



## NIKOLA TESLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

### July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – Nikola Tesla's 162<sup>nd</sup> Birthday & the 1<sup>st</sup> Nikola Tesla Day



It was a historic day. Much like the day Nikola Tesla was born, thunder storms and lightning filled the sky and created a dramatic air all around us. The members and guests of the NTHSA gathered at the Serbian Canadian Cultural Centre of Edmonton to mark this special day and to proclaim the very first **Nikola Tesla Day**, not just for our Society but also the

Calgary Tesla Society. We were joined by three guests from Calgary: Dr. Milovan Fustic, Director, CTS, his spouse Ms. Wendoly Flores, and Dr. Jagos Radovic, Director, CTS.



Photo of Proclamation

The evening started with Ms. Lillian Beltaos, President of NTHSA welcoming everyone and thanking the Serbian Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton (SCCSE) for their hospitality. She announced the NTHSA's **Nikola Tesla Innovation Award** to be granted to a senior student in the Bachelor of Applied Sciences Program at School of Environmental Sciences, Lakeland College in Vermillion.

The program continued with the NTHSA Vice President, Ms. Lydia Emanuel's entertaining and informative presentation on *Tesla's Fountain of Youth*. Many helpful health tips were uncovered. Lydia's presentation will be made available on the NTHSA's website: [www.teslawave.org](http://www.teslawave.org). Dr. Fustic's presentation on the CTS highlighted their activities and initiatives and pointed out that the two societies have similar goals. Both societies are excited about future collaboration.

A big moment followed. Lillian read a joint proclamation by the NTHSA and the CTS. The proclamation was duly executed, signed and witnessed. It was marked by a champagne toast, accompanied by cheese and crackers. The very first Nikola Tesla Day was proclaimed for both societies. Lillian stated, "Now the work starts in suggesting to other organizations and institutions to do the same, so that eventually, a petition to both cities, and perhaps the province, could be made to declare a province-wide Nikola Tesla Day."



Dr. Milovan Fustic & Ms. Lillian Beltaos



From left to right: Dr. Milovan Fustic, Mr. Brian Testo, Ms. Lillian Beltaos, Ms. Lydia Emanuel, Dr. Jagos Radovic, Dr. Elaine Beltaos-Kerr

Dr. Angela Beltaos spoke about the Tesla Coil and demonstrated wireless transmission using a tiny Tesla Coil donated to the NTHSA by Mr. Mirko Dumanovich. This demonstration was Intriguing and very interesting, in particular, to young guests at the event.

The evening progressed with a short film about Nikola Tesla that was provided to us by CTS. This is an exclusive video from Nikola Tesla Museum in Belgrade and it captured everyone's interest, not to mention, enjoyment of a highly artistic cinematography. Lillian acknowledged the screen writer of the film, Dr. Branimir Jovanovich, whose book about Tesla was on display at the event.

Finally, the moment arrived to turn off the lights, light up sparklers on the cake, along with wireless candles flashing the number 162. Sparks were flying! Everyone joined in singing a Happy Birthday to Tesla. It was a touching celebratory moment to be topped up by a delicious cake – home made by Dr. Elaine Beltaos-- Kerr along with refreshments.



Ms. Lydia Emanuel



Mr. Gene Emanuel

We all had a great and memorable time -- a good start for the celebration of Nikola Tesla Day and collaboration with the CTS. You can watch the video at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=fFrMqPioCvA>.



From left to right: Dr Janos Radovic,  
Dr. Angela Beltaos (front), unknown,  
Mr. Milos Dumanovic, Ms. Lizette Ortegon Rico



Dr. Milovan Fustic, Mr. Brian Testo

The NTHSA thanks the Serbian Canadian Cultural Society of Edmonton for generously making their venue available to us. Thank you to Mr. R. Kosmajac for assistance with absolutely everything including making of the video and taking photos during the event. Of course, many others have assisted during the event and we are grateful to everyone for their participation and assistance. We accomplished something special and we did it together!

Last and not the least, welcome to new members! We are delighted that you've joined *Alberta's Tesla Wave*.

Commentary by L. Beltaos, President, NTHSA

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