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Presidents Message – Від Голови

Дорогі члени української громади!

Dear Ukrainian community members!

Мені випала велика честь, як голові нашого провінційного Конгресу працювати з нашою громадою минулого року в ці нелегкі часи пандемії. Незважаючи на всі ті виклики, які зробила нам пандемія коронавірусу, наша українська громада продовжувала працювати і розвиватися.

It has been an honour as president of UCC-APC to help navigate our community through the 2020-2021 pandemic.

This past year has made its mark and presented new challenges for our Ukrainian organizations in Alberta. Despite the COVID challenges, the Ukrainian Community continued to work and thrive within the ever-changing restrictions and parameters we faced.

I am so proud of the continued work and engagement with our youth and our many organizations. As a community, we forged through and demonstrated our resilience by mastering online presence for meetings, learning events and planning activities to fulfill their organizational needs.

Our online presence allowed UCC-APC to plan and eventually to host in-person events for the community including our annual Ukrainian Heritage Day Festival and the 30th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence. We were able to strengthen our relationships with many communities across the province and establish new relationships. There was also a special focus on activities to help support our children, youth and seniors this year. UCC-APC welcomed 2 new organizations as our members: "Babas and Borshch Ukrainian Festival" and "The Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta".

On the fundraising front, we worked on enhancing our strategies and introduced several innovative activities. We successfully hosted a "Wine Survivor Fundraiser" and a 5 km Walk/Run to raise funds for Firefighter Aid Ukraine. I am also pleased to announce that the "Save the UCAMA (Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum) Project" was successfully completed on October 31, 2020. Every historical item was found a home, and nothing was left behind.

Our work in the office continues to be even more important supporting and ensuring that our organizations get back to where they were before the COVID-19 pandemic and even stronger. We look forward to working with you and helping serve your needs.

Та підтримка, яку ви знайдете в нашій провінційній канцелярії конгресу є дуже важливою для нас і для розвитку української громади. Ми сподіваємося, що ви зможете прочитати звіти наших складових організацій. Також маю надію зустрітися з вами особисто на нашому бенкеті Гетьманських нагород. Хочу побажати всім українським організаціям успіхів для розвитку нашої активної громади в провінції Альберта.

I hope you enjoy reading the attached reports, which are highlighting our successes and challenges that the Ukrainian community organizations experienced this past year. In addition, I look forward to seeing everyone in person when celebrating 2021 Hetman Awards. I wish much success to all Ukrainian organizations and individuals in your work for the development and growth of our vibrant community.



Orysia Boychuk
President, UCC-APC

Орися Бойчук
Голова КУК-ПРА



UCC-APC 2020-21 Annual Report



The year ended and the new year started with strict government restrictions, all activities moved online, and there were very few personal interactions. We continued to fight the pandemic and do what we could with the given resources and mental capacity. Despite all of these obstacles, we saw the community come closer together. We felt a strong force towards community partnerships and collaboration. We are building on the strengths from the past and fostering new beginnings like never before.

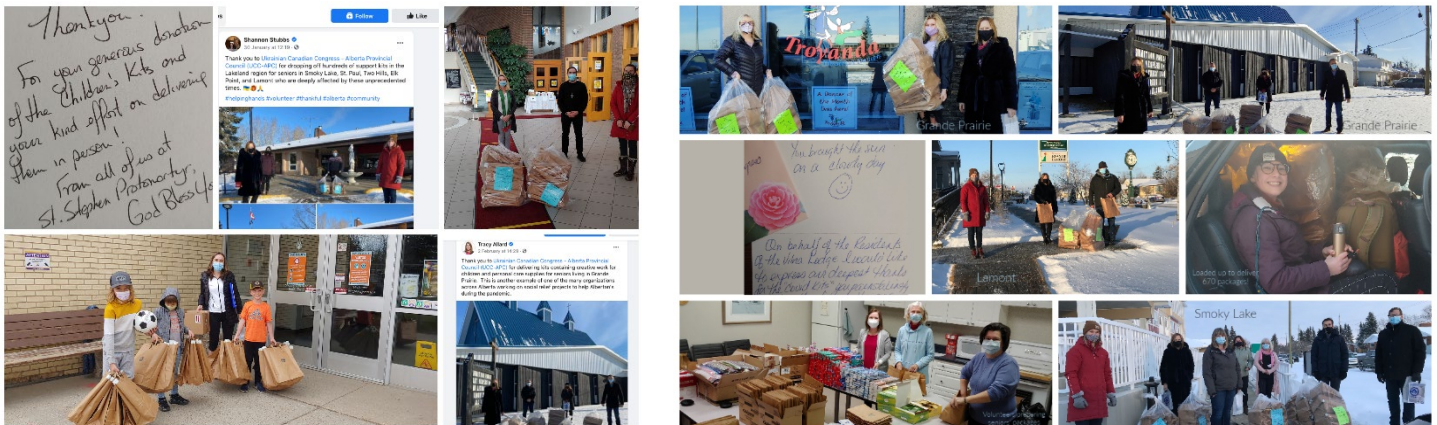
We heard our members' suggestions for the upcoming year and attempted to execute them within the pandemic's limits. The top three suggestions brought to us through the AGM survey were: rural outreach, youth development and joint projects with community members.

1. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PANDEMIC RESPONSE

We reached out to the community partners across the province to remind them about the incredible resilience that this community shares. After securing \$38,485 through the Emergency Support for Community Organizations federal grant, we completed multiple pandemic response projects. We distributed direct aid to over 6100 individuals (including children, youth, immigrants, women, seniors over 65).

Support packages and rural outreach

Over two months, we put together and distributed 600 packages to seniors and children. We connected with our community partners across the province to find out how their members were doing. We did a scan of the activities and offered support to help them manage the pandemic. Over three days, we visited nine communities, travelled 1400 km on winter roads, and delivered 600 packages. The towns and cities visited: Lamont, Smoky Lake, St. Paul, Elk Point, Two Hills, Calgary, Grande Prairie.

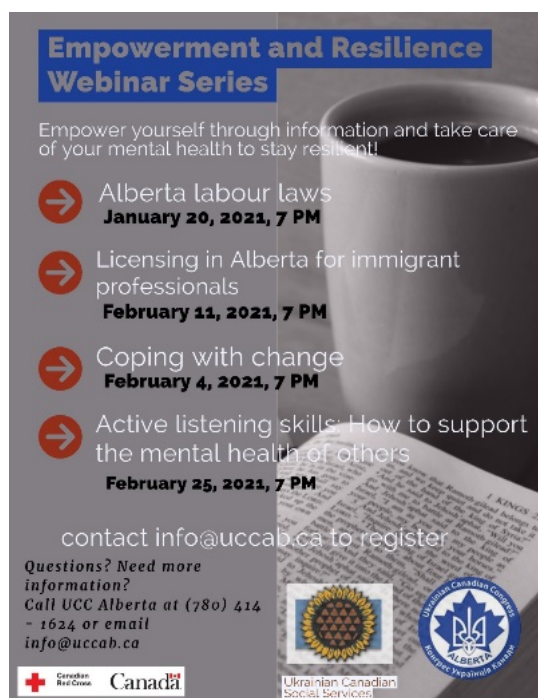


Webinar series

UCC-APC held eleven webinars that added up to almost 4 000 views! We hoped to educate, inspire, and empower individuals in the community and beyond with these webinars! We heard from the viewers that they found value in our sessions. The topics included:

- Empowerment Series: Post Secondary Options (2 sessions with various colleges, universities and educational programs in Alberta), Basic Computer Skills (English and Ukrainian), MS Word and Excel (English and Ukrainian), Google Suite.
- Resilience Series: Listening skills, Coping with Change, Getting licensed for Immigrant Professionals, Labour Laws in Alberta.
- Unique information session for the community organizations on digital transformation.

