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Upcoming Events

Nadolazeći događaji

Please Note on your calendars

Membership Dues: Last Day
Friday 1 June 2018

Genealogical and Historical Society
Afternoon Tea Meeting
Sunday 10 June 2018 2.00pm

Hometown Concert
Tarara Folklore Ensemble
Saturday 16 June 7.00pm

Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Sunday 17 June 2.00pm

Senior Citizens Concert
(za Babe i Dide i svak drugi)
Sunday 24 June 2.00pm

Bingo Afternoon
2.00pm Sunday 1 July 2018

Tarara Folklore Ensemble
Departure "Trip Home"
Saturday 7 July 2018

Genealogy and Historical Meeting
Speaker: Louis Segedin
Sunday 8 July 2018 2.00pm

Ladies Lunch Outing
Sunday 29 July 12p.m.

Tarara Folklore Ensemble
Return from "Trip Home"
Wednesday 1 August 2018

Tarara Folklore Ensemble Showcase Evening

**Saturday 16 June 2018, 7pm****Dalmatian Cultural Society Ballroom****Tickets \$50, includes full buffet dinner**

Join the Tarara Folklore Ensemble at one of their final fundraising events, before they head "back home" on a three-week performing tour. The group will Showcase their repertoire of choreographies, in a sparkling evening of entertainment.

To add to the full programme of folklore, there will be a sumptuous buffet dinner, raffles and auctions. It's an evening not to be missed.

Book your table today.**Contact Mara Blucher 021 544 443, or Tamara Ujdur 021 740 568,
or any member of Tarara Folklore Ensemble.***CELEBRATING***160***YEARS***DALMATIAN SETTLEMENT****Saturday 10 November 2018****Joining our Sister Clubs**

All invited by the Dargaville Dalmatian Cultural Club
Dargaville

Save the date!

More information to come

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NEW MEMBERS / NOVI ČLANOVI

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Annette Griffiths; Erika Botica, Neil Abbott and Cara Botica;

Tanja Bristow; Nikola and Djurdjica Sinobad and Evana Belich

(seconded by Mara Vitasovich) and wish them all a long and happy association with our Society.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

MOLBE ZA UČLANJENJE

Anyone wishing to object can do so in writing within 14 days receipt of this newsletter in accordance with Society rules.

Pam Cebalo Nominator by Mara Vitasovich, Seconded Cheryl Segedin

Dina-Sara Vajsaković Nominator Mara Blucher, Seconded Nataša Šulenta.

Roland Sokčević nominator Nenad Rajić, seconded Marin Tokmadzic.

Luka, Jasmina, Luna and Julian Topić nominator Steven Bartulovich, seconded Tihana Kovacevich

Jordi Apiata Nominator Mara Vitasovich seconded Doris Cibilich

Maria Beslic-Pejcic nominator, Karen Dobric, seconded Mara Vitasovich

Adele Turnbull nominator Karen Dobric, seconded Mara Vitasovich

David Tong nominator Karen Dobric, seconded Mara Vitasovich

Bob Tiler nominator Dragan Milosavljevic, seconded Marin Shale

Anne Briggs nominator Karen Dobric, seconded Milly Franich

Andras Deli nominator Mladen Tokmadzic, seconded Mara Blucher

BEREAVEMENTS

OSMRNICE

Our condolences are extended to those members who have recently lost loved ones, both here and overseas.

Nikola Brkan A cheerful, kind and caring member. Sadly missed.

Jadranka Ujdur A lovely friend to many members. Sadly missed.

David Vlatkovich A long time member who will be sadly missed.

Our sympathies go to all their families

Get well wishes

We wish all who are recovering from an operation or illness a speedy recovery. The days are getting colder, so wrap up warm, and keep dry.

LIBRARY

BIBLIOTEKA

The Librarian is available on Friday nights to assist with your selection of books. Please bring outstanding books back so that they too may be re-entered into the Library system.

Marilyn Pritchard

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Producer / Presenter: Nick Bartulovich



MEMBERS NOTICEBOARD



The Return of a Beloved Berda at the Heart Foundation Fundraiser recently at the Club

Following it's rehabilitation late last year, the first "come-back" performance of this lovely Double Bass instrument—the pacemaker and the heart-beat of the Tamburica Orchestra affectionately known as the "Berde". It had been bypassed for a number of generations, lying in a broken-hearted and fractured state. It's condition had been brought to the attention of the present Club's Executive Committee who thankfully had the heart to provide for its successful transplant and resuscitation.

