

Croatian Cultural Society Of New Zealand (Inc)



Hrvatsko Kulturno Društvo - Newsletter July, 2019 - Volume 63

1st Quarterly Members Meeting

Sunday 25th August 2019 - 4pm

The 1st Quarterly Members Meeting for the 2019/2020 year will be held at our Society Clubrooms at 4pm. All members are invited to attend.

Agenda

Apologies
Minutes of previous quarterly meeting
Correspondence
President's report
Treasurer's report
Financial Overseer's report
General Business

Events Calendar

Sunday Lamb on the Spit Sunday 28th July, 2019
5pm, CCS Clubrooms

Sunday Lamb on the Spit Sunday 25th August, 2019
5pm, CCS Clubrooms

1st Quarterly Members Meeting Sunday 25th August, 2019
CCS Clubrooms

HNK Fundraiser Friday 30th August, 2019
CCS Clubrooms
See flyer for details



CROATIAN NATIONAL NIGHT 2019



Kralj Tomislav performers on the 1st June 2019

President's Newsletter Report – July 2019

Last month's 'Dan Državnosti' night was a great success, with a full house in attendance. We were honoured to host our new Croatian Ambassador, Ms Betty Pavelich. She spoke of her desire to forge strong working links between Croatia and New Zealand, and the positive work that is ongoing. Our Kralj Tomislav performances were, as always, very impressive and well received by our guests and members. Well done to Goran Kacurov and the entire Kralj Tomislav ensemble for a great show! Thank you also to all the hard working members who helped to make this a successful function, especially our kitchen team, managed by Davorka Ozich and Luka Farac – well done.

You may have noticed a new hedge planted on the periphery of the society grounds. This will provide a tidy, classic design to our property. Our sincere thanks goes to Goran Katich, Barry Stulich and Danny Selak for volunteering their time and hard work to planting this hedge.

We have our end-of-the month lamb on the spit dinner on Sunday the 28th of July, which is growing in popularity, so make sure you bring along the family for a great meal and some good company.

We also have our quarterly members' meeting on Sunday the 25th of August, so come along and contribute to the management of your club.

This will be followed by our HNK football team fundraiser, which will be held on Friday the 30th of August. This will help to send our team to the Australia and NZ Croatian Football tournament in Australia this year, so come along and support a good cause.

Pozdrav, Len Stulich

Croatian Cultural Society Executive Management Committee for 2019/20

President (1)

Len Stulich*

Vice Presidents (2)

Bozenka Mrkusich*

Goran Katich*

Treasurer (1)

Stefan Erceg*

Secretary (1)

Katica Katich*

Committee (12)

Matthew Botica*

Luka Farac*

Nedjelko Klinac

Davorka Ozich*

Olivia Panzic*

Milka Selak*

Vedran Skokandić*

Paul Sumich*

Anton Tolich*

Fabian Ukich*

Goran Vrdoljak*

Ivan Zonich*

Names marked with a () indicate members from the 2018/19 committee*



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invite you to a Winter Fundraising Extravaganza

Enjoy good food.

A fashion parade for men and women by
Cambridge Clothing and Magazine Clothing.
Live Band. Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction.

Special Guest Hon Paula Bennett

RSVP by 5 August 2019 to -
talventis2@gmail.com

Bank Account No. 12 3232 0369986 00
Please include your name on the reference
Payment will confirm attendance

Further enquiries to 021 722 224

Authorised by Alfred Ngaro. 288 Te Atatu
South.

This is a fundraising event with proceeds, after
costs, being a donation to the NZ National
Party.

Saturday, 10 August 2019

Croatian Cultural Society

161 McLeod Road, Henderson

Time: 7.00pm-midnight

Cost: \$75pp / \$150 dble GST incl.

Cash Bar operating

CCS

Sunday Coffee on the Roast

28 JULY 2019

CLUB OPEN FROM 12PM

Buće/Briškula/Kids playground

CCS CLUBROOMS

161 MCLEOD ROAD
TE ATATU



DINNER @ 5PM ❖ \$20/010 \$10

★ CHAMPIONSHIP ★

BEER PONG



Entry
\$50
Per Team

Tournament



DJ ★ FOOD ★ BAR ★ SPOT PRIZES ★

FRIDAY AUGUST 30TH 2019 - 7PM

CCS, 161 MCLEOD RD, TE ATATU SOUTH, AUCKLAND

RESTRICTED
18

2 PLAYERS PER TEAM ★ MAIN DRAW: \$500 1ST PRIZE \$300 2ND PRIZE ★ PLATE DRAW: \$150 1ST PRIZE

PUT

SUNDAY NIGHT LAMB ON THE

AUGUST 25

OPEN FROM 12PM

DINNER @ 5PM

Buće/Briškujla/Kids playground

\$20 /u10 \$10

CROATIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT'S REPORT [Abridged]

I should like to present my President's Report for the **2018-2019** year.

