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**UCC - Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC)
September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2015**



The year begins in September, with intense involvement in the planning of our Hetman awards in October of 2014. The UCC-APC then moved forward on the nomination process and preparations for the AGM of UCC-APC November 7, 2014, where Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz, President, Ivan Lypovyk, Vice President, and Romana Latenko Treasurer, were elected as new executive members of the UCC-APC Board of directors. Also elected as part of the executive were two directors; Yaroslav Szewchuk - Edmonton and Linda Fewchuk – Bonnyville. UCC -APC had delegates representing 14 of the 16 member organizations at the AGM held at the Ukrainian National Federation Hall. 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 covering the period of September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015.

UCC-APC continued to be active in assisting Ukraine and the crisis. Large fundraisers were organized throughout the year, initiated by Ukrainian artists of ACUA. A small event in October, followed by a larger fundraiser in November, 2014 named “Art for Aid” raising funds in support of the volunteer battalions. These initiatives spawned a group of dedicated volunteers that evolved into the UCC-APC “Aid for Ukraine” Committee.

1. Governance and community development

As part of the new by-law changes, UCC-APC executive welcomed the election of 2 directors, Yaroslav Szewczuk and Linda Fewchuk. This addition of directors added a new energy to the work of the board. Further community outreach work is further needed to embrace the community spirit of southern Alberta inclusive of Red Deer and Calgary, and Northern Alberta, Andrew, Vegreville, Mundare and others. This year, we worked closely with the Zustrich Ukrainian Association of Mundare.

2. Communications

UCC-APC continues to increase communications and awareness of community initiatives and activities through a consistent effort in maintaining and increasing the provincial contacts database. This year we continue the electronic “Ukraine updates” twice a month obtained from Oleksandr Pankiiev and his students, of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, which publishes reputable and timely articles regarding the situation in Ukraine.

We continue to provide up to date information through the UCC-APC biweekly 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

UCC-APC has been fortunate to be able to hire summer students to assist in events coordination, community development, communications and more. Summer student positions are partly funded through the Canada Summer jobs program. In the summer of 2015, we were fortunate to hire Sarah MacRae. The UCC-APC website and “communications” update project has begun with the assistance of our student “outreach” employee and has evolved as time and volunteers became available. Throughout the year, UCC-APC is an active participant of the (Alberta) Serving Communities Internship Program (SCIP). We have employed four student interns throughout the year to assist us in Ukraine crisis updates, translation, database updates, special event coordination, web-design and updates, and social media communications. This program is funded by the Alberta government and each student is awarded a \$1000.00 bursary for their volunteer efforts. Our student outreach employees and interns bring a fresh, most competent, young leadership to UCC-APC. We also continue to identify opportunities to engage the members of the Ukrainian Students Society and other youthful community leaders.

We continue to encourage youth participation in the activities of UCC-APC. UCC-APC invites 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.

4. Community Outreach and development

The Executive committee of UCC-APC seeks to be actively involved in the Ukrainian, business and government communities. It's necessity 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 affairs 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 continues to be a celebratory gathering of the community whereby we recognize the recipients of the Hetman award and say thank you for their exemplary volunteer contributions to our ever evolving Ukrainian community. The 2014 Gala was also an event that showcased the work of our community organizations and their contribution to the development of Ukrainian Canadians while preserving Ukrainian heritage and history. We see that strong organizations build a strong community. The following is a list of our 2014 Hetman Award recipients:



Youth Category: Olesia Markevych,
Zorya Belanger,
Cassian Soltykevych
Adult Category: Andrea Kopylech
Luba Kowalchuk
Eileen Yewchuk
Seniors Category: Frances Sych
Lawrence Pshyk
Orest Eveneshen
Posthumous: Mary Goy

This year's celebrations also included the commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the UCC-APC. There were special video greetings sent from past presidents, and a reflective media presentation of UCC-APC events and milestones depicted through photographs.

Following the Awards for 2014, the application process and adjudication award process was reviewed and updated, for the upcoming 2015 Hetman Awards. A new award for Exemplary Volunteer was created and the youth award was extended to 29 years of age, rather than 25.

6. Holodomor Awareness and Education

UCC-APC is proud to have several community members as contributors to the National Holodomor Education committee. The Holodomor education resource projects are in the works through the Ukrainian arts and cultural organizations in Alberta. In the spring of 2013, Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association has passed a motion that All Catholic Districts in Alberta: declare the last Friday in November as Holodomor Memorial Day; to consider this day to be included in the school district calendar and to undertake a moment of silence or other activity on this day to recognize the millions of Ukrainians who died as a result of this genocide. This motion went to all Catholic districts for individual acceptance and commenced in the fall of 2013. Holodomor educational resources are shared with all districts through the Edmonton Catholic School district and the Eparchy of Edmonton. It is UCC-APC's hope that this initiative will extend to the public education system as well.

On Tuesday, November 25, 2014 Speaker Zwozdesky hosted the 6th annual Holodomor commemoration in the Alberta Legislature rotunda.

Speakers at the Commemoration included:

Hon. Jim Prentice, QC, Premier of Alberta

Ms. Danielle Smith, Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition

Dr. Raj Sherman, Leader of the Liberal Opposition

Mr. Deron Bilous, Representative of the New Democrat Opposition

MLA Genia Leskiw, Chair, Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations

Mr. Walter Zaryckyj, Executive Director, Centre for US-Ukrainian Relations.

Ms. Olesia Luciw Andryjowycz, President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council



The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act was written and introduced as Bill 37 by the Honourable Zwozdesky. It received the unanimous support of the Legislative Assembly and came into force on November 2008, proclaiming every fourth Saturday of November as a day of remembrance of the Holodomor.