Heartfelt thanks goes to the wonderful skilled care and attention bestowed on the Berde by Mr. John Hewitt.

Paul Marinovich humbly thanks all who came to the rescue.

Our Day at the New Zealand Dalmatian Kolo Festival

Clockwise—Dargaville Tamburica Orchestra and Audience, Tarara Folklore Ensemble, Junior Kolo, Wally and Jeanette Yovich
More photos are posted on our Society's Facebook page.



PRESIDENT'S END OF YEAR REPORT 2018

Dear Members



I have now come to the end of my three years as your President. I feel that together we have made a lot of progress in meeting the challenge of moving our club forward while cherishing our heritage.

Our Society has a great range of kolo groups, music and singing groups and language classes available for members of all ages to enjoy. This is the way that we are valuing and enriching our folklore. A special thank you to all of our tutors and costume manager for your dedicated work. Our Museum is the focal point of how we value the contribution that our people have made to New Zealand: Thank you to Chairman Tony Borich and our Genealogical and Historical Committee, plus all of the volunteer helpers and contributors. Members have also enjoyed listening to a wide range of interesting speakers at monthly meetings.

The organisation of a major overseas trip has provided a real focus for fundraising in support of the younger generation, and the "Trip Home 2018" will shortly be leaving for Croatia and Serbia. Thank you to our Trip Home Committee for the great effort in organising this, and to the Tarara Folklore Ensemble for all of your hard work. I expect our 17 dancers and band of supporters will have a great trip. Thank you to our members for your generous donations and support of a large number of fundraising ventures.

I am pleased to report that a lot of progress has been made against the objectives in our 2017-2018 Annual Plan. The first section of the Annual Plan is in the area of Relationships and Communication – to foster the cultures, friendships and relationships between members and with the wider community. We have continued to support the annual bowls tournaments and developed our relationships with the Northern clubs. We had our Annual Picnic alongside the Croatian Cultural Society. We invited the Bulgarian Roses to perform at one of our events. A major development has been the distribution of newsletters by email. Our website is currently being redeveloped.

The Activities section of our Annual Plan is focused on organising and supporting a wide range of functions to meet the objects of our society and its members. We have had social functions to meet all tastes. Thank you to members and friends for your support of these functions. Club nights on Fridays have continued to be busy with several folklore groups and language classes in action, the museum and library open, and meals and bar facilities available to members. Organising any of these events and activities takes a lot of work behind the scenes.

The third area of the Annual Plan is Security and Growth. The aim is to sustain and grow the Society. Nelson Buildings have continued to upgrade our facilities. We have developed new membership forms, updated computer facilities and modernised our point of sale operations. We have new data projectors, screens and TV facilities which should make our facilities more attractive for hire. We are currently updating our hireage arrangements. We are very grateful to the Whangarei Dalmatian Club for the generous donation of their NZ Dalmatian Kolo costumes.

On behalf of all members I wish to thank all of those who have given their time for the good of our members and our society. To the 2017-2018 Management Committee I thank you for the large number of voluntary hours you have put in, both at meetings and doing the wide range of work that keeps our Society going! Particular thanks to our Executive Members - Mara Vitasovich for her impressive work in her first year as Secretary, Treasurer Tanja Nola-Schipper for her dedication, and Vice Presidents Tony Unkovich for his work on technology and infrastructure and Catherine Jelich for her ongoing support. Vojna Pavlovich has continued her huge effort as Catering Manager and Marin Shale (with the support of John Schipper) as Bar Manager. All committee members have taken on responsibilities throughout the year – my thanks to Dunya Bilcich, Mara Blucher, Karen Dobric, Radmila Lupis, Julia Matich, Julena Nola, Vanya Piacun, Marilyn Pritchard, Steven Sulenta, Marin Tokmadzic, Mladen Tokmadzic, Anthony Vodanovich and Victor Yukich. Thank you to our bar managers, catering crew and overseers for your ongoing work. Thank you to Suzana Tokmadzic for translating my President's Reports. Special thanks to Vanya Piacun, Mara Blucher and Mladen Tokmadzic who are retiring from the committee due to work commitments. A special thanks to my wife Carleen for her support, and to all members who have shown their overwhelming support for me during my time as your President.

Robert Blucher
President

GODISNJI IZVJESTAJ PREDSEDNIKA 2018

Prošle su tri godine otkako sam izabran za predsjednika Društva. Osjećam da smo zajednički učinili veliki napredak u poslovanju Kluba uz njegovanje naših tekovina.

