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Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota

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Independence Day Celebration

On June 22, 2003, Croatia celebrates its thirteenth year of Independence (Statehood). We Croatians are very proud of our culture, history and beautiful country. Croatian Americans from all parts of the United States have shown that, with hard work, they have been able to succeed in this country; yet remain proud of their Croatian Heritage. President Franjo Tudjman, in his Statehood Day Message of 1997 said, "We have created Croatia through love, wisdom, strength and pride of our people, as well as through sacrifice. Great strides have been made by Croatia which have resulted in the emergence of a state founded on the principles of a free economy, entrepreneurship, personal initiative and responsibility. We continue to be united in efforts to make our Croatia a country of dignity, prosperity and well-being, a country of justice and social security for all of its citizens."*

Our Independence Day Celebration will be held at the Croatian Hall in South St. Paul on Sunday, June 22, 2003. We acknowledge the dedication and pride of the Croatians who contribute their time and talents. We thank the members of the CFU Lodge 316, the Hrvatski Dom Association and the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota, who are working together to make this celebration memorable.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

The Festival of Nations is Minnesota's largest multi-ethnic festival and has been in existence since 1932. Approximately 90 ethnic groups participate annually in this four-day event. Our Croatian community has been a part of this festival for many years. The theme, this year, was "Children of the World." We thank Co-Chairs, Josie Linders and Rudy Vrkljan who have given of their talents to make our exhibit successful and help spread the word of the wonderful country of "Croatia." Thanks to Ivanca Schrunck, Genevieve Simanovich, Victor, Margaret Mikulich and their daughter, Boris Miksic, Anna Vignetti Miksic, Mae Schunk, Brian & Preston Lalich, Ivana Radic Borsic, Andrejana Radic, Mary Sedlar, Tim Conroy and Lou and Mary Ann Novak who helped make our exhibit a success.



A BIG FISH STORY



Our Consul General, Boris Miksic, loves to fish and spends as much time as he can doing so. On a recent fishing trip, he had an adventure of a lifetime. One evening, in the Caribbean, off Key West, Florida, he was trolling for fish, when he hooked a huge "Goliath" Grouper using a 40 lb. line. The fish was estimated to weight over 400 pounds. The "Goliath Grouper" is a protected species so it was released.

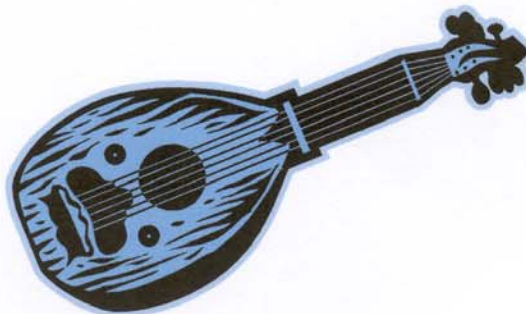


The Captain of the Boat, Jim Thompson, jumped into the water to free the fish. However, two more large groupers came into the area. So, Captain Jim, returned to the ship because these fishes can suck down an arm or leg. The battle between Boris and "Goliath", will be a memorable part of his fishing career for him and Captain Jim.



WANTED

We've been looking for a Tamburitza Band to play at our Croatian Events. Anyone knowing of a band that plays Croatian Music at a reasonable price should contact Lou Novak at 612-789-5063. We have done a national search for a band but most of them are unavailable or too pricey for our budget.



St. David's Relief Foundation

St. David's Relief Foundation was formed almost eleven years ago. Since its formation, St. David's has operated with only one mission; to provide humanitarian aid and assistance to the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. During the war, and for the period immediately after the war, St. David's supplied the country with millions of dollars of food, medicine and clothing. In 1998, St. David's redirected its focus to supply building materials to assist in the reconstruction of homes and villages damaged during the war. Since 1993, St. David's has supplied and delivered over \$16 million of food, medicine, clothing and building materials to the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 1998, St. David's organized a work camp in a small village in northern Bosnia-Herzegovina, to provide American volunteers an opportunity to assist on a personal basis. In the summer of 1998, the volunteers re-roofed seven houses and the Parish Church. St. David's has sponsored similar volunteer work camps each year since 1998. On June 8, 2003, thirty volunteers will begin rebuilding a school in Stolac. Ben Fellows, a Director of St. David's will present additional information about St. David's and its activities in Bosnia-Herzegovina, at the Croatian Independence Day program on June 22, 2003. In order to complete the school project in Stolac, St. David's Relief Foundation needs both your prayers and financial support.

We look forward to seeing you at the Independence Day Celebration on June 22, 2003 and welcome your support for the wonderful work that St. David's is doing

Merchandise for Sale

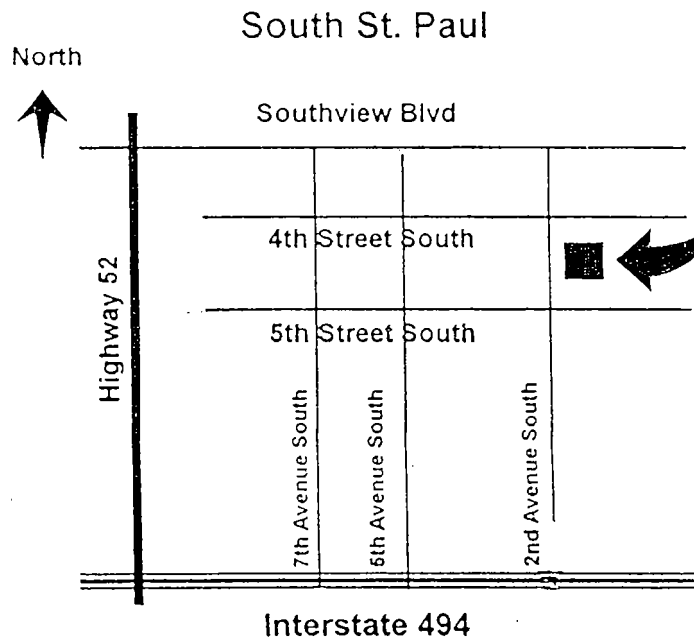
Tee shirts and Golf Shirts with the Croatia Logo will be available for sale at the Independence Day Celebration. We will also have LADO CD's and other Croatian Musical CD's for sale.

CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

Directions

1. Exit I-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 building.



**CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2003**

**CROATIAN HALL
445 SECOND AVENUE SOUTH
SOUTH ST. PAUL, MN**

**FESTIVITIES 12:00 NOON TO 5:00 P.M.
BUFFET 1:00 P.M.
CROATIAN MUSIC (TAPES/CD'S)**

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JANJETINA (LAMB)	HONEY GLAZED CARROTS
SARMA	RELISHES
CROATIAN POTATOES	POVITICA AND DELICACIES
COFFEE AND ROLLS	

ADVANCE REGISTRATION BY MAIL:	\$11.00	ADULTS
	5.00	CHILDREN UNDER 16
	FREE	CHILDREN UNDER 5

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

RSVP BY SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2003 BY SENDING IN THE REGISTRATION BELOW. FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ARE INVITED.

RSVP by June 15, 2003. Make checks payable to Croatian Cultural Society and mail to Rudy Vrkljan 173 Dawn Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55126

Name _____ Guest _____

Address _____ Phone _____

_____ No. of Adult meals at \$11.00	Total Adults _____
_____ No. of Children meals at \$ 5.00	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 \$ _____

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