7. Ukrainian Day

“For Our Children”, the 2015 Annual Ukrainian Day Festival, was filled with the sights and sounds of everything Ukrainian in celebration of our rich Ukrainian culture. On August 9, about 3,500 Albertans came to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village for this annual event, a tradition that continues more than 31 years after it was initiated by the UCC-APC.

Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz presented greetings on behalf of the UCC-APC, as did Minister Deron Bilous. This year we were privileged to host the Lieutenant Governor Louis Mitchell and honorable Doug Mitchell. Honourable Louis Mitchell also brought greetings during the main concert. There were also present from our Canadian Military, Colonel John Conrad, and Captain Rick Dumas. Several dignitaries were present and were introduced by MC's Daria Luicw and Andrij Hladyshevsky.

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. The Honourable Louis Mitchell took part in the unveiling of the centenary plaques, where over 900 family names were presented. Sofiya Fedyna from Ukraine sang “Do you hear me, my brother” as part of the ceremony.

Throughout the day other activities included the Legion Memorial Service, where the Kingsway Legion and the “Diviziynyky” stood side by side with also members of the Canadian military. At the Internment Monument there was a short prayer.

The Alberta Ukrainian Genealogical Project distributed over 200 certificates. UCC-APC is one of 10 patrons of this wonderful project. At the Sil'ska Domivka venue, there was a multimedia exhibit of Peter Shostak's artwork. Also included were live demonstrations of Ukrainian weaving by Elizabeth Holinaty, pysanky writing, and woodcarving. A special display of ACUA artisan pieces was also included. The Domivka included entertainment the orchestra of Ludwig Marianych. This year, 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 of Grant MacEwan University organized a community soccer game. The UCHV offered free wagon rides and tours to the historic village. There was the Ukrainian food court and the Ukrainian Summer kitchen serving hungry participants throughout the day. The concert program featured performers from Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, and Ukraine: Euphoria, Zabava v Koli, Spivohraj, Svitanok, Sofiya Fedyna and the Dunai Dancers.

This year the Luchkovich award was presented to the former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Mr. Ray Danyluk.

8. Stelmach House Project

In August 2012 the original home of the Stelmach family was moved to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. This



year, in 2014-15, the exterior of the home was completed, partially due to the Community Facility Enhancement Grant of \$125,000.0 that UCC-APC received and through funding of Alberta Culture. The Stelmach committee also received donations and in-kind donations of materials from community members. The UCC-APC Stelmach House Project committee is moving forward to complete the restoration of the interior of the house as well as the landscaping. This project will continue over the next few years and is due to open on Ukrainian Day, 2016 as part of our 125 anniversary celebrations.

9. Ukrainian Language and cultural studies in Alberta

Enrolments in Ukrainian language bilingual programs for elementary, junior and senior high have greatly increased, while Ukrainian language and cultural studies at the university levels continues to be on the decline. Fall enrolments and budget concerns at the post secondary and graduate levels have raised great concern in the community. UCC-APC continues to provide support to the Ukrainian Bilingual schools with program awareness and recruitment. UCC-APC was made aware of some very important issues at the Post secondary level regarding its programs. These issues concern the Ukrainian Culture, Language and Literature programs, Ukrainian Folklore Centre and the Ukrainian Language Education Centre. Although perhaps many would not realize or understand the ramifications of these issues, they have a major effect on Ukrainian language learning, teaching and the Ukrainian bilingual program in Alberta, Canada and internationally. UCC-APC will continue to proactively approach this issue and look to the community for much support. Discussions and fact finding has begun with key stakeholders of Ukrainian language education. The outcomes of the discussions that have occurred and are forthcoming will change the face of Ukrainian language education in Alberta, Canada and abroad.

The UCC-APC must continue to work with other member organizations to facilitate a meeting of all stakeholders and supporters of bilingual education in Alberta and making this a priority of the community.

10. Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project

In this last year 2014-15, over 900 names were added to the Centennial Pioneer Recognition monument during the Ukrainian Day celebrations on August 9, 2015. As honorary Patrons of this project, UCC APC continues to support this amazing project and supports its renewal and its many initiatives. This project is funded through special granting by Alberta Culture to UCC-APC. This project will continue for another 2 years. We join with our partners and patrons and extend a thank you to the Project team for your dedication and work with this project.

11. Ukraine Crisis Activities:

During the period April 2014 to March 2015 the people of Ukraine experienced the Revolution of Dignity, the invasion of Crimea and an Anti-Terrorist Operation (ATO) uprising in Eastern Ukraine carried out by local rebels supported by troops of the Russian Federation. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta (UCC-APC) rallied local community support to raise funds that would provide humanitarian aid to people who were wounded and to families of over 6500 people killed in these conflicts. UCC-APC matched Alberta funds and co-operated with the Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF) and their contacts in Ukraine to carry out five rehabilitation psychological assistance initiatives. The total amount of funds received as a result of the granting and community fund raising was \$225,000.00. These five initiatives provided direct services to over 12,000 individuals and their families. These initiatives were timely and highly successful interventions that provided psychological support to wives, mothers and their children as well as to soldiers experiencing the stress of conflict and emergency situations. The project outcomes have been recognized by Canadian, Ukrainian and international stakeholders as tangible and far-reaching. For example, the translation into the Ukrainian language of a Canadian computer app brought contemporary knowledge on PTSD to the attention of thousands of individuals and hundreds of professionals users in Ukraine and allowed them to self-assess their stress levels and then contact service providers in Ukraine.