Naše Društvo pruža članovima različite životne dobi široki izbor aktivnosti od folklornih grupa, orkestar tamburica, zbora do učenja Hrvatskog jezika. Kroz te aktivnosti obogaćujemo naš folklor i nasljeđe. Posebno zahvaljujem svim učiteljima, voditeljima aktivnosti i kostimografu na njihovom predanom radu. Muzej Kluba je središnja točka kluba u kojoj cijenimo doprinos naših ljudi u razvoju Novog Zelanda. Zahvaljujem predsjedniku Tonyu Borichu i članovima Geneolškog i povijesnog odbora te svim volonterima i pomoćnicima. Članovi Kluba su mogli uživati u interesantnim predavanjima gostiju predavaca na njihovim mjesečnim sastancima.

Organizacija velikog inozemnog putovanja fokusirala se na prikupljanje sredstava u korist mlade generacije i za njihov "Put u Domovinu 2018" koji uskoro kreće za Hrvatsku i Srbiju. Zahvaljujem Odboru za organizaciju puta na ulozenom trudu i Tarara folklornom ansamblu na njihovom vrijednom zalaganju. Očekujem da će naših 17 plesaca i grupa pratitelja uživati na putovanju. Zahvaljujem svim članovima na velikodusnim donacijama i pomoći pri prikupljanju sredstava za put.

Sa zadovoljstvom ističem da smo puno postigli u ostvarivanju ciljeva godišnjeg plana 2017-2018 godine. Prvi dio godišnjeg plana su odnosi i komunikacija – gajenje kulture, prijateljstva i dobrih odnosa među članovima te unutar naše zajednice. Nastavili smo sa održavanjem godišnjih turnira u bocanju i razvili dobre odnose sa klubovima sa sjevera. Naš godišnji piknik organiziran je u suradnji sa Hrvatskim kulturnim društvom. Na jednom od naših događanja nastupale su Bugarske ruže. Veliki napredak je slanje Novosti putem e-maila te rad na izmjeni naše web stranice.

Drugi dio godišnjeg plana su aktivnosti – učinjeno je puno u organizaciji aktivnosti širokog spektra i za sve dobne skupine. Zahvaljujem svim članovima i prijateljima na podršci. Klupske večeri petkom, folklorne grupe, satovi Hrvatskog jezika, muzej i knjižnica, druženje uz večeru i pice su i dalje vrlo dobro posjećene. Organizacija svih tih aktivnosti iziskuje puno rada iza scene.

Treći dio godišnjeg plana je razvoj i napredak u kojem je cilj je održati i unaprijediti Društvo. Nelson Buildings nastavlja sa ulaganjem u poboljšanje naših sadržaja i uvjeta. Napravili smo nove obrasce za članove, unaprijedili kompjuterske sadržaje te modernizirali naša prodajna mjesta. Nabavili smo nove projektore, zaslone i TV uređaj kako bi naš prostor bio sto interesantniji za najam. Trenutno azuriramo naše ponude o najmu. Jako smo zahvalni Dalmatinskom klubu iz Whangarei na donaciji kostima za Novozelandsko dalmatinsko kolo.

U ime svih članova zahvaljujem svima koji su izdvojili puno svog vremena za dobrobit društva i svih članova. Zahvaljujem Upravnom odboru na velikom broju dobrovoljno utrošenih sati na sastanke te na sve poslove koji su neophodni za održivost i rad našeg Društva. Posebna zahvala ide Izvršnim članovima: Mari Vitasovich na impresivnom radu u prvoj godinu dana na poziciji tajnika Kluba, blagajnici Tanyi Nola-Schipper na zalaganju, potpredsjedniku Tonyu Unkovichu za tehnološki i infrastrukturni napredak te Catherine Jelich na njejoj konstantnoj podršci. Zahvaljujem Vojni Pavlovich na nastavku vođenja cateringa i Marinu Sale (uz podršku Johna Schippera) na vođenju bara. Svi članovi Upravnog odbora su preuzeli odgovornost u radu Kluba tijekom godine. Moje zahvale idu: Dunyi Bilcich, Mari Blucher, Karen Dobric, Radmili Lupis, Julii Matich, Juleni Nola, Vanyi Piacun, Marilyn Pritchard, Stevenu Sulenta, Marinu Tokmadzicu, Mladenu Tokmadzicu, Anthonyu Voldanovich i Victoru Yukichu. Zahvale voditeljima bara, catering timu i kontrolorima na stalnom trudu. Hvala Suzani Tokmadzic za prevodenje mojih izvještaja. Posebno se zahvaljujem Vanyi Piacun, Mari Blucher i Mladenu Tokmadzicu koji se povlače iz Upravnog odbora zbog poslovnih obaveza. Posebna zahvala također ide mojoj supruzi Carleen na njezinoj podršci te svim članovima koji su me bezgranično podržali u vrijeme mog predsjedničkog mandata.

