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DEPARTING SPEECH BY SANE '94-'99 PRESIDENT, GORDANA TODOROV

Special Session of the SANE General Assembly, 18 October 1999, Cambridge, MA

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the entire Boston community with whom we worked since 1992. SANE was incorporated in 1992. Brian Bane Andjelic was the first president and I accepted in 1994 to continue the work. Many activities, whenever appropriate, were done jointly with our St. Sava Church. Also many activities were done by people who did not officially belong to any of the organizations. Often, events organized by SANE were joined by others and events organized by others were joined by SANE. Sometimes it is hard to distinguish what was done by which organization and I believe it is not important. We all always worked for the good of our people and that is what really matters. So, I prefer to talk about our Boston community. I do want to mention names and I apologize if I miss any of the names, however I believe it is better this way. Three-fold role of SANE: educational, humanitarian, social.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *Letter-writing campaigns (11,000 letters):* Bane Andjelic, Mike Pravica, Slavko Stojanov, Stojanov family, Mirjana Kondic, Ljilja and Alek Grkovic, Predrag Kovijanac, Mijajlovic family, Michael and Zarko Jovanovic, Branka Milosevic, Rose Kurtigian, Kiyoshi Igusa, Marija Jerinic, Olga and Bata Mucic, Dragana Lazic, Walter Dropo, Mimi Gregory, Ilijevski, Jordanovic, and many others...(contributed money for stamps)
- *Telephone Campaigns to the Senators, Congressmen, White House, UN, etc*
- *Numerous petitions to the Senators, Congressmen, White House, UN, etc.:* The entire Church community
- *Orange (and later Green) post cards for lifting sanctions* were organized by Boston group together with Milan Markovic from Georgia and Sonja Mayers from Texas.
- *Organized Telegram Hot line*
- *Visits to Senators, Congressmen, White House, State Department* Mike Pravica, Bane Andjelic, Eta Najfeld, Igor Najfeld, Michael Jovanovic, Mirjana Kondic, Kiyoshi Igusa, ... Bojan Pomorisac, Miljana Bovan, Stephanie Niketic, ...• *Radio talk shows* Steven from Newton (Steva Radojev), Charles from Cambridge (Charles Jevremovic), Mirjana Kondic, Alek Grkovic, Velickovic family, Kiyoshi Igusa, Mike Pravica, Barbara Gruber, ...
- *TV panel discussions and TV appearances:* Betty Denich, Steva Radojev, Mike Pravica, Jared Israel, Mirjana Kondic, Dragana and Cekan Lazic, Branka Milosevic, Father Aleksander, Miljana Bovan, Mirjana i Rade Petrovic, Mimi Gregory, Stephany Niketic, Nada and Slavko Stojanov, Rada Spaic, Zeljko Suster ...
- *Letters to newspapers or articles about us:* Mike Pravica, Bane Andjelic, Kiyoshi Igusa, Steva Radojev, Branka Milosevic, Pavle Gavrilovic, Dragana Nadrljanski, Dragana Lazic, Michael Jovanovic, Matt Tolic, Zeljko Suster, father Aleksandar, Slavko Stojanov, Miljana Bovan, Stephanie Niketic, Stevan Radojev, Barbara Gruber, Jovan Boskovic
- *Organized lectures:* Mimi Gregory at World Affairs Council: General McKenziey, George Bogdanich, Bette Denich, Steven Burg, George Kenney and others; Sasa Velickovic at Northeastern University: Bette Denich, Steven Burg Northeastern University, School of Journalisam: George Bogdanich; Ana Mitrovic at Fletcher: Student leaders from Belgrade, Ana Mitrovic at Harvard: Zeljko Suster, Steven Burg; Olga Mucic at MIT: Lecture about Mileva Maric (Einstein)
- *Giving Lectures:* Zeljko Suster, Bette Denich, Igor Najfeld, Steva Radojev, Mike Pravica, Barbara Gruber, Kiyoshi Igusa, John Schuschart
- *Attending lectures and using question time:* Steva Radojev, Mike Pravica, Igor Najfeld, Branka Milosevic, Mr. Ilijevski, Mr. Milatovic, Sasa Velickovic, Natasa, Maja Velickovic, Ana Mitrovic, Michael Jovanovic, .Alek Grkovic, Srba Mijajlovic, ..
- *Protest 1992:* Bane Andjelic, Ika Todorovic, Olga Mucic, Miljana Bovan, Rasko Ojdrovic, Mirjana Kondic....
- *Protest 1995:* Father Aleksandar, Mike Pravica, Sasa Velickovic, Kiyoshi Igusa, Mira and Greg Bishop, Branko Petrovic
- *Protests 1999:* Father Aleksandar, Stephanie Niketic, Barbara Gruber, Zeljko Suster, Jared Israel, John Schuschart, Kiyoshi Igusa, Branko and Gordana Novakovic, Jovan Boskovic, Srdjan Nickovic, Steva Jordanovic, the Velickovic family, and all other 300 Boston Serbs and American friends.