As you are aware the League has celebrated an amazing 25 years. Hence this is my 25th report so I feel a little emotional as well as very proud. We still have three foundation members on the committee, Patricia Jerkovic, Katica Filipcich and myself. I thank you from my heart for staying on with me. And to all the wonderful committee. Over the year, we set ourselves tasks and projects encompassing many challenges on the way. Here are some of the projects we accomplished:

On 26 September we attended a movie, the 'Women in Black', at St Lukes, bringing special memories of the 60's and 70's. Followed by lunch in the Mall.

On 6 October we did a Breast Cancer Walk around Hobsonville Point, enjoying the beautiful views and historic air-force buildings. Lunch was well earned at the Fabric Café. Thank you ladies for the sum of \$250 raised and given to Breast Cancer Appeal.

From 26th to 28th October we made a trip to Napier. Our ladies had a WOW weekend away exploring Napier, Cape Kidnappers and the heart of 'Art Deco'.

On Sunday we went to Havelock North to visit two wineries. It was truly a wonderful experience, a WOW weekend.

On Wednesday 31st October a group of Croatian women were invited to St Margaret's Retirement Home to celebrate a 'cultural month'. We brought Croatian baking, which the residents enjoyed, and put on a Croatian video. Seven of our people are residents there.

On 17 February we enjoyed lunch at Soljans Estate Winery Restaurant to start the New Year. It was pleasing to welcome new members. On 13 March we went on another 'Riverhead Cruise'. All aboard the Red Boat to sail up the Waitemata, a picturesque and relaxing journey, stopping for lunch at the Riverhead Tavern. On 7 April we had a bus trip to the Matakana Sculptureum Gardens and Sawmill Café at Leigh. The gardens were amazing – a wonderful setting for the sculptures, figurines and other interesting pieces of art.

Our last event was on Sunday 5 May at Bracu Restaurant in the Bombay Hills to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. At Bracu it was 'bubbles in the courtyard' when we arrived. A lovely set menu was served and at the same time we were entertained by Joni Yelcich with Croatian songs. The Hamilton ladies also supported this occasion.

Three ladies were given honorary membership – Julie Posa of Vuksich & Borich who have printed and posted our newsletters over all these years – our heartfelt thanks to Sister Kate for her dedicated work in visiting the sick, her prayers and organizing special masses. And thank you so much Dragica Selak for all your support. Our special guest was Breast Cancer Specialist Dr Sonia Freese. We've had contact with her for over 20 years, from the day of her first talk on Breast Cancer. It was Sonia who encouraged our women to check themselves and to have regular mammograms.

Florida introduced Suzanne by reading out a poem she wrote: '*What a talent*'. Suzanne gave us a brief outline of her book '*Dubrovnik my Love*'. It's a novel with a bit of romance based on her husband, Gaspar's, journey from Yugoslavia to New Zealand. Later we had the opportunity to buy the book and have it signed by Suzanne – a great read.

The League's formal portfolio is social welfare hence we often donate to worthwhile causes. The League donated \$100 towards the CCS Children's Christmas Party. \$350 was given for the sick children at Starship as well as \$200 to Koru Care for the benefit of sick children to visit Disneyland. A soft toy and a donation of \$100 was given to Allen, the little four year old girl who had been shot 3 times in the Christchurch mosque shooting. A bouquet of flowers and a card was given to Vinka Lucas who was honoured in the Queen's Service awards. She was overwhelmed by our gesture.

A special mention must be made of Vuksich & Borich for the printing of our newsletters. Thank you Julie and your staff. We are always grateful to the CCS for the use of the clubrooms and their ongoing support. Our sincere thanks go to Len Stulich, the President, and to his committee. The Croatian Women's League, through its hard work over all these years has gained respect amongst our Croatian people, thus having a positive place in our Croatian community. Thank you, all League members, for your help and support.

Zdenka Batistich
President

Hosted by the Croatian Women's League

An amazing film: 'OPERATION STORM' - just released by Nikola Knez - the producer of the award winning film 'Bleiburg' shown last year at the CCS - is to be shown on:

Sunday 28th July - at 6.30pm after 'Lamb on the Spit' at the Croatian Cultural Society.

Significant and exciting Investment opportunity –

Join Kalandra Education Group at a presentation on July 28th 4.30pm at the Croatian Cultural Society.

Kalandra is transforming aged care through developing and sharing innovative education and with aged care as the second largest growth industry in the world the opportunities are huge.

