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**UCC - Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC)
September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014**

The past year began with the celebration of our Hetman award recipients in October of 2013. UCC-APC then moved forward on the nomination process and preparations for the AGM of UCC-APC November 1, 2013, where Olesia Luciwi-Andryjowycz, President, Natalia Toroshenko, Vice President, and Michael Bell, Treasurer, were elected as new executive members of the UCC-APC Board of directors, for a 1 year term. UCC-APC had delegates representing 14 of the 17 member organizations at the AGM held at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex. Having reviewed and settled into the work of UCC-APC this report provides an overview of the priorities and initiatives identified by the new Board of Directors.

The transition of the Executive committee in the fall of 2013 proved to be very busy. Following an initial "orientation" of the administrative workings of UCC-APC, committee and project priorities were established. This last year has become a trying time for our community and board. As the Ukraine crisis unfolded, UCC-APC became the hub of media inquiries, community concern, and several key initiatives. In support of Ukraine, protests, car rallies, media blitzes, parades, and fundraising events were organized. Ukraine project initiatives were very much a first and foremost priority during this last year, beginning November, 2013 and continuing throughout 2014.

1. Governance and Community Development

Community development and capacity building includes several priority areas. Committees were established to address the need to continue branch and organization development and community relations. The UCC-APC bylaws and governance review committee terms of reference included the review of the bylaws to identify a means of engaging Board involvement, succession planning and interest through its membership. As UCC-APC began the review of its bylaws and Board structure, we also gave member organizations an opportunity to review their organization's mission, vision and governance model. This would facilitate taking a look at effective governance and board development within our member organizations while also assisting with leadership building, member growth and development. After much hard work, and great discussions, the bylaw committee came forward with their suggestions and amendments. At the UCC-APC AGM on November 1, 2013, the revised bylaws were presented to the delegates. All changes were presented and discussed. The amendments to the bylaws were unanimously accepted as presented.

2. Communications

UCC-APC continues to increase communications and awareness of community initiatives and activities through a consistent effort in increasing our database and sharing regular updates with individuals and businesses.

This year due to such an overwhelming interest in events in Ukraine, we initiated an electronic "Euromaydan Hazetka". Once a week, Oleksandr Pankiiev, from the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, published reputable and timely articles regarding the situation in Ukraine. This electronic Hazetka ran from January 24, 2014 - August 15, 2014. This has now evolved into an electronic "News from Ukraine", that is published once a month.

We continue to provide up to date information through the UCC-APC bi-weekly e-bulletin. Our bi-weekly e-bulletin is prepared and distributed to the 5000+ active individual contacts and donors. The e-bulletin is

used to effectively disseminate immediate news items, event announcements, information items as well as a means to channel news from UCC National and the Ukrainian World Congress.

In addition to the e-bulletin, UCC-APC also uses social media, UCC-APC Facebook and twitter to supplement our communication activities. We also print and distribute a quarterly newsletter to all our donors.

3. Engaging Youth and Mentorship

The UCC-APC website and communications update project has begun with the assistance of our student "outreach" employees and will evolve as time and volunteers become available. This endeavour is meant to update all contact databases, mailing lists, e-bulletin contacts, and social media profile. Our student outreach employees bring a fresh, competent, young leadership to UCC-APC. These positions are partly funded through the Canada Summer jobs program and student internship funding. We continue to identify opportunities to engage the members of the Ukrainian Students Society and other youth community leaders.

We continue to encourage youth participation in the activities of UCC-APC. We invite representation from the Ukrainian Student Society and other community youth organizations to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors. We mentor youth leadership in the community by providing our young leaders with the opportunity to engage in the activities of UCC-APC through its committees, projects and special events. We have been very successful in having our e-bulletins, and other activities supported by these student volunteers. Further involvement with students continues during the school year through the program SCIP - Serving Communities Internship Program. Alberta Post-Secondary Students that volunteer with non-profit organizations for a minimum of 60 hrs, can then receive a bursary of \$1,000.00. We have been successful in recruiting 1 student for this position this year.

4. Community Outreach and Development

The Executive committee of UCC-APC seeks to be actively involved in the Ukrainian, business and government communities. This allows us to establish and build community relations, partnerships and ensure UCC-APC is informed and visible truly as the representative of the Ukrainian Canadian community. We actively promote, support our member organizations in their activities, initiatives and board development. UCC-APC maintains representation on the Advisory Council for Alberta Ukraine Relations and fosters healthy government relations with Alberta Culture, Intergovernmental Affairs, Municipal Affairs and other government bodies as applicable to the operations of UCC-APC.

UCC-APC participated and supports many initiatives of the community, whether via committee work or representation at events. Annual General Meetings of member organizations, Black Ribbon Day, project planning, Ukraine Independence Day, fundraisers and lectures are crucial to community outreach and development. Unity and cooperation within the community is vital.

5. Hetman Awards

The Hetman Awards continue to be a celebratory gathering of the community where we recognize the recipients of this award and say thank you for their exemplary volunteer contributions to our ever evolving Ukrainian community. The Gala is also an event that showcases the work of our community organizations and their contribution to the development of Ukrainian Canadians while preserving Ukrainian heritage and



history .Strong organizations build a strong community. The following is a list of our 2013 Hetman Award recipients:

UCC-APC Executive Award: Steve Chwok

Youth Category: Danylo Moussienko
Adrian Warchola
Oksana Iwaszko

Adult Category: Uliana (Elaine) Holowach-Amiot
Ivanna Szewczuk
Jason Golinowski

Seniors Category: Larry and Donna Sendziak
William Dymianiw
Ron Zapisocki
Nettie Kowal

Posthumous: Olga Alexandruk

6. Holodomor Awareness and Education

President Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz initiated a Holodomor awareness project commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Holodomor . On November 18, 2013, the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald published a special section regarding Holodomor. The coordinating e-newspapers also carried a special banner, that linked to more information about Holodomor, promoting Holodomor Commemorative events on November 23, 2013 at Edmonton City Hall, and November 26, 2013 at the Legislature. Organizations and businesses had the opportunity to advertise and further promote Holodomor education.

7. Ukrainian Day

“Shades of Shevchenko”, the 2014 Annual Ukrainian Day Festival, was filled with the sights and sounds of everything Ukrainian in celebration of the 200th birthday of our bard and poet, Taras Shevchenko. On August 10, over 3,500 Albertans came to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village for this annual event, a tradition that continues more than 30 years after it was initiated by the UCC-APC.

Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz presented greetings on behalf of the UCC-APC, as did MLA Genia Leskiw on behalf of the Government of Alberta. Several dignitaries were present and recognized by MC's Mike Ciona and Yanina Vyhovska.

