

General Consulate of the Republic of Croatia to the USA

From the Consul General



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All of you are aware of the tragedy that happened on September 11, 2001. This date will go down as another day of Infamy. As a result of the collapse of the World Trade Center Towers, the attack on the Pentagon and the crash of the airline in Pennsylvania , our country will never be the same. We are saddened by the events of this day. While the WTC and Pentagon can be replaced, the people who died cannot.

Again, our country is being exposed to some difficult decisions, namely, the war with Iraq. We need to support our Armed Forces and pray for peace. We are grateful for the help from our allies.

The Croatian people know fully well the consequences of War and their hearts and hopes for world peace are with us also.

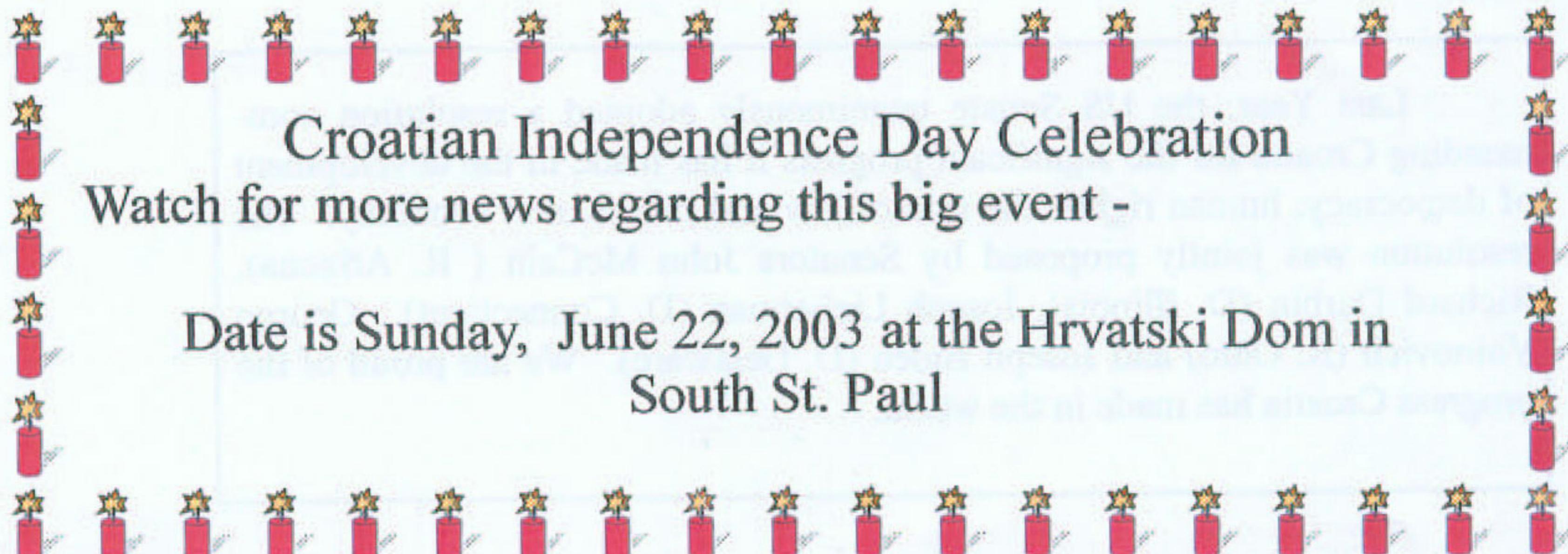
Last Year, the US Senate unanimously adopted a resolution commending Croatia for the significant progress it has made in the development of democracy, human rights, the rule-of-law and free market economy. The resolution was jointly proposed by Senators John McCain (R. Arizona), Richard Durbin (D. Illinois), Joseph Lieberman (D. Connecticut), George Voinovich (R. Ohio) and Joseph Biden (D. Delaware). We are proud of the progress Croatia has made in the world.

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Festival of Nations -Pictures 2002

The Festival of Nations is very important to the Croatian Community and the people of Minnesota as it publicizes the importance of the Croatian people in the Minnesota communities. 10,000 people a day visit the Festival. The picture below shows our Consul General Boris Miksic and his wife, Anna, showering him with Croatian water at "The Village Well".

