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Report on UCC-APC Activities (September 2007 - August 2008)

The Ukrainian Community in Alberta, and UCC-APC, has had a year of significant and truly memorable events. It has been a busy and gratifying period as we focused significantly on the commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor and continued to raise the profile of our community organizations and activities.

Holodomor

As 2008 officially marks the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor of 1932-33 in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress at all levels has been very busy ensuring that both our community and all Canadians learn more about this genocide. UCC-APC and our local branches have successfully undertaken several projects over the past year ensuring that Albertans both learn of and acknowledge the Holodomor.



Ukrainian Students Society, U of A: In the fall of 2007, the very active Ukrainian Students' Society at the University of Alberta implemented a project to raise awareness about the Holodomor on campus. Many members undertook a 33 hour fast for which they raised pledges and donated the proceeds to the UCC National Holodomor Awareness Campaign. In addition, they 'chalked' the walkways on campus with information about the Holodomor so that students and staff alike learned about some of the facts of this genocide. UCC-APC provided support by way of human resources, volunteer time and materials to ensure their success.

UCC National Holodomor Awareness: As President of the UCC-APC and Vice-President of UCC, I continue to work as a member of the national Holodomor Committee. Along with our provincial committee established to coordinate a series of events and activities in Alberta over the past year, the national committee helped facilitate the International Holodomor Flame tour in Canada, and in cooperation with all provincial and local UCC branches, they continue to promote events across the country as well as work with the World Congress of Ukrainians to ensure that the Holodomor gains international recognition.

International Holodomor Remembrance Flame: As part of an international awareness-raising event, this flame was to visit 33 countries and was the initiative of the International Holodomor coordinating committee in cooperation with the Secretariat of the President of Ukraine and Ukraine's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Canadian events were under the title "Keep the Flame Alive" with a strong focus on both sharing this history and ensuring that it is passed on from generation to generation. In Alberta the Flame had its' first stop in Vegreville where a local committee organized an event under the Pysanka with provincial and regional officials, students from the bilingual program and the local community. Accompanied by Holodomor survivor Stefan Horlatsch, he also visited a couple of schools in the community. From there the Flame and Mr. Horlatsch traveled to Edmonton and Sherwood Park where he visited 2 schools and was featured in a media conference. Red Deer followed where, together with students marching to raise awareness about Darfur, the Flame and the history about the Holodomor was shared with students and the local community. Calgary UCC organized a successful series of events with visits to MP's and a commemoration at the Holodomor monument in downtown Calgary. The





final appearance in Alberta was when Mr. Horlatsch presented the Flame to Premier Stelmach at an event at the Alberta Legislature in Edmonton on May 3. This was a very successful series of events in Alberta for which we had good media coverage and raised awareness about the Holodomor.

Provincial Commemorative Events: While the communities in Calgary and Edmonton have undertaken commemorative events for the Holodomor annually, this fall for the first time an event will be held in Glendon Alberta. This development ties in both our goals of raising awareness about the Holodomor and reaching out to other communities in Alberta to expand our working network.

Social Studies Curriculum – Alberta Education: In September of 2008, Alberta Education released a new Grade 11 social studies textbook where for the first time the history of the Holodomor was included. The process required significant pressure from our community to ensure that the content was historically accurate and that proper sources have been used. Ultimately we had to write to the Minister of Education to ensure that what went to print was appropriate. While a positive development, there is still work required in providing additional teacher resources and materials for students to access in their studies.

Canadian Holodomor Bill: During the visit of President Yushchenko to Canada in May 2008, Bill C-459 received Royal Assent and the Government of Canada officially recognized the Holodomor as an act of genocide and set aside the 4th Saturday of each November as a memorial day. This was a result of efforts by all UCC branches and councils. The Calgary and Edmonton branches along with UCC-APC continually raised the need for such a Bill with Members of Parliament to ensure that they were well aware of the issue and knew what our community expected in this regard. This was a good example of UCC branches working together.



Alberta Holodomor Bill: We continue to work with the Provincial government to establish a Bill in Alberta recognizing the Holodomor and establishing a Provincial Memorial Day. We anticipate a successful outcome prior to Holodomor commemorations in November 2008.

Community Development

The main focus of this organization continues to be community development. Expanding our network in the province and increasing the number of organizations in the broader Ukrainian community to work with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress is a key priority. We had success this year in collaborating on projects with Vegreville, Red Deer and Glendon. We intend to build on this progress over the next year and establish new contacts with organizations in the province.

Another very important element of community development is and will be communication. Our ability to connect with our members, promote community events and provide current information has become increasingly important, especially among youth and in today's world of the internet.

Keep the Flame alive!

Honour the victims
Share the story

Міжнародня Незгасима Свічка прибуде до
Вашої громади.

Єднаймося з Україною і учасниками світової акції у визнанні
Голодомору 1932-33 років актом геноциду проти українського народу.

**The International Remembrance Flame
will visit your community.**

Join Ukraine and the international community in recognizing the
Holodomor - Ukrainian famine of 1932-33 - as an act of genocide.

Sunday April 20th, 2008
Headline 20 minutes, 2008 p
City Hall -- 2:30 pm

PLEASE BRING CANDLES.
WEAR UKRAINIAN EMBROIDERED SHIRTS & BLOUSES.

Winnipeg - Yorkton - Regina - Saskatoon - North Battleford - Vegreville -
Edmonton - Calgary - Vancouver - Niagara - Hamilton -
Toronto - Montreal - Ottawa

www.UCC.ca



Over the past year, our Community Development activities have included:

- *Hetman Awards:* Our year began with annual *Hetman Awards Gala* on October 7, 2007. At this event we honoured 9 outstanding volunteers in our community in Alberta: Wasil Bahniuk (posthumously), Edward Chmilar, Rena Hanchuk, Susanna Lynn, John Zinchuk, Leo Zalucky, Fiona Frances Tarnowetz, Marusia Shysh, and Krystal McCormick. As well, two special UCC-APC Executive Awards were presented to Roman Brytan of World FM Radio and Marco Levytsky from Ukrainian News for the 25 years that they have been working in their respective fields and providing exemplary service and leadership to our community.



- *Consulate of Ukraine and Meetings with Ambassador Ostash:* Efforts to confirm a Consulate of Ukraine for Western Canada in Edmonton continued in earnest this past year. UCC-APC maintained regular contact with Ambassador Ostash throughout. In May during the visit of President Yushchenko to Canada, the President made an announcement that the Consulate will be opening in Edmonton. In June 2008 with Ambassador Ostash, we began the process of searching for space for the Consulate, meeting with government and diplomatic officials, and working out temporary operations for the Consulate until such time as Ukraine formally appoints a Consul General. Since that time there have been several working days in Edmonton with a Consular official from the Embassy. At this time, we are awaiting further details as to when full-time operations may begin in Edmonton.



- *Immigration and Temporary Foreign Workers from Ukraine:* Issues of immigration and opportunities for temporary workers from Ukraine to be nominated under the Provincial Nominee Program still need much community support to have changes made in these processes. We met with the current Minister for Employment and Immigration in Alberta to discuss the program and express our concerns. Raising the profile of Alberta as an immigration destination as well and informing about work opportunities is very much needed in Ukraine. We will continue to meet with the government both provincially and nationally as well as work with our National UCC Board on addressing these issues.

- *Jordan:* For the first time, UCC-APC collaborated with the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and the Friends of the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village to plan and implement a very successful Jordan celebration at the Village. A natural site for this celebration, services were held in the historic churches followed by the great water blessing, complete with a cross made of ice, food, carolers and performances. It was a bitterly cold day but nonetheless, our community attended and was very positive about the event.

