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GOAL 2008 Update

In 2008 we have been able to deliver an “Enhanced Dialysis Module” and a Bed Scale requested by the new unit in Mali Losinj for local patients who have waited for years for the comfort of treatment so much closer to home. We also ordered an IVRA machine used for local anesthesia for arms and legs; as well as a CTG fetus monitor for use on mothers for the emergency transport and delivery of babies. The “Dom Zdravlje” in Mali Losinj is also in need of vital Emergency unit portable Respirator to transport patient in a coma; a 3 channel EKG machine for Mali Losinj and the Cres Ambulanta. Mali Losinj is also

asking for a “spirometer” to measure lung capacity in the ER unit. Cres also requested an “Electrolyte Analyzer” for the blood, and a digital and “Detecto” scale.

The “Cunski Ambulanta” received a wheelchair; glucose monitor; blood pressure gauge; first aid kit in August (see photo.) An oxygen tank they requested will be sent when donations are collected.

To complete our pledge we need to complete our Goal of \$40,000.00 in 2009. Please make a generous donation to our Appeal and/or Fund Raisers.

Cunski Donation Presented on August 22, 2008

In attendance were towns people with Dr. Branko Lakner, director of health services for the islands, Marinko Calic, President of "Mjesni Odbor Cunski", Mr. Jambrosic, driver of the Dom Zdravlja Ambulance who lives in Cunski, Dr. Jambrosic, his wife and the doctor from the dialysis unit in ML. IMAS Board of Directors Mario Dumicic, Anita Pagan, Miroslav and Ivanka Eror, and Maris Cividini. Also present were two members from "Gradsko vijeće" in Mali Losinj. Cunski residents were notified about the presentation and on behalf of IMAS Maris spoke about the donations and what IMAS is all about. In addition to our donations, we pledged an oxygen tank as money becomes available. President Calic presented us, IMAS, with a "Thank you" plaque and invited everyone for some refreshments at the local restaurant. A Novi List reporter was also there to take pictures and issued a news article the following days.



Maris, Dr. Lakner, Ivanka, Miroslav, Peter, Zeljko, Rose, Liliana, Anita, Jasna

Maria Cividini

From our President

Thank you for your support for the past year. Your donations are well spent for equipment to the "dom zdravlje" in Mali Losinj and the "ambulante" throughout the islands. I look forward to your continued support. Be assured that every dollar you send is needed to improve the health standards for the people of Cres, Losinj, Unije, Susak, & Ilovik. In meeting with Dr. Lakner this past summer I and our Board see that serious thought has been given to the requested items. There is an urgent need for emergency services that the local budget cannot yet fully fund.

In this financial climate your help is needed even more. Please give generously to our annual appeal and save the date for our next Dinner Dance on March 22, 2009. See you then.

Rose Maracic

How are our donations being used?

"Rendgen aparat koji je doniran Domu zdravlja 2003. godine godišnje je bio korišten na cca 3200 pacijenata što bi za ovaj ukupni period oko 20 000 snimanja. Aparat je korišten i za hitne slučajeve koji su se događali turistima koji ljetuju na našim otocima. Zahvaljujući tom aparatu i doniranom UTZ aparatu dobili smo i specijalizaciju za našeg liječnika koji bi za dvije godine trebao biti specijalist za radiologiju i UTZ. Ultrazvučni aparat koji je počeo s radom 2008 g. mjesečno je obavljao oko stotinu pregleda što bi do sada iznosilo oko 900 pregleda. Nije potrebno posebno isticati dobru kvalitetu pregleda na novom aparatu. Dijalizni modul i vaga su isto tako u funkciji jer sada već imamo 14 pacijenata s našeg područja koji koriste usluge hemodijalize.

Dodatna donacija, naročito uređaj za intravensku anesteziju dodati će novu kvalitetu životu naših otočana jer ćemo moći operacije niskog rizika obavljati ovdje. Transportni respirator i CTG uređaj pomoćio će nam da uspješnije rješavamo hitna stanja u trudnoći i transport pacijenata do bolnice koji ne mogu samostalno disati.

Još Vam jednom u ime otočana zahvaljujem na dosadašnjim i budućim donacijama".

