



Australian ambassador H.E. Mrs. Tracy Reid with her husband Mr. John Frampton , Photo by CDC

#### AMCHAM EVENT

### "Croatia needs reforms "

Corps Diplomatique Croatia internet portal (<http://www.cd-croatia.eu/>)

**Humanitarian gala dinner organized by AmCham, and supported by Embassy of USA and Canada, held on November 20, raised the donations for a mine-free Croatia, as part of a worldwide campaign the "Night of a Thousand Dinners".**

In spite of the recession, AmCham aims at raising \$ 30.000, as it did each year since 2001., and the amount raised will then be doubled by the donations of American and Canadian humanitarian organizations, through ITF (International Trust Fund).

- So far about HRK 4 million have been raised through AmCham humanitarian dinner events, and 263.209 square meters have been demined - the President of the Board of. Governors of AmCham, Mr. Am Willems said.

Besides Mr. Willems, who hosted the event, guests were addressed by the U.S. Ambassador James B. Foley, the Canadian Embassy envoy David Fairchild and envoy of Prime Minister Luka Bebić, Croatian Parliament speaker, who said that Croatia will not be mine-free before 2019. The event was also attended by Australian Ambassador Tracy Reid, whose guest was Diana Pleština Račan, the Advisor for Mine Action at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tomislav Ivić, Minister of Family, Veterans' Affairs and Intergenerational Solidarity, Mrs. Maja Vrtarić, envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Deputy Mayor of Zagreb Jelena Vukičević Pavičić, MPs Krešimir Čosić and Rajko Ostojić, and representatives of international organizations and the business community in Croatia.

**American Chamber of Commerce opened a special transfer account so that citizens and companies can help demining efforts in Croatia in any amount, even after this event: 2330003-1100367301, Societe Generale - Splitska banka d.d. For further information you can contact Damir Vucić, Executive Director of AmCham in Croatia.**

#### Photo gallery



Mrs. Pamela Ward, senior commercial officer at USA embassy, our life&style editor Gordana Popović and american ambassador H.E. Mr. James Foley



Hosts: Mr. Damir Vucić, executive director and Mr. Arn Willems, president of the board of governors of AmCham



Mrs. Maria Novak with her husband Mr. Almin Adžović, country manager Merck & Co. Croatia



Mr. Robert Willems and Mr. Wilfried Buchhom, representative of UNCHR in Croatia



Mrs. Dijana Pleština Račan, advisor for mine action at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with friend



Mr. Nikolaos Kalaitzidakis, general country manager Coca Cola Croatia



Mr. Luka Bebić, Croatian Parliament speaker, dancing with his wife Gerda



Mr. Tomislav Antunović, owner of Hotel Antunović, silver sponsor of the evening



Mrs. Maria Novak and Mrs. Gordana Popović with Italian businessman Mr. Riccardo Mazzucchelli, who contributed the evening with HRK 100.000 donation for demining Croatia, country that he lives in for ten years



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