- *ACAUR:* The work of the Advisory Council on Alberta Ukraine Relations is working stronger than ever with a renewed focus and identified priorities. Under the Chairmanship of Genia Leskiw, MLA, Daria Luciwi and Dave Broda from our Board continue to represent UCC-APC. Priorities which we have raised and which are on our working agenda currently include immigration, temporary foreign workers, CIDA projects in Ukraine and education.



• *Ukrainian Day:* Another successful, sunny Ukrainian Day event took place where we had the privilege of hosting more than 3300 attendees along with many special guests and Centennial Pioneer Families. This year we increased the number of Ukrainian organizations profiled and participating in Ukrainian Day and will continue to work in this direction. The bandstand show represented the active youth of our community and the annual Luchkovich Award was presented to Mr. Peter Trynchy, a former MLA in Alberta. Mr. Trynchy's career has included significant volunteer time to his local community and many organizations including the Kinsmen and the Royal Canadian Legion. He spent 30 consecutive years as an MLA and held several portfolios including Minister of Transportation and Utilities and Minister of Recreation and Parks.



Ukrainian Day has been a successful venture for UCC-APC for 30 years and is the only festival-type event our community has in Alberta. We will continue building this event and find more opportunities to collaborate with organizations in our community to make this a strong provincial event celebrated by all.

• *Alberta Education:* Always a priority, UCC-APC is seeking ways to work more closely with Alberta Education to ensure that curriculum in our Province as it pertains to Ukraine and Ukrainians in Canada is not only accurate, but has strong teacher resources to support the textbooks. Currently there are 3 sections which we are focusing on including curriculum about the Internment of Ukrainians during WWI, the Holodomor and the Grade 3 curriculum about contemporary Ukraine.



• *UCC National Board:* Alberta is an active participant on the National UCC Board of Directors and we continue to raise issues of importance to our community in the province. Daria Luciw attended the Triennial Congress in October of 2007 and was subsequently elected Vice-President of the National UCC Executive. Many other Alberta-based organization presidents and representatives also attended the Congress. At each Congress UCC awards individuals in our community with the Shevchenko Medal, and we are proud that Drs. Peter and Doris Kule were recipients of this medal, recognizing their work and support of Ukrainian studies.

• *Communication:* We have maintained our quarterly newsletters, and the content has increasingly profiled the work of our member organizations and the community in Alberta. As well, the website has become a greater priority and information and new links are continually added onto the website. Work has begun on developing a more streamlined approach to email dissemination and providing a more user-friendly approach to profiling the activities in our community.

Engaging Youth

UCC-APC maintains its' commitment to working with and engaging youth in our community. Opportunities are sought to involve youth at all our events and we have not lost sight of the need to develop ongoing workshops or a conference particularly for youth. Our support of and partnership with the Ukrainian Students Society at the University level continues in Edmonton, and now that a club has been formed in Calgary, we will ensure to engage that group.



Of particular note over this past year:

- Ukrainian Day always has a strong youth element and we made an effort to build a concert program around youth performers and profile their cultural activity. As well, two young professionals served as emcees for the bandshell performance – Tamara Horpyniuk and Michael Ciona.
- Amanda Shuya and Taras Podilsky – also young professionals, served as emcees at the Hetman Awards Gala in October 2007.
- UCC-APC sponsored 3 youth delegates to attend and participate in the Triennial Congress in Winnipeg in October 2007.
- We helped with costs of sending delegates from Alberta to the National SUSK Congress in Montreal in February 2008.
- We continue to provide summer employment opportunities for youth in our community through the provincial STEP and federal HRDC programs. This past summer two very capable university students, Olesia Markevych and Roman Soltykevych, worked at the UCC-APC office and did very good work.



Future Priorities

Projects and activities which we suggest the new board continues to work on are:

- reaching out to communities and engaging more organizations within our umbrella
- increasing the number of communities in Alberta undertaking Holodomor commemorative activities as well as work with the media to increase education and awareness about the Holodomor
- immigration from Ukraine and working with our provincial government to promote Alberta as a destination of choice
- working more effectively with technology – improve our website and develop a monthly e-news bulletin
- establishing the permanent Consulate of Ukraine in Edmonton
- working with Alberta Education to maximize the learning opportunities around topics connected to our community.

As well, continuing to respond to new issues and needs of our community and supporting the work of our member organizations is always important.

Conclusion

The past 2 years have been challenging for UCC-APC as we have been without permanent executive staff much of the time. Nonetheless, we were fortunate that in addition to summer students, Lydia Migus worked for UCC-APC a few months during which time she undertook a thorough reorganization of the office and files as well as managed several projects. Currently Michael Szubelak is working as Project Coordinator until August 2009 managing our main events and projects. It is important to fill staff positions in early 2009 so that we do not lose the momentum we have developed over the past 2 years.

UCC-APC continues to rely on the moral and financial support of other organizations and individuals to help us reach our goals. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you and bouquet to all our donors and supporters. Without your kind donations and support, we could not accomplish what we have. And it is because of you that we can also look to the future with confidence.

Finally, a sincere thank you to the Board of Directors and all our member organizations for your hard work and guidance. The Board has worked diligently to ensure that our projects are well implemented and that we are as responsive to issues as possible. Their dedication and support has been integral to our successes these past 2 years and to each individual, I am very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Daria Luciw, President



UCC-APC Awards and Grants

Michael Luchkovich Award

Established in 1986, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council honours the outstanding public service by an Albertan parliamentarian of Ukrainian origin for their significant contribution and dedication to the betterment of all Canadians.

Michael Luchkovich, in whose honour the award was established, stands out in history as the first Ukrainian Member of Parliament.

Traditionally, this award is presented at the Ukrainian Day Festival in August.

Previous award recipients include:

2008	Peter Trynchy	1996	Laurence Decore
2007	Alfred Zariwny	1995	Julian Koziak
2006	Mark Hlady	1994	Catherine Chichak
2005	Dave Broda	1993	Bill Diachuk
2004	Dianne Nielsen (Mirosh)	1992	William G. Lesick
2003	Dr. Kenneth Paproski	1991	John Batiuk
2002	William Yurko	1990	Dr. Albert Hohol
2001	Martha Bielish	1989	Isidore Goresky
2000	Steve Zarusky	1988	Ambrose Holowach
1999	Dr. Alexander Kindy	1987	John Decore, Sr.
1998	Walter Buck	1986	Michael Starr
1997	George Topolnisky		

Hetman Awards

These awards are granted to honour outstanding Ukrainian Albertans, whose volunteer contributions have significantly influenced the well-being of our Ukrainian community.

Upto three awards may be presented in each of the following categories:

Youth (ages 16 - 30)

Adult (ages 31 - 64)

Senior (ages 65 and older)

One award may also be granted Posthumously.

Deadline for submissions is mid-June, and awards are presented in October.



Anna Rudyk-Oastrom Memorial Fund

This fund was established with UCC-APC by Anna Rudyk-Oastrom's family in 1993 to support organizations or individuals who work in the promotion, maintenance and proliferation of Ukrainian language, arts and dance in Alberta. Grants are awarded to qualifying applicants annually, but not exceeding the total annual interest earned on the principal. Last year's grant recipient was the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts in promotion of its 20th year anniversary and publication of AQUA-VITE.

UCC Edmonton Branch

At the annual meeting of Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Edmonton Branch, held June 25, 2008, the following members of the community agreed to take on a position/a role in UCC Edmonton for the year 2008/2009.