These projects were made possible with support from the Canada Red Cross. You can view the webinars here https://bit.ly/uccapc_resilience_webinars



Empowerment and Resilience Webinar Series

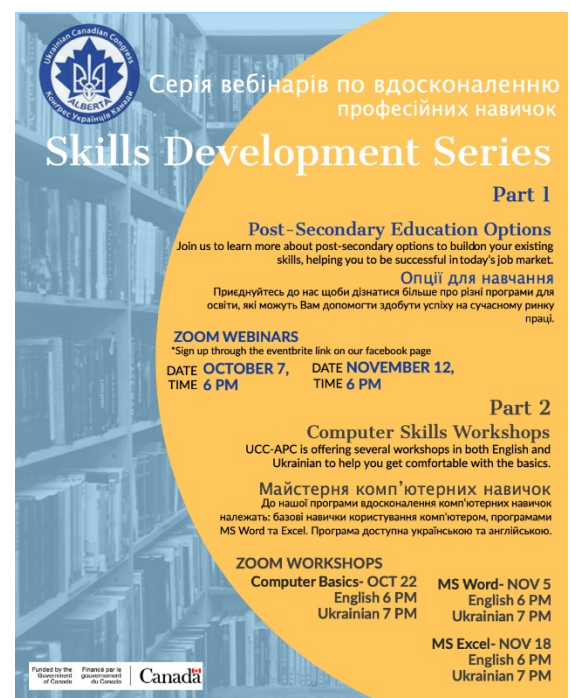
Empower yourself through information and take care of your mental health to stay resilient!

- Alberta labour laws
January 20, 2021, 7 PM
- Licensing in Alberta for immigrant professionals
February 11, 2021, 7 PM
- Coping with change
February 4, 2021, 7 PM
- Active listening skills: How to support the mental health of others
February 25, 2021, 7 PM

contact info@uccab.ca to register

Questions? Need more information?
Call UCC Alberta at (780) 414-1624 or email info@uccab.ca

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Серія вебінарів по вдосконаленню професійних навичок

Skills Development Series

Part 1

Post-Secondary Education Options
Join us to learn more about post-secondary options to buildon your existing skills, helping you to be successful in today's job market.
Прислухайтесь до нас щоби дізнатися більше про різні програми для освіти, які можуть Вам допомогти здобути успіху на сучасному ринку праці.

ZOOM WEBINARS
*Sign up through the eventbrite link on our facebook page

DATE **OCTOBER 7,** TIME 6 PM DATE **NOVEMBER 12,** TIME 6 PM

Part 2

Computer Skills Workshops
UCC-APC is offering several workshops in both English and Ukrainian to help you get comfortable with the basics.

Майстерня комп'ютерних навичок
До нашої програми вдосконалення комп'ютерних навичок належать: базові навички користування комп'ютером, програмами MS Word та Excel. Програма доступна українською та англійською.

ZOOM WORKSHOPS

Computer Basics- OCT 22	MS Word- NOV 5
English 6 PM	English 6 PM
Ukrainian 7 PM	Ukrainian 7 PM
MS Excel- NOV 18	MS Excel- NOV 18
English 6 PM	English 6 PM
Ukrainian 7 PM	Ukrainian 7 PM

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Children's storytime

Children and youth are a segment of the community who continue to be deeply affected by the pandemic. Lack of interactions with peers and after-school activities and cancellations of the field trips create a tremendous disconnect. UCC Alberta initiated a new project at the beginning of 2021 to help children cope with all of the changes brought on by the pandemic. Our Children's Storytime series's success during our virtual Ukrainian Days Festival ignited a passion for starting another Storytime series.

This series featured a mix of books read in Ukrainian and English read by community leaders - Most Rev. Bishop David Motiuk, MLA Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk (Vegreville-Fort-Saskatchewan), Nataliya Nayavko (Special Language Consultant with Alberta Education), Orysia Boychuk (President, UCC-APC), Taras Podilsky (Principal, St. Brendan School), Iryna Tatko (Senior Interpreter, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village). These stories focused on resilience and perseverance.

We heard that these videos motivated a child and gave children a sense of interconnectedness with the reader. You can view the playlist here https://bit.ly/uccapc_storytime.



Social Media stats for the Online Series of Webinars and Children's Stories

Facebook

Total Reach

10619

Total Impressions

6196

Total Video Views

1975

YouTube

Total Video Views

341

Impressions

3290

Overall

Total Impressions

9486

Total Video Views

2569

2. ENGAGE WITH OUR YOUTH

Youth engagement and capacity building

Over the summer, we ran sessions with twelve young leaders in our community. The purpose of the meetings was to understand better what their organizations have been up to, how they weathered the pandemic, and learn how we can be of assistance. We also shared the updates from UCC-APC and other organizations across the province.

We discussed the role of community organizations, leadership and motivation, the value organizations bring to the province and our community's future vision. We were fortunate to share one session with Premier Ed Stelmach and create an idea board of solutions and suggestions to help realize the vision for our community moving forward.

We are incredibly grateful for the time and the energy our guests put into our sessions! We met with the representatives from the Ukrainian Students Society at the U of A - Christina Strilets and Natalie Hanas, Ukrainian Students Society at the U of C - Aleksander Iwasyk, Echoes of Ukraine in Calgary - Oleksandr Zagurskyy, CYMK Alberta Executive - Roxoliana Tsisar, CYM Edmonton - Vasyl Yavorsky, CYM Calgary - Khrystyna Zagirska and Anna-Mariya Zagirska, AUDA - Mara Palahniuk, and our UCC-APC youth - Emma Wolodko and Kseniia Shmundyr.

To reflect the success of these sessions and the identified need for youth mentorship, UCC Alberta would like to announce a Youth Leadership Program. *The purpose of the Program is to mentor, nurture and invest in our youth so they are equipped to succeed as the next generation of leaders in our community.* The Program will be concluded with the Provincial Youth Retreat in fall 2022. This initiative is our way to create an outlet for investment in the future.



Children’s art sessions

We invited youth ages 5-18 to participate in four guided in-person art sessions (one in Calgary, two in Edmonton and one at the Consulate General of Ukraine in Edmonton). With help from our local artist and bilingual educator, Nataliya Sharley, kids had an opportunity to learn new drawing techniques and create original visual artwork in a group of other young community members. Each art piece was incorporated into an art installation as a part of our celebration of the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s independence.

This art installation project was a piece of a big celebration with other community groups in Alberta. About a hundred children took advantage of this opportunity! We are grateful to the City of Edmonton and their Family and Community Support Services for helping us make it possible.

3. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

UCC-APC has been active this year and is trying to deliver on the goal of partnership. We've initiated the activities to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration and settlement in Alberta and the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s independence and projects to support Ukraine.

UCAMA Project July – November 2020

On June 24, 2020, UCC-APC received a letter from Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta (UCAMA) providing a status update which stated that the collections were at risk of going to auction. At a UCC-APC Board meeting, it was agreed that a committee should be formed to review the potential of saving UCAMA’s collections. Over the July and October, the UCAMA Committee worked tirelessly. It has been a tremendous project to undertake in such a short period of time.