HUMANITARIAN AID

- *Shipments of humanitarian aid – 1st After the war in Croatia (40 tons):* Bane Andjelic, Michael Cavic, Mirjana Kondic, Grkovic family; ...2nd After the war in Bosnia (20 tons; 54,000 items) Barbara Gruber, Rada Galetin, Eva Stamenovic, Srdjan Nickovic, Steva Jordanovic, Mira Bishop, Gordana and Branko Novakovic, Marko Kocic, Charles Jevremovic, Kiyoshi Igusa, Angela Petrovic, Gina and Lee Grigoris, Velickovic family (all of them), Branka Milosevic, Igor Najfel; 3rd After the NATO Bombing Father Aleksander, Jovan Boskovic, Mirjana Petrovic, Mira Bishop, Jasna Fejzo, Irina Stojanovic, Srdjan Nickovic, Bojan Pomorisac, Milan Serdar

- *Fundraisers*: Branka Milosevic organized and held two fundraiser dinners for the medical aid for “Dom Zdravlja”, Pale
- *Fundraiser Picnics* - It is a tradition that the proceeds of SANE picnics are used for humanitarian aid.
- *Taking medical aid to Yugoslavia*: Olga Mucic, Miljana Bovan...
- *Help for wounded children (26, with IOM)*: Bane Andjelic, Rose Kurtigian, Slavko Stojanov, Mirjana Kondic, Ljilja Grkovic, ...
- *Other medical help* (Stojan, Marko) Father Aleksandar, Olga Mucic, Rose Kurtigian
- *Visits to Refugee centers in Banja Luka* (3 times) Kiyoshi Igusa, Stojan Kojic
- *Visits and help to invalids in Srebrenica*: Father Aleksander, Kiyoshi Igusa
- *Help for Nis victims*: Mirjana Petrovic
- *Help for the hospitals*: Jasna Fejzo, Miljana Bovan, Mira Bishop

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- *Vashar Concert*: Dragan Grujic, Sasa Velickovic, Vlada Samardzic, Alma
- *Concert for Peace I*: Vlada Samardzic, Snezana, Alma,
- *Concert for Peace II*: Vlada Samardzic, Snezana, Alma, all other Berklee students
- *Picnics*: Everybody, Igor Najfeld, Charles Jevremovic, Mirjana Petrovic, Jovan Boskovic, Mira Bishop
- *Dance Parties*: Jovan Boskovic, ...
- *Peace Vigils*...

NEW SANE BOARD

On 18 October 1999, SANE members elected a new Board of Directors. Special Session of the SANE General Assembly took place at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cambridge, MA.

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| ▪ Stephanie Neale
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PEACE VIGILS AGAINST NATO BOMBING OF YUGOSLAVIA

SANE and St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Boston organized peace vigils against NATO’s bombing of Yugoslavia every Saturday during NATO’s bombing campaign, beginning on Saturday, 27 March 1999, three days after the bombing started. All vigils except the fourth (4/17, Government Center) took place at Copley Square in Boston.



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Our effort to raise awareness among the American people, actively promoting pacifist means to conflict resolution in Kosovo and Metohia was

also aided by the Boston branch of the *Organization of Serbian Students Abroad (OSSA)*, as well as by many other Boston churches and pacifist organizations such as *Veterans for Peace*, the *Quaker Movement*, *American Friends Service Committee*, *Cambridge Peace Commission*, *Mobilization for Survival*, *Peace Action*, *Women’s International League for Peace, Freedom and Peace & Social Concerns Committee of Cambridge Friends Meeting*, and so on.