Управа 2008/2009

Голова	Люба Федущак
Попередній голова	Микола Воротиленко
Заступник	Люба Бойко-Белл
Заступник	Наталка Поцюрко
Заступник	Степан Романюк
Протоколіст	Дмитро Петрів
Секретар	Маркіян Ковалюк
Скарбник	Олесь Федько
Члени управи	Євген Горнофлюк Василь Зузак Петро Дасків
Контрольна комісія/ номінаційна комісія	Ілля Семмчишин Марія Мірутенко Юрій Котович

А представники складових організацій на 2008/2009

Організація	Прізвище та імя
ВУКК	Маркіян Ковалюк
ТУС	Євген Горнофлюк
УНО	Микола Воротиленко
ОУК	Люба Федущак
ЛУК	Степан Романюк Славко Ногас
СУМ	Юлія Масуюк
1-а ДУНА	Бочдан Небожук
КУПП	Ілля Семмчишин
СУК	Оксана Енслен
УМТА/ПЛАСТ	Люба Бойко-Белл
Рідна школа	Марія Мірутенко
Інститут ім. Івана Франка	Ліля Суха
Добродійне товариство	Ліля Суха

During the year, UCC Edmonton is quite visible in the community and in community life.

Early in May 2008, UCC Edmonton assisted in the planning of the arrival of the Remembrance Flame to our Legislature. Under sunny, blue skies 700 or so Edmontonians gathered on the steps of the Legislature. (The Flame is an initiative of the International Coordinating Committee Ukrainian World Congress). UCC Edmonton ensured that the survivors residing in the city were able to attend this event.

June 25, 2008, the annual meeting was held as stated in the beginning of this article. Elected Executive and the representative from the organizations are also listed.

In August, UCC Edmonton sponsored the annual Ukraine Independence Day, Independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, August 24th. We celebrate this occasion on the Sunday nearest the 24th. The program is followed by a barbeque which has become a favourite with the hromada. We were very fortunate to have as this year's speaker the Honourable Senator Raynell Andreychuk.

This event is held every year at the Youth Unity Centre and a big thank you is extended to that organization for assisting us - names like Taras and Ihor Podilsky, Taras Bombeck, the organization itself for making the facility available every year; a sincere thank you.

Bill 37 Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act was passed in the Alberta Legislature. With the passing of this Bill, the 4th Saturday in November in each year is proclaimed as "Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day". And, UCC Edmonton continues with the planning of the commemoration event that is held



in City Hall with clergy, government officials, dignitaries and the community in attendance.

March is Shevchenko month. Taras Hryhorovych Shevchenko was a Ukrainian Poet, artist and humanist. His literary heritage is regarded to be the foundation of modern Ukrainian literature and, to a large extent, the modern Ukrainian Language. Jointly, with the Canadian Ukrainian Music Society, UCC Edmonton assists in organizing a concert in his honour.

UCC Edmonton falls under the umbrella of UCC-APC and in this regard is obligated to attend monthly meetings of the Alberta Provincial Council and participate and assist (where possible) in their events. Events such as Ukrainian Day in the Village.

UCC Edmonton enjoys much of its success because of the assistance from many individuals and groups such as the Cheremosh Dance Ensemble, the St. Nicholas Youth Choir, Re Minor, Dnipro, Solomia Tsisar, Lidia Wasylyn, Halia Kotovych, etc

The individuals who agree to take a position on the UCC Board are individuals in the community who support the community and the organization and are committed to do so. By working together we continue to sustain an organization that believes in the principles of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

The Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society of Edmonton is the fund raising arm of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Edmonton Branch and as such UCC Edmonton participates in reviewing applications for financial assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Edmonton Branch
Luba Feduschak, President*



UCC Calgary Branch

Executive:

Michael Ilnycky - President
Marusia Shysh - Secretary
Michael Hantzsch - Treasurer
Borys Sydoruk - Member at Large
Halya Wilson - Past President

Our member organizations are listed at www.calgaryucc.org/community.htm



Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association (AUDA)



Current list of Board of Directors:

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DIRECTOR
Susan Harlton

DIRECTOR
Nadia Ostashewski

Membership:

Includes 42 member organizations/branches and 12 individual members.

Overview of activities conducted over the past year:

Altanets' Summer Dance Camps 2008:

Workshop #1 – July 13-18, 2008	Workshop #2 – August 10-15, 2008
Camp Oselia, Lake Wabamun, AB	Camp Oselia, Lake Wabamun, AB
Ages 9-12	Ages 13+
10 Participants	15 Participants
Instructed by Miss Gabriela Rehak	Instructed by Volodya Makarov

Tanets' e-News

Tanets' e-News is a service of AUDA as part of our mandate to collect and distribute information on Ukrainian dance. This past year we distributed 10 issues primarily made up of content submitted by our members, to our over 500 contacts.

Casino 2008

Held on Friday July 25 and Saturday July 26.

Main goals / objectives for upcoming year:

TANETS' NEWSLETTERS/E-NEWS

For the upcoming year, the goal is to return to a printed newsletter, including contact information for all of our member groups. We will continue to maintain the distribution of the electronic e-News on a monthly schedule or when necessary.

ALTANETS' SUMMER DANCE CAMPS – SUMMER 2009

AUDA will once again host weeklong overnight workshops for dancers ranging in age from 8 years to 18 years.

INSTRUCTOR DVD RESOURCE SERIES

AUDA has collected footage from Ukraine and is in the production phase of a series of DVDs that focus on the dance of a specific region of Ukraine. In conjunction with the release of the Resource DVD series, AUDA is planning to host an Intensive Instructors Seminar. Instructors will study Ukrainian pedagogy, regional dances and choreography. Such training does not exist in North America for Ukrainian dance and is in great demand.

ALBERTA UKRAINIAN DANCE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION

To ensure the execution of the Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association's objectives to their fullest potential, AUDA will be conducting a need assessment by:

- holding focus groups across the various regions of Alberta to identify the needs
- evaluating the programs of AUDA on how well they meet the current needs
- propose changes to AUDA's programs and services based on the needs identified

Submitted on behalf of AUDA,

*Andrew Wujcik, Executive Director
Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association*

Ukrainian Research and Development Centre (URDC)

Although not a community organization itself, URDC is closely allied with the Ukrainian Canadian Community. URDC is a development centre interested in furthering the growth of Ukrainian culture and education here in Canada and in Ukraine. Since 1994, URDC has had the assistance of a fundraising group – the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE). The ever-changing Ukrainian community members in this group have greatly assisted URDC in sponsoring fundraising events with specific aims in mind.

Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE)

Many of our community members have attended or actively participated in these worthwhile events. Proceeds from the UFCE-sponsored annual "Kyiv Konnection" banquets, "Ukrainian Open golf" tournaments (aka Buck-Diachuk Open), and fundraising breakfasts have gone toward Student Exchanges (in Canada and Ukraine), Alberta Ukrainian dance groups, and educational and health projects in Canada and in Ukraine.

Please remember the date of December 3, 2008. This is UFCE's and URDC's last fundraiser for 2008 in the form of a Breakfast meeting. Through this morning event, we hope to raise enough funds to start an endowment for a "Chair of International Health" at the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre, Grant MacEwan College.



Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA)

Mission Statement: To foster the growth and awareness of all forms of Ukrainian art in Alberta.

Objectives: To educate the public with respect to the Ukrainian arts. To support and promote Ukrainian artists and their work through a variety of activities that engage the broader Alberta public.

Board of Directors:

President:	Rena Hanchuk
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Treasurer:	Elena Scharabun
Secretary:	Andrea Kopylech
Directors:	Darlene Atamaniuk, Marie Hontaryk, Joanne Veroba, Cheryl Andrews, Jerry Atamaniuk, Patty Faulder, Audrey Uzwyshyn
Staff:	Nadija Szram, Community Project Coordinator, part time
Auditors:	Andri Hornjatkevyc, Ruth Boychuk, Irene Jendzjowsky

2008 Overview

Education:

Part of ACUA's mandate is to foster awareness of Ukrainian arts. Our artistic workshops (held from October through March '09) allow us to create awareness of the Ukrainian arts to the general public; to support Ukrainian artists by managing all of the administrative/advertising tasks related to the workshops; to present educational opportunities in the Ukrainian arts to the public.



Iryna Karpenko with aspiring artist, Alexa Wince working on the community mural project

Artist Support:

We continue to represent artists at Malanka in Jasper; our southern representatives from Calgary organized the 3rd annual Night of Artists in Calgary; we continue to organize and facilitate art workshops; and at Ukrainian day we organized artists for the "Silaska Domivka".

AGM/Volunteer Appreciation: In 2008 we again combined our AGM with a Volunteer Appreciation supper. It was great to see our volunteers in attendance. The meeting was productive, and the evening was entertaining.

ACUA Vitae: We will publish 2 issue of ACUA Vitae in 2008 (Summer, Winter), and continue to grow and develop the magazine.

Goals for AV:

- To secure funding to produce AV - ongoing
- To add paid advertising – starting with winter 2008 issue
- To create a set committee of editors and writers to continue development (we have hired Bottom Line Productions to act as our production management)
- To develop an effective distribution plan

The date of publication for the winter 2008 issue of ACUA Vitae is November 2008.

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Scholarships: ACUA continues to distribute 2 scholarships.

1. Through the URDC, a \$500 scholarship.
2. Scholarships of up to \$500 each are awarded, one each, to each of the Ukrainian Bilingual High Schools.

Achievements: Irene Jendzjowsky was awarded for her volunteer service with a Hetman Award. We are proud to work with her.

Goals for 2008/09:

- To increase visibility/recognition of ACUA in Alberta
- To create new/stronger working relationships with other organizations to assist us in promoting Ukrainian arts
- To create continuity of projects
- To engage a broader community (across Alberta)
- To diversify artistic projects

Current Committee Projects for 2009:

- Malanka in Jasper
- Artist workshops
- ACUA Vitae
- Volunteer appreciation
- Membership drive
- Silent Auction
- Fund Development



Participants at Ukrainian Day 2008



This report is respectfully submitted by Andrea Kopylech on behalf of the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts.

Canada Ukraine Agricultural Society (CUAS)

OBJECTIVES of the Society:

- To encourage, foster and develop among its members a recognition of the importance of agriculture in Canada and Ukraine
- To provide educational and training programs in agricultural husbandry in Canada and Ukraine to personnel from Ukraine
- To provide educational and training programs in agricultural husbandry to non-government organizations in Ukraine
- To promote and organize fraternal associations of farmers in Ukraine
- To promote and organize mutual exchanges of farmers and other persons engaged in the agriculture industry between Canada and Ukraine
- To promote and organize agricultural youth clubs and associations in Ukraine
- To organize and conduct agricultural exhibitions, field days, and seminars in Canada and Ukraine
- To develop markets for Canadian agriculture and food production, seed, machinery and technology
- To assist private farmers in Ukraine to develop within a civil society
- Empowering private farmers in Ukraine to become entrepreneurs



Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (UCSS)

Executive and Board 2008:

President	Bill Diachuk
Past President	William Lesick
1st Vice-president	Edward Piasta
2nd Vice-president	Alex Palamarek
Secretary	Oksana Ensslen
Treasurer	Julian Warawa
Directors	Gerry Beauchamp, Vicky Beauchamp, Ruth Boychuk, Steffie Chmilar, Don Diduck, Sylvia Gray, Cassie Gretzan, Brenda Griffiths, Terry J. Holubetz, James Kniazky, Mike Kobylka, Ihor Kohaykevych, Walter Marych, Alann Nazarevich, William Shostak, Mack Skoreyko, Steve Sumka, Michael Wygera

During the reported period UCSS has continued to provide its services to the community. Our office has been opened to the public and served needy community members that required help not available at main stream organizations. Most services were free of charge and delivered in several languages. The office was operating on a walk-in basis but also by appointments. The office staff consisted of one full time and one half time employees and worked under the management and directions of the Board of Directors.

Most UCSS activities were directed to new immigrants but were not limited to. UCSS provided services to other needy community members including families and seniors.

During the last year immigration and settlement services were mostly delivered to temporary foreign workers that settled across the Province. The distance between locations of their employment (Grand Prairie, Brooks, Red Deer) significantly limited UCSS in providing more complex help. Bill Diachuk visited Grand Prairie and Red Deer in order to help the workers to resolve some of their concerns. Together with representatives from the local Ukrainian communities he met with the workers, who presented their concerns. Many of them have been in telephone contact with the office and in most cases it was with regards to labour standards, their future employment in Canada and possibility to apply for a permanent residency. Some of the Ukrainian temporary workers have been submitted by their employers to the Provincial Nominee Program that allowed applying for a permanent residency status. With regards to independent immigration – there was just one family that originally settled in Toronto and then moved to Edmonton, and our agency has been involved in a resettlement process. UCSS received a number of inquiries from immigrants that originally immigrated to other parts of Canada (mostly Ontario and Quebec) and they have considered resettlement to Alberta where they saw better chances to successfully establish their lives and build prosperous future for their families. As in the past, we've continued to accept used furniture that has been given to new immigrants. We also accepted some household items, mostly dishes and kitchen utensils but not appliances or older types of entertainment sets and TVs as those items have been hard to give away.

Other immigration issues that have been taken care off by the office staff were: aid with sponsorship applications (family sponsorship, extension of temporary resident status – visitor, student and work permit), aid with citizenship applications, providing information on immigration policies and programs.

Community services were provided to the community members also on a daily base and they included:

- Searching for and collecting information on community services for seniors, families, sick and isolated, women and youth;
- Providing information, referrals and aid in applying for social security benefits – Canadian Pension Plan, Old Age Security Pension, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, Provincial Senior Benefits, Social Assistance, Employment Insurance, Worker's Compensation, and so on;
- Translation and interpretation services – services were provided in several Eastern European languages, it included translation of legal documents, personal letters, interpretation at governmental and social service offices. Our office staff translated mostly birth, marriage, divorce and school certificates. In the case of more complex inquires clients were referred to professional translators;
- Working with volunteers (bingo, furniture moving, distribution of newsletter and fundraising envelopes). Our volunteers were mostly those who retired from their professional life but still were willing to help the community.



- Commissioner for Oaths service – administration of oaths, affirmation and solemn declaration were available;
- Meest agent – UCSS has continued to be an agent for Meest Ltd. and it was still available to ship parcels and wire money from the office to Ukraine and other Eastern European countries. The earned commission goes toward Pomich Ukraini projects.

The office staff also carried out administration duties that were related to UCSS community and settlement programs. That part of duties included: conducting annual fundraising, publishing of newsletter “Soniashnyk” (2 issues), applying for the City Operating Grant and all other office tasks.

Our Branch is a part of UCSS Inc. of Canada and during last year we continued to take an active part in its activities. The Headquarters (Centralia) conducted 5 teleconferences and our representative attended 4. The teleconferences have been designed to overview ongoing activities of UCSS branches (9 Branches) and Head Office’s operation. UCSS Headquarters is a coordinating body and does not run any separate projects in Canada. The “Soup Kitchens” in Ukraine (Blahodiynе Kharchuvannia) is the only project that has been conducted by the National Office in cooperation with all branches and Social Services of Ukraine. During the last year 30 projects (soup kitchens and food banks) were active. 60% of funds came from Canada and another 40% came from the local community in Ukraine. Almost 7500 less fortunate people have been provided with aid under the program. In 2007 our branch donated \$2000 to the cause.

In cooperation with the Head Office of Social Services of Ukraine our branch delivered to Ternopil (according to the donor’s request) \$800 (US) donated by the Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League from Lethbridge to support an orphanage. The money was used to buy a freezer and the goods for Sviato Mykolaya. We also shipped to the same orphanage 82 kilos of school accessories collected at “Sviato Mykolaya” by students from the Bilingual Program at Delwood School. With regards to “Pomich Ukraini” our office has relied on cooperation with the Head Office of Social Services of Ukraine and all aid provided by our agency to Ukraine went through the office in Kyiv.