We believe that the “Save UCAMA’s Archives and Collections Project” was very successful. It showed that despite the differences, our community is united in preserving the common history and paving the path forward for the new generations. We know that the collections will be available to the general public and will remain in Alberta. UCC-APC wishes to express sincere gratitude to UCAMA for the preservation of Ukrainian collections and archives and to the museums that took it upon themselves to continue preserving these artifacts when UCAMA was no longer able to do so.



We would like to say a special thank you to all of the individuals and organizations who donated their hard-earned money and entrusted UCC Alberta in leading and completing this project in a timely manner. Final report was submitted to the community on December 9, 2020. It can be found on <https://uccab.ca/ucamareport/>.

Firefighter Aid to Ukraine support

UCC-APC's team continues to be actively engaged with the Firefighter Aid Ukraine. We supported the FAU with visual graphic design, executive presentations to promote the programs, translation and fundraising. UCC-APC hosted a running/walking event to help raise funds for the Small Package Program. The fundraising activity was led by UCC-APC director Bohdana Stepanenko-Lypovyk. The program is designed to bring equipment to the individual fire stations in Ukraine.

Mural Projects

As part of the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Ukraine's independence and the 130th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial council partnered with the Shumka Ukrainian dance studio, Benevolent Society and ACUA. The mural project was supported by the City of Edmonton through its Capital City Mural Project grant stream.

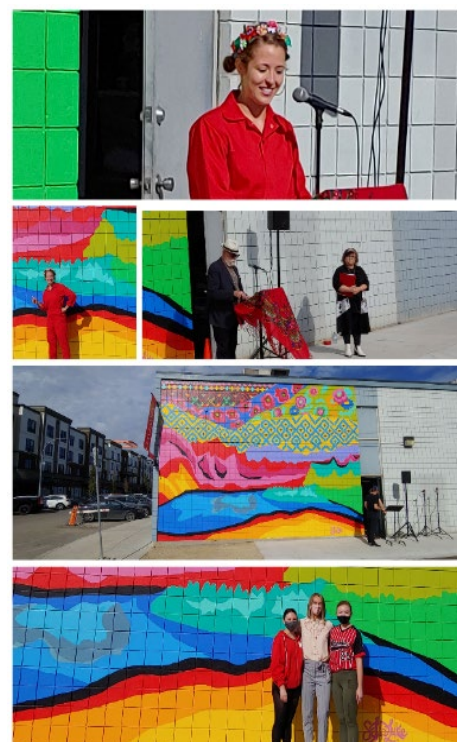
The mural is intended to draw attention to modern Ukraine and Ukrainian heritage in Alberta.



Children's art sessions



Firedrill Run



Mural project

Basilian Fathers Museum

UCC-APC supported the Basilian Fathers Museum in marking the 130th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada with its Hands-On History festival on September 11, 2021. The event's program featured a short ceremony with Mr. Mike Saric, mayor of Mundare, MLA Jackie Armstrong-Humeniuk, Mr. Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine, Mrs. Orysia Boychuk, UCC-APC President; and Bishop David Motiuk.

The day was filled with a farmer's market, BBQ, musical performances, art displays and a special Q&A from the team of the newly launched Ukrainian documentary "They Who Surround Us". On that day, the museum initiated a project to restore the Sawchuk Summer House. The community is invited to put clay on the walls of the house. It was a great collaboration aimed to support and promote our rural organizations.



Hands-on History Festival, Basilian Fathers museum

4. FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

In June 2021, UCC-APC hosted a successful fundraising activity "Wine Survivor." The campaign was ed by UCC-APC director Liliya Pantelyuk-Sokha. The event raised \$1500 for our organization! Big thank you to Liliya for coordinating all the pieces and creating a fun and interactive fundraiser during these challenging times.



5. UKRAINIAN DAY

On August 22, 2021, Ukrainian Community in Alberta is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence and Ukrainian Day. This annual festival has been a signature community event for decades. Continuing the tradition, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress in Alberta planned unique activities across the province.

To reflect the changing restrictions and make the program accessible to every community member, UCC Alberta Ukrainian Day planning Committee developed three components of the festival.

Online

1. A unique 80 min video of greetings and performances of our Ukrainian groups in Alberta. UCC-APC leadership’s opening and community “pryvit.” Our schools, youth groups, choirs, theatres, and dance ensembles contributed to the video. The video features new content dedicated to the 30th Anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence. Watch the video on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).
2. *Synio-Zhovti Sercia* video hit 8700 views. This unique joint production video by Plast-Edmonton and CYM (Calgary and Edmonton), CYMK – AB and 30 AUDA dancers were featuring an original song composed for the festival. This production is a gift of unity for our Ukrainian youth in Alberta. UCC-APC is grateful for the individual contributions of Mykola Bilash (music), Andriy Kihlovskiy (lyrics), Marko Boychuk (video) and Mara Palahniuk (dance arrangement), who helped us pull this off. Our youth groups can now use this as a promo for their organizations. Watch the video on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#).

Platform	Синьо-жовт і серця		
	Subscribers	Impressions click-through rate (%)	Impressions Total
YouTube	14	450	2
Facebook	-	593	9108
<i>Ukrainian Day 2021 Online Program</i>			
YouTube	181	33417	16
Facebook	-	153	3148



In-person zabava

The in-person community zabava took place at Camp Bar-V-Nok on Pigeon Lake on Sunday, August 22, 2021, where we celebrated the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s independence and our Ukrainian community in Alberta. The outdoor concert featured Zabava u Koli, Ihor Bohdan, Slava Sles and a special performance from Consul General Oleksandr Danylenko. There were supervised children’s activities - dance classes, face painting, a soccer match and crafts.

Despite the rain, we saw 320 people plus the volunteers! We worked hard and did some significant planning and re-planning to be able to deliver a good experience. The vatra on Saturday was very successful. It was a fantastic opportunity to spend quality time with people across a few cities. Camp Bar-V-Nok ran an overnight stay program for guests who came on Saturday. We had visitors from Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer and surrounding communities!



Self-guided components

We partnered with various organizations, community activists, and artists to enhance the Ukrainian community experience and the cause for celebration. The experience included several art installations in Edmonton and Calgary, including the Consulate General of Ukraine in Edmonton, Smachno Ukrainian food truck (that displayed the painted flag during the Alberta international air show), Kalyna Ukrainian store and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Calgary.

We developed trilingual educational resources "Ukraine's Quest for Independence" and "What is Ukraine?" to help community members and the broader public learn about modern Ukraine and Ukraine's long quest for independence.

The Team

The Ukrainian Day Committee was a driving force and the visionary behind the celebration. It represents the voices, needs and expertise of our diverse community. The members:

- Anastasiya Khoma (UCC-Edmonton Branch)
- Andriy Khudych (Plast Calgary)
- Kyria Bacinski (CYM Edmonton)
- Kseniia Shmundyr (Independent)
- Inna Thorn (UCC-Calgary)
- Ihor Bohdan (UCC-Calgary)
- Markiyana Lazurko (Plast Edmonton)
- Orysia Boychuk (UCC-APC)
- Roxoliana Tsisar (CYMK-AB)
- Yuliia Marcinkoski (UCC-APC, Chair)

Our festival plan execution relied on an extensive network of volunteers. They helped promote the event on location (across Alberta), coordinate video recordings, setup, mailout and more! Each component of the festival had an imprint of different generations and organizations.

UCC – Alberta is a proactive and strategic leader. This project aimed to unite the community, broaden the reach and create an outlet for collaboration. We believe this approach helped us build capacity within the organizations and offer others an opportunity to benefit from shared resources and ideas and be a part of a bigger initiative.

