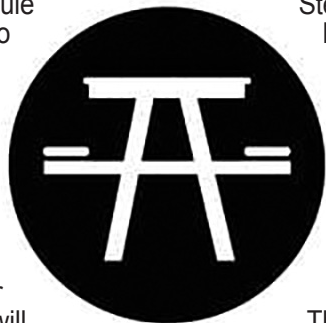


REFLECTIONS

SUMMER FUN – With the pandemic hopefully in the rearview mirror, many activities we missed out on last year are back on schedule this summer. It's so nice to see the paper's Coming Events Calendar filling up again. Here are at least some of the items on the summer agenda:

SUMMER FUN 1 – Youngstown, Ohio, is excited to announce their 88th Serbian Day Picnic will take place next Sunday, July 25 from noon to 6pm at their 53 Laird Avenue campus. Orchestra Cleveland Serbs with their guest **Djuro Klipa** will entertain. **Mile Andjelkovich** told us the event will take place "rain or shine in the pavilion." There will be barbecued lamb and pork, cevaps, homemade delicacies and more of what you can expect at a Serbian affair.

SUMMER FUN 2 – Speaking of what to expect at summer events, in Chicago, Holy Resurrection is marking their 30th Serb Fest on three days, August 6-7-8. The north-siders always do an incredible job. Details are online at www.serbfeest-chicago.com says **Goran Davidovac**.



SUMMER FUN 3 – Out East, the **Lackawanna Serbs** are planning what they call a "modified" Serb Fest at St. Stephens July 24-25. We don't know how modified it might be, because they do a great job on all levels.

SUMMER FUN 4 – Back in the Midwest, the St. Basil Serbs have their Labor Day weekend all planned out with their always amazing **Taste of Serbia** festival. This year it will take place September 4-5 at the church property in Mettawa-Lake Forest, Illinois. It's a great way to mark the end of summer.

AND DON'T FORGET – Having said all that on upcoming festivals, it's doubtful we need to remind you that the **SNF Summer Golf tournament** is almost ready to begin. Social events start a week from today on Wednesday, July 28th at the Halls of St. George in Schererville, Indiana. Golfers will tee up on Thursday, and the fun will continue through the weekend. The committee reports they maxed out at 180 golfers, so it should be a jam-packed, rootin'-tootin' good time.

NEW JOB – Among the newest members of Chicago Mayor **Lori Lightfoot's** senior leadership team is **Martina Tomashevich Hone** who was named Chief Engagement Officer. For over 20 years she worked in Washington, D.C. on a range of social justice and civil rights issues. She served as Education Policy Director on the Education & Workforce Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, was an Associate Under Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce, and was lead Democratic Counsel on the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration. She earned a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from the University of California-Berkeley. She and her late husband **Dusan Cvijanovic** belonged to St. Luke Serbian Orthodox Church in Virginia. Her late uncle was **Professor George Vid Tomashevich**. We don't know if Martina had any influence on this, but Serbs are grateful to Mayor Lightfoot for recognizing June 28 – Vidovdan with an official proclamation in Chicago.



Stay in touch,
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Andrija and Jelena Adzic are thrilled that their baby girl, **Julijana Adzic**, has become a member of the Serb National Federation enrolled in Lodge #345 of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She joins her big brothers, **Nikola and Bogdan**, along with many family, friends, and Kumovi who are proud and long standing members. She's ready for a future SNF Golf Tournament pool party.

NEW - SPT30

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NEW AMBASSADOR AT LUNCHEON

by Milos Rastovic

CLEVELAND, OH - On May 15, 2021, His Excellency Marko Djuric, the new Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the United States, met with representatives of the Serbian Diaspora in Cleveland. The event was hosted by Alex Machaskee, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Serbia and great benefactor of the Serbian Cause.

It took place in the Das Schnitzel Haus Restaurant with excellent Serbian cuisine. The meeting was attended by Simona Vackovic, the Ohio Adjutant General Department; Georgine Welo, South Euclid Mayor; Carol Machaskee, wife of Alex Machaskee; Lex Machaskee, Delegate of the Serbian Cultural Garden; Lu Ann Chmura, Vice President of the Tamuritza Association of America; Dane A. Medich, President of the Serb National Federation; and Milos Rastovic, Cultural Outreach Coordinator of the Serb National Federation among others. Mr. Machaskee warmly welcomed H.E. Djuric, Irena Kuznik, the Second Secretary of the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia, and other attendants. Guests introduced themselves and talked about their work.