UCSS office will continue its community and settlement services but future activities will be focused on senior and family programs and on partnership with other organizations. It has been recommended by the City of Edmonton Community Programs to more address senior issues and to explore partnerships to support the delivery of services provided.

Prepared by Ivanna Szewczuk, Office Manager

President’s Report 2008

At the outset, I wish to thank all the members who have taken the time to attend the 2008 Annual General Meeting. During the past year, we attended the funeral of Steve Sumka a Board member and a long time supporter of UCSS and a very active member of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Ukrainian community. In addition, we also attended the funeral of our long time Board member and volunteer Dmytro Jachimez.

I wish to thank Ed Piasta, Terry Holubetz, Don Diduck and Allan Nazarevich who served as directors and requested to be excused from serving as directors. At the same time I wish to welcome Danuta Diduck who will take husband Don’s place on our Board.

We had very few families arrive as landed immigrants but our office has had many requests for help and information from temporary workers from Ukraine. Unfortunately, some of the problems were caused by recruiting agents and companies operating from outside Alberta and even outside Canada. The Hon. Iris Evens, former minister responsible for these temporary workers appointed two temporary foreign workers advisors, one in Edmonton and one Calgary. We welcome this action and I advised the Minister that the action is overdue. I have sent a suggestion to Premier Ed Stelmach. The Minister for Immigration considers appointing an advisory committee on Immigration of Albertans to serve and consider recommendations.

Once again thank you for attention and service.

Sincerely,

Bill Diachuk, President



Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

Current list of Board of Directors:

President	- Jerritt Pawlyk
Vice President	- Roger Pullishy
Secretary	- David Makowsky
Treasurer	- Dale Mandrusiak
Past President	- Dr. Brian Cherwick
Directors	- Paul Garrick, Olee Wowk, Stephan Sokolowski, Roman Wiznura, David Wolanski, Gord Yaremchuk, Edith Zawadiuk

Number of registered members: 406

Overview of activities conducted over the past year:

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society has been very active providing services and support to the Ukrainian Village throughout the 2008 season.

Staff Changes - The biggest change for the Friends Society has come with the hiring of Lydia Migus as Operations Manager, and Linda Sieker as Administrative Support.

Village Enrichment Project - This past season saw the acquisition and relocation of several historic buildings – the Meronyk house and the Hlus Farmstead. Through our Fundraising and Government Advocacy efforts, we continue to support and facilitate the completion of the Village.

Summer Staffing & Training - 38 Interpreters and Tour Guides were employed by the Friends Society through a Government service contract. In addition, the Friends hired and administered the staff for the Admissions Booth, Gift Shop, Food Service and Historic Children's Program, with contracts for costuming services, services related to the Village Enrichment Project such as research and construction services.

The Friends provided administrative support for the Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project that also oversees the Centennial Pioneer Recognition Program and Documenting Church Properties in Rural Communities in Alberta. The Centennial Program was a big part of the Ukrainian Day celebration that was held in cooperation with the UCC-APC.

Historic Children's Program (6-11 years old) & Junior Interpreters Program (12-16 years old) - is a series of week-long day camps that run during July and August. Participants learn about and re-enact the lives of children of the 1920s, including classes in a one room schoolhouse, visits to historic farmsteads and businesses of east central Alberta, and participation in a community hall concert. This year's Painting Stories - Drawing on Traditions exhibit of folk tales and modern verse put to music from the Kazka Production series of Ukrainian/English bilingual books was incorporated into the concert program. The program was a great success, with 178 children taking part. These programs are currently being reviewed and updated.



Special Events - The Friends Society took an active part in all of the Village's special events – The Celebration of Dance, Ukrainian Day, the Friends Music Festival, and Harvest of the Past and Taste of Heritage Food Festival. The Friends Music Festival itself was again a success, with over 70 musicians participating and an increased attendance.

Bandshell Food Service Facility - The Friends together with the Ministry of Infrastructure completed a permanent food service facility near the Village bandshell, which opened and operated during Ukrainian Day and the Music Fest.



Newsletter - Two issues of our Newsletter were published, one in December 2007 and one in August 2008, and our Christmas issue is currently in production. The Newsletter contains not only information about the Friends Society but articles and stories that focus on the Village.

Main Goals / Objectives for upcoming year:

Village Enrichment Project - We are currently working together with the Ministry of Culture and Community Spirit and the Ministry of Infrastructure to see the Village plan completed, including exploring both government and non-government sources of funds for this project. The Friends will continue to administer research, collections and construction service contracts related to this project.

Ukrainian 327 - Early Ukrainian Culture - Part of the training for the summer interpretive staff for the Village includes an intensive two week course offered at the University of Alberta. This course explores the settlement of east central Alberta by the predominantly Ukrainian immigrants. Hundreds of young Albertans have already taken this course and learned about this exciting era in the development of our province. Members of the Friends Society are invited to enroll or sit in as auditors in this fascinating course.

Community Liason - The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society will continue to work with community groups to ensure that the history of Ukrainian settlement to east central Alberta, and the role that Ukrainian culture and values played in shaping this important region of our province continues to remain an important part of the regular programming at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village.

Gift Shop – Re-Publishing Occasional Papers – The gift shop has acquired many new items, and plans are in the works to have the interior re-furnished to reflect a more authentic and historic atmosphere. The Friends are also pursuing funding options to publish several volumes of 'occasional papers' emanating from the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village research program, as these books continue to be in demand.

Website development – To enhance communications and promote the Gift Shop, employment opportunities and other Friends' programs, including the Society's 25th Anniversary celebrations in 2009, the Friends are developing their own website – stay tuned for launch!



Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

Our 33rd Convention held in October 2007, with the theme of "Living the Beatitudes", Barb Hlus was elected to the Eparchial President's position along with other members of the executive. The Edmonton Eparchial Executive have committed to continue working towards the mission of the UCWLC as well as a challenging resolution for the 2 year term ending 2009.

In Memoriam

We remember all our members that have left us, in our prayers and extend condolences to their families "На Вічную Память".

Branch Report

To date, the UCWLC Edmonton Eparchy holds 9 Branches in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary and 13 in rural locations.

Our membership in 2007 was 985, and to date in 2008 is 957.

Eparchial Meeting Report

Eparchial Executive meetings are held on a monthly basis with the exception of January, July and August. Branch Presidents are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in plans and discussions. All meetings are opened with a prayer, conducted according to accepted rules of order with Minutes recorded, financial statement reviewed. Spiritual message and committee reports are presented, with a review of National Executive newsletters, correspondence, community news, Branch activity reports and announcements followed by fellowship.

Charitable Report

- Ukrainian Social Services
- Edmonton Catholic Schools
- Ukrainian Bilingual Program
- Sherwood Park Ukrainian Bilingual Schools
- UPC - APC
- Sheptytsky Institute
- St. Joseph's Home Mundare
- St. Michael's Extended
- Sign of Hope Campaign
- U of A scholarship for Ukrainian Language
- Rotary Centre
- Sponsored Ukrainian Hour, radio program
- Youth & Childrens camps. Camp St. Basil, Camp Oselia, St. Josaphat Day camp.
- Charitable Report of Financial support, reported by 10 Branches: Eparchial support
- Flood Victims of Ukraine – Emergency funding
- Edmonton ProLife
- Ukrainian Catholic Foundation
- Mustard Seed
- Bridge of Hope
- Marian Centre

The Bi-annual Conference was held in mid October, 2008. The UCWLC Eparchial executive take new strides in meeting the challenges of the adopted resolution for the 2007/09 term.