5. HETMAN AWARDS

The annual provincial leadership awards banquet was set for October 23, 2021. Due to the challenging environment caused by the COVID19 pandemic, the Board of Directors postponed the event. The Hetman 2021 Recipients are as follows:

- *Outstanding Leader:* Amil Shapka, Bill Shostak, Chris Gnyra, Chrystia Moussienko, Marian Gauk, Mary Kryś
- *Exemplary Volunteer:* Anne Stephen.
- *Professional Achievement:* Debbie Kachmar-Potter, George Chrunik, Ihor Bohdan, Ken Kachmar, Mykola Kanevets, Radomir Bilash.
- *Posthumus:* Dr. Bohdan Medwidsky, Elias John Cholach Hetman.

Report prepared for UCC-APC AGM on October 14, 2021 by Yuliia Marcinkoski.





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Government of Canada ♦ Canada Summer Jobs Program ♦ City of Edmonton Family and Social Services ♦ Red Cross Canada ♦ Shevchenko Foundation ♦ Millennium Foundation ♦ Ukrainian Canadian Brotherhood of Canada – Alberta Branch ♦ Strathcona County ♦ Ukrainian Canadian Social Services - Edmonton ♦ Meest Toronto ♦ League of Ukrainian Canadians ♦ Echoes of Ukraine ♦ Ukrainian Senior Citizens Association of Marko Boyeslaw

Under \$100			
		John Bubel	\$100.00
Lovette Dzenkiw	\$20.00	Orest Bykowski	\$100.00
Irina Marusiak	\$20.00	Elsie Choban	\$100.00
Terry Oszust	\$20.00	David & Elizabeth Chomik	\$100.00
Anne Stephen	\$20.00	Orest & Evelyn Eveneshen	\$100.00
Maria Tatchyn	\$20.00	Bohdan Hnat	\$100.00
Wendy Davis	\$25.00	Vera Kindzersky	\$100.00
Kate Hawrysh	\$25.00	Zenon Kohut	\$100.00
Katherine Hobden	\$25.00	Teresa Kost	\$100.00
William Horpyniuk	\$25.00	Neil Koziak	\$100.00
Eugene W Korpan	\$25.00	Donnajune Kozuchar-Thompson	\$100.00
Bohdan Nebozuk	\$25.00	Mike Krywiak	\$100.00
Andrew Tarnawsky	\$25.00	Iryna Laschuk	\$100.00
George & Liubov Moskal	\$30.00	Vina Locke	\$100.00
Sophia & William Shaw	\$45.00	M. Lyzaniwsky	\$100.00
Donald Bodnar	\$50.00	Matthew Owad	\$100.00
Taras Bombak	\$50.00	Lena & Ernie Rachmistruk	\$100.00
Kenneth & Marie Bootsman	\$50.00	Brian Reid	\$100.00
Maria Dytyniak	\$50.00	John & Sonia Shalewa	\$100.00
Steven & Anne Eleniak	\$50.00	Myron Sorokan	\$100.00
Fedor Gotsaliouk	\$50.00	Katherine Sydoruk	\$100.00
Lydia Hodgson	\$50.00	Borys Sydoruk	\$100.00
Julian Koziak	\$50.00	Nikolai Vorotilenko	\$100.00
Donna Krawchuk	\$50.00		
Michaeline Luzney	\$50.00		Under \$499
George Moskal	\$50.00	Gordon Gordey	\$125.00
Barbara Olynyk	\$50.00	Allan Hohol	\$150.00
Marion Ostapchuk	\$50.00	Olena Zacherniuk	\$150.00
Melvina & Kenneth Ozipko	\$50.00	Meest Alberta Conektus	\$200.00
Mary Paltzat	\$50.00	Andew Hladyshevsky & Daria Luciw	\$200.00
Emil Yereniuk	\$50.00	Nestor & Donna Demianczuk	\$200.00
Mike Znak	\$50.00	Mary Koziak	\$200.00
Emilia Masiuk	\$75.00	Steve Kutash	\$200.00
Bohdan & Hanya Bahniuk	\$100.00	Ihor & Mary Nedoshytko	\$200.00
		Ken Solomon	\$200.00



Orest & Lesia Soltykevych	\$200.00
Ed & Marie Stelmach	\$200.00
Sonia Yarmuch	\$200.00
Roman Zakaluzny	\$200.00
Nick Humeniuk	\$250.00
Terry Mucha	\$300.00
Walter Petryshyn	\$300.00
Elisa & Ruth Korolischuk	\$400.00
	Over \$500
Ksenia Fedyna	\$500.00
Dr. Alex Pavlenko	\$500.00

Olga Porylo	\$500.00
Terry Tanasiuk	\$500.00
Tamara Zujewskyj	\$500.00
Ukrainian Senior Citizens Association of Marko Boyeslaw	\$500.00
Ivan Harrakh	\$650.00
Nataliya Pavlenko	\$660.00
	Over \$1000
Orest Yusypchuk	\$1,500.00
League of Ukrainian Canadians	\$1,000.00
	Over \$2000
Echoes of Ukraine	\$3,000.00

UCC Calgary Branch



Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Calgary Branch is an umbrella organization representing Calgary's Ukrainian community organizations and Calgary's Ukrainian community at large.

Last year marked an important transition and a significant period of organizational growth for UCC Calgary. UCC Calgary became incorporated as a society in the Province of Alberta under the Societies Act on February 19, 2020. Throughout the year, despite the challenges presented by the unprecedented once-in-a-century global pandemic, UCC Calgary persevered in its collaborative effort of the full transition to a new governance structure under the approved bylaws and ensuring a wide representation of Calgary' community organizations in the new Board and Executive, and in UCC Calgary operations and its strategic development.

The first AGM of a registered society took place on December 2nd, 2020. The Executive Committee was unanimously voted in, the Board of Directors was formed and an Audit Committee was appointed. The Board Directors represent the community organizations which formally joined UCC Calgary. Since the first AGM, new members have joined and were ratified at the inaugural Board meeting on May 26, 2021. We are grateful for such incredible support from organizations in our community. UCC Calgary is inviting all community organizations of Calgary and the area to join as members and the membership outreach is ongoing. Following its first AGM, UCC Calgary transitioned its finances to a new account and prepared an audited financial statement for 2020. Both 2020 and 2021 audited financial statements will be presented to the Board as per bylaws no later than one month before the AGM 2021, which will be held no later than December 1st. Once approved at the AGM, both statements will be filed to the Service Alberta. In addition to this important organizational work, UCC Calgary led and co-organized a number of key events and projects:

- In partnership with Echoes of Ukraine, UCC Calgary presented a virtual edition of the Shevchenko Concert 2021, which premiered on March 14, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the concert for the first time

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took place on-line. The concert featured new recordings of this year's performances along with the archival videos from previous concerts. New videos were recorded following strict COVID-19 protocol and included performances of: St. Vladimir's Sadochok, Calgary Bandurysty (CYM Calgary), Ridna Shkola at Assumption.