*Mr. S.C. Branko Lakner, MD
"Dr. Dinko Kozulic Dom Zdravlja" Hospital, Mali Losinj*

110 Years for Anchora, Since 1896

In the late 1800's men from the island Cres, left their small towns to seek prosperity in America. With courage and determination they boarded ships bound for America and accepted that the future was unknown. Their sacrifice brought them to the shores of New York City. Mark Giadulic and his friends Peter Larkin, Frank Harabalja, Andrea Nicholich, Andrew Vlakancich , Domenick Kucic and Anton Vlakancich organized a Benevolent Society on November 9, 1896. This group of volunteers was recognized by the State of New York as the Austrian Benevolent Society of Brooklyn #3. The objective of this fraternal

brotherhood was to help its members in cases of sickness and misfortune. For its members, the Society acted as a substitute for family left behind in the old country. The Constitution and By Laws were written in both English and Croatian. On June 18, 1948 the name of the organization was officially changed to The Anchor Benevolent Society, Inc. In 1993 a motion allowing women to join was approved. In 2005 the Society celebrates its 110th Anniversary. Its Mission remains to uphold the old tradition of providing support and assistance to one another.

Ines Kucic

Meeting President Mesic

“This was a first time that I had the opportunity to meet a top Croatian official. I enjoyed the informal party, meeting, new people and sampling our excellent Croatian cuisine, but most of all, I appreciated Mr. Mesic's speech to us, the Croatian Diaspora. I found his speech to be inspiring, very informative and relevant to the situation in Croatia, as it is pursuing the coveted membership in NATO and the European Union. I was very impressed when he expressed the sentiment that Croatia is eager to move forward and seek peace with its neighbors and it's commitment to aggressively pursue justice where ever it might lead them. I believe that this commitment might prove to be challenging for them at times, but also essential for their prosperity and stability, ensuring a peaceful future for our Croatia and the whole region.”

Marina Pilic



Dino, Marina, Father Ellis, President Mesic, Miroslav, Nikola, Maris, Ivanka

Dedication

“We dedicate this Newsletter to Maria Radoslovich and all those who passed on this year from our islands.”

IMAS New Board Members

Marina (Benvin) Pilic

Born in Belej - Island of Cres, came to the USA in her early 20's with her husband Vlado. Soon after they were blessed with 2 wonderful children, Robert and Margaret, who are themselves adults now and live independently. Her younger brother Gino, lives with his wife on Long Island as well. Marina attended school part time for many years and became a Registered Nurse and then a Nurse Practitioner and has worked in the Veteran Hospital in the area for many years. She is hoping to bring to IMAS the Health Care perspective, including health care policy in general as well as practical experience. She is also interested in disease prevention and health promotion and is hopeful that she might be able to further promote those important concepts in the various health related activities on the islands.

Pierina (Radoslovich) Ames

Born in Mali Losinj, Pierina left for America at the early age of 5 with her mother, Maria, recently deceased, and sisters, Rose and Clara to reunite with her father who had left Mali Losinj 13 days after Pierina was born. Her eldest sister, Iva, remained in Losinj and continues to live there with her husband. Pierina has a love for her country that she never left behind. Having grown up in America, Pierina has dedicated herself to a career in Marketing and Advertising and brings valued experience to IMAS. Pierina is proud of what IMAS has contributed to the Islands, especially to that of her family's origins in Unije, and is excited to be part of an organization devoted to helping her Country of birth, where she vacations as often as possible. Pierina lives in Westchester County with her husband of 18 years, Curtis with their beautiful daughter Sarah.

IMAS is happy to have one more active member from the Radoslovich family.

Questions to Sanader

The Croatian Mission to the UN and the General Consul of New York office invited a few board members to meet with Prime Minister Sanader during his visit to the UN General Assembly in October. Rose Maracic, IMAS president, asked the Prime Minister what Croatia is planning for its health services. Mr. Sanader stated support provided to the islands and he recognized the difficulty the weather presents to locals crossing the sea during the "bura." Now that most of the roads planned are being finished we hope more effort will be added to address local concerns about emergency health issues.

Dusanka Marusic

Mission Statement

IMAS, a Not-for-Profit Corporation is a humanitarian foundation created in the USA to support the health services for the people of the islands of CRES, LOSINJ, ILOVIK, SUSAK, MALE & VELE SRAKANE, & UNIJE in Croatia.

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IMAS je dobrotvorna I neprofitna udruga osnovana u New Yorku, SAD, s ciljem da pomogne pružanju zdravstvenih usluga stanovnicima otoka CRES, LOSINJ, ILOVIK, SUSAK, MALE & VELE SRAKANE, I UNIJE u Hrvatskoj!

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