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A prayer for peace performed by father Aleksandar from the *St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church* would start each vigil, and although deep emotions of grief and disdain often surfaced, the mood of this peaceful protest would always remain solemn and dignified.

[See our website, www.sane-boston.org for a full report on the SANE peace vigils, as well as other projects described here].

HUMANITARIAN AID

To ease the suffering of refugees and other people in Serbia, as well as in other war-torn parts of former Yugoslavia, SANE engaged in a number of humanitarian projects:

1. 27-FOOT TRUCK OF AID FOR KOSOVO AND METOHIA REFUGEES

On June 25, 1999, a 27-foot truck departed Boston for Elizabeth, New Jersey, from where it was shipped through the Serbian Orthodox Church to Serbia. A month later, this shipment of humanitarian aid arrived to the city of Kragujevac where more than 20,000 Kosovo refugees found shelter. It included more than 150 boxes of medicine and medical supplies, 200 boxes of clothing and many other useful items. This project, as many others, was realized in cooperation with the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Boston.

2. CONTAINER I

In October 1999, we sent a container with around 10 tons of aid to Serbia. This container was shipped through Serbian Relief, in a joint venture with the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Boston. We sent over 300 blankets, inflatable mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, sheets and comforters; a large quantity of medications and medical supplies; two anesthesia devices and three defibrillators; over 400 boxes with winter clothes and shoes; a large amount of hygiene items and towels; baby needs; school supplies and toys; wool and knitting needles; some food, medical books and journals.

The aid was distributed by “Real Help”, non-governmental charity organization from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and “Covekoljublje”, charity office of the Serbian Orthodox Church in FR Yugoslavia.



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3. CONTAINER II



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The shipment included around 300 new comforters, 100 pairs of new shoes, 120 new winter jackets, 300 new raincoats, around 100 new blankets and towels; a large quantity of almost new warm winter clothes, shoes and bedding; hygiene supplies; medicines and medical supplies; toys; and other items. We estimate that over 1000 refugee families benefited from this shipment.

Completed under the care of Serbian Relief, this project was, again, a truly joint effort with the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Boston. The Church Relief Committee of the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America covered all the expenses for the container’s transportation to Serbia. A number of local churches and synagogues, and our friends and supporters throughout the US contributed to this effort.

In late December 1999, we sent another container through the Serbian Relief, with around 10 tons of humanitarian aid to Serbia.

4. REAL HELP

A sizeable portion of the Container I shipment was dedicated to the Real Help, a humanitarian organization that helps Kosovo refugees in Belgrade's vicinity. We also donated monetary aid amounting to \$2,200, collected from around the world through SANE.

5. ALEKSANDAR KOSTOV FUND

SANE raised about \$1,800 to help our countryman and scientist Dr. Aleksandar Kostov, receive treatment for leukemia. Unfortunately, the bone marrow transplantation was unsuccessful and Aleksandar passed away.

6. FATHERLESS CHILDREN

In 1999, SANE raised \$3,685 for fatherless children who live in Aleksinac and Nis, Serbia, Yugoslavia. Their fathers were killed in the wars in Slovenia, Krajina, Republika Srpska, and in the NATO bombing of FR Yugoslavia. Most of these children are originally from Croatia, Macedonia, Bosnia, and Slovenia, but their mothers chose to move to the safety of Nis and Aleksinac after their husbands were killed.

7. REFUGEE CAMP "MOSTOGRADNJA"

In October 1999, we raised and distributed \$1,450 to refugees accommodated in the "Mostogradnja" refugee camp in Doljevac, Serbia. Half of these families came from Krajina and half from Kosovo. Living conditions in the camp are terrible, as the facility was originally built for summer living of highway repair workers. The refugees there have tried to stay warm this winter by building outside bonfires.



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8. ECG AND COAGULATOR FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE IN NIS

In July and October 1999, we presented the Emergency service in Nis, Serbia, Yugoslavia with a coagulator instrument and an electrocardiogram (ECG).

9. ANALYZER FOR THE "MOTHER AND CHILD INSTITUTE" IN BELGRADE

We raised \$12,125 for the analyzer used for biochemical analysis of blood and urine for the Mother and Child Institute in Belgrade, Serbia, Yugoslavia. The project was performed in cooperation with several other Serbian organizations, including the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church of Boston and the Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America.

10. ENDOCRINOLOGY INSTITUTE

\$1,700 was raised to purchase chemical agents for the Endocrinology Institute in Belgrade, Serbia, Yugoslavia. The agents were delivered to the Institute at the end of October 1999.

11. COMPUTERS FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL IN FUTOG

Two SANE members built two personal computers for the use of high school students in Futog, Serbia, Yugoslavia. SANE helped raise half of the sum necessary for purchasing the computer parts while the two engineers supplied the other half.

12. HELPING THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN GREECE

SANE collected and donated \$650 for the victims of a tragic earthquake in Greece. His Grace Demetrios, Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America, thanked all SANE members for their philanthropy.

EDUCATION

1. "WE ARE ALL TARGETS" INSTALLATION/PERFORMANCE PROJECT

"We are all Targets" was a means by which a group of Boston and international artists, called the Collateral Damage Collaborative (CDC), raised their voices against the NATO bombing of FR Yugoslavia. The principal members of the CDC were: Dragan Grujic, Charles Jevremovic, Alla Kovgan, Nikola Radan, Imre Sabo, Boris Savic and Jeff Silva. In addition to Grujic and Jevremovic, other SANE members also joined in organizing this exhibit, which was held in Mobius, a Boston center for experimental work in all media, from July 7 to July 31, 1999.

"We are all targets" consisted of two pieces. *Window on the War Zone* was a combination of a photo installation and sounds accompanying the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia.



The photographs portrayed an array of war scenes – from children in a bomb shelter to wrapped dead bodies. The sound of tomahawks and sirens brought the viewer even closer to understanding the suffering of the bombed nation. The fear and cry of the targeted was also presented through the voices of flute and ancient chants. The shelter-like atmosphere in the gallery was emphasized by windows covered with the Yugoslav press from the time of the bombing and the sharing of bread and water with others.

The second performance, entitled *Misguided*, confronted the audience with real, individual experiences of the Yugoslav people. The war was personalized through the use of oral histories, sounds of explosions, air raid sirens, rationed drinking water, and projections.

During this hot, summer month, more than 350 people saw “We are all Targets”. Almost all major Boston newspapers announced the event and some also wrote longer pieces about the exhibit. The audience commented: “Very powerful. Stop all wars!”... “What amazing and horrifying images. Scary”...”Quite different from newspapers and evening news comments. Thank you.” CDC also collected financial donations for the victims of the bombing through the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

2. SANE INTERNET PRESENTATION

The first SANE website was officially established to enhance public education on Serbian issues.

3. LECTURES (organized or coordinated by SANE members)

- ◆ 19 February 1999, Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government: Dr. Dusan T. Batakovic, historian – “The Question of Kosovo and Metohia: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.”

- ◆ April 1999, Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government: Dr. Steven Burg, Dr. Hurst Hannum and Dr. Zeljan Suster spoke about the NATO bombing of Yugoslavia.

- There were many other panels on this topic at various universities in New England, which were not organized by SANE members but our members participated in the discussions following the panels, asking pertinent questions.

- ◆ 2 July 1999, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church: John Schushard, Co-founder of House of Peace in Ipswich, Massachusetts and Kiyoshi Igusa, SANE member. Schushard and Igusa spoke about their account-gathering trip to Yugoslavia, showing slides, videos and sharing stories of many victims of NATO’s bombing of Yugoslavia.

- ◆ 6 December 1999, Tufts University: Miodrag Perisic, former Vice-president of Democratic Party, Serbia, Yugoslavia – “Serbia Today and Tomorrow.”

4. DOCUMENTARY: “YUGOSLAVIA: THE AVOIDABLE WAR”

This film, recipient of the Best Social Documentary Award at the New York Film Festival in October ‘99, was shown at the World Affairs Council in Boston in late October, and at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts and Harvard University in November ‘99.

5. TEACH-INS

Gordana Todorov conducted a teach-in about the NATO bombing of FR Yugoslavia at Northeastern University, Boston, MA. In November 1999, Ana Mitrovic conducted a teach-in about Kosovo for Tufts undergraduate students pursuing international relations.

6. “ART OF KOSOVO” PROJECT

SANE members purchased 17 copies of the “Art of Kosovo” book by Gojko Subotic to distribute to the New England senators and other important people in the region.

7. BOOKS (pertinent to Serbian issues)

SANE member, Zeljan Suster, wrote an impressive reference book entitled “The Historical Dictionary of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (European Historical Dictionaries, No 29)”, published by Scarecrow Press in November 1999 (ISBN:0810834669).

8. ARTICLES AND OP-EDS (pertinent to Serbian issues)

- ◆ “Who is the NATO target?”, By Ana Mitrovic, © The Tufts Daily, 4/20/1999.

- ◆ “News media should provide complete picture of Kosovo”, By Nebojsa Bjelotomic ENG 2000, Gordana Bosnic GRS, Djordje Bozovic CAS 2003, Predrag Bursac ENG 2000, Nenad Bursac ENG 2000, Marko Popovic GRS, Andrija Kostanjevac SMG 1999, Jessica Owens Cas 2000, Snezana Pejic SMG 1999, Dimitrije Stamenovic prof. at BME, Dimitrije Stepanenko GRS, Jelena Tomic CAS 2003, Zivorad Vasic SHA 1999,

Irena Veljkovic ENG, Jelena Veljkovic GRS, © The Daily Free Press, Independent Student Newspaper at Boston University, 4/30/99.

◆ “Kir Stefan-the Serb: women’s choir from Serbia singing in Cambridge”, By Ana Mitrovic, © The KSG Citizen, 12/6/99.

9. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (pertinent to Serbian issues)

◆ Letter of Serbian BU Students to Daily Free Press, By Serbian students and faculty of Boston University, © The Daily Free Press, Independent Student Newspaper at Boston University, 4/1/99.

◆ “What are the Objectives of the NATO Intervention in Kosovo”, By Dimitrije Stamenovic, Associate Professor, BME, Nebojsa Bjelotomic, BME 2000, George Bozovic, CAS 2002, Gordana Bosnic, SAR, Nenad Bursac, BME, Predrag Bursac, BME, Zivorad Vasic, MET 1999 Irena Veljkovic, AEM, Jelena Veljkovic, GRS, Andrija Kostanjevac, SMG 1999, Jessica Owens, CAS, Snezana Pejic, SMG 1999, Marko Popovic, GRS, Dimitrije Stepanenko, GRS, Jelena Tomic, CAS 2002, © BU Underground 4/30/99.

◆ “Stop the Bombing,” By MIT Organization of Serbian Students, © MIT Tech, 3/30/99:

We are writing in a desperate appeal to all people of good will to raise their voices against NATO's bombing of the Yugoslav people! The emerging results of this bombing campaign are devastating. Cities all over Yugoslavia have been attacked. Apartments and houses have been destroyed. Schools, a water treatment plant, and even a hospital and a monastery under UNESCO protection have been damaged in these raids. The lives of ordinary citizens have been disrupted and endangered. In fact, they now live their lives out of bomb shelters. On the ground in Kosovo, extremists from both sides have and will exploit the present situation to inflict more pain and suffering on innocent civilians.

It has been proclaimed that NATO is not at war with the Yugoslav people, but with Mr. Milosevic. However, the bombs are falling on the Yugoslav citizens. Sadly enough, with all the things NATO has destroyed so far, it has only managed to shore up Milosevic. The Balkan region is inflamed with massive protests against NATO, which are particularly intense in F.Y. R. Macedonia and Greece. There is a growing rift between the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, with Russia and China vehemently opposing NATO intervention, which violates the UN charter.

We want our families and all the people of the Balkans to live in peace. We believe that bombs will not solve anything for the people of Yugoslavia, both Albanians and Serbs. Therefore, we ask you to, please, raise your voice and demand the termination of bombing and a return to negotiations! Bombing destroys good will, and only good will among different nations can save the entire region from total economic and political collapse. At the end, we ask you to join us in prayer for our families and all the innocent people suffering from this campaign.