- UCC Calgary assisted the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund with reaching out to Calgary's community organizations to access CFWWIRF's Augmented Reality Map of Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920 for educational programs and purposes. At least ten organizations ordered the map, which is an important tool to raise awareness about the Internment.
- We were fortunate to host Khrystyna Zagirska as our first-ever Canada Summer Jobs Program student in partnership with UCC-APC. We thank the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council for this opportunity for Calgary youth and UCC Calgary. Khrystyna made significant contributions towards UCC Calgary's and UCC-APC's busy project portfolio this summer. Her help in coordinating community involvement in Ukraine's Independence virtual and in-person events was invaluable.
- UCC Calgary facilitated our community participation in the online program dedicated to the 30th-anniversary celebration which was led by UCC-APC. We were also part of the UCC-APC Independence Day Committee for in-person celebration at the Pigeon Lake and the UCC Calgary President delivered greetings during the event, which featured among others, Calgary community leading talents.
- Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Calgary Branch in partnership with Echoes of Ukraine, organized a Flag Raising Ceremony and Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence at the Municipal Complex Plaza in Calgary on August 24, 2021. The event featured greetings from Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine and Orysia Boychuk, President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Alberta Provincial Council. Consul Danyleiko brought the 30-meter-long Ukrainian flag, which was unveiled during the event and was widely featured by the media. The concert featured leading talents of the community. UCC widely promoted and supported the Independence Concert organized by the Merited Artist of Ukraine Ihor Bohdan on August 29th.
- On September 7th, UCC Calgary Board Chair and President delivered remarks and raised the flag at McDougall Centre to mark the Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day in Alberta.
- UCC Calgary is planning the Internment National Day commemoration on October 24th and Holodomor Commemoration on November 27th and is assisting with Calgary's Ukrainian Carol Festival on December 5th. The format of these events will depend on the COVID-19 pandemic status and the restrictions in place at a time.



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UCC Edmonton Branch



We had another challenging year and I would like to give a huge THANK YOU to Executive members for their volunteer hours in our organization, and to all member organizations and volunteers for their great work during the last year.

We would like to highlight the following annual activities and new projects under the UCC Edmonton umbrella:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, most of our events were either postponed or were held online. One of them was Holodomor Commemoration, panakhyda was held in St. George Catholic Church and live streamed on Facebook.

This year Ukraine Pavilion participated in in-person and online Edmonton Heritage Festival where we successfully represented 3 aspects of the Ukrainian culture: Arts and Culture, Entertainment and Cuisine. We are deeply grateful to all those volunteers who came out in various capacities to make this year a reality. In addition, we would like to thank the many organizations who financially contributed to the event. Your support helped us deliver a world class event.

Also, this year marks 30th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence. Together with UCC-APC and UCC-Calgary we put together an awesome and powerful celebration at Pегion Lake! THANK YOU to the committee and all volunteers for endless hours of help and support.

We are currently underway planning our upcoming Annual Holodomor Commemoration. This year it will be both in-person and online event.

Best regards,

Anastasiya Khoma
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Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA)



Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts is proud to report a successful year offering a wide variety quality programming and services while continually adapting to changing COVID-19 protocols and restrictions to ensure the health and safety of our guests and staff. The Board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to our professional team of Robin McHugh, Borys Tarasenko, and Elena Scharabun and Summer

Students Leda Tarnawsky, Lizzy Taylor, and Isabella Sheptak who manage the operations, gallery, boutique and programming and to all of the dedicated volunteers and members who continue to make ACUA a success. ACUA Gallery & Artisan Boutique continues to grow. To date, we feature over 120 artists, folk artists, musicians, and writer's original works of art for sale in the boutique and on our new online store. ACUA continues to offer programming throughout the province of Alberta.

Highlights of programming we offered and events we hosted this year include:

- *Signature Artist Series* featured exhibits
- In person and Online fine and folk-art workshops, special workshops, and lectures
- Publication of *ACUA Vitae* – Ukrainian Art and Culture magazine
- *Kava Club* tours and events
- Annual Easter, Christmas, and Harvest markets
- Operation of *ACUA Gallery & Artisan Boutique* & Community Art Space
- Operation of the online Boutique and Gallery
- *Ukrainian Vintage Fair*
- Maintenance of an online *Directory of Ukrainian Artists*
- Community outreach and support
- *Canvass Canada* in partnership with KUMF Gallery
- *Threads that Connect* - International Textiles conference
- *Ukrainian Jam* music program

ACUA continues to seek out new representation across the province and works with our current representatives to bring initiatives and projects to their communities. We are proud to have regional representatives in Lethbridge, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Jasper, Vegreville, Andrew, Bonnyville, and Carvel.

The Board of Directors extends a sincere thank you to the community for the overwhelming support of ACUA. We look forward to an exciting year-ahead with the continuation of our current programming and the addition of new exciting programs and initiatives.

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Фундація Сприяння Українській Освіті (АФСУО).

Дорогі пані і панове!
Ми всі знаємо, як важливо є для нашої української громади зберігати українську мову та ідентичність в Канаді. Саме для цієї мети існує наша організація – Альбертська

This year the Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society (AFUES) is celebrating the 42nd anniversary of its existence. According to our Mission Statement: *“AFUES supports the development of Ukrainian language education in order to foster and promote positive social and cultural identity within Canada’s diverse mosaic.”*

Naturally, this was a very difficult year as we were navigating our ways during the times of COVID-19 pandemic. Nonetheless, our organization has continued making strong strides in fulfilling our mission.

Минулого року ми вибрали Раду Директорів нашої фундації в такому складі. Last year, at our 2021 AGM, we elected the following AFUES Board of Directors:

Тепер в мене є можливість розповісти про роботу нашої Фундації АФСУО протягом минулого року. Some of AFUES accomplishments during 2020-2021 reporting period include:

1. Цього року ми успішно підтримували різні рівні україномовної освіти – від суботніх шкіл та двомовної освіти до українських курсів на Альбертському університеті. This year AFUES has funded different areas of Ukrainian language education: from Saturday Heritage Schools, such as *Ridna Shkola* and *Kursy Ukrayinoznavstva* to Ukrainian Bilingual Programs and post-secondary Ukrainian education.
2. Наша фундація продовжувала надавати важливі стипендії з української мови для студентів Альбертського університету. AFUES continued providing Ukrainian Language Scholarships for the University of Alberta undergraduate Ukrainian language courses.
3. Щорічно наша фундація в тісній співпраці з іншими організаціями спонсорує виступи доповідачів на Шевченківській лекції. Цього року ми мали можливість привітати виступ д-ра Домініка Ареля з Оттавського університету, який розповів про Революцію Гідності.

Just like we do it every year, AFUES was a co-sponsor of the 2021 Annual Shevchenko Lecture in cooperation with the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Edmonton (UCPBAE). Over the years, we've had so many excellent speakers from around the world, who have touched on a wide variety of Ukrainian topics. However, this year's Shevchenko Lecture was dealing with quite recent events in modern Ukrainian history, which are still fresh in our minds. Therefore, we were looking forward to having Dr. Dominique Arel from the University of Ottawa presenting views and interpretations of what happened in Ukraine 7 years ago during the Revolution of Dignity.

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4. Наприкінці 2020 року, наша фундація АФСУО успішно провела казино, де вдалося зібрати кошти на нашу діяльність. При нагоді, хочемо щиросердечно подякувати всім нашим волонтерам, які допомогли у проведенні цього казино. Особлива подяка Олені Гарцулі, яка невтомно координувала допомогу наших волонтерів.
Our organization successfully hosted AFUES Casino at the end of 2020. Thank you to many of AFUES members and supporters for donating their time and expertise to run this successful fundraising event. Special thank you to Olena Hartsula for coordinating volunteers for this casino.

5. Наша фундація організувала наукове дослідження потреб підручників для навчання української мови в Канаді та світі. Виявилось, що тепер існує велика потреба в створенні таких підручників української мови не тільки в Канаді, а по цілому світі.
AFUES has commissioned a special Needs Assessment of the Ukrainian language readers and textbooks in Canada. The outcome of this research demonstrated a definite need for Ukrainian language textbooks not just in Canada, but also in the Ukrainian diaspora around the world. AFUES has entered into negotiations with various Ukrainian educational organizations in Canada and beyond, who are interested in financing the development of such Ukrainian readers and textbooks.