Along with much needed immediate assistance to the victims of the conflicts in Ukraine, these five initiatives also enhanced the organizational capacity of several Ukrainian and Canadian NGOs. The project was effective and efficient in the manner it used both private and public funds, helped people in need with psychological services that previously had not existed. The five initiatives completed during this project are:

1. Support of Orphans and Widows Affected by the ATO
2. Emergency Psychological Response Teams
3. Short Term Psychological Rehabilitation of ATO Participants during Rotation, Leave and Treatment
4. Psychological Assistance Program for Families Affected by Continuing Conflicts in Ukraine
5. Developing Mobile Psychological Assistance APP and Website

On October 11 and November 29, 2014 – there were two major events under the initiative of UCC-APC and ACUA called “Art for Aid”. Through the various Alberta-Ukrainian artists, artisans and performers, who donated their art and talent, we collected an initial amount of 21,000.00. Further donations, and fundraising continued throughout the year. As of June, 2015 over \$32,000 worth of boots, jackets, gloves, hats, clothing, and supplies were sent to various volunteer battalions of ATO through “Splina Sprava”. Other clothing was sent to the displaced families that had to flee their homes from Eastern Ukraine. Through these activities, a new UCC-APC committee was formed named Aid for Ukraine Committee.

12. 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 as members of National committees and the Executive committee. National Executive and Committees work in several areas are actively supported through committee work and community communications. These include some of the following: Holodomor awareness and education; 125 anniversary of Ukrainian settlement; 200th Anniversary Shevchenko; Internment; Ukrainian Education; Canada Ukraine Foundation; Donor Committee and Black Ribbon Day, to list but a few.

In 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 of Alberta. Committee work of the identified priorities of UCC-APC moves forward, while striving to represent the Ukrainian Canadian Community of Alberta in a professional, respected fashion. We are called upon to provide support and advice to the community involving several key areas. Much work has been done.

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 2014 - 2015! It is a pleasure and a great honour working and leading such a committed group of community organizations and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted



Olesia Luciiv-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:

2015	Ray Danyluk	1998	Walter Buck
2014	Ken Kowalski	1997	George Topolnisky
2013	Ed Stelmach	1996	Laurence Decore
2012	Myron Kowalsky	1995	Julian Koziak
2011	Allen Sulatycky	1994	Catherine Chichak
2010	Harvey Cenaiko	1993	Bill Diachuk
2009	Paul Yewchuk	1992	William G. Lesick
2008	Peter Trynchy	1991	John Batiuk
2007	Alfred Zariwny	1990	Dr. Albert Hohol
2006	Mark Hlady	1989	Isidore Goresky
2005	Dave Broda	1988	Ambrose Holowach
2004	Dianne Nielsen (Mirosh)	1987	John Decore, Sr.
2003	Dr. Kenneth Paproski	1986	Michael Starr
2002	William Yurko		
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)
- Exemplary Volunteer

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

This report covers the period June 2014 to October 2015.

Member organizations:

1. Arts of Life Studio,
2. Brotherhood of Ukrainian Veterans,
3. Ukrainian National Federation,
4. ТУС – Ukrainian Self Reliance League,
5. Ukrainian Women's Organization - Ol'ha Basarab,
6. League of Ukrainian Canadians,
7. League of Ukrainian Canadian Women,
8. Пласт – Ukrainian Scouting Organization,
9. Ukrainian Women's Association,
10. СУМ – Ukrainian Youth Association,
11. Рідна Школа – St. George's Catholic Parish Ukrainian Language Heritage School,
12. Курси Українознавства – Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies,
13. Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Club,
14. Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta.

Board of Directors:

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We sincerely thank our volunteers who organize and support projects and initiatives run by UCC Edmonton and its member-organizations. A special appreciation to Ukrainian National Federation - Edmonton Branch for supporting our activities and renting facility for storage and monthly Board meeting, and our fundraising arm – Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society of Edmonton.

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

- In August we celebrated the 24th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex with a keynote speaker MP Peter Goldring.
- In November we marked the 81st anniversary of the Ukrainian Genocide 1932-33 with a commemorative event at the City Hall and wreath laying at the first Holodomor Memorial in the world (1983). A keynote speaker was Dr. Wolodymyr Zarytskyi from US-Ukraine Foundation, NY.
- On behalf of UCC Edmonton, President traditionally laid wreath at the commemorative ceremony at the U of A Universiade Pavilion (Butterdome) to honour Canadians who gave their lives in World War I, World War II, the Korean War and most recently international military conflicts to defend Canadian values and freedoms.
- In December the UCC Edmonton had a social evening – спільна вечерея to thank God and volunteers for the year.
- In March the Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta with support of UCC Edmonton organized an annual Taras Shevchenko concert.
- We have completed a Humanitarian Assistance to Ukraine project Загрій Захисника України campaign with four tons of warm clothes gathered and shipped to Eastern Ukraine by "Orbit" and "Meets" companies. The shipping costs were covered by UCC Edmonton as well.
- In addition, UCC Edmonton volunteers supported UCC-Alberta Provincial Council with its projects such as Ukrainian Day at the Ukrainian Village, and the Hetman Awards.

Respectfully submitted,
President Serhiy Kostyuk

UCC - Calgary Branch

UCC-Calgary Branch

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Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts

The Annual General Meeting took place in May 2015. The AGM included a Volunteer Appreciation a private tour of the University of Alberta MacTaggart Art Collection, along with special guest speaker, Orysia Tracz. ACUA hosted the **1st Annual Christmas Market & Workshop** event followed by the **1st Annual Easter Market and Workshop** event. Both were very successful and well attended events which included vendor markets complimented by a series of folk art workshops.

Directory of Ukrainian Artists – The online **Directory of Ukrainian Artists** continues to be updated and a valuable community resource. Please visit the ACUA website (acuarts.ca) to access the directory. ACUA is always looking for more artists to add to the directory.

The Peter & Geraldine Shostak Scholarship – The first recipient of the scholarship is Stephania Romaniuk.

