



**Honorary Consul General Boris A. Miksic
Candidate for the Croatian Parliament**

Boris A. Miksic announced his candidacy to the Croatian Parliament. Honorary Consul General Miksic presented his program for seeking a seat in the 1st and 7th Districts. Miksic made a list of people that will be on his ticket. The list includes many experts, business and community leaders..

Miksic was born in Zagreb, Croatia, October 11, 1948. He graduated from the University of Zagreb, Croatia in the Department of Mechanical Engineering.

Boris is a respected businessman. He actively participates in the development of the Croatian Economy. He devotes his time to humanitarian work and participates in numerous activities to promote Croatia in the United States and the World.

In 1995 Miksic was appointed Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Croatia to the United States. In this role, he actively promotes trade with the United States and Croatia.

Miksic has received many awards. Significant awards include

- *Ernst & Young LLP "Master Entrepreneur of the Year Award—2000 "*
- *Republic of Croatia's Highest Honor for accomplishments in Business and Commerce: "Order of Danica Hrvatska " with Medallion of Blaz Lorkovic awarded by President Dr. F. Tudjman—1998*
- *"Citizens at their Best Award" by the Minnesota National Guard—1997*
- *Governor Tim Pawlenty's "International Trade Award" —2003*

Boris, we the Croatian Community understand the passion and fervor you have for Croatia and the Croatian people and we wish you the best in this election.

For further information, www.BorisMiksic.net.

KUDOS

- To Josie Linders and Rudy Vrkljan for their work as co-chairs of the Festival of Nations. They have given of their time and effort for many years to make this event a success for our Croatian Community. The theme was "Children of the World" and we felt that our exhibit was very tasteful and well received by all.
- To those people who volunteered at the Festival of Nations, including Lou and Mary Ann Novak, Mae Schunk, Boris and Anna Vignetti Miksic; Ivana Radic Borsic; Joe Rukavina; Genevieve Simanovic; Ivanca Schrunk; Brian Lalich and son; Vic Mikulich and others who gave of their time.
- To those members of our Cultural Society, who helped subsidize the cost of the Band for our upcoming Christmas Party at the Hrvatski Dom. Band prices are increasing and becoming the driving force on whether or not we have a Band at our functions. We thank these anonymous individuals for their support and anyone else who would like to make a contribution.
- To Boris Miksic, Cortec and its employees as 2003 Winner of the Governor's International Trade Award. This award honors a Minnesota company that has excelled in the international marketplace.
- To Pope John Paul II who visited Croatia in June of this year and beatified a Croatian Nun, Marija Petkovic. Petkovic who died in 1966, founded the Daughters of Mercy, who tended to the sick and poor in Croatia and Latin America.

Immigration Research History Center

Eat, Drink and Be Ethnic at the Friends of the IHRC 26th Annual Meeting. This event will be held at the Humanities Education Center, 987 E. Ivy Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota on Saturday, November 15, 2003.

Cost for reservations is \$50.00 per person. Reservations are still being accepted but must be made as soon as possible. Call Judy Rosenblatt at 612-624-5774 to make your reservation for a wonderful meal and program.

Debbie Miller from the Minnesota Historical Society is the guest speaker: "*Eat, Drink and Be Ethnic: What the Cookbooks Tell Us*" is her topic.

Memorabilia

The CCSM is looking for ethnic memorabilia, such as Croatian Costumes, books, photographs or anything that could be related to our Croatian Heritage. If these items are discarded, we lose some of our Croatian heritage forever. Rather than discard any of these items, please contact Lou Novak at 651-429-6183. The items will be stored in the CCSM archives or in the Croatian Collection of Archives at the new state of the art Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota.

Specifically, photos would include

- Ethnic Festivals or Celebrations
- Parades
- Community Gatherings
- Wedding, Christening, Funerals or other personal ceremonies
- Family Activity
- Family Portraits

A Visit to Croatia

Friends of Lou and Mary Ann Novak recently visited Croatia. Excerpts from a recent email are as follows:

"We traveled 3300 kilometers along the coast of Croatia and back up to Zagreb for our departure home. We only had a short tour of Zagreb and would like to have seen more. The entire seacoast is magnificent. There were so many coves and inlets and little villages that were more picturesque than we had imagined. Dubrovnik was wonderful and we could have spent more than just three days there. We had special concerts and a home visit and a boat ride across the bay—just an all around great experience. During October, our tour company had a new group arriving every four days. Hopefully, the American tourist dollars will help boost the local economy.