MIT Organization of Serbian Students

◆ “On Bosnia and Yugoslavia,” By Maria Jerinic, Letters to the Editor, © The Wellesley, Summer 1999, p.3.

10. SERBIAN NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITY IN THE MEDIA

◆ “Students React to Bombings”, By Victoria C. Hallett, © The Harvard Crimson, 3/25/99

◆ “ We’re All Targets in Boston – Serbian Music Students Voice their Pain”, By Judith Gaines, © The Boston Globe, 4/3/99.

◆ “Balkan Natives React to Continuing Attacks”, By Alysson R. Ford, © The Harvard Crimson, 4/7/99.

◆ “Community reacts to Kosovo Crisis,” By Anna K. Benefiel and Karen E. Robinson, © MIT Tech, 4/6/99.

◆ “In Massachusetts, Serbian-Americans torn on patriotism,” By Yvonne Abraham, © The Boston Globe, 7/5/99.

◆ “Attacks continue on art, monuments, churches”, By Alex Todorovic and Charles A. Radin, © The Boston Globe, 7/30/99

◆ “News from the Front: Internet Server Computer in a Cambridge Closet Flashes Belgrade Updates” By John Donnelly, © The Boston Globe, 9/18/99.

◆ In addition to other articles, there was frequent TV coverage of the peace vigils, and various radio interviews of many SANE members.

CULTURAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

1. CONCERTS FOR PEACE

Two humanitarian concerts, performed by Berklee students and alumni for the victims of NATO bombing of FR Yugoslavia were organized by SANE.

The first concert of traditional Serbian music took place on 17 April 1999 in the Old Baptist Church in Cambridge, MA, followed by a second concert on 15 May 1999 at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Cambridge, MA. More than one hundred people attended each concert, and donations for the victims of NATO bombing were collected.



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In addition, Oksana Solovieva, a Russian violinist at the New England Conservatory, performed a Concert for Peace in the St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Boston on May 12th. She played chamber music, including a quintet by Shostakovich.

2. SANE SUMMER PICNIC

The picnic, organized on 22 August 1999 in Arsenal Park, Watertown, MA, was a fundraiser for refugees and hospitals in Serbia. In addition to sports events and a great BBQ, there was a wonderful performance by the local folklore group “Milesevo.”

3. BOSTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



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Boston International festival was held from October 19 through October 24 in the Bayside Expo Center. The Serbian community, organized through the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, participated in the “cultural presentation.” History, culture, customs, and everyday life of Serbs were represented through many books, souvenirs, posters, handouts and handcrafted items. There was also a wonderful performance by our folk dancing group “Milesevo.”

4. SANE AUTUMN DANCE

In October 1999, we organized a fund-raising SANE Autumn Dance that attracted over 100 people. The dance was a success and around \$1,200 was raised (after expenses).

5. CONVERGING SPACES – PHOTO EXHIBIT BY DRAGAN GRUJIC

In September 1999, Dragan Grujic, SANE member and art photographer based in Boston, had a solo exhibit at the Greek Institute in Cambridge, MA.

6. ANDREW STEVOVICH EXHIBIT

Serbian-American artist, Andrew Stevovich had an exhibit at the Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA, entitled “Andrew Stevovich: A Retrospective of Paintings, Drawings, and Prints” from September 2 to November 7, 1999. “This exhibition, which recognizes one of Boston’s best artists, is long overdue”, commented Ronald L. Crusan, Director, Danforth Museum of Art.



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7. KIR STEFAN THE SERB CONCERT

On 24 November 1999, SANE community enjoyed the music of Smederevo choir, “Kir Stefan – The Serb,” an extraordinary group of 22 women singers led by Maestro Milan Ilic. The concert was organized by Harvard’s Kokkalis Program for Southeastern Europe and coordinated by Professor Thomas Butler. “Kir Stefan – The Serb” Choir received the Golden Key of Cambridge, Massachusetts from the Mayor of Cambridge! Impressed by the choir, SANE subsequently decided to become their sponsor.

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