Art for Aid – Wanting to help, to contribute, and to support the humanitarian efforts for Ukraine, many of ACUA's artists came together and created the Art for Aid project. Donating the proceeds from the sale of their art work to the Humanitarian efforts, the Artists in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council and ACUA, held 2 very successful events. Over \$32,000.00 were raised for Ukraine.

ACUA Vitae -Two new issues of the **ACUA Vitae** magazine were produced and 6,000 copies of each issue have been distributed in many communities in Alberta.

Petrykivka Workshop - ACUA was very happy to organize and present, via video conferencing, a first live from Ukraine, Petrykivka painting Master Class. Members were able to participate in Edmonton and via Skype from other locations.

Regional Representatives

Being a provincial organization, the ACUA board recognizes the need to increase the number the Regional Representatives and ensure that Ukrainian Art and Culture is celebrated across Alberta. We are proud to have regional representatives in Lethbridge, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Jasper, Vegreville, Andrew and Carvel.

Ethno Cabaret

With our friends at the U.W.A.C. St. John's Cathedral Branch and the Edmonton Ukrainian Self Reliance Association, we hosted a wonderful and very successful Ethno Cabaret with special guest speaker, Orysia Tracz.

Kino Ukrainian Film fest -ACUA hosted the Kino Ukrainian Filmfest, with assistance and support of the members of the Winnipeg Kino Filmfest. The Filmfest will be held over 3 days and will feature 4 full length films and a series of children's cartoons.

Folk Art Retreat – ACUA, in partnership with the Carvel Ukrainian Cultural society held a very successful Folk Art retreat in the Community of Carvel.

ACUA's 30th - In 2016 ACUA will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary. We look forward to celebrating this Anniversary with a number of new initiatives, special projects and events; including compiling and documenting the **30 year history of ACUA**.

ACUA Gallery & Artisan Boutique - The ACUA Gallery and Artisan Boutique is open for business! A very successful Grand Opening was held in September. KONTAKT – Toronto attended the event along with local print and live media. The gallery is located at **9534 – 87 street, Edmonton**. The facility boasts over 500 pieces of original works of art from over 40 artists of Ukrainian Heritage. The community facility features permanent gallery space, special exhibition gallery space, large workshop space, community meeting space, artist's studio space and offices for rent. This new centre provides a venue for our Artists to show, exhibit and sell their Art work. The new centre is available for all of our Ukrainian and arts organizations to use.

Upcoming 2015 Workshops and special events ; Folk and Fine Art Workshop series, Culinary Arts Series, Special Exhibit at Steppes Gallery, 2 Day Christmas Market and Workshops.

Conclusion - Thanks to the support of the community ACUA has had a very successful year and we look forward to celebrating the 30th Anniversary. We will continue to, Through our art, our traditions, and our culture share the stories of our families, our ancestors, of our lives. Thank you again to everyone.

Our Art, Our Soul

Respectfully Submitted
Deborah Stasiuk



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Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association



The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 8 commencing at 1:00pm. As of October 31, 2015, the membership of AUDA consists of 26 groups, 4 professionals, and 3 individuals.

NEW UKRAINIAN DANCE WORKSHOP PROGRAM

AUDA introduced a new initiative to engage Alberta's Ukrainian Dance community to advance the caliber of dance and volunteer organizational skills. Through the Ukrainian Dance Workshop Program, AUDA offered to support member organizations to host workshops across Alberta for the benefit of their participants and their community. Three workshops were held in Peace River (April 29, 2015), St. Paul (July 27-31, 2015), and Grande Prairie (July 13-16 and August 17-20, 2015). Through the workshops, 85 participants were provided an opportunity to enhance their capabilities and diversify their knowledge in Ukrainian Dance.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

AUDA provided 10 scholarships totaling \$4,430 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.

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

AUDA has committed to provide 3 scholarships annually for \$1000 each to Ukrainian Dance Groups in Alberta to support instructor development. This past year, we awarded 2 scholarships.

COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

AUDA is hosting a Community Roundtable session in Edmonton on November 8, 2015 to get feedback on initiatives for financial project support to our members, and to present AUDA's Strategic Plan.

IMAGE REVAMP AND ONLINE RESOURCES

AUDA updated its corporate image with a revamped logo and is launching a revamped 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 DATABASE UPDATE

AUDA hired a contractor in October 2014 to validate our database of Ukrainian dance schools, Ukrainian dance companies, and individual Ukrainian dance practitioners in Alberta. Through the initiative, we collected information on 68 Dance Groups in Alberta, 111 Instructors, and 13 Dance Festivals. We also began the preliminary collection of information related to financial impact and volunteer participation.

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
Executive Director

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Bishop Budka Charitable Society (BBCS)

Our Society held its Annual General Meeting on June 18, 2015 at which we were honored to have Dr. Roman Petryshyn as our guest speaker. As per normal procedure we held election for directors to fill two vacancies left by the passing of Bill Diachuk and the resignation of Ilija Simcisin, We are pleased to announce the selection of Wendy Lickacz and Patricia Worger.

During this past year our Society was pleased to receive acknowledgement that the the construction of the Pastoral and Catechetical Center in Ponta Grossa, Brazil, that we supported financially, was completed in February 2015. The Blessing and Official Opening was held on October 18. 2015.

At the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council 2015 Annual Hetman Awards Dinner, two of our Societies Board od Directors spouses were awarded the prestigious Hetman volunteer award – Vlodko Boychuk husband of Orysia and Steffie Chmilar wife of Edward. Congratulations are extended to both.

At the Annual Ukrainian Day at the Ukrainian Cultural Village sponsored by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council my wife Evelyn and I were pleased to assist in the sale of the annual raffle tickets.