6. АФСУО окремо підтримала спеціальний проект створення навчальних матеріалів пов'язаних з проведенням симпозиуму та виставки «Переплетені долі» присвячених українській вишивці та ткацтву.
This year AFUES financially contributed to the creation of Ukrainian language resources related to ACUA's exhibition "Threads That Connect" dedicated to Ukrainian embroidery and weaving.

На закінчення, я хочу ще раз щиро подякувати всім членам Ради Директорів нашої фундації за їхню працю для розвитку та поширення україномовної освіти в Альберті.

In conclusion, I would like to once again thank all the members of AFUES Board of Directors for their contributions in the development of the Ukrainian language education in Alberta.

Submitted by Vlodko Boychuk for UCC-APC AGM.

Babas and Borshch Ukrainian Festival Society



In January 2013, Lamont County's signature tourism event, Babas & Borshch Ukrainian Festival was created. Then, as now, the purpose was to "preserve and promote the Ukrainian culture in Canada." After being hosted in the Village of Andrew for four years, the festival moved to the Town of Lamont.

The appearance of COVID-19 in 2020 led to a total cancellation of the event. With uncertainty and ongoing health concerns, the 2021 Festival went virtual. Ten videos featuring presenters and performers delighted those craving a Ukrainian "fix."

It is hoped that a return to the 2-day, free, family-focused festival will be possible in 2022. Favoured by new and returning visitors are those unique features that set Babas & Borshch apart from others: Festival Ambassador Baba Magda, Borshch Cook Off, author talks, traditional food demos, a signature festival drink (Na Zdorovlia), and Baba's Bazaar. Presentations by experts on timely subjects like Holodomor, Ukraine's Independence, Internment Operations, Taras Shevchenko 'educate while entertaining.' The creation of a thematic kids' colouring book rounds out the popular Kid Zone.

The Festival Coordinator was privileged to work on the committee planning the Lamont County-Nebyliv, Ukraine Twinning Ceremony held September 7, 2021. Because Lamont County has the distinction of being the "cradle of Ukrainian settlement in Canada" it is hoped that meaningful cooperation on joint efforts are in our future.

У січні 2013 року було створено знакову туристичну подію Ламонт каунті – український фестиваль "Баби й борщ". Тоді, як і зараз, метою було «зберегти та популяризувати українську культуру в Канаді». Після чотирьох років проведення в містечко Ендрю, тепер відбувається фестиваль в містечко Ламонт.

Поява COVID-19 у 2020 році призвела до повної скасування події. З непевністю та постійними проблемами зі здоров'ям, фестиваль 2021 року відбувся віртуально. Десять відеозаписів із ведучими та виконавцями порадували тих, хто прагнув українського змісту.

Сподіваємось, що повернення на 2-денний, безкоштовний фестиваль, орієнтований на сім'ю, стане можливим у 2022 році. Унікальні риси, які виділили "Баби і борщ" серед інших і знова стануть улюбленими для відвідувачів, це: господиня фестивалю Баба Магда, змагання за найкращий борщ, бесіди з авторами нововиданими книжок, покази готування традиційних страв, фірмовий напій фестивалю (На Здоров'я) та Бабиний ярмарок. Знова відбудуться виступи знавців на актуальні теми, такі як Голодомор, незалежність України, канадські табори інтернованих, Тарас Шевченко, і інші теми. Розмалювання тематичної книжки -розмальовки для дітей завершить популярну Дитячу зону.

Координатор фестивалю мав привілей працювати над комітетом, який планував церемонію побратимства Ламонт каунті з селом Небилів, Україна, яка відбулася 7 вересня 2021 року. Оскільки округ Ламонт відомий як «Колиска українського поселення в Канаді», сподіваємось, що змістовна співпраця відбудеться в майбутньому.

Bishop Budka Charitable Society



The mission of the Bishop Budka Charitable Society is:

1. To carry out projects and programs of national and international assistance, development, and emergency relief.
2. To foster an awareness of our global community through education, individual and personal involvement.
3. To promote, encourage, and assist national and international aid and development.
4. To collect, raise and distribute funds to support the aid and development

Over the course of the past year the Bishop Budka Charitable Society continued to fulfill its mission by holding monthly meetings, reviewing requests for funding, and disbursing funds to assist communities overseas and nationally in spite of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Bishop Budka Charitable Society held its last AGM online on 17 December 2020.

Highlights of the year include the support of a construction project—museum—of the Transfiguration of the Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Prnjavor, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and support of the project “Qualitative Diagnosis of Hearing Defects of Children in the Rivne Oblast,” in Ukraine.

The Bishop Budka Charitable Society also sponsored the printing of copies of the booklet, *Our First Bishop: The Story of Blessed Nykyta Budka*, for distribution in Edmonton Catholic School District schools and beyond.

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Last year (September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021) was both, challenging and opportune. On one hand, global pandemic had put on hold most travel, networking and social events, business development projects. While at the same time, massive adoption of on-line communication tools led to transformation of human interaction, the nature and cost of socializing. AUCC focused on quick adoption to the new realities, maintaining its activities through the digital means available and limited in-person interaction.

The Chamber had organized or contributed to the following events and activities over the course of last year:

- Alberta – Ivano-Frankivsk Regional Twinning: AUCC has actively participated in pairing several communities of the two sister-regions (Province of Alberta and Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast). Despite pandemic, two sets of communities have been advancing their bi-lateral cooperation: the city of Kolomiya and Vegreville, as well as Kosiv and Smoky Lake. With AUCC's facilitation, both partnerships gained significant ground in their business and social cooperation.
- As in prior years, jointly with UCC-APC and other community organizations, AUCC took active part in supporting humanitarian aid to Ukraine by organizations like Firefighters Aid to Ukraine and Medical Mercy Canada.
- Webinars:
 - ❖ Ukrainian Energy Day (October 6, 2020) – on-line conference organized by the Ukrainian Oil&Gas Industry Union Association, Embassy of Canada in Ukraine, and Alberta Ukraine Chamber of Commerce. The event

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provided an update on the energy sector in Ukraine and its opportunities in the wake of the global pandemic.

- ❖ Ukrainian-Canadian Business Conference (October 11, 2020) – AUCC’s president took part in the panel discussion on economic partnership conference organized by the MFA of Ukraine, jointly with the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine and Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ Canada’s Real Estate: Latest Market Trends (May 20th, 2021) with Don Patterson from Remax. The event covered real estate market condition of Alberta and Canada as well as the impact of the global lockdown.
- ❖ Business Immigration to Alberta (May 27th, 2021) with several industry experts representing private sector and the Government of Alberta. While international travel was still on hold, Alberta has been planning its policy towards international migration to meet the needs of local economy and accommodate the growing demand for Canadian education.

AUCC is looking forward into the near future with optimism and expectation of being able to go back to the more traditional (in-person) ways of interaction, as the three fundamental pillars of Chamber’s activity – networking, education, and representation, are relying heavily on live communication and personal connection. Until that moment, AUCC continues hosting on-line events and actively promoting bi-lateral cooperation with the means available.

Sincerely,

Vitaliy Milentyev
President,
Alberta Ukraine Chamber of Commerce (AUCC)/
Canada Ukraine Development Association (CUDA)



Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society

Mission: to promote, advocate, and support the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program (UBP) so as to sustain the highest quality of academic, bilingual, cultural, and religious learning opportunities and resources for all students.