Predsjednik
Robert Blucher

SECRETARY'S END OF YEAR REPORT 2018

Dear Members, President and Executive Committee

It is hard to believe that a whole year has passed since the last Annual General Meeting in June 2017 when I was charged with the responsibility of being your Secretary. I have found the role pleasurable, rewarding, challenging and frustrating. I wish to thank Catherine Jelich for demystifying some of the programmes in place on the Society's computer and thank her and previous Secretaries for setting up the systems which are in place. Robert Blucher, Tony Unkovich and Tanja Nola-Schipper have been supportive and collaborative. Victor Yukich has kindly provided for the Society a laptop computer so that I may do the majority work from home. This whole year has been possible with the support of the committee, volunteers and members of the Society. I humbly thank you all.

I have changed the office furniture to reflect the welcome a Society's office should have. I look forward to Nelson Buildings renovating some irksome features I seem to have inherited. I have sorted papers in the filing cabinets into correct files. There are many more still to be filed, but I'm getting there with the wonderful help from my Assistant Secretary Marilyn Pritchard. My next task will be one of future proofing the Society's computer files into a Cloud Storage System and I hope to get that done before the AGM.

The newsletter was a challenge at first. Thanks to my daughter Anuska, and Vanya Piacun for your invaluable assistance. Thank you, Members, for adding your email addresses to the Membership Invoices recently. I have been able to add these to the secure MailChimp site and along with the newsletters you will receive reminders of functions as they come up.

I am a member here because I am first-generation New Zealander, a daughter of a Dalmatian gum-digger and my heritage is very important to me. I am humbled in the way that this Society has been built up over the 88 years of the hard work which today our Members can enjoy. This past year 2017-2018 has seen the same degree of dedicated committee, volunteers and supporters keeping the Society one which continues to be the envy of many other Cultural Organisations.

Along with the newsletters, you as members have the regular Members Meetings. These have had a disappointingly low turnout where we are just making the required quorum or more before a meeting can commence. Does this mean that you are all satisfied with the Society as it is? We have tried to ask members to fill in a questionnaire which would have furnished us with important information we could act upon. The result was disappointing.

The Executive Committee and Sub-Committees work very hard to come up with ideas which will try to interest and encourage the members in attending the functions. We try to make functions as varied and interesting. The most popular events through the year are the Open Day, Ladies Luncheon, Senior Citizen's Concert, the End of Year Concert, Children's Christmas Party, Mother's Day Brunch, the New Year's Eve Dance, the two Bowling Tournaments, and the Annual Picnic. The other "one off" functions such as the "Night at the Opera", the High Tea Afternoon in honour of Ivy Ciblich (we are proud owners of a piano as a result), Heart Foundation Fundraiser, and the Viva Voce Concert were some which the committee thought would be of interest to the members.

Our Genealogical and Historical Society goes from strength to strength. Their regular monthly meetings have a fluctuating number of attendees with a wide range of speakers in every genre. Their dedicated and proud volunteers have continued to busy themselves with archival duties in the Museum. If you haven't been in the Museum lately, I urge you to go on a Friday night and see the range of exhibits on display.

The Senior Kolo Group now known as the Tarara Folklore Ensemble have dedicated the year to fundraising for the "Trip Back Home" and they are leaving in a little over a month. Along with practising every Sunday night, they have found the time to organise hugely popular functions such as the "Vrgorac Večer" with Mile and Teo from Croatia, "Jadranska Večer" with Alen Slavica from the USA, a Quiz night, the Dally Kolo Festival and a Showcase Evening just before they depart. We wish them well representing our Society overseas and look forward to them showcasing their travels to the members and continuing being part of the group on their return.

Our Folklore groups have started well with Friday, Wednesday and Sunday groups who work hard for us to be able to showcase our culture both here in the Society and in out of club events like the Auckland Multi-Cultural Festivals, Soljan's Berba Festival and various other events. Our dedicated Tutors manage to bring out the best in Kolos, Tamburicas, Song and the Croatian Language.