Reflecting on events of the past year, it was only a few days prior to the UCC-APC Annual Meeting we were all saddened by the passing of Bill Diachuk on October 27, 2014. Bill served as president of our Society for 22 years, as well as, president of Ukrainian Social Services, plus many other worthy charities.
VICHNAI PAMIAT!

Orest Eveneshen
President

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Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce - Alberta Branch

CUCC-Alberta held two networking events in the past year (September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015):

- Christmas Mixer – December 12, 2014 at Chateau Louise. Casual gathering of CUCC-Alberta Members and friends.
- Meeting with Dr. Basil Kalymon – May 14th, 2015. Prior to annual Kyiv Konnection banquet, Dr. Kalymon addressed CUCC-Alberta members and guests with update on political developments in Ukraine, background to Russia's aggression in Crimea and Eastern Ukraine and economic situation in the country. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session.
- In addition to own networking events, CUCC-Alberta participated in organizing joint events with other Ukrainian organizations:
- In partnership with Advisory Council on Alberta-Ukraine Relations (ACAUR) – we helped to organize the visit to Edmonton and hosted an Agricultural delegation from Ukraine on March 22, 2015. The delegation consisted of 6 representatives of various agricultural universities of Ukraine. In addition to the academic and government parts of the visit, organized by URDC, CUCC-Alberta jointly with ACAUR organized a visit and reception of the delegation at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. During the reception, the delegates had an opportunity to meet with Premier Stelmach, several MLAs representing areas with significant presence of farmers with Ukrainian roots, and farmers themselves.
- Community meeting with Khrystia Freeland – July 19th, 2015. In cooperation with UCC-APC and other community organizations, CUCC-Alberta helped to organize a meeting with the Ukrainian Community for MP Khrystia Freeland. Khrystia – being the most active Liberal advocate for Ukraine on the Parliament Hill delivered her recollections of experience working in Ukraine and Russia in early 1990's and during her recent visits to Ukraine at the time of the Revolution of Dignity. She was also asked about Liberal party's position regarding assistance to Ukraine and commitment going forward.

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*(Western Canada - Vice President -
CUCC National)

CUCC-Alberta AGM

Annual General Meeting for CUCC-Alberta took place at Chateau Louise on February 19th, 2015. Keynote speaker: Lyubomyr Markevych presented unique angles to political and military developments in Ukraine as well as some thoughts on the country's main problems (corruption, lack of rule of law, etc.)

Board and Executive largely remained unchanged. Departure(s) – Nathaniel Baiduza, new member – Serhiy Pekh.

ACAUR Participation

Up until May 2015 CUCC-Alberta took active role in ACAUR's activities and meetings. The Council seized to meet following Provincial elections.

For the next year, CUCC-Alberta will seek to put more emphasis on organizing Networking events and continuing to cooperate with the Ukrainian community of Alberta on other relevant and important projects/initiatives.

Vitaliy Milentiyev, President
CUCC-Alberta

Natalia Pociurko, Vice President
CUCC-Alberta



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. The Mission of Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (ECS UBPAS) 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. In 1974, this was the first second language bilingual program to be offered by Edmonton Catholic Schools (ECS). We have just celebrated the 40th year of this program, and enrollment in the ECS UBP for the 2015-16 year totals an unprecedented 614 students (210 at St. Matthew, 220 at St. Martin, 124 at St. Kevin, 60 at Austin O'Brien).

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014-2015 and EVENTS SPONSORED BY ECS UBPAS

- UBPAS AGM, Scholarship Presentation and Appreciation Evening (September 25, 2014): Presentations included scholarships to recipients in Grades 4-12 and farewell gifts to outgoing and retired teachers and administrators
- Fall 2014: Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students at St. Martin and at St. Matthew
- Volya Matinee School Performance (October 10, 2014) and Shumka Matinee School Performance (March 12, 2015): Ticket and transportation costs were subsidized for K-9 UBP students at St. Martin, St. Matthew and St. Kevin
- Grade 12 Matura at Holy Cross Church/Ukrainian Youth Unity Centre (May 24, 2015): UBPAS presented graduates with a gold Tryzub pendant and a certificate of program completion
- Grade 9 Farewell (June 15, 2015): UBPAS hosted a pizza lunch and presented students with icon, rushnyk and certificate
- Grade 6 Farewell (St. Martin on June 11, 2014; St. Matthew on June 25, 2014): UBPAS presented students with an icon, rushnyk and certificate
- Religious School Retreat to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the UBP (March 20, 2015): Held at Holy Cross Parish, this event was attended by all UBP students from St. Matthew and St. Martin and students from St. Kevin
- 40th Anniversary Zabava (April 24, 2015): Celebrated this milestone with a Family Zabava at Meridian Centre attended by approx. 300 people
- Casino (April 27 and 28, 2015): Held at Baccarat Casino with wonderful volunteer participation

MARKETING/ADVERTISING (Budget for 2014-15 over \$15,000)

Marketing and advertising for the ECS UBP continues to be a joint venture with the UBPAS, 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 focusing on the 40th Anniversary of the UBP (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 ad bars, and digital ads at Tim Hortons locations
- 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 direct funding from casino proceeds to each school, averaging between \$30-40 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 and farewell gifts for Grades 6, 9, and 12
- Marketing and advertising
- Lviv Proficiency Exam for Grade 12

GOALS FOR 2015-16

Our key goals for the 2015-16 school year will include to:

- Continue to review and assess the needs of the UBP
- Survey our parents and stakeholders to determine ways to improve the advertising methods for the UBP and to identify some of

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Butz-Gauk, ECS UBPAS President

Board of Directors:

President	Marian Gauk
Past President	Doreen Zee
Vice President	Heather Petryga
Secretary	Pamela Shapka
Treasurer	Dennis Kuchta

School Representatives:

St. Martin	Susan Rajakaruna Heather Petygra
St. Matthew	Shannon Kulchisky Gayle Plican Ken Semeniuk
St. Kevin	Doreen Zee

Martin, St. Matthew and St. Kevin



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 Canada.