JOIN US—IT IS A FUN OCCASION



Croatian Independence Day Celebration
Watch for more news regarding this big event -

**Date is Sunday, June 22, 2003 at the Hrvatski Dom in
South St. Paul**

Consulate at home in Minnesota

Did you realize that it has been seven years since the Consulate opened in Minnesota? It has had a great impact for the Croatian Community. Boris Miksic takes his role as Consul General very seriously. Its major role is in educating and promoting greater understanding of Croatia and its relationship with Minnesota. We are also creating friendships and family relationships.

The White Bear Consul is a model for consulates that have since opened in the United States, including Chicago, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Seattle. The White Bear Consulate is staffed by volunteers 24 hours a day, responding to needs that occur. We also send literature requested by people who are going to travel to Croatia and answer any questions they may have regarding visas and travel.

Boris continues to build ties between Croatia and Minnesota, two places he does not see as all that different. "I feel American just as much as Croatian," Miksic says. "I love both countries. They're both my homelands."

Note: Our Consul General is Boris Miksic, member of Kaposia CFU Lodge 316 of St. Paul. 4119 White Bear Pky, Ste 210, St Paul MN 55110—Phone 651-429-6183

Croatian Olympiad

A Crystal Globe is definitely in Janica Kostelic's hands! Janica Kostelic became Croatia's first triple Olympic champion and first Winter Games champion, ever, after winning three gold medals at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. In February, 2002, she won the Olympic Gold in the combined race, her second gold in slalom and her third in the giant slalom. With her silver medal in the super-G, Janica became the first alpine skier ever to win four medals at a single Olympic Winter Games.

Janica became Croatia's hero, conquering our hearts with her warm story of hard work and family dedication leading to the success of winning four medals and breaking the Olympic Records.

Way to go, Janica!



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Festival of Nations

The Festival of Nations will be held on May 1, 2, 3, 4. The theme this year is "Children of the World." We are interested in having pictures of children, costumes, books or anything that we can incorporate into this theme. We are looking for toy sheep....as one of our dolls will be dressed as a shepherd. Pictures can be photocopied and returned. Josie Linders (651-484-1551) and Rudy Vrklijan (651-484-5260) are co-chairs of this event. Volunteers are needed to host the booth and to help set up our display. Any help from our membership will be greatly appreciated.

The Festival of Nations will be held at the RiverCentre in St Paul. Thursday, the 3rd and Friday, the 4th is reserved for school children. The Festival opens to the General Public on Friday, May 2nd at 4:00 p.m.

Advance tickets are available through April 30th at all Byerly's locations and the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave, St. Paul, MN. During the Festival, tickets are sold at the door and at Byerly's. Additional information is available at www.festivalofnations.com.

Stop by the Croatia booth and see the efforts put forth by the Croatian Cultural Society of Minnesota and the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Croatia to the US.

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We are fortunate to have acquired a number of Croatian CD's and would like to make them available to the Croatian Community. The monies that we receive from these CD's will go to support Croatian charities. A list of the CD's is attached to this newsletter. Any questions regarding the purchase can be sent to the CCSM at 4119 White Bear Pky, St Paul, MN 55110 - Phone - 651-429-6183 or e.mail LPNovak@iprimus.com (lower case).

Croatian Language Classes

Ivana Schrunk is the teacher for Croatian Language Classes. She teaches in two locations in the Twin Cities. Call her at 612-788-3328 for information regarding classes and locations.

Board Members

We continue to ask for people to serve on the Board of the CCSM. We are looking for people with new ideas to accept the challenge. More minds and hands make the task simpler for everyone. We have had to drop some activities as a result of the lack of response to earlier requests. The opportunity to become involved in the development of Croatian Culture in the Community gives us visibility and stature.

If you are interested, please contact Lou Novak at 651-429-6183.

Travel to Croatia

I am always amazed at how many people still don't know anything about Croatia and are afraid to travel there. In a recent Frommer's Budget Travel Magazine, the March 2003 issue, there was an article about the 40 best bargain vacations for March, April and May and guess what....Croatia was included as a place to visit. George Bernard Shaw describes Dubrovnik for "those who seek Paradise on earth." This trip is only to Dubrovnik but it is one of the most beautiful spots in the world. For additional information on travelling to Dubrovnik, contact Croatian-American tour operator - Travel Time 1-800-354-8728 or www.traveltimemy.com