I want to thank our President Robert Blucher for his three years as President and wish the new President and Committee the very best in the new term 2018-2019. I have more to do in bringing the role of Secretary up to speed in the technological age and wish to continue to do so for another term.

Kind regards
Mara Vitasovich
Secretary

GODISNJI IZVJESTAJ TAJNIKA 2018

Dragi clanovi, Predsjednik Kluba i Izvrni odbor

Nevjerojatno brzo je prosla godina dana od naseg posljednjeg godisnjeg sastanka u lipnju 2017. godine kada sam izabrana za tajnika Kluba. Tu sam poziciju doživjela kao vrlo izazovnu, ugodnu i frustrirajuću. Zelim zahvaliti Cathrine Jelich te prijasnim tajnicima Kluba na uspostavi kompjuterskog sistema i moje upoznavanje sa istim. Vrlo sam lijepo surađivala sa Robertom Blutcherom, Tonyem Unkovichem i Tanyom Nola – Schipper koji su bili puni podrške. Victor Yukich je poklonio prijenosno računalo Klubu te sam time većinu posla mogla obavljati od kuće.

Moj cijelogodisnji rad bio je moguć zahvaljujući podrsci Upravnog odbora Kluba, volontera i članova Kluba kojima toplo zahvaljujem.

Promjenila sam namjestaj u uredu kako bi izgledao bolje i održavao dobrodoslicu u Društvo. Nadam se pomoći Nelson Buildingsa u daljnjem ulaganju u promjenu ureda Kluba. Razvrstala sam dokumente u ispravne datoteke u kartoteci. Ima još puno dokumenata za razvrstati te radim na tome uz iznimnu pomoć moje asistentice Marilyn Pritchard. Moj sljedeći zadatak je prijenos i čuvanje svih datoteka Kluba na cloud te se nadam da će to biti gotovo prije sljedećeg godišnjeg sastanka Kluba.

Na početku mandata Novosti su mi predstavljale izazov koji sam savladala uz svesrdnu pomoć moje kćeri Anuske i Vanye Piacun.

Hvala članovima Kluba što su dodali svoje e-mail adrese na članskim obrascima koje sam zatim dodala na MailChimps stranicu te ćete sada uz Novosti dobivati i podsjetnik o događajima u Klubu putem e-maila.

Ja sam prva generacija Novozelandske, kćerka dalmatinskog kopca kauri gume i član sam Kluba jer mi je moje kulturno nasljeđe vrlo važno. Dirnuta sam činjenicom da se naš Klub gradi mukotrpnim radom tijekom 88 godina da bi u njemu mogli uživati današnji članovi.

Protekla 2017-2018 godina bila je ispunjena radom odanih članova Upravnog odbora, volontera i članova Kluba te smo uspjeli održati Društvo na zavidnom nivou.

Uz Novosti redovno se održavaju sastanci članova no nažalost moram napomenuti da imaju vrlo slabu posjećenost gdje jedva dostignemo kvorum kako bi se sastanak uopće mogao održati. Da li to znači da ste svi zadovoljni sa Društvom ovakvim kakvim je danas? Pitali smo članove da ispune upitnik kako bi nam odgovori pomogli sa bitnim informacijama temeljem kojih bi mogli bazirati naše djelovanje, ali rezultat je bio porazavajući.

Upravni odbor i pododbori Kluba vrlo marljivo rade na pronalazenju ideja koje bi zainteresirale i stimulirale ljude da sto više dolaze u klub. Pokušavamo organizirati sto raznovrsnije i interesanije događaje. Najpopularnija događanja tijekom godine su: Otvoreni dan kluba, Ženski rucak, koncert za starije građane, Godišnji koncert, Djeca božićna zabava, Brunch za Majčin dan, Doček nove godine, dva bociarska turnira i godišnji piknik.

Vecer u operi, High Tea party u pocast Ivy Cibilich, Heart Foundation fundraiser i Viva Voce koncert su održani sa idejom da će zainteresirati i privući mnoge članove Kluba.

Naše Geneološko i povijesno udruženje sve je bolje. Redovni mjesečni sastanci imaju fluktuirajući broj sudionika i široki opseg gostiju predavaca iz raznovrsnih polja. Pozrtvovni i ponosni volonteri nastavljaju sa arhivskim dužnostima u muzeju Kluba. Ako oдавно niste bili u muzeju otidite petkom navečer i pogledajte široku ponudu izložbenih eksponata.