The day opened with Sunday services at the three historic churches at the Village, and a pancake breakfast served by volunteers from the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society. Ukrainian Day was an opportunity to officially initiate the Stelmach House Restoration Project, of which the UCC-APC is the lead partner. In the morning there was a sod turning ceremony, with the Speaker of the House, Gene Zwozdesky, MLAs Genia Leskiw and Jacque Fenske, Ed and Marie Stelmach, representation from the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village - Arnold Grandt, from Ministry of Culture, Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council President, Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz.



Throughout the day other activities included the Legion Memorial Service, where the Kingsway Legion and the “Diviziynyky” stood side by side in the one hundred year commemoration of WWI. At the Internment Monument there was a special prayer and Mr. Emil Yereniuk, Vice President of UCC National, said a few words remembering the WWI War Measures Act, and the fact that over 8,000 innocent men women and children of which over 5,000 were Ukrainian Canadians were wrongfully interned.

The Alberta Ukrainian Genealogical Project, again unveiled additional Centenary plaques and distributed over 973 certificates. UCC-APC is one of 10 patrons of this wonderful project. At the Sil'ska Domivka venue, there was a Taras Shevchenko Exhibit developed by the Ukrainian Women's Organization and by Plast Edmonton. Also included were live demonstrations of Ukrainian weaving by Elizabeth Holinaty, pysanky writing by Paul Gagne, and woodcarving. A special display of the bookmark artwork for the Shevchenko Foundation was also included. The Domivka included entertainment of the Zorya Trio, Christine Kowalenko, bandura player, and Leona Bridges poetry reading. Once again, Plast, Ukrainian Scouts of Edmonton organized the children's crafts tent. The village market also provided entertainment in the courtyard, and the Ukrainian Students Society ran the Amazing Village Race, and organized a community soccer game. The UCHV offered free wagon rides and tours to the historic village. There was, of course, the Ukrainian food court and the Ukrainian summer kitchen serving hungry participants throughout the day. The concert program featured performers from Edmonton and Calgary: Zhyto Band, Zabava v Koli, Zbytochnyky, and the Cheremosh Dancers.



This year the Luchkovich Award was presented to the former Speaker of the House of Alberta, Mr. Ken Kowalski.

8. Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project

This year 728 names were added to the Centennial Pioneer Recognition monument during the Ukrainian Day celebrations on August 10, 2014. As Honorary Patrons of this project, UCC-APC continues to support this amazing project and supports its renewal and many initiatives. On behalf of the AUGP, UCC-APC requested further funding from the Government of Alberta through the Community Initiatives Program (Other Initiative Project) granting program. UCC-APC is pleased to announce that the AUGP will continue for another 3 years, through the funding from Alberta Culture. We join with our partners and patrons and extend a thank you to the project team for their dedication and work with this project.

9. Ukraine Crisis Activities

Protests and activities in support of Ukraine took place both in Edmonton and in Calgary. The following activities were supported and facilitated by UCC-APC.

November 24, 2013 - Peaceful Rally - Edmonton

A peaceful rally was quickly organized by a grassroots movement of University students, and supported and encouraged by UCC-APC.

December 1, 2013 - Peaceful Rally - Edmonton

A second peaceful rally was organized at Churchill Square with media coverage and participation of approximately 200-300 individuals.

Auto Maidan - Car Rally - January 25, 2014 - Edmonton

This Car Rally crossed the City, and one of the most popular avenues in Edmonton. Over 100 cars part in this rally which concluded at the Legislature with short presentations and a prayer.

Memorial for Fallen Heroes - February 23, 2014 - Edmonton

This Memorial took place outdoors in Churchill Square, on one of the coldest days of the year. There were over 300 in attendance.

Fundraising Rally - March 12, 2014

The Alberta community came together for an evening of presentations, and fund raising. The event raised approximately \$100,000. The Alberta Government matched this amount, as well as provided a grant of \$25,000. These funds have been directed to the Canada Ukraine Foundation, with a total of \$230,000 raised. Additional funds were raised through direct donations to Ukrainian Social Services, CUF, UCC Toronto, Buduchnist Credit Union, and directly to Ukraine's heavenly 100 families.



Vyshyvanka Parade - May 17, 2014

On Saturday May 17, 2014 the Edmonton Ukrainian community came together to celebrate our culture and beautiful tradition, Ukrainian «Vyshyvanka» (Ukrainian Embroidery). We also demonstrated our support for Ukraine in this time of turmoil, advocating for fair and democratic elections.



The worldwide movement of the Vyshyvanka Parade started in Ukraine in 2008 and now takes place every year in Ukraine and throughout the Ukrainian Diaspora. This year UCC- APC organized this event in Edmonton.

10. UCC National

UCC Alberta maintains and continues an active connection and participation in the matters of National UCC. Organization and community members play an active role on National committees and the Executive committee. . These include:

Canadian Museum of Human Rights; Holodomor Awareness and Education; Youth Council; 125 Anniversary of Ukrainian settlement; 200th Anniversary of Shevchenko; Internment; Elections in Ukraine; Ukrainian Education; Euromaidan Funding, to list but a few.

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Conclusion

UCC-APC has worked hard in building community relations, healthy partnerships and effective communications to ensure UCC-APC and its member organizations are informed and truly visible as the representing body of the Ukrainian Canadian Community in Alberta. UCC-APC continues to move forward while striving to represent the Ukrainian Canadian Community in Alberta in a professional, transparent and credible manner. We are regularly called upon to provide support and advice to the community involving several key areas. Much work has been done, and accomplishments achieved.

The passion and commitment of our Board of Directors, Provincial Coordinator Slavka Shulakewych, our summer student employees and many volunteers has proven to be the driving force of the successes of UCC-APC and its position in the multicultural fabric of Alberta and Canada. I thank all members, volunteers and staff for your commitment and dedications to the good works of UCC-APC for 2013 - 2014!

Respectfully submitted

Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz,
President
Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council



UCC-APC Awards

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:

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| 2014 | Ken Kowalski | 1998 | Walter Buck |
| 2013 | Ed Stelmach | 1997 | George Topolnisky |
| 2012 | Myron Kowalsky | 1996 | Laurence Decore |
| 2011 | Allen Sulatycky | 1995 | Julian Koziak |
| 2010 | Harvey Cenaiko | 1994 | Catherine Chichak |
| 2009 | Paul Yewchuk | 1993 | Bill Diachuk |
| 2008 | Peter Trynchy | 1992 | William G. Lesick |
| 2007 | Alfred Zariwny | 1991 | John Batiuk |
| 2006 | Mark Hlady | 1990 | Dr. Albert Hohol |
| 2005 | Dave Broda | 1989 | Isidore Goresky |
| 2004 | Dianne Nielsen (Mirosh) | 1988 | Ambrose Holowach |
| 2003 | Dr. Kenneth Paproski | 1987 | John Decore, Sr. |
| 2002 | William Yurko | 1986 | Michael Starr |
| 2001 | Martha Bielish | | |
| 2000 | Steve Zarusky | | |
| 1999 | Dr. Alexander Kindy | | |

Hetman Awards

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

Up to 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. Forms available at www.uccab.ca

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.