FOUVS is a member driven organization – currently we have 698 members in the Society. This year we ran a successful donations campaign, golf tournament and our 30th Anniversary Banquet and Fund Raising Zabava. Thank you to the Ukrainian community for your support.

To the left is the science cabinet and artifacts in Morecambe School that FOUVS funded. Over the past year FOUVS spent a total of \$75,000 for furnishing and artifacts at UCHV

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	MacRae, Christina Ostashevsky,
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	Deborah Stasiuk, Ryan Steblyk

ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY FOUVS AT UCHV



Historical Interpreters

This year FOUVS hired 35 Interpreters who worked from mid-April to the first week of September.

Museum Shop

The 2015 season has been very successful. Currently the Friends Museum Shop is undergoing major renovations.

Historic Children's Program and Junior Interpreter Program
The HCP and JIP programs were offered from July 8 to August 23 2015. Village Food and Vendor's Markets

One of the highlights of UCHV events are the Village and Food Markets which feature vendors from East Central Alberta.

Food Services

Some 46,000 visitors come to UCHV in 2014. FOUVS offers food services to summer visitors through our Village Diner, Kalyna Food Concession and Catering Services. Friends Ukrainian MusicFest & Harvest of the Past

Seventeen groups participated in the Friends MusicFest in 2015. The line-up was organized by Steven Chwok, of CFCW. For the Harvest Festival FOUVS partnered with local chefs and producers.

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!

Конгрес Українців Канади Провінційна Рада Альберти

Річний Звіт
2014-15

St. John's Institute

Into the 4th year since re-opening our doors after our \$8.5M rebuild, St. John's Institute continues to flourish as a model of youth leadership development, a vibrant Ukrainian cultural hub, and a catalyst for a dynamic, innovative, engaged community, in the spirit of Ukrainian Orthodoxy. With no month featuring fewer than 10-15 events (both SJI's and others'), several signature activities carried the torch for St. John's Institute's cultural programming in 2015. In January, the Institute presented "**Koliaduiemo razom: Pikkardiys'ka Tertsia in Concert**" at Edmonton's Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. An audience of over 1900, including nearly 300 children from Ukrainian bilingual schools, youth groups and cultural programs across Edmonton and beyond, heard the renowned Ukrainian a cappella ensemble, live at the Jube. The performance was followed by a reception for the entire audience, catered by St. John's Institute.

In the spring, **Pentecost in the Park** welcome guests to a shared picnic after a beautiful religious service. Weeks later, over 300 people turned out to celebrate "**Kupala in the Park**" featuring a performance by Ukraine's **Rozhanytzia**, barbecue of shashlyky, freshly-baked bread, and plentiful salads, *motanky*, *vinkopletennia*, songs, dances, games, a scavenger hunt and a vatra in Emily Murphy Park.

In July, SJI cooked up a traditional pancake breakfast for 650 Edmontonians on behalf of Premier Rachel Notley at Wilbert McIntyre Park. The Institute also co-presented a live 3-hr show, "**After Art in the Park**" putting Ukrainian artists in front of the public as producer and presenter of the Whyte Avenue ArtWalk Festival. SJI also made history this summer as the first-ever non-profit, registered charity, Ukrainian food vendor to ever take part in Edmonton's major food festival, Taste of Edmonton! Our restaurant, "**A Taste for Life - Ukrainian Kafé & Bistro**" was staffed with volunteers over this 10-day period. And the very next day, SJI served as food sponsor for Ronald McDonald House Charities, serving up meals and special treats to 5000 guests – families and children - at the RMHC-Northern Alberta Block Party!

In August 2015, at the direction of Camp Directors, Fr. Dcn. Anton Lakusta and Ronald Bayda, and under the chaplaincy of Rev. Fr. Cornell Zubritsky, 83 youth aged 7-14 had their fill of summer thrills in the Camp Bar-V-Nok program: "**Where Faith, Culture and Nature Come Together.**" Held at Camp St. Basil this year, the camp program was very uplifting and successful, despite the challenges of a new facility, bad weather and a hefty bout of the flu.

The summer ended on a very high note with SJI and the Alberta Society for the Advancement of Ukrainian Studies teaming up to present "**A Journey Through The Ukrainian Jewish Encounter**" – an historical exhibit that was launched and ran at the Institute for a 3-week period. Thanks to all SJI staff and volunteers who went way above and beyond to make all of these events happen!

St. John's Institute's casino on February 2 and 3, and our fundraising gala on February 7 allowed us to support other non-profits and charities, and encourage

youth leadership development, with some of our contributions matched by our own SJI Residents Association. The Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union, the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation, the Calmar Zirka Ukrainian Dancers, the Kinette Club of Edmonton, and the ZMIIV Orphanage in Kharkiv, Ukraine, received donations in support of their goals. Many more organizations received discounts and subsidies to use SJI's meeting facilities; accommodations for their guest speakers and performers; catering for their special events, and promotion of their activities through SJI's membership and promotional channels. SJI also hosted and sponsored Ukrainian art competitions and exhibits, panel discussions, book launches, round tables and Ukrainian student/mentor networking events.

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Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy (UCBC)

The Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada — Edmonton Eparchy is now nearing the end of its 81th 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 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».

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. Any individual reading this report can contact myself, or Joseph Synyshyn — Director, Communications & Programs for more detail.