Thank you to parents, teachers, administrators, volunteers, and community stakeholders for their support, commitment, and contributions to the Ukrainian Bilingual Program and activities of the Society for over 45 years!

*Enrollment (K-Gr. 12) 2020-2021 year = 628 students
(St. Martin – 254; St. Matthew - 174, St. Brendan – 130;
Austin O'Brien - 70).*

Highlights of 2020-21 and events sponsored by UBPAS

- ❖ **November 2020:** Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students. **Special PPE project:** Face masks for all students K-12 in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program. Thanks to a joint venture between the UBPAS, UCC-APC and the Government of Canada Community Support Grant.
- *****Due to Covid-19** we postponed our AGM and performed scholarship/achievement presentations as possible throughout the year.
- ❖ **Scholarship and Achievement Presentations:** 3 Gr. 12 students received scholarships at office of Consul General for Ukraine; Elementary/Junior high student awards presented at each school.
- ❖ **AGM (January 21st, 2021):** Held virtually & included a segment with representation from the Edmonton Catholic School District to discuss the impact of Covid-19 to our program.
- ❖ **Appreciation:** April 2021 we gave coffee gift cards to our teachers & in June 2021 we provided some sweet treats to our administrators, teachers and support staff to remind them how much they are appreciated.
- ❖ **2021 Farewells:** Most farewell physical events were cancelled, including the annual Grade 12 Matura. Both St. Martin and St. Matthew celebrated with a virtual event in June 2021. St. Brendan was still able to hold a Grade 9 pizza party/farewell for the Ukrainian Bilingual students and Austin O'Brien held a small celebration lunch for the Grade 12 students graduating from the program.

Marketing and Advertising 2020-2021

For the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program continued to be a joint venture with UBPAS, school administrations, and Edmonton Catholic School District. This year, the district helped put together a 30 second video to advertise the program (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=z1Bh5F-GcIE&feature=youtu.be>). The marketing plan included the following initiatives, all coordinated by ECSD, and funded jointly by the UBPAS and our partner organization, UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association):

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- **Road signs** to advertise open houses for each school, along with **pre-roll news campaigns and YouTube advertisements**.
- **Other advertising implemented: special feature publications** within the local community (e.g., ACUA Vitae Magazine, UCC e- bulletin, etc.).

Financial Support

Many sponsored events for the schools were cancelled from Sept 2020 to June 2021 due to COVID-19. The Society continues to provide funding to each school for the Ukrainian bilingual program, to support and/or subsidize:

- Classroom/library resource materials
- School cultural activities, celebrations, special projects (e.g., the Artist-in-Residence program)
- Field trips, student retreats, transportation costs
- Scholarship program for Grade 12 and Academic Achievement awards for Grade 4-9
- Recognition program including farewell gifts for Grades 6, 9 (icon and rushnyk) and Grade 12 (UBPAS/tryzub logo gold pendant)
- Marketing and advertising

Committees we are a part of

Our Society and the Ukrainian Bilingual Program is represented on various other committees and organizations, for e.g:

- Member of UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association)
- UPAC (Ukrainian/Polish Admin Committee)
- Member of UCC-APC (Ukrainian Canadian Congress-AB Provincial Council)
- Education committee with UCC-APC and at the University Level with ULEC
- UCC-APC Hetman Award Committee
- ULECON (Ukrainian Language Education Consortium, which includes Admin Ukrainian Language reps from AB Education, Sherwood Park, Vegreville, ULEC, Edmonton Catholic)

Goals for 2021-2022

- Revise bylaws;
- Hold an event to reconnect with our Ukrainian community;
- Continue our work with UBLA to coordinate funding support for Ukrainian language education programs in Alberta;

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Instagram: friendsoftheukrainianvillage



The Friends Society supports the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village (UCHV) in achieving its full potential and provide the interpretation, food, and giftshop services. We bolster our own organization through programs and ventures that raise funds, increase awareness of the UCHV, and provide a doorway for community involvement. We currently have registered 57 individual and 63 family members.

We held our AGM in September of 2020 after a postponement from March. The event featured live music, boxed lunches, and presentations. The Friends welcomed two university graduate interns that autumn and began producing, marketing, selling and delivering retail food. Similarly, we began to market, sell, and ship items from our Giftshop. We held our 2021 AGM in a virtual format over Zoom, operated a partially online raffle in-house, and our music festival went virtual. It is still available for viewing on our Youtube channel!

In 2021, we renovated our Silska Domiwka commercial kitchen and it was ready for the opening of the UCHV, and our concession, on June 19. We are also proud of rescuing the historic Alberta Lumber Company Coal Shed and the awarding of the first Annual Ludvik Marianych Ukrainian Music & Leadership Scholarship. The summer season included three weeks of Historical Children's Program camps and an Art Raffle on the final day of Monday, September 6.

The Friends Society is now gearing up for an online Christmas Giftshop sale beginning in late November with an opportunity for people to shop in-person and view the new UCHV "Make, Mend, & Modify" exhibit at the Ukrainian Village on Saturday, December 4. We look forward to continuing our support of the UCHV in 2022 by providing visitor services and continuing to raise funds to help complete the open-air museum.



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St. John's Institute



Over the past year, St. John's Institute has embarked on a new phase in its 103-year history. Volunteers contributed to the "SJI 2.0 Task Force", created as a think-tank focused on SJI's future. Most of these volunteers have had a lengthy history with SJI and the BarVNok property on Pigeon Lake. The Task Force shared ideas and eventually made recommendations to the SJI Board of Directors grouped by theme: BarVNok property; programming; community development (including diaspora); faith formation. While considering the Task Force's recommendations, the Board of Directors have been developing investment strategies and are involved in the management of the SJI Foundation.

Much work has been done, and much more is still in the developmental stages, as SJI continues to demonstrate leadership in support of Ukrainian educational projects in the spirit of Orthodoxy.

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UCSS objectives: To provide assistance and moral support to the needy community members in problems not covered by existing social services. Our office has been opened to the public and served needy community members that required help not available at main stream organizations. The office staff consisted of one full time employee: Coordinator of Community Services. All provided services were free of charge.

During the reported period UCSS has continued to provide its services to the community, however, like other organizations, our operation was affected by the pandemic. From March 16 until June 8 we did not take-in clients. Only clients with urgent cases were taken-in. We continued to provide services by e-mail or phone. Most office inquiries were related to CERB (Canadian Employment Relief Benefit), Employment Insurance, financial aid and all other community and government services available during the pandemic. Letters regarding office operation and services during the pandemic were mailed to all UCSS members, volunteers and supporters.

The Board established a Community Emergency Relief Account in support of food and medical prescription needs. Over \$7000 (food/pharmacy cash cards) was distributed to the needy community members affected by the pandemic.

The office watched closely all governments (municipal, provincial and federal) news releases and announcements. All important COVID updates (translated into Ukrainian) were placed on UCSS website (ucss.info) and have been provided to UCC-APC and placed on its website. We worked closely with UCC-APC office re. COVID 19. UCSS financially supported Food Bank drives organized by UCC-APC. In total we contributed \$1600.

The office staff helped clients with the following inquiries:

Immigration services: temporary work permit extension, visitor and entry visa for family members, sponsorship applications (mostly family/spousal/parental sponsorship), Permanent Resident Card renewal, Canadian Citizenship applications. General information was provided on federal and provincial immigration programs. Community services: Child tax benefits applications, applications for senior benefits, Commissioner for Oaths, Translation and interpretation services, Employment Insurance applications, and so on.

