveler.

Fran was known for many life quotes but one standout was *"If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all."*

She is survived by her daughter Lori, sons Gary and Michael, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as relatives and friends. May she rest in peace. †

**Joan Catherine Milon
December 25, 1936 -
August 10, 2021**



Our loving mother, Joan Catherine Milon, 84, was born on Christmas Day, 1936 in San Francisco, CA. She peacefully passed away at her home in Rancho Cordova, CA on August 10, 2021. She was and always will be the matriarch

of her beautiful family. Joan was preceded in death by her loving husbands: John R. Austin (1978) and Sammy J. Milon (2012), her mother: Albina E. Backstedt and father: William F. Backstedt.

She is survived by her children: Paul Austin (Nannette), Linda Austin, Steven Austin and stepsons: Craig Austin (Debbie) and Rick Milon (Carolyn); grandchildren: Lizza Austin, William Austin, Hannah Milon and Ryan Milon; and her great granddaughter: Yzabel Lopez.

She was the long-time recording secretary/treasurer for the Croatian Fraternal Union (CFU) Yerba Buena Lodge 900 and was an active member of the Slavonic Mutual and Benevolent Society (SMBS).

Joan was an avid fan of the San Francisco Giants baseball team and the SF 49ers football team. She was known for being an excellent cook and an outstanding baker. Her rigatoni and meatballs were some of the best in the Bay Area while her cookies always made life just a little sweeter for the lucky recipients. May God grant her peace. †



GET WELL/STAY WELL WISHES

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

- Pete Cicibrk • Ann Devine
- Radmila Forencich • Patsy Jabuka
- Nicholas Kriletich • Ana Milon
- Frederica Mirkovich • Gladys Puizina
- David & Lea Schermerhorn and Ivan Zagar

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 or (510) 367-9287 (calls or texts to that number).



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