Affiliated Clubs and Organizations

- UCC; UCCEP; etc.
- Church and Parish Support Programs
- Maintaining & Preserving Church Properties & Cemeteries
- Documenting Church Properties & Cemeteries
- Alberta/Ukraine Genealogy Project
- Ethno-Cultural Programs & Support Services
- Edmonton (Servus) Heritage Festival
- Evangelization
- Eparchial 25 Year pastoral Plan
- Financial Aid to Construction & Maintenance of Facilities
- Camp Oselia & Camp St. Basil
- Financial and Fund Raising Programs
- Bingo, Casino, Heritage Festival
- Membership and Member Support Programs
- Obituaries & Remembering Album
- Clergy & Religious Orders Support Program
- Seminarians, Basilian Fathers House of Studies; Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate
- Social Development & Canadian Citizenship Program
- Holodomor; Internment; Remembrance Day
- 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.

Board of Directors:

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Treasurer:	Ed Hladunewich
Spiritual Advisor:	Rev. Michael Kowalchyk
Director of Programs and Communication:	Joseph Synyshyn



Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta

New Contacts & Fundraising: UCAMA will be sending out a request for support to hundreds of new contacts across Canada in November 2015. UCAMA has recently acquired the assistance of high profile Albertans to head its fundraising drive. More details of UCAMA's new fundraising efforts will be made public very shortly.

Step Up to the Plate: With this donor recognition program, donors receive glass plates that feature the whimsical style of Iryna Karpenko, IN ADDITION TO A FULL TAX RECEIPT. 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.

Grant: UCAMA received a \$5,000 grant from the Ukrainian Pioneers' Association of Alberta to pay for specialized archival quality packaging & storage materials for its future move to a new facility.

Conservators' workshop: Conservators from the Provincial Archives of Alberta held a workshop on strategies to properly create & pack storage boxes with various types of artifacts. The workshop was attended by board members Khrystyna Kohut, Iryna Jendzjowsky & Alexandre Makar & UCAMA's sole employee Greg Borowetz.

Professional standing: UCAMA is a Candidate in the Recognized Museum program 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 AMA grants to address many urgent needs such as artifact cataloguing, exhibition planning, conservation & research. UCAMA maintains Institutional membership in the Archives Society of Alberta, the highest institutional designation in the ASA. UCAMA is also a member of the Canadian Museums Association & the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN).

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Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (UCSS)

UCSS activities have been consistently covering community needs that have emerged during the last three decades. The services provided by our agency did not duplicate services provided by the main stream organizations. The UCSS continued to work on immigration and settlement programs, and community programs. The majority of UCSS clients were residents of Edmonton, however the office received a number of inquiries from all over the Province.

Immigration and Settlement Programs

- Settlement program – UCSS has continued to help New Canadians to settle in Edmonton and surroundings - our programs covered initial needs of newcomers that included finding apartments, applying for SIN, Alberta Health Care Plan, school registration, job search and other related issues.
- Aid with citizenship applications.
- Immigration Services – providing general information about immigration regulations and possible ways to immigrate to Canada. There was more interest in coming to Canada to work or to join family members who already were here. Due to the recent situation in Ukraine the office responded to a number of inquiries on immigration programs.
- The office staff helped clients with filling out various immigration applications and compiling of supporting documents.

Community

- Providing information on community services for seniors, families, sick and isolated, women and youth.
- Help with various applications (Child tax benefits applications, Employment Insurance applications, etc.)
- 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 and household items.
- Translation and interpretation services .
- Volunteer coordination -The office staff continued to work with volunteers, who mostly were needed to help with bingo, casino, furniture moving and distribution of newsletter and fundraising envelopes.

Pomich Ukraini

UCSS conducted a special fundraising for the Pomich Ukraini Fund to provide humanitarian aid to people affected by the War in Eastern Ukraine. During the School Opening Liturgy for students in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program there was a special collection of donations for families of Ukrainian soldiers killed or wounded in action. All funds were forwarded to UCSS Centrala and transferred to Social Service of Ukraine.

UCSS Edmonton supported Centralia's project in Ukraine "Soup Kitchens" that has been established in 1998 in order to provide free meals to less fortunate people in Ukraine. The project is conducted in cooperation with Social Service of Ukraine. Presently the program runs 8 kitchens/food banks with financial support from local government agencies and businesses.

Ivanna Szewczuk, Coordinator of Community Services

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Edward Ewaskiw
Cassie Gretzan
James Kniazky
Lidija Simcisin
Patricia Worger

Staff: Ivanna Szewczuk, Coordinator of
Community Services,
Anna Krupa, Office Worker
Membership: 73 registered members

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 795. 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 with the exception of December and July. 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 this year's convention held on October 16 – 18, 2015, a new executive was elected. The theme of the convention was, "Living a Christian Life in a Contemporary World."

Board of Directors:

President:	Joyce Chronik-Rudiak
Past President:	Evelyn Eveneshen
Vice Presidents:	Mary Ann Phillips Barb Olynyk Lydia Migus
Secretary:	Theresa Hlus
Corresponding Secretary	Virginia Sharek
Treasurer:	Shirley Rudnitski
Spiritual Advisor:	Rev. Janko Herbut

Featured Projects: Among the many, regular activities our membership gets involved in, in achieving our league's aims the following indicate the focus projects in 2015:

- Prayers and monetary support for Ukraine and its people.
- Publication of the book, The UCWLC: Builders of Family, Faith and Community, that Lena Sloboda, HLM has been working on. It was to be launched at our 2015 Convention, but due to additional time needed, the new projected launch date is for spring, 2016.
- Publication of a heritage cookbook containing mainly treasured recipes of members who have now passed on. Deadline has been extended.
- Sponsorship of a children's 3-day Spring Break/Holy Week Day Camp at which children learned about lent, Palm Sunday, the events of Holy Week, and Easter .
- President Joyce Chronik-Rudiak planned and helped facilitate a 2-day Children's Camp in July at St. Vladimir Parish in Red Deer.
- President Joyce presented two sessions and taught children a couple of songs in Ukrainian at the New Kiev Children's Camp held in July.
- The above three events were facilitated by Bishop David, clergy, Sisters of SSMI, and UCWLC members with assistance by parents of children attending.
- Developed a Branch Partner initiative for the purpose of uniting rural and urban UCWLC branches, enabling rural branches to feel more connected with urban ones and vice versa.
- Plan a Convention addressing issues that churches and families face in our contemporary world. Through various excellent speakers, this objective was achieved.