Thanks for the maps of Croatia. They were great."

Charles and Shirley Rust
Bozeman, Montana

Croatian Culture in the Twin Cities

Ana Vidovic

Ana Vidovic is a classical guitarist who will perform Saturday, November 15th at 8:00 pm at Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. General Admission is \$15 and students and seniors is \$12.

Although barely 20 years old, Ana Vidovic has already won an impressive number of prizes and concerts in London, Paris, Vienna, Salzburg, Rome, Budapest, Tel Aviv, Oslo, Copenhagen, Toronto and Warsaw.

Let the Twin City Croatian Community give Ana a big welcome by attending her concert.

Neda Miranda Blazevic-Krietzman

Miranda Blazevic-Krietzman is a good friend of the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota and we always like to list the accomplishments of our great Croatians in the Twin Cities.

Miranda has recently published a book titled "A Woman is a Woman is a Woman," an eclectic collection of personal essays, interviews, journals, photographs and art pieces, written by her students and herself.

She currently teaches at the College of St. Catherine, is an accomplished artist whose paintings and sculptures have been exhibited worldwide. She also is preparing an exhibition of color photographs of Dubrovnik and publishing other books.

Vesna Krezich Kittelson

Vesna Krezich Kittelson always notifies us when she has a new exhibit of her work. Recently we received a postcard telling us about her new works "**Hands/Cutouts and Faces/Cutouts**" which was sponsored by the cultural society Global Croatia.

Currently Vesna is living in Cambridge, England for a year while her husband David is working there for the University of Minnesota. She can be reached at vesna_kittelson@mcad.edu. Her website is www.yesnaart.com.

Let's Support our Croatian Artists.....



Tamburaski Sastay OLUJA

Tamburaski Sastay OLUJA from Chicago, Illinois is scheduled to perform at the Croatian Cultural Society's Annual Christmas Party. The Celebration will be held at the Hrvatski Dom in St. Paul Minnesota on Saturday, December 6th, 2003.

OLUJA was formed in 1999 and is made up of 4 tamburasi in their late 20's possessing an undying love for Croatian music and culture. The members are Joe 'Leno' Grlica, Joe 'Fricijo' Riccio, Tony 'Polako' Pavlakovic and the band's most recent addition, Mark 'Strah' Strahanoski.

Although located in the Chicago area, Oluja has been entertaining Croatian Communities throughout the United States and Canada at a wide variety of events ranging from weddings and private parties to concerts and festivals. Their musical repertoire seems almost never-ending and consists of many of the old time favorites that your grandparents sang, kolos for everyone's dancing pleasure and the newest hits and releases currently being played in Croatia.