UCC - Edmonton Branch

A big thank you goes to members of past Executive for their volunteer hours in our organization. A special diakuju to Past President Luba Feduschak, who among many things, also encouraged me to accept the nomination for the position of President. Pani Luba, your wisdom, experience and tireless work contributed to many successful projects in our community and the city of Edmonton. We wish you fast recovery and mnohaja lita! Second, we commend our fundraising arm – Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society of Edmonton for the financial support that UCC Edmonton receives to carry out the many important projects in our community. We are grateful to the following Member organizations and volunteers for their great work during the last year: Arts of Life Studio, Brotherhood of Ukrainian Veterans, Ukrainian National Federation, Ukrainian Self Reliance League, Ukrainian Women's Organization - Ol'ha Basarab, League of Ukrainian Canadians, League of Ukrainian Canadian Women, Plast, Ukrainian Women's Association, Ukrainian Youth Association, Ridna Shkola under St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Kursy Ukrajinoznavstva – Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies, Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Club, Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta.

Third, we are grateful to our member organization the Ukrainian National Federation, Edmonton Branch for supporting our activities, and for rental of space in their facility.

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

In March, Edmonton's Ukrainian community celebrated the 200-Anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko. This yearly event is a joint project between UCC Edmonton and the Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta. In 2015 – the Shevchenko Concert is planned for March 8th at Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex.

In April we commemorated the world's largest nuclear catastrophe – the disaster in 1986 in Chornobyl. It is also the month for our annual meeting.

In May we took part in Zeleni Sviata – Sv. Trijsia ceremony at St. Michael's Cemetery to pray for Heroes of Ukraine, including Nebesna Sotnia, and lay a wreath at the main cross in St. Michael's Cemetery remembering those who gave their lives for Ukraine's freedom.

In August many of our volunteers contributed to a number of important projects: (1) The UCC APC Ukrainian Day at the Village; Secretary, UCC Edmonton placed a wreath to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Canada's First Internment Operations. (2) UCC Edmonton organized rally "Stop TerroRussia" before a Canada vs. Germany quarterfinal soccer match at Commonwealth Stadium to revoke 2018 World Cup from Russia, and suspend the Russian Soccer Federation from FIFA and UEFA for war in Ukraine. (3) Ukrainian Pavilion at the Heritage Days Festival. (4) Black Ribbon Day at the Legislative Assembly of Alberta attended by UCC Edmonton President. (5) Ukraine's Independence Day at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex with a keynote speaker Hon. Senator Raynell Andreychuk. The event proved to be very successful with over 500 people in attendance.

In September, the UCC Edmonton Standing Committee on Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine Committee was established and launched an ongoing "Zihrij Ukrajinskoho Zahysnyka" campaign to gather and ship warm cloth to Eastern Ukraine. As of today over 200 kg have been shipped oversee.

In November we organize annual commemoration of 1932-33 Holodomor Genocide in Ukraine. In 2013 we marked the 80th anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide with a widely attended and publicized commemorative event at the City Hall. We lay a wreath to the first Holodomor Memorial in the world (1983). This year we invite community to the City Hall on November 22 (a keynote speaker Dr. Wolodymyr Zarytskyi from US-Ukraine Foundation, NY). Also in November on the 11th, UCC Edmonton will honour those who gave their lives in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict and most recently the troubles in Afghanistan so that we may continue to enjoy the life we have here in Canada.

In December the UCC Edmonton and the Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society have traditionally sat down to a spilna vechera.

Respectfully submitted,
President Serhiy Kostyuk

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UCC - Calgary Branch

As autumn gently rolled into Calgary after the flood of June 2013 our year with Calgary's community started off with the rescheduled Opening of Parks Canada exhibit "Enemy Aliens, Prisoners of War: Canada's First World War Internment Operations 1914-1920" on Friday September the 13th at the Canada Parks Cave and Basin Historic Site where we gathered with our friends from Edmonton and across Canada. The Croatian community of Calgary also joined us with a viewing of the monument at Castle Mountain before arriving in Banff for a very moving ceremony and impressive speech by Jason Kenny.

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Sviato Pokrovy organized by CYM Calgary and co-sponsored by Calgary UCC introduced Mrs. Olya Vitenko to our community who was visiting from Kolomiya, Ukraine. Pani Olya presented a photographic presentation of how the citizens of Kolomiya celebrate Sviato Pokrovy, rallies in support of Democracy for Ukraine with parades, interaction with Members of the Verkhovna Rada and supporters of Euromaidan.

Dr. Bohdan Klid spoke about his book "The Holodomor Reader" and recent developments in the research on the Holodomor at the PB's Dinner Meeting and the city wide commemoration at St. Vladimir's on the fourth Saturday of November. "Spiritus" Calgary's (English speaking) Chamber Choir performed Roman Hurko's Requiem to the amazement of those present, conducted by Timothy Shantz. A full page article was placed in the Calgary Herald informing the readers of the historic tragedy of the Holodomor by UCC Calgary, UCPBA, CYM and PLAST.

Calgary's three Ukrainian parishes gathered at the Assumption church to start the Christmas season off together. Stephania Romaniuk emceed the concert which is filmed by Echoes of Ukraine TV and shown during the Ukrainian Christmas season. UCPBA Calgary sponsors and helps organize the event and reception for the participants of the concert.

The Langevin bridge (next to our Holodomor Monument) has recently been lit in many LED lights. On January 3 and 4th it shone in blue and yellow lights in Support of Ukraine with members coming down in the evening of Friday to rally again for Ukraine.

Three Rallies/Prayers and Support for Ukraine were on held on Olympic Plaza and after commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko members of our hromada drove down to the old City Hall, where a representative of the Lithuania community donated \$500.00 and Michelle Rempel, MP for Calgary Centre and Rob Anders, Conservative MP for Calgary West spoke of their commitment to help Ukraine. The City of Calgary even purchased its own Ukrainian flag and continues to graciously support all our events which we hold on the Municipal and Olympic Plaza.

Calgary's 5th Ukrainian Festival held at the Acadia Rec Centre at the beginning of June was another successful event attended by many Calgarians and out of town guests. ACUA representatives travelled down to mingle with our Calgarians. We also got to meet new Ukrainians to Canada both at the festival and at our many rallies.

In August on Friday the 22nd our three parishes were to gather at Ukrainian Pioneer Park to bless our Ukrainian Internment "CTO" plaques. Due to rainy weather, again, the ceremony was held across the street in the Assumption church. Reverend Fathers Taras Krochak and Mykhailo Bohun officiated. The plaques have now been mounted at each of the parishes

Independence Day was celebrated on Municipal Plaza and the most recent (September 28th) fundraiser on Olympic Plaza to raise funds had a fantastic turn out and raised over \$10,000. As a very unified community we continue supporting Ukraine in its fight for freedom and remember our past history and all the atrocities perpetrated upon our homeland.