Charitable Report: The UCWLC, Edmonton Eparchy, supports many charities, institutions and organizations: Canada Ukraine Foundation Lviv, Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine, seminaries (Holy Spirit, Sheptytsky Institute, Basilian House of Studies), and Newman College, Bishop Budka Charitable Society, Ukrainian Catholic Bilingual schools and Sadochok programs, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, SSMI, youth and children's camps, St. Michael's Health Group, St. Joseph's Home, Ukrainian Canadian 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 Society.

Main Goal and Objective: One of the main goals in 2015 was to enhance communication between branches and the UCWLC Eparchial Executive and among branches. Branches were encouraged to implement ideas from a document, "The Big Ideas and How to Deal With Them," distributed at Convention 2013 and then communicate their successes with the Eparchial Executive, which in turn would pass these on to other branches.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joyce Chronik-Rudiak, President
UCWLC, Eparchy of Edmonton



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

Dr. Svitlana Kryś, Director Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) and the Kule Chair of Ukrainian Community and International Development at MacEwan University.

Dr. Kryś replaces Dr. Roman Petryshyn, the founder of URDC, who served as its director for 28 years. Dr. Petryshyn retired on June 30, 2015.

Dr. Kryś sees URDC as an indispensable part of MacEwan's internationalization strategies, and through URDC, she would like to provide study, research, and extracurricular opportunities to students, interested in Ukraine and Eastern Europe, thereby making the Ukrainian Studies an integral part of humanities at MacEwan. She is also looking forward to working with Canadian Ukrainian community groups in a range of academic and cultural outreach initiatives, as consistent with URDC's mandate.



URDC is grateful for the support of our community partners, the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE) and Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF). Together, we ensure that URDC not only stays preeminent in what it does but also expands its footprint in Ukrainian Studies.

For example, last spring UFCE and CUF were instrumental in sponsoring the development of the nursing course on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which was launched at Ternopil State Medical University (TSMU) this fall.

In his letter to UFCE Dr. Mykhailo Korda, Rector of TSMU wrote: "Your assistance regarding this new course is particularly important and timely in view of the gruesome aftermaths of the current war in Eastern Ukraine with over 6 thousand killed, several dozen thousand wounded and over a million people displaced. According to recent estimates, at least 350,000 people in Ukraine will experience long-term effects of mental health trauma and will require competent interventions and ongoing support by well-trained nurses and other health professionals".

Last May a delegation from MacEwan representing our Bachelor of Communications Program, Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and URDC visited our partner universities – National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA) and TSMU. Numerous activities of the visit included a seminar dedicated to different aspects of Social Conflict. The papers presented at the seminar will be published in our joint peer reviewed journal "Social, Health and Communication Studies" in November 2015.

Currently, URDC is working with a group of scholars from the University of Alberta, spearheaded by Dr. Olenka Bilash on a three-year research project aimed at investigating key areas of the reforms in Ukraine. The Research Initiative on Democratic Reforms in Ukraine (RIDRU) will explore three dimensions in the upcoming democratic reforms of the government of Ukraine: good governance and the rule of law, post-secondary education reform, and nationality, culture, and language policies. All three topics will be investigated both as they emerge in Ukraine and as they affect the diaspora in Canada and beyond. URDC director is one of the lead researchers for the cluster on nationalities, culture, and language policies, working in close collaboration with colleagues from Canada, Ukraine and other countries involved in the project.

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Alberta Provincial



Our UWAC Alberta Provincial organization consists of fourteen branches with a total of 545 members. The largest branch has 101 members and the smallest branch has seven members. Our Alberta Provincial Executive remains the same as our biennial election was held on October 25, 2014.

The highlight of 2015 was our 85th Anniversary celebration, held on October 3, 2015 in conjunction with the Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League Convention. UWAC-APE planned a program which included a presentation of "My 1000 Pillow Project" by Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn. Delegates also participated in a "Show and Tell" of embroidered cushions and pillows that they brought. At the end of the day, Mrs. Anna Zwodzdesky presented the history of Alberta Provincial Soyuz. In conclusion, all the delegates joined in singing Ukrainian songs, while Honourable Gene Zwodzdesky played on Mrs. Zwodzdesky's mandolin.

Past Presidents were invited to this Anniversary and were honoured with corsages. Every delegate received a copy of the "85th Anniversary Program Book", featuring the theme of Ukrainian embroidered pillows. For this booklet, Leona Bridges researched and prepared a short history of UWAC-APE, as well as a list of major projects for the time period of 1930-2015. Vivian Skakun prepared a chart of National UWAC Presidents and Provincial UWAC Executives during the 85 years.

UWAC-APE Presidents:



Front row- Joana Janis, Alexandra Hohol, Anna Zwodzdesky,
Back row- Vivian Skakun, Nadine Brow, Dr. Geraldine Nakonechny, Shirley Wozimirsky, Oksana Ensslen,
Missing – Nadeya Bodnar, Isabelle Boyko Darcovich, Gloria Ferbey, Lelia Zubritsky Miller, Carla Kozak, Cheryl Moisey

Congratulations to Lukian Kruhlak on receiving the Provincial 2015 CYMK/UOY Scholarship in memory of Eugene Harasymiw and Dr. Harry Hohol.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vivian Skakun, President of UWA-APE

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