H.E. Djuric stressed the importance of the current relationship between the United States and Serbia and perspectives for future relations. He extensively described the Government of the Republic of Serbia in regard to Kosovo and Metohija, improving cooperation with the Serbian Diaspora, and other important subjects. In addition, he was interested in hearing the voice of representatives of the Serbian Diaspora and their views on the relationship with the homeland and the Serbian image in the United States. On behalf of the Hon. Frank G. Jackson, Mayor of Cleveland, Mr. Machaskee delivered a Proclamation to H.E. Djuric for his welcome visit to Cleveland.

After the meeting and lunch, Ambassador Djuric and guests went to the Serbian Cultural Garden inspired by the Ser-

bian land and people. The Garden was dedicated in 2008 and is on the west side of Martin Luther King Boulevard within Rockefeller Park. It is designed to be a beautiful place for events of many nations with the theme "Peace Through Mutual Understanding." The Serbian Cultural Garden includes terraces with great busts of famous Serbian people throughout history. In the center of the Garden is a bronze icon of St. Sava, Serbian Enlightener, Prince, and first Archbishop of the autocephaly of the Serbian Orthodox Church. It is a reproduction of mosaics from Hilandar, the Patriarchate of Pec, and Zica Monasteries. The Serbian Cultural Garden also includes the great busts of Nikola Tesla, Serbian-American Scientist, and Inventor; Mileva Maric, Serbian Scientist and Wife of Albert Einstein; Mihajlo I. Pupin, Serbian-American Scientist and Inventor; King Peter I, Liberator of Serbia; Petar Petrovic Njegos, Serbian Poet, an Orthodox Prince-Bishop and Ruler of Montenegro; Stevan Stojanovic Mokranjac, Serbian Composer; Vuk Stefanovic Karadzic, Founder of the Serbian Grammar; Milutin Milankovic, Serbian Scientist; and Nadezda Petrovic, Serbian Painter of Twentieth Century. Additionally, the bust of Serbian poet Desanka Maksimovic was



On behalf of the Cleveland Mayor, Honorary Alex Machaskee delivers a Proclamation to Ambassador. Marko Djuric



From left, SNF President Dane A. Medich, Honorary Alex Machaskee, H.E. Marko Djuric, Milos Rastovic, Georgine Welo, and Lex Machaskee at the Serbian Cultural Garden



Ambassador Djuric, left with Alex Machaskee and Mayor Georgine Welo at the Serbian Cultural Garden



just installed and dedicated earlier this month.

After the tour, it was inspirational to hear more about Mr. Mach-

askee's work and his contribution to the Serbian cause and heritage, as well as more of Ambassador Djuric's comments

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SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT MENU

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
Fairway Buffet
6pm-9pm

MENU ITEMS \$12.00
Čevapi – 8 pieces, 2 sides and bread/kamjak
Fried Shrimp- 8 pieces, 2 sides and bread/kamjak
Combo 4 of each above, 2 sides and bread/kamjak

MENU ITEMS \$6.00
½ order čevapi 4 pieces – 2 sides and bread/kamjak

SIDES
Potato Salad
Coleslaw

Vegan Butter available

To Go Meza Tray – available at the bar

THURSDAY, JULY 29
Mulligan Buffet
5pm-9pm

MENU ITEMS \$15.00
Lamb- 2 sides and bread/kamjak
Pig- 2 sides and bread/kamjak

MENU ITEMS \$12.00
Ražnjici Skewers- (2 skewers) 2 sides and bread/kamjak

MENU ITEMS \$6.00
Ražnjici Skewers- (1 skewer)- 2 sides and bread/kamjak
Wings (5 pieces)

SIDES
Potato Salad
Coleslaw

Vegan Butter available

To Go Meza Tray – available at the bar

FRIDAY, JULY 30
The Back Nine Buffet
5pm-9pm

MENU ITEMS \$12.00
Italian Beef (2 mini sandwiches) 2 sides
Oslić/Hake (cod fish) -2 sides and bread/kamjak
Punjena Pljeskavica Sliders (2 each) - 2 sides
Čevapi (8 pieces) - 2 sides and bread/kamjak
Mix & Match Sandwiches (pick 2) - 2 sides