Halya Lyps'ka Wilson
Co-Executive Director
UCC-Calgary Branch



Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts

March 2014 saw the election of a new executive and board for ACUA at the Annual General Meeting. In March the resignation of, the much appreciated and valued Project Coordinator, Irene Jendzjowsky was accepted by the board. Her valuable contributions to ACUA have been thoroughly missed.

March also saw the addition of Borysa Struk to the ACUA team as the Program Manager. The new ACUA Board of Directors set forth with an ambitious plan for the 2014 – 2015 year. First on the Agenda was the development of a Signature Artists Series which would showcase Artists of Ukrainian Heritage in the areas of Visual Art, Music and Literature. The Premier event took place on October 2, 2014 at the Art Gallery of Alberta featuring Visual Artists – Oksana Movchan, Larysa Eliuk and Larysa Luciiv. The event also featured Special Guest speaker Peter Shostak and a musical performance by Akolada. The event was a huge success and was very well attended by members from the community. A great start to our new program.

Another very important project that ACUA has undertaken is the creation of an up to date on line Directory of Ukrainian Artists. Project Coordinator Elena Scharabun has been contacting artists, and Ukrainian organizations, across the province, to develop a comprehensive directory. This Directory will be on the ACUA website early in the New Year. The directory will be continually updated and additions are always welcome. If you are an Artist, Musician, Writer or specialist in any area that supports the arts and you are not in our directory, please contact the ACUA office.

The ACUA Website has been updated and new features added, you can now read the ACUA Vitae – arts magazine on the website. Other additions include the Directory of Ukrainian Artists, ACUA Kids and the ACUA Marketplace.

Two new additions of the ACUA Vitae arts magazine have been published. The ACUA Vitae committee is always looking for article ideas and interesting subject matter. The Fall & Festive Food workshop series will take place in October and November. ACUA has increased their Social Media presence with an increased Face Book and Twitter presence of over 450, promoting Ukrainian artists, events and Ukrainian organizations. ACUA has also developed an EBlast , and is happy to send out notices for members and member organizations. In May, Robin Telasky joined the ACUA team as the Fund Development Specialist. And in June, Namisha Hlus joined the ACUA team as the Project Coordinator. Namisha has been a valuable addition to the ACUA team. In April, 5 Regional Representatives joined the ACUA Board; Tania Makuch – Calgary; Hazel Anaka – Andrew; Debra Cherniawsky Durer – Vegreville; Roger Baydock – Jasper. Lethbridge and Fort Mac Murray have also become ACUA member communities. ACUA also employed 2 summer students through the SCIP program.

Throughout the past year ACUA has also participated in the Deep Freeze Festival, Ukrainian Days, the Hetman Awards and a number of community festivals in rural Alberta. So far 2014 has proven to be a very positive and productive year for ACUA. With an increase in membership sales, community support and donations, ACUA has been able to move forward with a number of exciting projects and programs. New programs to be launched in the New Year will include the Youth Art Challenge – art, photo, literature contest; The Easter Series; Artist's Conference; Volunteer Appreciation; and the Ukrainian Wedding Project.



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Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd commencing at 2:00pm. As of October 31, 2014, the membership of AUDA consists of 25 groups, 6 professionals, and 4 individuals.

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLES

AUDA hosted Provincial Roundtables on Ukrainian Dance Development in Edmonton (May 10-11), Calgary (June 7-8), and Vegreville (July 4-6). The focus of the roundtables was on engaging individuals in identifying Ukrainian Dance and Community needs, and initiating discussions on the role of AUDA and the programs offered.

DATABASE UPDATE

AUDA hired a contractor in March 2014 to bring up-to-date the deficiencies in our database of Ukrainian dance schools, Ukrainian dance companies, and individual Ukrainian dance practitioners in Alberta. Through the initiative, we collected information on 69 Dance Groups in Alberta, 93 Instructors, and 13 Dance Festivals. We have hired a contractor who is validating the information and gathering additional information including financial impact and volunteer participation.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

AUDA provided 10 scholarships of \$500 each for individuals across the province to attend summer dance camps. AUDA recognizes that Ukrainian Dance Summer Camps across Alberta are designed to develop individual dance skills in a positive team environment. AUDA is supportive of our membership engaging in these goals for the benefit of our collective dance community. A complete list of recipients is available at HYPERLINK «<http://www.abuda.ca/scholarships>» www.abuda.ca/scholarships

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

AUDA committed to provide 3 scholarships for \$1000 each to Ukrainian Dance Groups in Alberta to support instructor development. To date, we have awarded 1 scholarship.

ONLINE RESOURCES

AUDA has committed to creating an online central repository, updated monthly, for the sharing of existing Ukrainian Dance resources for Ukrainian Dance teachers. AUDA is in the process of updating its corporate image with a revamped logo and website to reflect its commitment to growing Ukrainian dance heritage in Canada with an image that is contemporary and reflects its commitment to public engagement of all Albertans.

AUDA continues to offer referral services to the Ukrainian Dance Community, respond to requests for assistance from dance groups and instructors, and collect and disseminate information on Ukrainian Dance through its newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Wujcik
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Bishop Budka Charitable Society (BBCS)

On October 6, 2013 a number of our directors attended the annual Hetman Awards Presentations. Several of our directors attended the Annual Holodomor Commemorative Service at City Hall on November 23, 2013. The keynote address was delivered by our director, Dr. Serge Cipko.

During this year our Society has provided financial support to a number of charitable causes including the UCC-APC appeal for the Canada Ukraine Foundation Maidan Fund in support of aid for the Ukrainian people.

On June 19, 2014, at our annual meeting, we were honored to have Dr. Volodymyr Kravchenko, Director of the Institute of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Alberta, deliver an address on the scope and activities of the Institute and the present political concerns of Ukraine. His presentation was enthusiastically received, followed by questions and answers.

From a volunteer perspective, Orest and Evelyn Eveneshen assisted in selling 50/50 tickets at the annual Ukrainian Day held on August 10, 2014 at the Ukrainian Cultural Village. On August 31 and September 1, 2014, eight of the twelve of our directors and spouses volunteered their services at the Ukrainian Canadian Congress-APC casino held at the Century casino. Orest Eveneshen volunteered as Co-chair of the Casino.

On August 22, 2014 our Society was honored with a visit by two Brazilian priests. Rev. Father Paul Markiw, Provincial Superior of the Basilian Order and Rev. Father Methodio Techy OSBM, who is the coordinator of the Social Development Centre in Ponta Grossa. This project, which Bishop Budka provided financial assistance, is expected to be completed by December this year.

Our Society was pleased to financially assist the Edmonton Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy sponsoring the Biography of Blessed Martyr Bishop Nykyta Budka. The official book launch by the author Rev. Dr. Athanasius McVay, is scheduled for Friday October 24, 2014.

Congratulations to our Board of Director, Orysia Boychuk, who was elected President of the Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society earlier this year.

Congratulations to our President Orest Eveneshen, our Society's nominee who has been selected to receive the Hetman Award at the Hetman Awards & Gala on October 18, 2014.

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With the most dramatic events of modern Ukrainian history starting its count in November of 2013, business initiatives yielded the spotlight to political, social and military issues.

Despite all the uncertainty in the Ukrainian business environment, CUCC-Alberta has focused on certain "domestic" activities and promotion of the organization in Ukraine.

CUCC-Alberta's participation on Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations (ACAUR) have allowed for a closer interaction with the Government of Alberta and many departments within. While having to put many initiatives and projects "on hold", several key events still happened in the passing year.

On September 30-October 4, 2014 President of CUCC-Alberta (Vitaliy Milentiyev) took part in the delegation from the City of Edmonton and several Edmonton businesses travelling to the sister-oblast' of Ivano-Frankivsk. While businessmen were looking for opportunities to expand their operation into Ukraine, the City of Edmonton's subsidiary company Waste Re-solution Edmonton has signed an agreement on the joint project with Ivano-Frankivsk Regional State Administration to assist the Oblast in establishing the system for waste utilization based on the City of Edmonton's model and expertise.

On May 28-29, 2014 Vice-President (Natalia Pociurko) took part in Ukraine-Canada Business Forum in Lviv, representing the Province of Alberta. Natalia's presentation of Alberta and business opportunities it offers generated a lot of interest from the Ukrainian businessmen.

On June 8-10, 2014 several representatives of CUCC-Alberta took part in the Global Petroleum Show in Calgary. The event draws thousands of oil and gas professionals and companies from all over the World on an annual basis. Ukraine's largest integrated oil&gas company UkrNafta and several Ukrainian companies participated in the show. With help of the Department of International and Intergovernmental Relations and the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine, several meetings were held between the visiting delegation and representatives from CUCC-Alberta as well as Ukrainian Professional and Business Association of Calgary. Although current unstable environment is not conducive to meaningful co-operation, some future opportunities have been discussed.

CUCC-Alberta's networking dinner with representatives from Export Development Canada (EDC) and Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) was held on June 19th, 2014. At the meeting, members and guests had a chance to hear from EDC and BDC on the current funding requirements to cross-border business initiatives, challenges of exporting, marketing and strategic planning considerations when considering building business in Ukraine using Canadian resources and attracting Ukrainian business to Canada.



Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, teachers, administrators, and the many other volunteers for their support and commitment to the Ukrainian Bilingual Program (UBP) and their contributions to the activities of the Society. In 1974, this was the first second language bilingual program to be offered by Edmonton Catholic Schools (ECS). Forty years later, enrollment in the ECS UBPA for the 2014-15 year totals 587 (204 at St. Matthew, 196 at St. Martin, 119 at St. Kevin, 67 at Austin O'Brien), which is the highest since the early 1990's. Currently, the Ukrainian Dance Academy enrolment is over 100 students.

The Mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (ECS UBPA) is to promote, advocate, and support the ECS Ukrainian Bilingual Program (UBP) so as to sustain the highest quality of academic, bilingual, cultural, and religious learning opportunities and resources for all students. The following summarizes some of the highlights of the Society's past year, goals for the upcoming year, and initiatives that we are proud to support.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013-14

UBPAS AGM, Scholarship Presentation and Appreciation Evening (September 26, 2013): Presentations included scholarships to recipients in Grades 4-12 and farewell gifts to outgoing and retired teachers and administrators.

Fall 2013: Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students at St. Martin and at St. Matthew.

Shumka Matinee School Performance (March 21, 2014): Transportation costs for students K-9, including the students from the English programs at St. Matthew and St. Kevin, were subsidized by the UBPA.

National Teachers Conference sponsored by UCC National Ukrainian Education Council (May 2-4, 2014): Registration fees for ECS UBPA teachers were subsidized by the UBPA.

Grade 12 Matura at Holy Cross Church/Ukrainian Youth Unity Centre (May 24, 2014): Graduates received a gold Tryzub pendant and a certificate of program completion from the UBPA.

Grade 9 Farewell (June 18, 2014): UBPA hosted a pizza lunch and presented students with icon/rushnyk and certificate.

Grade 6 Farewell (June 26, 2014 for St. Matthew and June 19, 2014 for St. Martin): Students received an icon and rushnyk and a certificate from the UBPA.

MARKETING/ADVERTISING (Average annual budget of \$10,000 to \$15,000)

Marketing and advertising for the ECS UBPA continues to be a joint venture with the UBPA, the school administrations, and ECS. The marketing plan has included the following initiatives, all coordinated by ECS:

Portable signs to advertise open houses for each school

Handbills and posters with updated design to advertise the 40th Anniversary of the UBPA (2014-15) distributed within the local community (e.g., Edmonton Public Library branches, YMCA Child Care locations, and Ukrainian Catholic Parishes)

Social media/web site ads on Facebook and Google in early January

Retail ads at grocery self-checkouts and digital ads at the Edmonton International Airport

Other advertising in newspapers, newsletters, special feature publications and programs within the local community (e.g., Ukrainian News, ACUA Vitae Magazine, UCC-APC e-bulletins, and newsletters)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Society provides approximately \$3,000 to \$10,000 in direct funding annually to each school, which is an average of \$30 to \$40 per student. This money goes to support and/or subsidize:

Classroom/library resource materials

School cultural activities, celebrations, and projects (e.g., the Artist-in-Residence program)

Field trips and student retreats, and related transportation costs

Scholarship Program for Grades 4 - 12

Marketing and advertising

Austin O'Brien student exchange trip to Ukraine

Lviv Proficiency Exam for Grade 12

GOALS FOR 2014-15

Our key goals for the 2014-15 school year will include:

To update, revise, and prepare our bylaws to be presented for approval at next year's AGM

To celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the UBPA by sponsoring a religious school retreat involving the UBPA students from St. Matthew and St. Martin, and possibly students from St. Kevin and Austin O'Brien, and a Zabava in Spring 2015.

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Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society's mission is to support the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Historic Site. We value the history of our ancestors, which is integral to Alberta's rich past, and look for ways to reinterpret it so that it can enrich our lives today. Formed in 1984, FOUVS is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides essential services and raises funds to ensure that the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village can complete its mandate as the major center for preserving and understanding Ukrainian pioneer life in Alberta.

Historical Interpreters

This year FOUVS hired 39 Interpreters who lived the Village life from mid-April to the first week of September.

Museum Shop

The Friends Museum Shop offers visitors gifts and souvenirs that reflect the Village and which focus on products produced in East Central Alberta.

Historic Children's Program and Junior Interpreter Program

The HCP and JIP programs were offered from July 7 to August 22. These programs continue to attract both new and repeat participants.

Village Food and Vendor's Markets

UCHV and FOUVS host special event days throughout the summer. One of the highlights of these events are the Village and Food Markets which feature vendors from East Central Alberta.

Food Services

Some 44,000 visitors come to UCHV over the course of a year. FOUVS offers food services to summer visitors, at all events at the Village, and to school and seniors groups throughout the year. Friends Ukrainian

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Number of current members: 615



This year marks the Friends Society 30th Anniversary. Please join us over the course of the coming year for various activities that we have planned to celebrate this occasion!

MusicFest & Harvest of the Past

Sixteen groups and the finalist of the Kalyna Music Contest performed at the Friends MusicFest in 2014. The line-up was organized by Steven Chwok, of CFCW fame.

This year at the Harvest Festival of the Past FOUVS partnered with the Alberta Culinary Institute and featured chefs from Edmonton in the Village Perohy Cook-Off.

UCHV ENRICHMENT

In 2014, FOUVS committed \$70,000 for furnishings and artifacts for the completion of the Morecambe School. We funded the restoration and reproduction of desks, a science cabinet, tables, various artifacts and costumes. Morecambe School will be open to the public for the 2015 season. FOUVS also funded new costumes for our HCP and JIP programs.



Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

St. John's Institute

Our organization is constantly striving to attract new members. The year 2013/14 brought St. John's Institute ever closer to fulfilling the role envisioned by its founders: a home in which Ukrainian Canadians and others could live, gather, and celebrate, building community by sharing our experiences and resources with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Necessary upgrades and improvements to the facility have made it more versatile and functional. Additional job opportunities were created to address the demands of increased facility rentals and catering requests, and in the process, SJI opened our doors to a newly-arrived world of Ukrainians and Canadians, both. A whole host of new clients - organizational and individual - showed us possibilities for cooperation both within, and through, the strengths of our surrounding community.

But progress did not come easily. And nothing came about by luck or happenstance.

During 2013/14, another \$200,000 of capital debt was paid down. 24 community pyrohy suppers worked by SJI staff generously volunteering their time, contributed to the success of the Institute's on-going fundraising efforts. The province of Alberta selected the Institute as a Feature Celebration Site for its 3-day Alberta Culture Days celebration, giving hundreds a new appreciation for the contributions of Ukrainian and other performing artists to Alberta. Numerous Orthodox feast days, vespers and special blessings were celebrated in the Chapel of St. John's Chrysostom. SJI alumni, Ken and Frances Kolotyluk donated a substantial photography collection that now adorns two galleries in the Institute. The SJI Residents Association made the Institute proud with several financial contributions to numerous worthy charities, with funds generated through its own events.

New working relationships were established with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Extension; Reclaim Urban Farm (who operated a fully-functional, ¼-acre urban garden on SJI's two vacant lots); the Garneau Community League, and Chrysalis, a charity that will help SJI deliver culturally-flavoured educational opportunities to intellectually and developmentally-challenged adults and other vulnerable populations, through its upcoming FoodFix program. SJI was afforded the opportunity to share its land, facilities, and human resources with educational, cultural, and charitable groups alike, including the Kids with Cancer Society, Edmonton's Ukrainian Bilingual program, the U of A's Ukrainian Students Society, the Canadian Ethnic Media Association, the Alberta Council for Global Cooperation and 114 other collectives and associations that now frequent the facility.

Camp Bar-V-Nok received the beginnings of a rehabilitation, with over \$105,000 committed to the maintenance, utilities, and facility repair costs associated with operating another season of rentals and programming. A new group of dedicated volunteers - the Camp Bar-V-Nok Long-Term Planning Committee - has been assembled to generate options for the redevelopment of the camp facility. The children's summer camp program itself was rejuvenated thanks to the extraordinary efforts of camp co-directors, Dcn. Anton Lakusta and Ron Bayda, with 89 children coming out to participate. All of this progress was made by individuals who came together through a community institution that is invested in a future for its children.

The board and membership of SJI appreciate the on-going support of the UCC-APC, and the chance to share information about our projects and the opportunities they create. We thank member organizations for their willingness to learn about, and promote SJI's activities, and for considering the Institute as an affordable venue for their own meetings, events and catering needs. Through the guidance of our board, the generosity of our donors, and the dedication of our staff, St. John's Institute is honoured to make a small, but unique, contribution to the sustained growth and development of our Ukrainian Canadian community.

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Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy (UCBC)

The Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada – Edmonton Eparchy is now nearing the end of its 80th. Anniversary Year of existence as a lay organization in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. Beginning in December, 1934 at Mundare, Alberta organized by the Basilian Fathers (Fr. Andrew Truch, OSBM) as a Family organization of men, women and children, it grew into separate entities into the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada and the Ukrainian Catholic Youth of Canada with the UCBC being the umbrella over these organizations till such time as the Ukrainian Catholic Council was formed in 1943 and was the Eparchial jurisdiction and coordinating body of these three very important family organizations. To further enhance this organization to

make it more encompassing to include all members of a family, it admitted and recognized the “Obnova” Ukrainian University Students and St. Nicholas Mutual which also became part of the Ukrainian Catholic Council – Edmonton Eparchy. These organizations existed in almost every Parish in the Eparchy and to keep in touch a newsletter “Catholic Action” was published monthly by “The Ukrainian Catholic Council”.

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| Director of Programs and Communication: | Joseph Synyshyn |

The UCBC – Edmonton Eparchy has established 11 very distinctive Programs to support the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Ukrainian Community and the Ukrainian Community in Ukraine. I will just briefly identify each program and list some of the projects in that program without too much detail. If any individual reading this report can contact myself, or Joseph Synyshyn – Director, Communications & Programs for more detail.

1. Affiliated Clubs and Organizations
 - UCC; UCCEP; etc.
2. Church and Parish Support Programs
 - Maintaining & Preserving Church Properties & Cemeteries
3. Documenting Church Properties & Cemeteries
 - Alberta/Ukraine Genealogy Project
4. Ethno-Cultural Programs & Support Services
 - Edmonton (Servus) Heritage Festival
5. Evangelization
 - Eparchial 25 Year pastoral Plan
6. Financial Aid to Construction & Maintenance of Facilities
 - Camp Oselia & Camp St. Basil
7. Financial and Fund Raising Programs
 - Bingo, Casino, Heritage Festival,
8. Membership and Member Support Programs
 - Obituaries & Remembering Album
9. Clergy & Religious Orders Support Program
 - Seminarians, Basilian Fathers House of Studies; Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate
10. Social Development & Canadian Citizenship Program
 - Holodomor; Internment; Remembrance Day;
11. Youth Development Support and Services
 - Ukrainian/English Bilingual Schools Scholarships; Leaders of Tomorrow; Edmonton Eparchial Summer Youth Camp; St. Basils Ukrainian Catholic Parish Summer Youth Camp; Acolyte Summer Camp

The above provides a brief overview of our programs and some projects of the projects supporting these programs. We also financially support many clubs, organizations and charitable causes in the Ukrainian Community and Community as a whole. Although most of the financial contributions are referred to as donations, we like to refer to them as “Investments” as there are many payback benefits realized from these investments. During the period when mechanized financial information has been kept since 2000 we have invested close to \$ 1,300,000.00 in these programs and projects.



Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta

Ukrainian Dragons Den: UCAMA participated in this event at the KYK Congress at Toronto in November 2013. Although no donation was received, UCAMA did get a lot of exposure and awareness regarding its building project amongst Congress representatives.

Edmonton Heritage Council grants: UCAMA received two Edmonton Heritage Council Grants in late 2013 and early 2014. The first was an operational grant in the sum of \$15,220 that was used to pay for the digitization of some 1750 newspaper pages and other regular operational expenses. The second EHC grant in the sum of \$15,000 was and will be used to partially pay the salary of the curator of UCAMA's inaugural exhibit at the new museum, which will be titled "Baba's Coat Inspired by the Perseverance of our Forefathers". Through the eyes of artist Peter Shostak we will realize the hardships endured by early pioneers as they struggled to create a new life in Canada. AMA Operations Grant: UCAMA received \$1,500 from Alberta Museums Association in March 2014 to offset utilities costs.

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Joint Shevchenko Exhibit: UCAMA participated in the joint exhibit celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko at UNF hall on 5 April 2014. UCAMA displayed approximately 30 of its Shevchenko artifacts, including many portraits, several of which were created by Edmonton artists.

UCAMA Construction Reports and Videos: Due to the number of inquiries we have received regarding progress on our new museum facility on Jasper Avenue, UCAMA has decided to prepare monthly construction reports. These reports are being circulated by email to our friends and supporters until Phase 1 is complete. Also, UCAMA has emailed to its contacts several videos by Nestor Makuch (the most recent on 13 September) showing the tremendous progress on the building project. The first phase (which is the much larger of two construction phases) is now 79% constructed. UCAMA still needs funds to complete the first phase. Phase 1 completion will allow UCAMA to move its collection into the basement and display artifacts in the first floor galleries.

City funding: UCAMA received the second of three million dollar installments from the City of Edmonton in June 2014. This money is targeted solely for Phase 1 of the Jasper Avenue museum project. Summer Student and Volunteer: Thanks in part to a \$6,200 grant from the Canada Summer Jobs program UCAMA employed Vlad Kravchenko to catalogue the vast Slavutych library collection. Vlad has also continued his work as a volunteer this fall. In a few weeks from now the completed Slavutych catalogue will be combined with UCAMA's main library catalogue and the remaining uncatalogued books at UCAMA will be sorted - with redundant copies being offered to the general public.

UCAMA's other volunteer, John Herring, has been improving UCAMA's photo database for the past year and a half. John has a very good knowledge of Ukrainian history and would like to continue volunteering at UCAMA. Step Up to the Plate: This donor recognition program continued to rake in donations for UCAMA in its third year. Donors receive glass plates that feature the whimsical style of Iryna Karpenko. Three categories of these beautiful mixed media masterpieces are available: bronze for donations of \$500 or more, copper for donations of \$1000 or more and gold for donations of \$1,500 or more in one year. Professional standing: UCAMA is a Candidate in the Recognized Museum status within the Alberta Museums Association (AMA). This designation allows UCAMA to compete for AMA grants on a first consideration basis. UCAMA will be attempting to obtain several AMA grants to address many urgent needs such as artifact cataloguing, exhibition planning and research. UCAMA also maintains membership in the Archives Society of Alberta, the Canadian Museums Association, and the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN).

Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (UCSS)

Immigration/Settlement

The office continued to work on immigration and settlement programs and dealt mostly with immigrants who arrived from Ukraine and temporary foreign workers and their families that have already been in Canada for several years.

The office staff helped the clients with the following inquiries:

- Help was provided with applications for renewal of Permanent Resident Cards, extension of Temporary Status in Canada, Changing of Status, Sponsorship applications (family/spousal sponsorship, Canadian Experience Class, Live-in Caregivers)
- A number of new immigrants has been entitled to apply for Canadian citizenship and the office provided help with applications and compiling required documents.
- A number of temporary workers had some labour issues with their employers including contracts, duties, pay, vacation and other work place issues. They were helped with information and referred to Alberta Labour.
- Immigrants, temporary workers and their families were provided assistance with settlement.
- Many people turned in with inquiries regarding Ukrainian passports, extension of child travel documents, various certifications that are required by the Government of Ukraine
- Recent political situation in Ukraine has significantly increased the number of inquiries regarding any possibilities to immigrate to Canada or to help families and relatives to come to Canada for a visit.

Community

- Child tax benefits applications.
- Providing help to senior citizens with applying for senior benefits – Canadian Pension Plan, Old Age Security Pension, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, Provincial Senior Benefits, City Property Tax and so on.
- Commissioner for Oaths
- UCSS accepted donation of used furniture. Many new immigrants and temporary workers got the donated furniture and household items free of charge.
- Translation and interpretation services
- Helped with Employment Insurance applications
- A number of temporary workers inquired about information on Alberta Apprenticeship Examination.

Senior Project

The Outreach community worker continued to work on senior's issues and completed the next stage of the Senior Community Project. The position was funded by the Community Spirit Grant awarded by the Province of Alberta.

Pomich Ukraini

Our Branch continued to support the Soup Kitchens project conducted by the National UCSS and Social Services of Ukraine. UCSS conducted a special fundraising for Euromaidan. All collected funds were transferred to "Pomich Ukraini Fund" at UCSS Inc. (National Headquarters) to provide humanitarian aid (food, clothing, medicine) to victims of the National uprising.

Ivanna Szewczuk,
Coordinator of Community Services

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Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy

Branch Report and Affiliates: The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Edmonton Eparchy, has 21 branches: 9 in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary and 10 in rural locations, with a total membership of 826. 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 Organizations, and Ukrainian Canadian Women's Council, National Executive.

In Memoriam: We remember, in our prayers, all members that have left us and extend condolences to their families.

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.

All meetings open with a prayer and most often with a spiritual message from our Spiritual Advisor. Communication with branches is done through newsletters, emails, telephone, branch visits, retreats, conferences, and conventions. At the 2013 Convention, a new executive was elected and a resolution to support the Home of Hope in Lviv, Ukraine was passed. This year's 14th Bi-annual conference focus is on positive thinking and pylypivka.