Executive and Committee List

Spiritual Advisor	Very Rev Michael Kowalchuk
Past President	Helen Sirman
President	Barb Hlus
Vice President	Evelyn Eveneshen
Vice President	Virginia Sharek
Recording Secretary	Olga Hlus
Ukrainian Corresponding Secretary	Lydia Nykyforyk
English Corresponding Secretary	Cheryl Semeniuk
Treasurer	Shirley Rudnitski
Museum Committee Chair	Nadia Cyncar



UCC Lethbridge Branch

Our commemoration of Holodomor (2007) was difficult in as much as St. Vlad's (Catholic) parish is microscopic and Trinity (Orthodox) has welcomed Ethiopian, Greek and Sub-Carpathain Russyn congregations who have no other place(s) of worship. After much discussion and references to UOCC (Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Canada) we have established that Ukrainian Orthodoxy is inextricably connected to Ukrainian culture and Holodomor Requiem and commemorations are not optional to UOCC liturgical structure. We expect that commemorations from this point will run more smoothly.



Lethbridge Troyanda Dancers experienced administrative restructuring. They finished the year with a successful Vesna celebration, much appreciated by their audience. Troyanda dancers staged several recitals complete with vignettes featuring Ukrainian culture for all of the Grade 3 students in the Holy Spirit and District 51 systems. That was the piece de resistance to the study of Ukrainian sociology and history. Finally, we recruited four local dancers to the International School of Ukrainian Dance at Virsky's Studios in Kyiv:

We recruited the Lethbridge student delegation: Our delegation (4) was as large as any city's contribution. We supplied information and support as far afield as Vancouver. In Kyiv, we supplied chaperone services, tours for shopping and night life as well as tours of significant historical, social and geographic venues in Ukraine; including Shevchenko's resting place at Kaniv, lunch with villagers in Cherkasy and Kharkiv's version of Disneyland by night.

Ukrainian immigration in our area has gone from bad to worse: Meat processors treat immigrants like indentured labour. Of 120 Ukrainians who worked at Brooks for Tyson Foods (aka Lakeside Feeders), 100 returned to Ukraine in disgust. No doubt they will find work in Europe. Some 20 remained in Brooks, surmising that XL Foods, the buyers of the American Tyson, would provide better working conditions. This group has agreed to follow a program that would see them and their families settle in Canada. They are studying English, taking drivers' exams, attending at Trinity and seeking houses that are affordable in bedroom communities near Lethbridge. The Lethbridge Maple Leaf plant is importing a number of Ukrainians as well. In this regard we need to meet to formulate a lobbying program to improve conditions. If Ukrainians insist on economic migration, they should settle in Canada where we need them but under conditions that are at least marginally humane.

We are composing a slide show for the Holodomor commemoration to be held at Trinity after the requiem. At this point, it is a slide show that explores how four families were affected by Stalin's pogroms against Ukrainians, including The Holodomor. The story is told by family members who survived and remained in Ukraine and those who survived and moved to Canada and USA. There are obvious patterns of destruction that will be examined and subsequent problems for community development in Ukraine and here. The project will likely grow to a full blown presentation, suitable for sharing.

Our administrative situation in Lethbridge has not changed much from our last report. We continue to offer services as best we can because these are demanded but participation is sparse and sporadic. Our most promising potential participants are immigrants, especially the professionals. If we cannot be renewed, we will close.

Respectfully submitted:
Lloyd Sereda



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Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce - Alberta (CUCC-A)

Board of Directors

President - John Boyko
Vice President - Aleksandar Pecuh
VP, Treasurer - Slavka Shulakewych
Secretary - Bohdan Horich

Formerly the Canada Ukraine Development Association (CUDA), the Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce – Alberta (CUCC-A) came into being at CUDA's last AGM on September 4, 2008. At that meeting members voted unanimously to join the CUCC as its new Alberta branch. The purpose is to ensure better coordination of our efforts and avoid doubling of activities.

CUCC-A continues to act as a member-based organization, and actively participates in UCC-APC initiatives.



Throughout this past year the organization has been active with regular and special activities.

1. Hosted a dinner with Ruslana Wrzesnewski, as guest speaker on “Small Business in Ukraine” and “Help us Helpd the Children” in Ukraine.
2. President John Boyko met with Immigration officials at the Canadian Embassy in Ukraine regarding temporary workers, student visa's and immigration issues.
3. Initiated cooperation with Small Business and Economic Development of Ivano-Frankivsk (Ukraine) identifying business opportunities and upgrading English language skills for potential temporary workers and immigrants.
4. Met with Valeriy Pyatak, Vice Chairman of Lviv Oblast, as well as six deputy ministers regarding MOU signed with Alberta. Discussion regarded developing credit unions, small plastics manufacturing, importing Canadian goods, export of Ukrainian goods, agriculture technology exchange and development of boutique hotels in tourist areas.
5. Members participated in the Canada-Ukraine Business Forum in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.
6. Met with Edmonton Chamber of Commerce regarding greater cooperation and trade strategies.
7. Held AGM where both Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada Ihor Ostash spoke, and Ukraine's Consul General for Edmonton Arseniy Polozhiy was introduced.

Respectfully
John Boyko
President



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada - Alberta Provincial Executive

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – Alberta Provincial Executive is the coordinating council for 17 branches in Alberta with a total membership of 682 members. The annual conference was held in Smoky Lake Alberta in June 2008. The conference profiled the cultural heritage of the people who settled in the region, both Ukrainians and Metis, and the cooperation and interdependence that took place, thus assisting both groups to survive.

UWAC Alberta Provincial Executive provided 10 scholarships to deserving graduating high school students in the Sokal region of Ukraine and a scholarship to a student at the University of Alberta, for the highest standing in Ukrainian at a 300 level. The recipient was Larissa Petriw.

The executive has also been instrumental in reactivating the Edmonton Ukrainian Youth Choir. Recently, the group launched a Holodomor Educational Project in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the famine (genocide) in Ukraine. The Project involves the donation of the children's book ENOUGH by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch, to the libraries of all elementary schools in Alberta.

Geraldine Nakonechny, President



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada -
 Alberta Provincial Executive

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| Front row -
(left to right) | Dr. Elaine Harasymiw; Dr. Geraldine Nakonechny,
President; Rt. Rev Stefan Semotiuk ,Chaplain;
Shirley Wozimirsky; Louise Van Iderstine. |
| 2nd Row - | Leona Bridges; Ann Horn; Gloria Ferbey; Sandra
Hohol; Victoria Zukiwsky |
| 3rd row - | Lillian Cebryk; Carla Kozak; Iris Ciona; Chrystyna
Chase; Sylvia Gray; MaryAnn Euchuk, Dobr. Nadia
Kryschuk |
| Missing - | Olha Logvynenko; Claire Lauro; Darlene Pecush |



Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum

The past year was full of progress. Once again UCAMA supporters and the board have shown their strength and dedication to UCAMA in its process of growth and change.

Professional Standing: The Alberta Museums Association awarded UCAMA Recognized Museum status. This designation is important as it is not only a recognition that UCAMA has met recognized museum standards, but it also allows UCAMA to compete for Museum Alberta grants on a first consideration basis. Our standing is valid until 2012, when we have to reapply. In addition, we have established recognized membership with the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN). This membership facilitates computer access and raises member's profile within the national museum community.