Pomich Ukraini: The "Food Banks" in Ukraine (Blahodiyne Kharchuvannia) is the project that has been conducted by the UCSS National Office in cooperation with UCSS Branches and Social Service of Ukraine. In 2020 our Branch donated \$3000 to the project.

The office staff worked with volunteers (bingo, building maintenance, distributing fundraising envelopes). Our volunteers were mostly those, who retired from their professional life and were willing to help the community.

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Branch Report and Affiliates

The UCWLC, Edmonton Eparchy, has 17 branches: 7 in Edmonton, 1 in Calgary and 9 in rural locations, with a total membership of 617 plus 6 Honorary Life Members. We are

affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Council – Edmonton Eparchy, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Council and the National UCWLC.

Eparchial Meeting Report

Eparchial Executive meetings are held monthly except during the summer. Branch Presidents are encouraged to attend and participate in plans and discussions. Communication with branches these past two years is done through Zoom Meetings, newsletters, emails, and telephone.

Featured Projects

- Prayers for Ukraine and its people, as well as donations to help victims of flooding in Ukraine (2020) and in 2021 to purchase an oxygen concentrator for Covid patients.
- Work continues regarding the relocating of the UCWLC Museum.
- Subcommittee of the Relocation of Museum is working on a lesson for the grade three Social Studies.
- Christmas cards created by students in the Ukrainian Bilingual Programs have been packaged and are ready for sale.
- Visit the Eparchial UCWLC Website at ucwlc Edmonton.ca
- Promotion of our Eparchial Cookbook: *"With Baba's Blessing ...Smachnoho! СМЯЧНОГО!"* will take place over the next few months.

Charitable Report

The Edmonton Eparchial UCWLC supports many charities. To name a few – Ukrainian Social Services, Sheptytsky Institute, Edmonton and Sherwood Park Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Programs, Youth and Children's Camps, St. Michael's Extended Care, and others.

Main Goals

One of our goals is to continue to work on revitalizing and strengthening our organizational base along with the branches. Another goal is to work with the National UCWLC Executive to develop leadership skills at all levels of the organization.

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The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC), an endowed Centre at MacEwan University, stays true to its legacy of being engaged with the Ukrainian Canadian community as well as identifies, carries out, and contributes to educational and cultural projects that connect the MacEwan with its partners in Canada and Ukraine.

2021, marked by pandemics and challenges, brought us also new opportunities. Below are our major initiatives.



Threads That Connect International Ukrainian Embroidery and Textiles project, a collaborative undertaking with the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts, started with

the exhibit curated by Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn, and included numerous workshops, lectures, panel discussions, and culminated with an outstanding fashion show at MacEwan University. We showcased traditional historical collection by Lyudmyla Shefel, retro attire from the community, and Fall 2021 designs by Olena Romanova from Lviv.

The *Indigenous-Ukrainian Relationship Building Initiative*, a joint initiative between URDC and the Kule Folklore Centre, University of Alberta, was launched in January. Our main goal is to advance knowledge about, explore, and reflect on our Ukrainian Canadian history and our shared Indigenous-Ukrainian pasts, in order to build a better future together for the well-being of all. We hold regular virtual events, focusing this fall on the topic of Land.



The students of the *Canada Ukraine Model UN* project participated in three international conferences and ran the second virtual Model United Nations Summer School with delegates from six universities in Ukraine, a university from Germany, and MacEwan.

The *Global Health Perspectives* course, developed and taught by faculty from MacEwan and Ternopil Medical University, was offered for students of both schools online. Five winners were the recipients of the *URDC yearly awards* program.

Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Alberta Branch



Слава Ісусу Христу - Слава Навіки!
Glory be to Jesus Christ - Glory be Forever!

Our aims, our goals and our commitment have not changed:

- Working with each parish priest as “his right hand.”
- Supporting programs of Catholic Faith’s values & principles.
- Developing, enriching & strengthening the religious & spiritual life in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.
- Preserving, developing & continuing our Ukrainian culture.

With the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Executive-Board meetings are on hold until further notice. Updates are emailed out to the Executive-Board members. The Executive has had on-line meetings to discuss agenda items and make decisions.

The UCBC Alberta Branch has a Facebook page (UCBC AB) – a private group for the moment. For the moment, there is no website. The best email to reach UCBC AB is my personal email: QTP@telus.net.

We began our Interview Project in 2021 where our long-standing members are being interviewed on video. These Brothers have been members with the UCBC branches at their churches for decades. In their interview, they speak about their UCBC branch from a historical perspective, why they joined the Brotherhood, their positive experiences being part of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada and other facts.

Our program, the processing of UCBC archives, continues, at the Bohdan Medwidski Ukrainian Folklore Archives (BMUFA) at the University of Alberta – Kule Folklore Centre. The Kule Folklore Centre reported in their newsletter (December 2020 issue): The collection includes materials from both the national executive and local branches. The collection is estimated to be between 3 and 4 metres, making it one of the larger collections in the BMUFA.

UCBC Alberta Branch finally had its casino on June 12 and 13, 2021. We expect to receive our portion of casino earnings sometime in December 2021 (June month was combined with 3rd quarter casino earnings).

The Brotherhood was able to continue financially assisting various organisations. Some that have been financially assisted to date (not in any specific order of amounts provided):

LUC Project: Korownyk Holodomor Poetry Project (we were one of the Sponsors)
LUC Women Edmonton – Holodomor Essay Contest
St. Josaphat’s Sadochok
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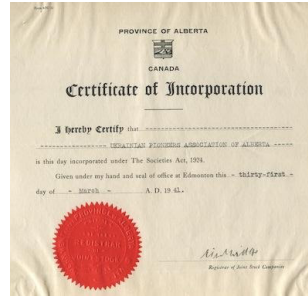
Ukrainian Pioneer Association of Alberta



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Celebrating 80 Years

With great pride the Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta (UPAA) conducted its 80th anniversary annual general meeting on May 27, 2021. We recognized the recent passing away of our former President Dr. Bohdan Medwidsky, then had a brief business meeting followed by a guest speaker, Vincent Rees from Cobblestone FreewaysTours.



At that AGM, a new board was elected. Since that time, one director has resigned. We also thanked our departing board members for their service including Maryna Chernyavksa, Ashley Halko-Addley, and Peter Melnycky. Earlier that same evening, K. Baron represented the Association at the AGM for the Edmonton Heritage Council. The incoming board has only met once, but is expected to launch several new initiatives.

In April of 2021, the UPAA also officially launched our new:

- website (www.ukrainianpioneers.ca)
- email (ukrainianpioneers@gmail.com)
- facebook page (www.facebook.com/ukrainianpioneers) and
- YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNn0aQMM05mLUwkrAO7Tgew>)



The UPAA's current flagship initiative is *Project Prosvita* whereby unwanted Ukrainian-language book collections in Alberta are sent to universities and libraries in Ukraine and around the world. Several shipments were processed this year. UPAA also assisted with the new map of Ukrainian places on the UCC-APC's website. As well, the Association sponsored the videography of the signing ceremony for the twinning agreement between Lamont County and Perehinske Hromada.

Currently, the board of the Pioneers Association is in the midst of rethinking its overall strategy and direction. The Pioneers need your fresh ideas! If you are interested in helping to record, preserve, and disseminate Ukrainian history and culture, join us! We are particularly looking for casino volunteers for Friday and Saturday the 4th and 5th of March 2022 at Century Casino, Edmonton. Those interested should contact ukrainianpioneers@gmail.com to sign up. We also ask the community to let their contacts know that we are also in need of people willing to take on leadership roles in helping to renew this organization as we look ahead to the next 80 years.

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