

# Lalic — Ellerman Nuptials



Peter and Nancy Lalic of Mill Creek, WA, parents of Nicholas Lalic along with Durwood and Debrah Ellerman of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, parents of Dr. Jessica Ellerman, announce the marriage of Nicholas and Jessica. The wedding took place at the beautiful campus of Dickerson College in Carlisle, PA on May 9, 2015, with family and friends.

The lovely couple honeymooned in the Greek Islands.

Nicholas has a Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering from

the University of Michigan and a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California (USC). Jessica earned an undergraduate degree from Dickerson College, and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with her medical degree. Jessica completed her residency and advanced medical training at the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA).

The couple resides in Cupertino, California.

## FOSTERING A CULTURE OF PHILANTHROPY

by Milos Rastovic

PITTSBURGH, PA - On May 26, 2015, three visitors from Serbia, Marija Cecen, Uros Delic, and Ivana Todorovic, visited the Serb National Federation Home Office to exchange their experiences in philanthropy and to hear about our philanthropic work. They came to the United States as part of the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. The program "Innovations in Philanthropy" is arranged by World Learning.

Our visitors presented their work and experience in fostering a culture of philanthropy in Serbia in their companies, foundations and communities. Marija Cecen, currently Director of the Fund B92 in Belgrade, stressed her philanthropic experience including difficulties that she is facing in Serbia. Fund B92 was founded as a nonprofit foundation in order to foster social responsibility regarding a variety of issues. Uros Delic is currently Corporate Solution Coordinator at the Ana and Vlade Divac Foundation in Belgrade. He talked about the Divac Foundation's mis-



sion, activities and everything that the Foundation has done in the past. It was founded by Ana and Vlade Divac, who raised money for humanitarian aid for children

and youth, refugees, other marginalized groups, and educational programs in Serbia and other countries. Ivana Todorovic is currently Fundraising and Communication Manager in BELhospice in Belgrade. She talked about raising public awareness and promoting support for palliative care in Serbia. BELhospice is the charity organization in Serbia that provides palliative care to cancer patients.

I explained the long philanthropic history and mission of the SNF and its role in perpetuating Serbian ethnic and religious identity in the United States. The visitors were interested to hear about fundraising and philanthropy in the U.S. as they did not have any experience with the same kinds of Fraternal Benefit Societies in Serbia.

Dragoslava Vitolic-Djokovich, interpreter, gifted a precious monography Ilija Vitolic dedicated to her father Ilija Vitolic, to the SNF. At the end of the meeting, we talked about possible cooperation between the SNF and their foundations.