Kalandra intends to become the Harvard of health studies and the showcase of exemplary aged care.

Join us and learn how investment will help Kalandra achieve their vision of improving millions of lives as well as achieving significant investment return.

For further information contact Christine Ozich ph. 021 1960271



PHOTO GALLERY *Croatian National Dinner 2019*



Photos courtesy of Josip Matkovich

SOCIETY INFORMATION

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE

To all members and families who have lost loved ones, we offer our sincere condolences and deepest sympathies.

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CCS HALL HIRE

Hall and kitchen available for events and functions. For bookings, options and more information please contact:

Bozenka Mrkusich 021 341 634.

CCS HNK AUCKLAND CROATIA

If you are interested in registering for soccer with our Society, contact Fabian Ukich for more information about joining NK Auckland Croatia.

Fabian Ukich: 021 987 250

NEW ZEALAND CROATIA CRICKET

New Zealand Croatia Cricket exists to provide a home for New Zealanders with Croatian ancestry to come together through their mutual love of cricket to connect, share and celebrate their Croatian heritage and culture. Check us out at: www.newzealandcroatiacricket.weebly.com

John Vujnovich 021 922 044

OUR KITCHEN

LAMB ON THE SPIT DINNER 6PM
Dinners will take place on the last Sunday of each month starting on the **24th February, 2019**. **Dinner tickets are \$20** for a delicious hot dinner provided by the Sunday evening kitchen crew.

CROATIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS

For information about learning the Croatian language please contact the club secretary on:

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

Classes take place on Sundays.

CROATIAN RUGBY REPS - NZ

If you are interested in being associated or playing rugby in Croatia (with the possibility of playing for the Croatian National Team), contact the New Zealand Representatives for Croatian Rugby: Michael Borich 021 717 303

AUSCRO GOLF CONTACTS

Mladen Goricki: 027 454 5074 or
Nick Suvalko: 027 481 0586

TAMBURICA & INSTRUMENT TUITION

If you or any person you know of are interested in learning the tamburica or another musical instrument, contact Goran Kačurov: 021 877 247

FOLKLORE

We have groups for all ages from 4 years of age to adults. Visit the CCS Website for a registration form or contact:

Goran Kačurov:

kacurovs@yahoo.co.nz

Nada Stulich:

nada.stulich@xtra.co.nz

CCS CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

The CCS Playgroup meets monthly on the last Monday of every month 9:00am-11:00am as suits. All are welcome for a coffee and kids playtime. If you have any questions or would like to join the email database, please contact Iva Stulich: ivastulich@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS INVITED

If you have friends and family that are eligible to join, encourage them to enjoy the privilege of being members of our Society.

We offer our members a place where they can uphold their Croatian identity and enjoy the services on offer which includes sports, kolo, choir, card playing, bowls, library services and Consular visits, various social functions and more.

Your nomination and their membership will be mutually rewarding to us all.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

According to the rules of our Society, any objection to any membership application notification use be lodged in writing to the Secretary within 14 days of notification.

Natalija James (nee Lupis),
Jason & Mark - Nominator: Leo Panzic/Seconder: Goran Katich

Damir Alen Dosen - Nominator:
Goran Katich/Seconder: Leo Panzic

Mary Sokolić - Nominator: Leo Panzic/Seconder: Goran Katich

Olivia Sumich - Nominator: Leo Panzic/Seconder: Goran Katich

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A friendly reminder to those members who have overlooked their membership. If you are unsure of the status of your membership please call or email the secretary, Katica Katich for an update. We remind you that only financial members are eligible to attend the Members Meetings.

Katica Katich

ccssecretary@hotmail.co.nz

CROATIAN CATHOLIC MISSION – Farewell to Fr Matthew 9th and 23rd June

It was with sadness that at St Anne's on Sunday 9th June the congregation of the Croatian Catholic Centre – which includes many members of our League – said a personal farewell to their much loved priest Fr Matthew who is leaving in a couple of weeks to retire to Ireland. The Catholic Mission gave Fr Matthew a huge card, signed by everyone, along with a generous gift and a big photo as a souvenir of us.

A couple of weeks later everyone congregated again, with many others, at the Holy Cross Church Hall for Fr Matthew's last Sunday Mass – the main Church farewell. (The Church is currently under re-construction.) Many of our League ladies attended, as did our Croatian Cultural Society senior Kolo with Goran Kačurov. We were delighted when their choir sang and then danced the Lindjo for Fr Matthew. Their performance was certainly the crowning event of the concert – it stole the show and received a standing ovation!

From the League and the Mission – thank you Goran and your Troupe – you made us proud!

Kind regards
Suzanne



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