Federal grant: On 6 November 2007, UCAMA was invited to meet with high-ranking officials from the ministries of Western Economic Diversification and Industry Canada. Oryssia Lennie, Deputy Minister and Neil Kirkpatrick, Senior Economic Policy Analyst from Western Economic Diversification; and Catherine Keill, Regional Communications Advisor and Marie Rajic, Executive Director Regional Affairs from the Office of the Minister of Industry met with Khrystyna Kohut, Nestor Makuch, Bill Tracy, and Michelle Tracy. In addition Allan Partridge of HIP Architects came to support UCAMA. The federal representatives commended UCAMA on gaining individual support of Members of Parliament and on our progress with the new museum project. Because the Federal representatives want to see our project happen, they encouraged UCAMA to apply for a \$75,000 grant from Western Economic Diversification in order to hire a consulting firm which would assist UCAMA in taking its project to a new level in which it would be better positioned for federal applications. This grant is to be supplemented by \$25,000 from UCAMA. UCAMA was successful and through an RFP (request for proposal) and interview process in mid January 2008 we hired Activation Analysis Group to assist us. Marilyn Kane, John Szumilas, George de Rappard, Richard Barham, and Diane Conway have completed the development phase of helping UCAMA prepare for its federal application. Preparation included an updated business plan. Our application was submitted to the "Building Canada" fund in early March 2008.

Other government grants: Continued meetings and communication with the City of Edmonton's Planning and Development office and with the Provinces' Lottery Funding Program have maintained interest and promise of funds.

Private capital donations: It is with great appreciation to Ed Chwyl and his family that the naming opportunity for the library has been sponsored for \$750,000. Last year's generous naming acquisition by the Koziak family foundation and now the Chwyl family have boosted our private capital donations to approximately \$1.3 million. All gifts are greatly appreciated because when combined they make a significant difference.

Building Project update: Essential maintenance and shoring to stabilize the façade of the Lodge Hotel has been completed. Concrete work has been done on the foundation, interior walls have been removed to the basic structure, and exterior steel pillars have been erected to stabilize the brick façade. As we pursue further funding, work has been temporarily halted.

Digitization of the Library Collection: Greg Borowetz has been hired with funds provided by Dr. Andriy Nahachewsky of the Peter and Doris Kule Centre for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore at the University of Alberta. Greg is working hard to computerize the existing catalogued books and UCAMA is very grateful to both Greg and Dr. Nahachewsky.

Collection contributions: In July of last year our collection grew significantly through the generosity of Yuri and Luba Moskal of St. Albert and presently of Oakville, Ontario. In addition many generous donors have contributed to all aspects of our collection.



Meetings and special events: UCAMA board members and supporters have continued throughout the year to promote UCAMA and to raise UCAMA's profile within the community at large. The following includes only a sample of our participation:

9 May 2007 – Marie Stelmach, Honourary Patron of UCAMA, toured our museum and met to familiarize herself with our project.

26 June 2007 – Bishop Motiuk toured UCAMA and meet to discuss our project.

23 August 2007 – meeting with Mayor Stephen Mandel at City Hall

25 October 2007 – meeting with the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky to discuss the Community Spirit Programme.

28 October 2007 – presentation at St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Calgary. Special thanks to Father Randy Yackimec for providing a venue for an information session about our new museum project.

2 – 4 November 2007 – Horlovy sculpture exhibit. Mykhailo Horlovy is a well-known sculptor from Kyiv, Ukraine.

1 February 2008 – meeting with Ambassador Ihor Ostash, facilitated by UCC (APC) president, Daria Luciw, to discuss the possibility of the Ukrainian Consulate being located in the Brighton Block

23 February – Klitschko boxing match organized by Promin Sport a part of the League of Ukrainian Canadians and who raised over \$1,000 for UCAMA from door proceeds.

20 March 2008 – meeting with Drs. Zenon Kohut and Bohdan Klid from the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, to discuss a letter of agreement for cooperative ventures between our two institutions.

Workshops and conferences: Khrystyna Kohut and Michelle Tracy attended two workshops and one conference.

26 January 2008 they attended the Sanctuary: The Spiritual Heritage Documentation Project workshop at the University of Alberta.

On 13 and 14 February they attended the Shake Rattle and roll Workshop at the Art Gallery of Alberta presented by the Canadian Conservation Institute. This two-day workshop was designed to make museum professional and volunteers more sensitive to the issue of packing, insuring and transporting artefacts.

4 April – Michelle Tracy attended the Documenting Church Properties in Rural Communities in Alberta Workshop at St. John's Cultural Centre.

8 – 12 April 2008 they attended the Canadian Museums Association annual conference in Victoria. The sessions we attended stressed openness and visitor retention. We also networked with other museums.

UCAMA newsletter: We have published two issues of our newsletter, UCAMA Matters, in the past year.

Volunteer hours: We had 10 Board meetings, approximately 30 Saturday morning meetings, and 1,263 recorded volunteer hours.

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UCAMA currently has over 450 members and will continue with fundraising and public awareness efforts during the coming year.



Братство Українських Католиків Канади - Едмонтонська єпархія

Склад Ради Директорів:

Голова: Радомир Білаш (до 8-ого листопада, 2008)
Попередній голова: Йосиф Сенишин
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Писар: нема
Скарбник: Йосиф Сенишин
Господар-архівіст: Петро Дзідзик
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о Комітети:

Український Павільйон Heritage Days: Стах Кобилко
Стипендії: Йосиф Сенишин
Програма документування церковної спадщини : Йосиф Сенишин
Бінго/Казино: Йосиф Сенишин



Відділи (всі в Едмонтоні) і членство:

1. Парафія св. Евхаристії – 10 членів
2. Парафія Покрови Пресвятої Богородиці – 18 членів
3. Парафія св. Василя - невідомо
4. Парафія св. Юрія – 45 членів
5. Парафія св. Йосафата – 36 членів
6. Парафія св. Володимира – 17 членів

Опис діяльності організації протягом року

- Спосорювання реставрації ікон для музею в Мондер
- Щотижнева радіопередача по радіостанції World-FM
- Стипендії/нагороди для студентів української мови в державних школах
- Координування українського павільйону на Днях спадщини, серпень 2008
- Спонсорування двох працівників для проекту Програми генеалогічних досліджень Альберта-Україна



Bishop Budka Charitable Society

2008 - 2009 Board of Directors:

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Treasurer Neil Koziak
Directors Orysia Boychuk, Edward Chmilar, Serge Cipko, Julian Warawa, Eugene Sekora, Ilija Simicisin, Al Tymko

Since the June 27, 2007 Annual Meeting, The Bishop Budka Charitable Society has continued with projects in Brazil, Bosnia and Ukraine. Shortly following our last Annual Meeting, through the good work by our Associate Ms. Craena Coyne, we received and welcomed Anna Mota from Pustomyty who attended the Global Youth Assembly - 2007 in Edmonton - August 1 to the fourth in 2007. Her expenses were funded through a Scholarship from CIDA. Anna Mota was the only participant from Eastern Europe. Anna stayed an extra week and was a guest at our home; some extra activities were a visit to the U of A accompanied by Dr. Cipko, an evening with young people at Ukrainian Youth Unity, Ukrainian Heritage Village on Ukrainian Day 2007 and Anna's Grandmother's grave at St. Michael Cemetery as well as Sunday Dinner at our daughters' in Sherwood Park.

On September, 21, 2007, our Society was honored by the Ukrainian Bilingual Classes of Edmonton at St. Josaphat's Cathedral Divine Liturgy and a contribution of \$1,587 was made (donated) for our Society's work. However, within a short time, our Board committed that donation and an additional \$4,545.15 for a total of \$6,132.15 to cover the shipping expenses of the Bishop Budka statue that is now on the grounds of St. Josaphat Cathedral. The Official Blessing was carried out during the "Encounter 2008" by Cardinal Husar from Ukraine on May 28, 2008.

Two other projects were a matching of \$5,000 that S/K Roman Kravec collected and we forwarded \$10,000 to Fr. Glinka in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to pay for a new roof on their Cathedral. The second project was with donations from many friends of Fr. McVay. We forwarded \$9,900 to assist him with his Doctoral Dissertation. We were pleased to learn that he was successful and now has a Doctorate title.