Featured Projects

Among the many, regular activities our membership gets involved in, in achieving our league's goals, the following indicate the focus projects in 2014:

- Prayers and monetary support for Ukraine and its people.
- Major fundraiser in support of "Home of Hope" in Lviv, Ukraine.
- Publication of the book, The UCWLC: Builders of Home, Faith and Community, that Lena Sloboda has been working on. It is presently with the book designer.
- Publication of a cookbook containing mainly those treasured recipes of members who have now passed on.
- Sponsoring a children's event for Eparchial children in grades 1 to 6 in an effort to unite and help them realize what an Eparchy is and their place in it: hence the theme, "U" in Jesus' Jigsaw.

Charitable Report

The UCWLC, Edmonton Eparchy, supports many charities: Canada Ukraine Foundation Lviv, Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine, seminaries (Holy Spirit, Sheptytsky Institute, Basilian House of Studies), and Newman College, University/high school scholarships for Ukrainian Language, Ukrainian Catholic Bilingual schools and Sadochok programs, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, SSMI, youth and children's summer camps, St. Michael's Extended Care, St. Joseph's Home, Ukrainian Social Services, Bridge of Hope and Home of Hope, Lviv, Ukraine, Eparchial youth, branches for spiritual and cultural programs, community charities: Mustard Seed, Marion Centre, Hope Mission, Wings, Caritas, Friars', Edmonton Prolife.

Main Goal and Objective

One of the main goals in 2013 was to help mentor branches by compiling, into a document, ideas that could be used to address issues of concern. In 2014, branches were encouraged to implement these ideas and share the outcome of their efforts.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joyce Chronik-Rudiak, President
UCWLC, Eparchy of Edmonton

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| Spiritual Advisor: | Rev. Janko Herbut |

Ukrainian Resource & Development Centre at Grant MacEwan University (URCDC)

During 2014 the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) facilitated the development of a deeper relationship between the Nursing BSc program at MacEwan University and the English- language stream of the Nursing baccalaureate program at Ternopil State Medical University (TSMU) .

In May TSMU Vice-Rector I. Mysula , Dean of Foreign Students Dr M. Korda and the Director of the Institute of Nursing , Dr. S. Yastremska visited MacEwan University where they signed a five-year co-operation agreement with the President of MacEwan University, Dr. David Atkinson. The agreement forseees annual faculty exchanges, conferences and a jointly published journal. The program is funded by revenues from the Kule Visiting Scholar Fund managed by the Grant MacEwan Foundation.

While in Edmonton visitors met with Dean Sharon Bookhalter and faculty members of the Nursing program. They also were the guest speakers at the Kyiv Konnection banquet held on May 6 , organized by the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education. As well the delegation met with over a dozen Ukrainian Canadian health professionals from various medical institutions.

As a consequence of the new agreement , TSMU delegated two of its faculty members from the English-language nursing program to visit MacEwan University during the three week period October 4 to 24, 2014. They were Dr. Natalia Petrenko and Tamara Rybalka. Their program at MacEwan University was organized by faculty members Mona Haimour and Dr. Elizabeth Burgess-Pinto and included visits to the BScN program, the Clinical Simulation Centre, Centre for the Advancement of faculty Excellence, Glenrose Hospital, University of Alberta Hospital (e.g. cardiology and Neurology departments) and Misericordia Hospital. Both visitors delivered lectures to students and met with the Ukrainian Student Club at MacEwan University. The visitors also visited Banff thanks to sponsorship from the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education.

In keeping with the academic exchange plan, MacEwan University nursing faculty will be visiting Kyiv and Ternopil in May 2015 where they will give papers to a symposium and submit them to the new journal *Social, Health and Communications Studies* being published jointly by MacEwan University, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy and Ternopil State Medical University.

The exchange program in nursing between TSMU and MacEwan University is the only such program in Canada. For further information write to petryshynr@macewan.ca or call 780.780. 497 4375

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Alberta Provincial Executive



Alberta has 14 Ukrainian Women's Association branches with 563 members. All the UWAC branches across Canada donated \$492,828.00 of which \$367,575.00 was donated to support our church. Of \$367,575.00 donated across Canada, Alberta has donated \$163,700.00 in support of our church.

On October 25, 2014 we held our Biennial Convention, and the new executive for 2014 – 2016 was elected.

Branch News: Congratulations to Francis Sych from Calmar, Lesia Ukrainka branch and Eileen Yewchuk

from St. John's Orthodox branch on receiving the 2014 Hetman Award.

CYMK – Provincial Executive for 2013-2014 is - President: Ivanna Kruhlak, Vice-President: Kristina Kuchta, Secretary: Orysia Svystun, Treasurer: Andriy Kruhlak, Advisory: Vivianne Kruhlak. Provincial CYMK is visiting parishes and promoting organizing CYMK groups. In August the provincial executive organized a meeting with representation from past national CYMK executive, Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada and Ukrainian Self-Reliance League to plan for actions to be implemented in coming year.

- 2014 CYMK / UOY Scholarship in memory of Eugene Harasymiw and Dr. Harry Hohol – Congratulations to Katelyn Kuchta on receiving the Eugene Harasymiw and Dr. Harry Hohol CYMK/ UOY Scholarship of \$1,000.00 from the Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League at the Western Eparchial Youth Appreciation Banquet on October 25, 2014.
- UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE – Dianne Chubocha Wood: The recipients of the \$500.00 scholarship that the UWAC-APE provides to the Modern Language Department at the University of Alberta are:
 - 2013-2014 - Evan Hradiuk Horbay; 2012-2013 - Dmytro Olehovych; 2011-2012 - Michael Ruitter.
- ARCHIVES - Betty Corlett continues to promote and advertise the sale of Larisa Sembaliuk-Cheladyn's Flowers of the Bible, now selling at half price. She has sold 29 prints and has 41 prints on consignment.
- UKRAINIAN MUSEUM OF CANADA, ALBERTA BRANCH (UMC, AB) The museum board members held an Exhibition called "Unity in Diversity: The Ukrainian Mosaic" at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre from November 2-9, 2014. Taras Shevchenko's 200th Anniversary was marked with several displays and exhibits showcased during at the 2nd Annual Baba's and Borsch Ukrainian Festival and at the Ukrainian National Federation of Canada in April. During Heritage Days, August 2-4, 2014 a joint effort of Shevchenko artifacts warranted that the Ukrainian Pavilion receive "Recognition" as judged by the Edmonton Heritage Festival committee.
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Calgary Collection – Currently the Calgary Collection has over 700 articles of which 42 have been newly acquired. From 2012 – 2014 the museum has had 34 tour groups for a total of 700 school children.
- Provincial UWAC continues to support Sokal Student Awards Project in Sokal, Ukraine.

Respectfully Submitted
Vivian Skakun,
Secretary of UWAC-APE (2012 -2014)

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