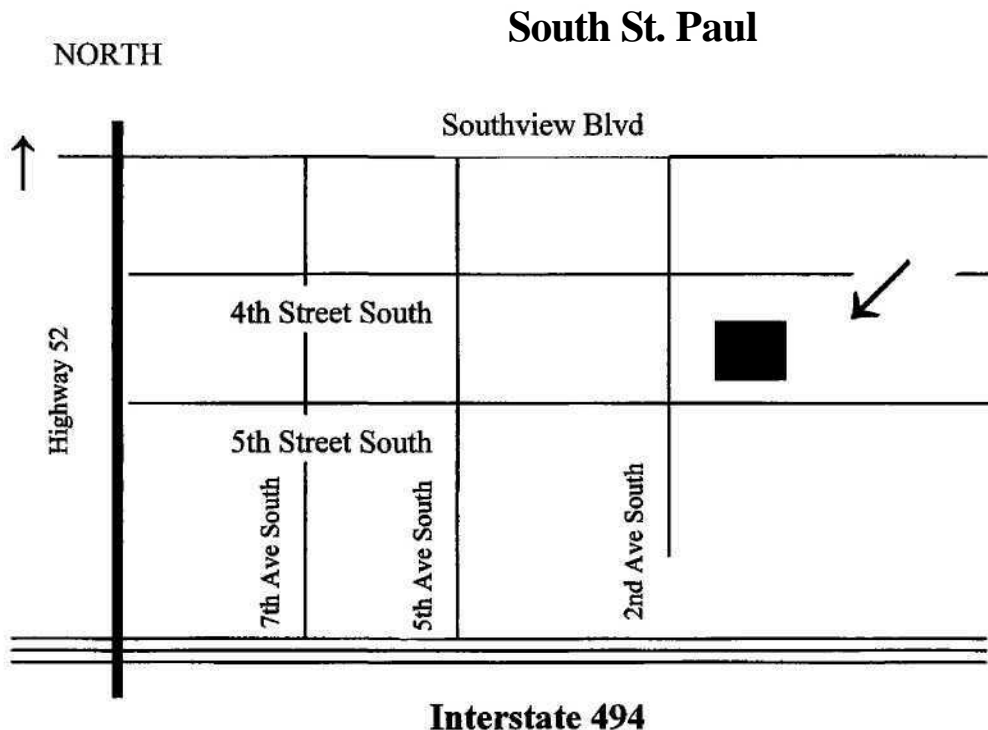
With the successful release of their debut album "Dolina Sna", OLUJA has plans to release a new album in June 2004 entitled "Slavonijo U Mojim Venama", which will consist entirely of original songs composed by OLUJA's members. For more information, visit www.chicagocroatian.com/oluja.htm or email: oluja@chicagocroatian.com. Let's give them a big welcome by attending the Christmas Celebration.

Annual Christmas Party

**Hrvatski Dom
445 Second Avenue S
South St. Paul MN 55075
651-451-1453**

Directions

- 1. Exit 1-494 in South St. Paul at 5th or 7th Avenue**
- 2. Go north 5 blocks to 5th Street**
- 3. Go east to 2nd Avenue**
- 4. Go north half a block and turn right into the parking lot on the north side of the Hrvatski Dom Building.**



SRETAN BOZIC IVESELA NOVA GODINA

22ND ANNUAL CROATIAN CHRISTMAS PARTY

WHEN: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2003

WHERE: CROATIAN HALL (HRVATSKI DOM)
445 2ND AVENUE SOUTH
SOUTH ST. PAUL MN

TIME: SOCIAL HOUR 5:30 PM
CHRISTMAS DINNER 7:00 PM
CROATIAN MUSIC BY TAMBURASKI SASTAY "OLUJA" FROM CHICAGO

MENU: JANJETINA (LAMB) CROATIAN COLE SLAW
SUNKA (HAM) WALDORF SALAD
SARMA FRUIT SALAD
CROATIAN POTATOES RELISHES
HONEY GLAZED CARROTS COFFEE AND ROLLS
POVITICA AND DELICACIES

COST: RESERVATIONS ONLY \$20.00 ADULTS
7.00 CHILDREN UNDER 12
FREE CHILDREN UNDER 5

BRING ALONG SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE CROATIAN PASTRIES TO SHARE....THE KIND YOUR MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER USED TO MAKE .

RSVP BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2003 BY SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION BELOW.
FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ARE INVITED.

CHAIR: RUDY VRKLJAN 651-484-5260 CO-CHAIR: JOE RUKAVINA 651-429-9230

RSVP by December 1, 2003. Make checks payable to the **Croatian Cultural Society** and mail to Rudy Vrkljan 173 Dawn Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55126

Name _____ Guest _____
Address _____ Phone _____
Email _____

_____ No. of Adult meals at \$20.00 Total Adults _____
_____ No. of Children meals at \$ 7.00 Total Children _____
Check enclosed for \$ _____

Dora Foundation

I will not be able to attend but enclosed is a check for the children of Croatia, payable to the Croatian Cultural Society. Amount of check enclosed \$ _____.



Croatian Classes

Ivanca Schrunk teaches the Croatian Language in a number of locations in Minneapolis and St. Paul. If you are interested in learning to speak Croatian, contact Ivanca at 612-788-3328.

Mary Ann Novak, Editor

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