In closing, I wish to thank our Board of Directors for their commitment. Ilija Simicisin is not present tonight because he is working one month in Bosnia, trying to guide Veselka Society towards their next project. Thanks to a program Partnerships for Tomorrow, his expenses are covered by them through The Bishop Budka Charitable Society. One last important "thank you" is to my wife Ollie, who has been our Treasurer for the past 10 years. She has advised us that she will retire from her Executive position.

Thank you,

Bill Diachuk, President



Financial Statements -- Фінансові Звіти

NOTICE TO READERS

November 15, 2008
Edmonton, AB

We have compiled the balance sheet of Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council as of August 31, 2008 and the statement of revenue and expenses for the year then ended from information provided by management.

We have not audited, reviewed or otherwise attempted to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Cybal Finance & Tax Services



Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) Year Ended August 31, 2008
 (Unaudited – See Notice To Reader)

ASSETS	2007-2008	2006-2007
CURRENT		
Cash in bank and term certificates(note 4)	365,103	405,748
Accounts Receivable	8,770	17,805
Prepaid expenses	1,627	1,627
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	375,500	425,179
Oastrom Memorial Fund (note 6)	56,506	56,323
BUILDING and EQUIPMENT (note 3)	172,434	175,907
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	604,440	657,409
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable	143	1,544
Payroll Liabilities	568	292
Accrued interest	2,721	4,620
Deferred contributions (note 5)	28,776	62,666
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	32,208	69,122
Restricted for Oastrom Memorial Fund (note 6)	53,884	53,616
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets (note 3)	172,434	175,907
Current assets	345,914	358,764
Net assets August 31	572,232	587,421
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	604,440	657,409

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

President
 Treasurer

Ukrainian Canadian Congress- Alberta Provincial Council



Statement of Revenue over Expenses
Year Ended August 31, 2008
(Unaudited – See Notice To Reader)

REVENUE	2007-2008	2006-2007
<i>Operating</i>		
Donations	9,340	33,177
Grant - City of Edmonton		14,321
Interest & Investment	16,673	11,652
Membership		3,750
Services	1,320	4,330
<i>Projects:</i>		
Grant - HRDC - Gov. of Canada	1,843	
Election in Ukraine 2007	25,000	
Casino	33,890	82,816
Banquet Hetman	9,915	15,780
Holodomor Commemoration/Pins	1,297	
Ukrainian Day	19,781	25,476
Bingo		2,906
Grant Shevchenko Foundation		2,500
Special Events		1,693
	119,059	198,401
EXPENSES		
<i>Operating</i>		
Advertising and Promotions	3,115	2,624
Anna Rudyk Grants		1,500
Accounting and Legal	1,321	3,021
Bad debt expenses	1,185	
Bank charges	153	53
Condo Fees	5,611	4,922
Donations Administration		100
Employee and Board appreciation	168	
Employee training and development	4,550	1,037
Insurance	2,013	2,464
Membership and subscription		75
National Meetings	3,927	
Newsletter	9,522	3,081
Office supplies	1,919	1,648
Office costs	2,616	4,153
Telephone and Communications	2,167	1,571



Travel and hospitality	447	645
Utilities	3,298	3,578
UCC Charitable Trust Services	522	852
UCC in Alberta / Outreach	1,116	
Wages and deductions	46,691	49,434
WCB		61
	2007-2008	2006-2007
<i>Projects:</i>		
Accumulated amortization	3,472	4,340
Banquet (Hetman)	7,033	9,203
Bingo		199
Casino		38,744
Famine/Holodomor	1,775	
Special events	242	2,036
Ukrainian Day	6,387	9,430
Ukrainian Elections	24,998	
	134,248	144,773
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(15,189)	53,628
Net assets, beginning	587,421	534,693
Net assets, end	572,232	587,421



NOTE 1 AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress- Alberta Provincial Council operates as a Not-For-Profit organization under the Societies Act of Alberta registration number is 130274301RC0001 and is not subject to income tax.

The purpose of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Provincial Council is summarized as follows:

“Coordinate the activities of Ukrainian organization in the Province of Alberta”

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICES AND REPORTING PRACTICES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The financial statements have, in management’s opinion, been properly prepared within reasonable limits of materiality and within the framework of the accounting policies summarized below:

(c) Revenue Recognition

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Provincial Council of Alberta follows deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable.

(b) Capital Assets

Building, equipment, furniture and fixtures and computers are recorded at cost, if purchase, or at fair value if received by donation. Beginning with 2006, amortization has been provided for over the useful life of the equipment. The building is deemed to have appreciated.

(c) Endowment Fund

Anna Rudyk –Oastrom Memorial Fund

The intent of endowment fund is that the resources contributed are maintained permanently, while any interest or return earned should be used as specified by the contributor.

(d) Contributed services

Volunteers contribute numerous hours to assist the Organization in carrying out its administrative activities. Due to the difficulty in determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognizes in the financial statements.



NOTE 3 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Building and equipment are recorded at cost. Beginning with 2006, amortization has been provided for over the useful life of the equipment. The building is deemed to have appreciated.

	2008	2007
Building	159,374	159,374
Equipment	58,872	58,872
Less accumulated amortization equipment	(45,812)	(42,340)
	172,434	175,906

NOTE 4 CASH IN BANK AND INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES

CASH IN BANK AND INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES

The following is a listing of funds by their designation:

	2008	2007
GENERAL		
Chequing	6,408	15,799
Shares	3,312	2,799
Term deposits	345,216	332,222
Accrued interest	1,718	3,473
CASINO		
Chequing	6,159	10,708
Shares	406	359
Term deposits & accrued interest		10,351
Accrued interest		215
BINGO		
Chequing & share account		2,748
PETTY CASH	100	100
A.RUDYK	1,784	
	365,103	405,748
INVESTMENTS		
Term Deposits - Casino		
Term Deposit #6;Maturity date July 9,2008,Interest 3.7%		20,000
Term Deposit #7 Maturity date July 9,2008,Interest 3.7%		10,000
Term Deposit #8Maturity date July 9,2008,Interest 3.7%		10,000
		40,000
Term Deposits - General		
Term Deposit# 28,Maturity date Mar.5,2008,Interest 3.25%	105,051	101,744
Term Deposit #29,Maturity date July 9,2008,Interest 3.70%	29,841	28,776
Term Deposit #7,Maturity date Sept.1,2007,Interest 3.45%	210,324	201,701
	345,216	332,222



NOTE 5 DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RESTRICTED

Deferred contributions consist of funds received prior to year-end, which are designated by the terms of the grant, fund raising license or formal allocation by the Board of Directors for expenses of the subsequent year.

DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS RESTRICTED

	2008	2007
Donation building fund	0	0
Casino fund	0	33,890
Bingo fund	0	0
Consulate fund	28,776	28,776

NOTE 6 ANNA RUDYK- OASTROM MEMORIAL FUND (Established in 1993)

This fund represents an endowment, which is held by the Council for specific purposes and is represented by short-term deposit of \$50,000 plus accrued interest. The principal of the Fund is to remain intact with a portion of the income of the Fund equal to ½ of 1% of the Fund's principle being added to the principle balance annually. The earnings of the Fund, net of ½ of 1% noted above, are to be used to support individuals and organizations who work in fields of promotion, maintenance and proliferation of Ukrainian language, arts and dance in Alberta

ANNA RUDYK - OASTROM MEMORIAL FUND(Established in 1993)

	2008	2007
Term deposit (due February 2010 @2%	53,972	53,972
Accrued interest	1,003	932
Current account		
Share account	1,531	1,418
Total Fund	56,506	56,323
Less: accrued payable	2,621	2,707
Restricted fund amount	53,884	53,616
Principle and interest (1/2% per year)		

Current year's interest received has been added to other accrued payable to be disbursed in the future.