Senior Kolo grupa sada pod imenom Tarara folklorni ansambl posvetio je godinu prikupljanju sredstava za “Put u Domovinu” na koji odlaze za nesto više od mjesec dana. Uz treniranje svake nedjelje pronasli su vremena organizirati popularne večeri: Vrgorac večer sa Milom i Teom iz Hrvatske, Jadranska večer sa Alenom Slavicom iz USA-a, kviz, Festival Dalmatinskog kola i “Showcase night” pred polazak na put. Zelim im sve najbolje u predstavljanju našeg Društva u domovini te željno očekujemo njihov povratak uz izvještaj sa puta. Nadamo se da će i po povratku nastaviti sa radom.

Naše folklorne grupe marljivo vježbaju srijedom, petkom i nedjeljom te predstavljaju našu kulturu u klubu i van kluba na događajima kao što su: Auckland Multicultural Festival, Soljan's Berba Festival te mnogi drugi. Naši pozrtvovni učitelji uspijevaju izvuci najbolje iz učenika kola, tamburice, zboru i grupe Hrvatskog jezika.

Zelim zahvaliti predsjedniku Robertu Blutcheru za protekle tri godine rada te zelim novom predsjedniku i Upravnom odboru 2018-2019. Imam još toga za napraviti kako bi ulogu tajnika Kluba dovela do razine tehnološkog doba u kojem živimo te bi željela nastaviti sa time i u narednom periodu.

Srdacan pozdrav,

Mara Vitasovich

Translator: Suzana Tokmadzic

FOLKLORE 2018

Generous donation from the Whangarei Dalmatian Club New Zealand Dalmatian Kolo Costumes

At a Special Meeting of the Members the Whangarei Dalmatian Club, early in May this year, a unanimous decision was made that their New Zealand Dalmatian Kolo costumes which had been hanging unused for many a year would be donated to our Society.

They asked for two conditions:

- that we care, use and preserve the costumes for the continuation of cultural and folklore traditions of our ancestors.
- that we return to perform in Whangarei regularly.

Our New Zealand Kolo Costumes are over 30 years old and have been well used. We had borrowed the Whangarei costumes and used them for the Los Angeles Trip in 2016.

The members of both our Societies have held the New Zealand Dalmatian Kolo dear to its heart. Our members will endeavour to keep this Kolo going well into the future.

Your generosity will be remembered, Whangarei, and we look forward to closer liaisons in our Cultural and Social gatherings for many years to come.

At the recent Dalmatian Kolo Festival, at the Waitemata Rugby Club, the Tarara Folklore Ensemble proudly wore these beautiful costumes for the first time at a performance in Auckland.

We welcomed Wally and Jeanette Yovich along with her brother from Calgary, Canada.



Jeanette expressed her delight that the costumes were going "Back Home" because as she said, "Some of us cannot go back and our thoughts and best wishes will go back with them. It's marvellous."

Pictured is Jeanette Yovich (on behalf of the Whangarei Dalmatian Club) being thanked by some members of the Tarara Folklore Ensemble at the Dalmatian Kolo Festival recently.

Thank you so very much, Whangarei

FOLKLORE & LANGUAGE GROUP CONTACTS and TIMES of CLASSES 2018

It's not too late to join the Folklore and language classes. Come along on a Friday night and sit and watch the practices, chat to some of the parents and also one of the Tutors. You and your children will make lasting and enduring friendships. Or come along to get a taster of folklore at our Senior Citizen's Concert on Sunday 24 June at 2p.m. Email Secretary at dalmatiancultural@gmail.com

SENIOR KOLO (Youth 16years +) (Sunday)	Nenad Rajic	Sundays from 6.00pm
JUNIOR KOLO (4-10 Years) (Friday)	Julena Nola / Bianca Bortolazzi	Fridays from 6.30 pm
INTERMEDIATE KOLO (11 to 16 years old) (Friday)	Nicolette Palinich	Fridays from 8.00pm
REUNION KOLO (Wednesdays)	Vanya Piacun	Wednesdays, from 7.30pm
TAMBURICA ORCHESTRA (Fridays)	Paul Marinovich and Miomir Batinica	Fridays from 7.00pm
SENIOR CHOIR (Fridays)	Damir Coklo	Fridays from 7.30pm
JUNIOR CHOIR (Fridays)	Berta Borich	Fridays from 7.30pm
KLAPA DALMA (Thursdays)	Tihana Kovacevic	Thursdays from 7.30pm
YOUTH KLAPA (Fridays)	Miomir Batinica	Fridays from 7.30pm
CROATIAN LANGUAGE (Adults) (Fridays)	Zlata Ozanic	Fridays from 7.00pm

Senior Kolo will be away with their "Trip Home" from Saturday 7 July, returning on Wednesday 1 August. There will be no lessons for the Senior Kolo on Sundays and Reunion Group on Wednesdays during that time.

Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo Inc

Dalmatian Cultural Society Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.00pm Sunday 17 June 2018

To be held in the Society's Ballroom at 10 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland

Agenda will include:

Minutes of AGM 2017, President's Report, Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, Correspondence, Introduction of Scrutineers, Election, Financial Overseers' Report, Nelson Buildings Report, Genealogical and Historical Society Report, Folklore and Education Report, Events Report, Planning and Development Report, Facilities Report, General Business.

Nominations for the Management Committee 2018-2019

President: Karen Dobric*

Vice Presidents (2): Robert Blucher*, Catherine Jelichich*, Tony Unkovich*

Secretary Mara Vitasovich*

Treasurer Tanja Nola-Schipper*

Committee (15):

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| 1. Dunya Bilcich* | 2. Rachel Dobric | 3. Radmila Lupis* |
| 4. Julia Matich* | 5. Julena Nola* | 6. Vojna Pavlovich* |
| 7. Marilyn Pritchard* | 8. Marin Shale* | 9. Steven Sulenta* |
| 10. Marin Tokmadzic* | 11. Suzana Tokmadzic | 12. Anthony Vodanovich* |
| 13. Victor Yukich* | | |

* Denotes current members of committee seeking re-election

There will be an election necessary for the positions of 2 Vice Presidents.

There will be no election for the positions of President (Karen Dobric); Secretary (Mara Vitasovich) and Treasurer (Tanja Nola-Schipper)

However, to form a committee we require two more members which will now be elected off the floor at the AGM.

Please note that to attend the Annual General Meeting you must be a full financial member of the Society as at Friday 1 June 2018.

It is important that members attend and take part in the meeting.

After the Meeting, free Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided to all members attending.

Postal Ballot:

A member may cast their vote at the Annual General Meeting in June 2018 for elections to the Management Committee by Postal Ballot, where the member is sick or otherwise disabled or unable to attend the meeting and where the member has sought and obtained special leave of the Management Committee to cast a Postal Ballot. The Management Committee requires that any such request has to be made in writing (letter or email) and **signed** by the Member.

The member needs to state his/her current home address, telephone number and current membership number for the year 2018-2019. A member **cannot** make a request for a Postal Ballot on behalf of another person **nor** can he/she pick up Postal Ballot papers on behalf of another member unless the person requesting the postal ballot gives written approval.

Any member seeking ballot papers shall clearly advise the Secretary to where the Ballot papers are to be posted or personally picked up the ballot papers from the Secretary.

When you do your voting, you will need to place your marked Ballot Papers into a tamperproof plastic envelope which will be provided to you by the Secretary. On the front you will need to write: **SCRUTINEERS** and on the back you will need to write your **FULL NAME, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and also your SIGNATURE**. You then seal this envelope and place it in another envelope, which is addressed to **The Secretary, Dalmatian Cultural Society Inc., PO Box 8479, Symonds St. Auckland 1150, New Zealand**. You can also personally deliver your postal ballot to the Secretary.

Your unopened postal ballots will be handed to the Scrutineers, who will place them into the ballot box in the Ballroom on the day of the Annual General meeting, Sunday 17 June. Postal Ballot papers need to be **in the hands of the Secretary** no later than **2pm, Saturday 16th June 2018**.

Mara Vitasovich
Secretary

MEMBER'S NOTICEBOARD



Massey University Distinguished Alumni Award Ivan Pivac

The Award recognises those alumni who have made outstanding contributions to their professions, their communities, to their nation, and beyond. Of the 143,000 students who have studied at Massey University, four students are awarded this distinction each year. The awards ceremony was held at Parliament on March 21st, 2018. With Ivan in the photo is the Vice Chancellor of Massey University, Professor Jan Thomas who bestowed the award. Congratulations, Ivan.



Technology Update

Thank you to Tony Unkovich and Cisco Systems and their kind donation of equipment to our Society. Cisco and Tony have made significant improvements to the technology across our clubrooms on the Ground Floor Museum, offices and the First Floor Ballroom and Members Lounge for our membership. We now have full WIFI and internet access available on the Ground Floor and First Floor of Villa Dalmacija for all our members and guests. In particular we are grateful for Nelson Buildings and Tony's dedication and determination in overseeing this project from start to finish.

We acknowledge Cisco Systems as a major benefactor to the Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo Inc. in this significant sponsorship.

2018 Annual Briskule Tournament

This years Tournament had a reduced number of teams participating, and all enjoyed competing against each other. Competition was very close and a few points separated the winners from the second and third place getters.

Winners: Vidak Franich, Berislav Jujnovich and Ivan Kumarich
Second: Bero Pavlovich, Mata Pavlovich and Jure Angelinovich
Third: Miro Lusich, Lenko Luksich, Ursa Luksich



\$2212.00 was raised at our recent Fundraising Afternoon. Well done all. The Heart Foundation was most grateful for the amount raised. Thanks also to the Bulgarian Roses who came along as guest performers. Our folklore groups excelled and delighted as usual.

Our guest speakers, Zora Vitasovich and Claire Elliot from the Heart Foundation gave us all food for thought.

All you people who contributed to the sumptuous Afternoon Tea, you're all great bakers!





THE DALMATIAN GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be a special

Sunday Afternoon Tea Meeting

It will be on the weekend after Queen's Birthday

Sunday 10 June 2018 2.00pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND DAY

In the Club Member's Lounge

We will be entertained with a musical interlude from

Helen Marinovich

And a reading of an amusing story from our archive collection.

Then we will enjoy a light Afternoon Tea and each other's Company.

You are invited to bring a plate or contribute **\$5** towards our refreshments.

We are looking forward to a convivial occasion

July Meeting Sunday 8 July at 2 p.m.

Speaker: **Louis Segedin**

Archive & Museum Open Fridays 7.30-9.00pm

With exception to public & school holidays

BINGO

If you've been before you'll know how much fun it is.

If you haven't, you'll see what you've been missing.

Young and old, men and women, all welcome!

\$\$\$ to be won.

Join us on
Sunday 1 July at 2 pm

Vojna 818 5497 and Dunya 480 0156



Dalmatinsko Kulturno Društvo
proudly invites you to our Annual

Senior Citizens Concert



Babe i Dide and Honorary Grandparents

for a Cultural Concert Programme of Song, Music and Dance
and a wonderful

Afternoon Tea honouring you our Senior Citizens

2.00 pm

Sunday 24 June 2018

Entry \$10 and a plate for Afternoon Tea

Villa Dalmacija, 10 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland



Tarara Folklore Ensemble



Tarara Folklore Ensembe. Top row (l to r): Zoran Sulenta, Ella Matulovic, Daniel Garelja, Elena Duranska, Andras Deli. Second row: Vanya Ujdur, Nenad Rajic (tutor), Roland Sokcevic, Nina Ujdur. Third row: Marin Tokmadzic, Mara Blucher, Mate Kivic (mascot), Natasa Sulenta, Bojan Solesa. Bottom row: Natalie Matulovic, Pero Garlick, Dunja Vajsakovic, Aleksandar Bozic, Sara Vajsakovic.

Help us go “back home” this year!

On 7 July 2018, the Dalmatian Cultural Society's Tarara Folklore Ensemble departs Auckland on their “Trip Home”. For three weeks, the Ensemble will travel through the region that our pioneers and later immigrants hailed from, showcasing a full repertoire of seven traditional choreographies.

The group has been fundraising week in, week out for the last two years, putting on events, concerts, quiz nights, food stalls and much more. But we are still short of our fundraising goal.

So we'd like to invite you to help out, and to come with us on our journey.

We're looking for individuals and organisations to contribute to the costs of the trip. In return for your sponsorship, to show our appreciation, we'll give you all the recognition and brand exposure we can, both on the trip and once we're home.

Here's what we can do in return:

- ♦ We will **display your logo prominently on a 2m x 1m banner** which will travel with the group – so you'll be “on the road” with us
- ♦ We can offer **advertising space** in our club newsletter, as well as acknowledgement and logo placement on our Club website, and Facebook page.
- ♦ We will **acknowledge you as our sponsor** at our Tarara Folklore Ensemble performances in the old country, and events back in NZ where you can **display your advertising banners**
- ♦ Our group can **perform their choreographies** for your company events or functions.

We'll also happily discuss any other ways that you feel you can gain value from the sponsorship arrangement.

To talk about sponsoring the group, get in touch with Robert Blucher 021 1300 883, Tamara Ujdur 021 740 568 or Vanya Piacun 021 490 815