MENU ITEMS \$6.00
½ order čevapi 4 pieces -2 sides and bread/
kamjak

SIDES
Sopska Salata
French Fries
Potato Salad
Coleslaw

Vegan Butter available

To Go Meza Tray – available at the bar

SATURDAY, JULY 31
Albatross Banquet

COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES
5:30-6:30
Meza & Cheese Display, Bbq Meatballs,
Shrimp Cocktail & Bruschetta

DINNER
6:30
Mediterranean Bread w/ Kajmak
Garden Salad w/ Italian & Ranch Dressing
Chicken Marsala

Beef Tips in Bordelaise
Roasted Garlic Whipped Potatoes
Grilled Asparagus
Chocolate Cake

7:00 pm – 9pm Mini Buffet \$10.00 (menu tbd)

DAILY MUSIC LINEUP

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28
DJ Vinko (Lounge)

THURSDAY, JULY 29
Drustvo (Lounge)

FRIDAY, JULY 30
DJ Gogi (Adriatic Room)
Srpski Sinovi (Lounge)

SATURDAY, JULY 31
DJ Gogi (Adriatic Room)
Srpski Sinovi (Lounge)

GOLF REGISTRATIONS ARE CLOSED.
THE SNF HAS REACHED THE
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
180 GOLFERS REGISTERED.

“MEETING”
BOB MILKOVICH

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easy as talking to an old friend. He has numerous accomplishments and achievements under his belt, but that’s where he likes to keep them. His social profile is very low, and if it weren’t for people such as me poking my nose into his story, it would remain untold and unknown except to those closest to him.

There’s an old saying that could be Bob’s motto: “Don’t brag. If there’s something to brag about, other people will do it for you.” Bob Milkovich doesn’t brag, but I am certainly honored to do it for him. He deserves the attention and the praise. He’s a fine example to young people today on how to be successful on the countless levels in life.

NEW
AMBASSADOR

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about the relationship with the homeland. This visit is another step in strengthening the relations between the homeland and other Serbian-American organizations, societies, and distinguished individuals in the Diaspora.

Visiting the Serbian Cultural Garden is encourage to learn more about Serbian history and our legacy. To support the projects of the Serbian Cultural Garden, its preservation and renovation, please contact Serbian Cultural Garden, P.O. Box 91896, Cleveland, OH 44101. The Serbian Cultural Garden is a part of the Balkan Heritage Preservation Foundation.

INTEGRITY

I Kings 9:4-And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: (KJV)

Believers are required to exercise vigilance daily to preserve personal integrity. Integrity equates with a strong desire to be faithful to the Lord’s commandments. Believers seeking to maintain integrity center the heart and mind on the Lord God.

Temptations and perils assail all adhering carefully to the ways of the Lord God. Resoluteness in purpose and goals guide the believer toward the Lord’s Kingdom. Strength and direction from the Lord order the steps of the person with integrity. Believers freely and actively choose

whether to follow God’s commandments.

Job 31:6- Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity. (KJV)

The Lord God knows the motivation and contents of the believer’s heart and mind. Care is absolutely necessary to maintain integrity in daily thoughts and actions. The devil must be repelled quickly when thoughts arise that endanger the soul. Love for the Lord God motivates the believer to be faithful in daily decisions. Persons with integrity appreciate the Lord God’s goodness, grace and mercy. Trust in the Lord and strong faith keep the believer with integrity full focused. At the Lord’s great and glorious Second Coming each person will face judgment.

Psalms 25:21-Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee

(KJV)

Patience is an attribute of the Lord’s believer with integrity and an upright heart. Integrity includes giving attention and adherence to the Lord’s commandments. Being steeped in love of the Lord and strong faith reveal the merits of integrity. Repentance, confession and the Lord’s forgiveness enable integrity to be restored.

Preventive actions will protect the believer with integrity from damage to the soul. The vision of hope in the Lord enable to the person with integrity to patiently wait. Impatience is a great detriment and perilous to the person’s character and soul.

Proverbs 20:7-The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. (KJV)

Maintaining integrity carries with it benefits in earthly life and life after death. Strong belief in the Lord God’s teachings give value to living a life with integrity. Personal integrity is revealed in the believer’s actions at home and the community.

Maintaining integrity in the face of adversity involves conviction in the heart. Workplaces can be places of peril for a person desiring to live life with integrity. Children are influenced by the degree of integrity maintained by their parents. A believer’s world view and the honoring of Baptism reflect personal integrity.

Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos. July 12/15, 2020. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic