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**UCC - Alberta Provincial Council
September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017**



The year begins in September with intense involvement in the planning of a successful celebration with our Special 125 Hetman awards in October of 2016. The UCC-APC then moved forward on the nomination process and preparations for the AGM of UCC-APC November 18, 2016. This election welcomed back Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz as President, and newcomer Inessa McIntyre as our secretary. All other executive positions remained the same. UCC -APC had delegates representing 16 of the 17 member organizations at

the AGM held at the St. John's Institute, Edmonton. 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, 2016 - August 31, 2017.

UCC-APC continued to be active in assisting Ukraine and the crisis. Further work with Ukraine is being pursued with the Fire Fighters Project, with Mr. Kevin Royle. Fire fighting equipment has been collected, and packed in C-cans for shipment to Ukraine. The C-can arrived in Lviv in late July, and the equipment was distributed in September, 2017.

1. Governance and community development

This year we welcomed 2 new directors to the executive, Genia Leskiw, former MLA, living in Bonnyville, giving us more insight to our north eastern communities in Alberta and Larissa Hayduk, who was formerly our recording secretary. Community outreach work is further needed to embrace the community spirit across Alberta inclusive of Red Deer and Calgary. Northern Alberta, which includes the communities of Andrew, Vegreville, Mundare and Bonnyville have begun to work together in some of their celebrations of the 125 Anniversary of Immigration to Canada.

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.

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 4,500+ 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. UCC-APC also publishes twice a year a newsletter that is mailed to our members



and donors. This newsletter is then also put on to our web-site.

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 2017, we hired three students, Taras Koval, Anton Semenko and Jordan Isczenko.

UCC-APC is an active participant of the (Alberta) Serving Communities Internship Program (SCIP). This program is funded by the Alberta government and each student is awarded a \$1000.00 bursary for their volunteer efforts of approximately 66 hrs. Our student outreach employees and interns bring a fresh, most competent, young leadership to UCC-APC.

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. With a new government UCC-APC established and maintained healthy government relations with Alberta Culture, Intergovernmental Affairs, Economic Development and Trade, 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. Participation in Calgary's 125th Anniversary Celebration, Kiev Connection, CIUS, Annual General Meetings of member organizations, Black Ribbon Day, Project planning, fundraisers and lectures; which are crucial to community outreach and development. Unity and cooperation within the community is vital.

5. Hetman Awards



This year, in 2016 the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada and Alberta, we wanted to do something a bit different. We decided to recognize the people and organizations who pulled together our community; who started the process of successfully integrating into this new home; who led in maintaining an identity as a symbol of strength.

It is at historic junctures such as this that we can stand back and truly appreciate the magnitude of achievement and how that effort continued on through generations. Each generation building its own organizations, taking their own initiative, and meeting the needs of our living community.

For this reason you will see by the organizations being recognized (see below) that they cover so much of the last 125 years. Signify the vibrant Ukrainian community in this incredible country and province.

Committee worked hard to recognize the leaders. No small task, as not every story has been recorded, and many others have been forgotten. But we recognize them all, as they all played a part.

List of Recipients of the 2016 Hetman Awards

Leaders in Immigration - Ancestral Settlers:

1. Ivan Pylypow
2. Wasyl Eleniak
3. Anton Paish
4. Nykola Tychkowski

Faith, Hope and Charity:

5. St. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church Suchava, Alberta
6. Holy Transfiguration Russo-Orthodox / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church (Star, Alberta)
7. Brotherhood of Ukrainian Catholics
8. Ukrainian Self-Reliance League
9. Order of St Basil the Great
10. Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

Entrepreneurship for Success:

11. Canadian Ruthenian National Union
12. Merchants & Stores: Cooperative Store, Fedun Store, The Ukrainian National Cooperative Company & The United Merchants of Alberta
13. Journals: The New Community; The Canadian; The News
14. Ukrainski Visti
15. New Pathway: Новий Шлях
16. The Ukrainian Bookstore – Українська Книгарня

Empowering the Community:

17. Myhaylo Gowda & Peter Swarich
18. Narodni Domi and Reading halls: Народні Домі, Читальні Провіти
19. Ukrainian Youth and Student Organizations: Boian, Studenske Tovarystvo im. M. Shashkevycha & im Adam Kotsko, Plast, SUMK, Moloda Ukraina, UCY, SUM, Dobra Volia & Ukrainian Students Club) Studenske Tovarystvo im. Adam Kotsko
20. Narodna Rada
21. Woman's Organizations: Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada; Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada; League of Ukrainian Canadian Women: and Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada
22. Ukrainian National Federation (UNO)
23. League of Ukrainian Canadians (LUC)

Cultural Leadership

24. Tovarystvo "Bojan" (Tov-vo Bojan)
25. Vasyl Avramenko Ukrainian Staged Dance Touring Group & Tovarystvo Samobrazovania
26. Dnipro Choir
27. Verkhovyna Choir
28. ACUA – Alberta Council of the Ukrainian Arts



29. AUDA – Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association

Strength Through Education:

30. Taras Shevchenko Reading Association & Chytalnia

31. Prosvita Societies

32. Mykhailo Hrushevsky Ukrainian Institute (St. John's Institute) / Bursa Institute im. Taras Shevchenko (Vegreville)

33. Ukrainian Bilingual Parents Association

Preserving Our History:

34. Ukrainian Museum of Canada - Edmonton and Calgary

35. Ukrainian Library: St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation (Calgary)

36. Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Canada (UCAMA)

37. Ukrainian Catholic Woman's League of Canada Museum

38. Shandro Museum – Willingdon, Alberta

39. Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village / Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

40. Basilian Fathers Museum

41. Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies

42. Ukrainian Pioneer Association of Alberta

This year Bohdan Horich was MC, and professionally and succinctly moved the program along! Special greetings were given by Ambassador Andrij Shevchenko and Honourable Minister Deron Bilous.

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 had 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 22, 2016, Speaker Robert E. Wanner hosted the 8th annual Holodomor commemoration in the Alberta Legislature rotunda. Speakers at the Commemoration included:

Ms. Jessica Littelwood, on behalf of the Premier of Alberta

Mr. Brian Jean, MLA, Leader of the Official Opposition

Mr. Ric McIver, MLA – Leader of the PC Opposition

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 Gene Zwozdesky (former speaker of the house). 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

The 2017 Annual Ukrainian Day Festival, was filled with the sights and sounds of everything Ukrainian in celebration of our rich Ukrainian culture. On August 13, about 3,160 Albertans came to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village for this annual event, a tradition that continues more than 33 years after it was initiated by the UCC-APC.

Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz presented greetings on behalf of the UCC-APC. The Honourable Sarah Hoffman, Alberta's Deputy Premier, brought greetings from the Alberta Government. Mayor Iveson also brought greetings from the City of Edmonton. Several dignitaries were present and were introduced by MC Roman Brytan.

The day opened with Sunday services at two historic churches at the Village, and a pancake breakfast served by volunteers from the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society. Minister of Culture, Honourable Sarah Hoffman took part in the opening ribbon cutting ceremony of the Galician Homestead. Jessica Littlewood, MLA, took part in the unveiling of the centenary plaques, where over 200 family names were presented.

Throughout the day other activities included a stop at the Chernobyl cross. Further down the path, took place 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 also 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 an exhibit of Larisa Luciw's "I am Ukrainian Canadian". Also included were live demonstrations of Ukrainian weaving by Elizabeth Holinaty, pysanky writing, and woodcarving. This year, ACUA in partnership of the Ukrainian Bilingual program had activities for children. The village market also provided entertainment in the courtyard. 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: Euphoria, Shumka, Kurinnya choir from Calgary, Polonez Polish Ensemble, the Romanian Dancers, Balada, and the Prince Charles Fiddlers. This program reflected our celebration of Canada's 150 anniversary and concluded our 125 Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada.

This year the Luchkovich award was presented by Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz to the former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, Genia Leskiw, and which in turn, Genia Leskiw awarded posthumously to family descendants of Andrew Shandro, first elected MLA of Ukrainian descent, a special Luchkovich award.

8. Stelmach House Project

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. The next phase of the project will be to furnish as well as create interpretive panels and interactive screens to develop the home into the Stelmach Learning Centre.

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 2016-17, over 200 names were added to the Centennial Pioneer Recognition monument during the Ukrainian Day celebrations on August 13, 2017. In total there are 5, 946 names on the plaques, as honorary Patrons of this project, UCC APC continues to support this amazing project and its many initiatives. This project is funded through special granting by Alberta Culture to UCC-APC. This phase of the grant concludes August, 2017. We join with our partners and patrons and extend a thank you to the Project manager, Radomir Bilash for your dedication and work with this project.

11. Aid to Ukraine:

The UCC-APC has unanimously endorsed the following projects:

- Wounded Volunteer Fund – Olesia Matsiuk – Project leader. Throughout the year, Olesia has canvassed at many of our community events, gathering funds to help heal the volunteer soldiers of ATO. Her funds go directly to Lviv through the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lviv Eparchy.
- Fire Fighters Project – Lead by Edmonton Firefighter Kevin Royle, this project has grown quickly and exponentially! Kevin has collected first response equipment, fire fighting suites, and medical supplies to be sent to Ukraine. The project is focused on collecting funds to fill a C-can and ship it to Ukraine, where it will be met by volunteers, where the distribution will be closely monitored by Canadian volunteers, and members of the Rotary Clubs of Edmonton and Lviv. In May, 2017 a full C-Can was sent to Ukraine. As of June 1, 2017, the equipment and medical aid reached Odessa, Ukraine.

12. UCC National

This June we hosted the CEO of UCC National, Ihor Michalchyshyn. We traveled to Calgary, where our joint UCC-APC board meeting we held in support of UCC Calgary, and the Calgary Ukrainian Festival.

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: 125 anniversary of Ukrainian settlement; Ukrainian Canadian Arts Network (UCAN), Ukrainian Education; Canada Ukraine Foundation; and MP Pairing 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



UCC - Edmonton Branch 2016-2017

This year UCC Edmonton was awarded the Ukraine Pavilion at the Edmonton Heritage Festival August 5-7, 2017. Over 400,000 people came out the Edmonton International Festival. Ukraine Pavilion was one of 70 pavilions represented at the Festival. In November 2015, "The Friends of the Ukrainian Pavilion Society" was formed to help support the organizing of the Ukraine Pavilion. The Society is under the leadership of Dmytro Petrushchak.

The Ukraine Pavilion successfully coordinated and displayed 3 aspects of the Ukrainian culture: Arts and Culture Pavilion, Entertainment Pavilion and a Ukrainian Cuisine. Over 200 volunteers came out and made this year's event a true success. More than 15 different types of performances were held on stage to entertain the festival goers including singers, dancers, vyshyvanka parade, arm wrestling competition, bandura players, violists and various band. Our Arts and Culture Pavilion included over 10 different tables promoting and educating the community on our Ukrainian Heritage. We are deeply grateful to all those volunteers who came out in various capacities to make this year a reality. In addition, we would like to thank the many organizations who financially contributed to the event. Without your financial support we would not have been able to provide a world class event that we did.

On August 28, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, Edmonton Branch, held Independence Day Commemoration at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex. This year we had guests from Ukraine attend: Laryssa Babych was our keynote address and folk artist Olesya Sinchuk performed at the event.

UCC Edmonton established a committee to conduct a letter writing campaign lead by Petro Oleksiuk and supported by Dr. Bohdan Medwisky, Pan Mykola Vortylenko and to lobby the establishment of a Ukrainian Consulate in Edmonton. UCC Edmonton along with other Edmonton organizations sent several letters throughout the year to key leaders in Canada and Ukraine. One of our first letters was sent to the Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada, Andriy Shevchenko on November 2, 2016 expressing our need and desire for a Consulate in Edmonton. On March 8th, 2017 a similar letter was sent to Народному депутату України, Пану Рибаку Івану Петровичу. The committee also followed up on July 25, 2017 with a letter to Народному депутату України, Голові парламентської фракції «Народний фронт» пану Бурбаку Максиму Юрійовичу. September 29, 2017, we were very pleased to hear that the Ukrainian Canadian Congress received an announcement by His Excellency Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, that Ukraine will open a Consulate in Edmonton, Alberta. President Poroshenko made the announcement during his working visit to Canada on September 22, 2017.

Other events hosted by UCC Edmonton during the 2016-17 year included:

- November 26, 2016 – Holodomor Commemoration
- Jan. 20th, 2017 - No Free Man book launch by Bohdan Kordan
- Feb. 19th, 2017 - Nebesnja Sotnia - Commemoration
- March 12th, 2017 - Annual Shevchenko Concert
- April 26th, 2017 - Chernobyl Commemoration - Hawreluk Park
- May 13th, 2017– Vyshyvanka Zabava – Ukrainian Youth Complex
- May 18th, 2017 – Vyshyvanka Parade – Churchill Square to Legislature

Our next major event that we are organizing is Holodomor. The event is scheduled for Saturday November 25th, 2017 at 12:30 at City Hall.

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UCC - Calgary Branch 2016-2017

Наші Події / Зустрічі

August 27, 2016

Banquet/Zabava 25th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence, 125 Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement to Canada Organized by the League of Ukrainian Canadian Women, under the umbrella of UCC Calgary

Sunday August 28th

Sviato 25 in Edmonton (UCC) organized by CYM/UCC Calgary with a bus from Calgary to Edmonton, inviting everyone interested in participating

Saturday November 26th

Holodomor Commemoration supported and held at St.Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation all organizations, choirs attending a Panakhyda with our three parishes and clergy. Emcees from SUSK/CYM Michelle Rempel MP presenting and laying a wreath

Sunday December 4th,

Festival of Carols 20th Anniversary at Mount Royal College – Bella Theatre, supported by UCPBA, Echoes of Ukraine TV and various Calgary Organizations and all 3 parishes and choirs

March 3 12 Made arrangements with Ivan Moskalyk of Toronto with Cineplex regarding advertising the Premiere of Bitter Harvest in the community with help from Michael Yurkovich and two Dignitaries

Sunday March 12th, Annual Taras Shevchenko Concert supported by the Assumption Parish and organized by CYM Calgary and Ridna Shkola, Assumption Parish .

Wednesday April 26th, Chernobyl Commemorated with a Liturgy at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church (ABVM.) о. Mykhailo Bohun

Thursday May 18th Calgary hosted the 2017 GeoConvention next week from May 15 - 18th. A high level delegation of young geoscientists and geophysicists from various Ukrainian Government departments were in town for this convention and has expressed an interest in meeting with business people, potential investors in oil & gas, mining and natural resource/mineral processing in Ukraine, as well as with members of the general Ukrainian community in Calgary. This was organized by our PBs and invitations and announcements sent out by UCC Calgary.

May 25th День Вишиванки was officially celebrated (individually on the 19th,) and in Calgary with the PBs Scholarship evening with Dr. Linda Dudar

August 27th Independence Day Concert with Olesya Sinchuk from Ukraine, and husband. Guest speaker Laryssa Babych and local performers, Merited Artist of Ukraine, Ihor Bohdan, mezzo soprano, Stephania Romaniuk, soloist, Elena Scherbina, Soloist/Bandura, Iryna Kalinovich and the folk choir Korinnya directed by Iryna Kalinovich. Our Langevin Bridge, near our Holodomor monument was lit up all day and night in blue and yellow lights.

September 6th Organized on short notice **Alberta's Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day** at the Southern Office of our Legislature raising of the Ukrainian flag with the Deputy Premier Sarah Hoffman at our South Legislature . Sept 7th First Official Day

October 19th Bohdan Romaniuk, president of UCPBA, has prepared our by-laws, they have been signed by five members at Tyler Shandro's office and sent to Alberta Registries.

Halya Wilson has been approaching member organizations to represent their organizations, and to take positions on our executive. Inna Platanova has agreed to be President. We will inform you of our new executive after our AGM which will happen when our by-laws have been returned.

Halya Wilson continues to send out UCC Update Calendar with additions on the UCC distribution list which has 300 names on it.

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Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts - 2016-2017

2017 Programming

- 5 Waves of Inspiration – 125 the Anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada Art Exhibit
- Signature Artists Series
- Folk and Fine Art Workshop series
- Publication of ACUA Vitae – Ukrainian Arts magazine
- Route of Our Roots – Canada 150 – Ukrainian Food festival
- Easter and Christmas Markets
- Ukrainian Wedding Fair
- Folk Art Retreats
- Operation of the ACUA Gallery and Boutique – featuring over 100 Artists, Artisans and consignors
- Community Art Space – allows individuals and organizations to conduct art and culture business
- Ukrainian Vintage Fair
- Scholarships
- Special Youth Programming
- Directory of Ukrainian Artists
- Community and Bilingual School Outreach



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The Board of Directors would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the community for the overwhelming support of ACUA. We look forward to an exciting 2018 with the continuation of our current programming and the addition of new exciting programs and initiatives. ACUA will also continue to expand programming by offering folk art retreats in multiple communities across the province.



Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society 2016-17

As stated in our Mission Statement, the Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society “supports the development of Ukrainian language education in order to foster and promote positive social and cultural identity within Canada’s diverse mosaic.” This was a very busy year for AFUES and during this time, our organization has continued making strong strides in fulfilling our mission statement. During this past year, some of AFUES accomplishments included:

- AFUES held our 2017 Annual General Meeting and elected the following Board of Directors: President - Vlodko Boychuk, Vice-President – Semen Kostiuik, Treasurer – Ihor Krys, Secretary – Khrystyna Marenych, Past President - Marco Levytsky; Board members – Olena Hartsula, Alla Nedashkivska, Ilija Simcisin, Nick Fedchyshyn, Taras Bociurkiw.

- During this year AFUES financially supported Ukrainian language education at various levels - Ridna Shkola, Kursy Ukrayinoznavstva, Ukrainian Bilingual schools and at post-secondary levels.
- We have provided a number of academic scholarships for those students who take Ukrainian language courses at the University of Alberta.
- AFUES has examined the current situation with the “Tut i Tam” Book series. Their publication is now available in “On Demand Mode” on the internet. Furthermore, AFUES initiated a Request for Proposals in order to do a Needs Assessment of “Tut i Tam” Book Series.
- We continued development of our AFUES.ca web-site, which provides online access and communication with our applicants. Our goal is for anyone to be able to download and submit their applications online.
- Just like we do every year, AFUES financially co-sponsored 2016 and 2017 Annual Shevchenko Lectures.
- AFUES is spearheading a fundraising campaign to establish “Prof. Manoly Lupul Endowment” which will be funding various activities of Ukrainian Language Education Centre (ULEC) at the University of Alberta.
- We have financially contributed to a number of projects involving Ukrainian language education
- AFUES is sponsoring development of Ukrainian digital resources for Ukrainian Bilingual Religion curriculum in Grades 1-3.

AFUES is looking forward to our future cooperation with other organizations in support Ukrainian Language Education in Alberta.

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Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association 2017



AUDA exists to ensure that students of dance, artists, and citizens who believe Canada's rich heritage of Ukrainian dance and music are enabled to have a distinctive voice in shaping Alberta's cultural legacy. It is an AUDA voice that is innovative, engages broad-based community involvement, and is respectful of the diversity of dance in Alberta.

1. In 2016-2017, there were approximately 4,000 children, teens, and adults participating in 68 Ukrainian dance schools and groups across Alberta.
2. AUDA supported 155 Ukrainian dance performances at Malankas, agricultural fairs, community festivals, and senior's lodges to an estimated audience of over 60,000 people as part of AUDA's Promotional Activities to Increase Awareness and Participation in Ukrainian Dance in Alberta.
3. AUDA supported dance technique, choreography, and Ukrainian cultural workshops as part of the AUDA Ukrainian Dance Workshop Program. A highlight workshop with performance, was the Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Club of Lethbridge. Their "Grade 3 Curriculum Show" reached 17 different schools and 4 different family/home school groups - a total of 981 participants. With AUDA support the workshop fee was kept to \$5 which helped to pay for auditorium rental and workshop supplies.
4. AUDA provided \$3,289 in scholarships for students from across the province to attend summer dance camps through the AUDA Summer Camp Scholarship Initiative.
5. AUDA is pleased to have licensed and posted to our website the best DVD of Ukrainian Hopak dance steps and technique ever produced. Directed by Serhij Koroliuk from the Saskatoon Ukrainian dance and cultural scene with dancers from Ukraine's Virsky Dance Ensemble this DVD will serve Ukrainian dance across Canada.
6. AUDA recognizes the need to promote enrollment in Ukrainian dance schools in Alberta and at the same time financially support media that commits to Ukrainian culture and heritage. This year AUDA expended approximately \$6,800 through CFCW the Zabava Program, The Ukrainian Program with Roman Brytan at 101.7 World FM, and Ukrainian News Publishers.
7. Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association (AUDA) Music Resources Initiative Celebrating 125 Years of Ukrainian Immigration In recognition of 125 years of Ukrainian heritage music in Canada, AUDA is undertaking the production of 125 minutes of newly recorded Ukrainian heritage folk dance music as resource materials for Ukrainian dance schools.

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Executive Director: Andrew Wujcik

AUDA recognizes the contribution of composers, arrangers, music production, and musicians to the development of Ukrainian heritage folk dance. The best symbiosis of music and dance seamlessly stirs our emotions, our imaginations, and our sense of cultural pride. Whether it is a year-end Ukrainian dance school recital or a full-length dance concert work audience members are tapping their feet or clapping their hands as they engage in the enjoyment of music and dance.

To date there are 24 new pieces of heritage folk dance music focussed on 12 and under dancer needs arranged and recorded in Canada and Ukraine (with the assistance of Ukrainian Orbit Store). This music is sourced by the Executive Board of AUDA and dance instructors. Music from this Initiative is posted on AUDA's website for free download.



Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League 2016-2017

The AUSRL Annual Convention was held on the weekend of November 4 - 5 2016 at St. John's Cultural Centre in Edmonton. The opening coincided with the Ukrainian Museum's 125th Anniversary of Settlement of Ukrainians to Canada display *Наша Скриня*. At the 2016 Convention the CYMK-Leadership Bursary 2016 was awarded to first rime recipients Andriy Kruhlak, Larysa Kuchta, Rachel Zukiwsky and Lukian Kruhlak.

Our funding supports for the 2016-2017 year have extended to Camp Bar-V-Nok Summer Program, Kievski Hi Summer Camp Program, Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch, St. John's Institute, SUS Foundation of Canada (designated funds to the National Youth Coordinator Program), Alberta Provincial CYMK-UOY, Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, to UWAC-Alberta Provincial Executive. In 2016 we also allocated funds to the Sviato 125 Celebration in Edmonton. As well, we have supported our Ukrainian Orthodox church school and parish programs across Alberta.

AUSRL is the Alberta level of the CYC –National Board. One of the action plan items for the National Board was the CYC Restructuring. I have been a member of the Restructuring Presentation Team— with initial presentations shared across Canada, this past spring, as well as with the Church Consistory Board. The revised Presentation from the regional input was shared at the 60th Biennial Convention this past August 2017 in Winnipeg. The RoundTable Input session provided some key focus areas for the 2017-2019 CYC NEC to look at.

The AUSRL 2017 Convention was held at Camp Bar-V-Nok on the weekend of September 29-30, 2017 - helping to facilitate this partnership and input from our CYC Community towards the future of Camp Bar-V-Nok. Together with the support of Council of Ukrainian Orthodox Churches of Edmonton, Camp Bar-V-Nok Society and the blessing of Bishop Ilarion— we are facilitated a Round Table Input as a starting point for planning the future of this valuable community resource.

Some key projects for the 2016-2017 term have been:

- Supporting the restoration of Camp Bar-V-Nok property at Pigeon Lake. We have committed \$20,000 over 2017 and 2018 towards the upgrading and maintenance costs of the Camp Bar-V-Nok property
- Supporting CYMK-UOY-Alberta Provincial Executive with a financial grant to assist with Ukrainian Orthodox Youth programs within the province. In May, 2017 a number of CYMK-UO youth participated in a Spring Orphanage Trip with His Grace Bishop Ilarion of the Western Eparchy of Ukrainian Orthodox Church to Lviv and Sambir to build awareness of youth needs in Ukraine.
- This year, 2017, was the biennial convention year for our National Ukrainian Self-Reliance League, CYC, in August. We put forward 3 nominations for the CYC Awards of Excellence, recognising contributing members of the CYC component organizations. Recognized were Kay Hobden, Carla Kozak, and Dr. Geraldine Nakonechny.
- Our recent Casino in January, 2017 provided a revenue of \$72,000 to AUSRL to assist in supporting our programming requests within Alberta. These funds are allocated into two fiscal years to support the programming until end of 2018. Our current allocations are in excess of \$59,000 for 2017-2018. We recently approved \$2500 to UCC-Edmonton for the Heritage Days, Ukrainian Pavilion.
- A thank you to St. John's Institute for supporting AUSRL to hold our meetings at St. John's Institute.
- And lastly to our dedicated board of Directors – who met to review financial requests, look at happening within each of our component organizations as we work to further build a strong CYC Family and for our Ukrainian Orthodox community in Alberta and Canada.

Board of Directors:

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Bishop Budka Charitable Society 2017

On January 25, 2017 three Directors travelled to Brazil to visit the communities in Curitiba, Ponta Grossa and Prudentopolis areas. During the visit they attended the blessing and official opening of a pastoral and social center in Inacio Martin, which was named the Bishop Budka Centro Social & Pastoral Centre. Bishop Budka Society donated funds to the parish of St. Peter's Ukrainian Catholic Church to construct the center which consisted of an auditorium, classrooms, kitchen and washrooms. This Facility enables the parish to conduct meetings, social events and religious instruction.

Arrangements were also made to visit several prior rural agricultural projects in the province of Parana. Next on the agenda was a trip to visit pastoral and cultural centers in Eduardo Chaves, Parana opened in 2011 and in the Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic parish in Ponta Grossa, which was opened in 2015. The directors were pleased to see that both of these facilities are well utilized and serve the needs of the church and community. Upon meeting with the youth they expressed joyful appreciation.

At the Annual General Meeting on June 22, 2017, we honored Director Eugene Sekora as a "founding member" of the Society and presented to him a Certificate for 35 Years of Dedicated Service and Resourceful Support to Bishop Budka Society. We also bid farewell with gratitude to retiring Director Al Tymko for 11 years of dedicated service.

We welcomed Gary Leskow as a director to our Board for a two-year term.

Bishop Budka Charitable Society supported the UCC-Edmonton for the Heritage Days Festival at Hawrelak Park in August 2017. The Society also supported the Fire Fighters Aid for Ukraine to provide used fire fighter gear, protective equipment, life rescue equipment and medicals supplies.

We are honored to congratulate our Director Orysia Boychuk as a recipient of the Hetman Award Volunteer Recognition on October 21, 2017.

Board of Directors:

President:	Orest Eveneshen
Vice President:	Dr. Serge Cipko
Secretary:	Elizabeth Zacharko
Treasurer:	Neil Koziak
Directors:	Orysia Boychuk Edward Chmilar Wendy Lickacz Doug Rezewski Eugene Sekora Gary Leskow Julian Warawa Patricia Worger



Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce - Alberta Branch- 2016-2017

Last year (September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017) was quite challenging, yet rewarding for CUCC-Alberta. The following events were held by or participated in:

- Our fall 2016 activities have started with the Seminar on “Understanding business process in Ukraine, or why some good businesses don’t perform to expectations”, hosted by CUCC-Alberta at the Fairmont Macdonald Hotel. The Speakers from Centry Global Ltd (Calgary) and CMS Law Ukraine have shared some insights on regulatory environment in Ukraine, importance of risk management when planning to do business in/with Ukraine. The event was followed by the networking reception.

- To further the understanding of the Ukrainian Oil & Gas market, its participants and opportunities, CUCC-Alberta jointly with our office in Kyiv had organized a webinar-round table between 5 Canadian energy companies and more than a dozen energy-related organization from Ukraine. The webinar took place on October 11th, 2016.

- In the spirit of co-operation between various Ukrainian organizations across the Province, President of CUCC-Alberta was invited to speak about Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA) at the meeting of Ukrainian Professional and Business Association (Calgary), November 20th, 2016.

- CUCC-Alberta’s Annual General Meeting of April 4th, 2017 had received not only local attention, but was also attended by the heads of CUCC Offices from Toronto (Zenon Potoczny) and CUCC Office in Kyiv (Emma Turos via Skype). It was very important to see a broad understanding of the CUCC mission and its strategic direction.

- In partnership with the Government of Alberta, Embassy of Ukraine in Canada, Embassy of Canada in Ukraine and A7 Conferences Ltd., CUCC-Alberta took part in organizing and sponsoring the Ukrainian Natural Gas Day at the Global Petroleum Show 2017 in Calgary, AB on June 14th, 2017. The event’s attendance (over 100 vs. planned 40) was very indicative of the amount of interest to the Ukrainian Natural Gas market from Canadian companies.

- Over the course of the last year several trade delegations have visited Alberta and requested help of CUCC-Alberta in facilitation of their visits. Organizations interested in importing Canadian beef to Ukraine, drone manufacturer (Kray Technologies), founders of the Agri-MBA program at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and several others have visited Alberta and received support from CUCC-Alberta in organizing meetings with local businesses and Government.

- One of the developments of the year important to the voice of the Ukrainian Community in the Government, was reinstatement of the Advisory Council on Alberta Ukraine Relations (ACAUR) by the Government of Alberta. We are honoured to have our representative (President, Vitaliy Milentyev) serve on the Council for another year.

- Lastly, CUCC-Alberta is honoured to be invited by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Alberta to take part in Preparation of the Trade Mission of Energy and Cleantech companies to Ukraine and Hon. Minister Bilous visit to Ukraine (October 2017).

Full implementation of CUFTA (August 1, 2017) and recent visit of the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Alberta to Ukraine are expected to lend impetus to further initiatives related to bi-lateral trade, exploratory missions, webinars and other activities aimed at expanding business activity between the two countries.

Board of Directors:

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, teachers, administrators, the many volunteers, and community stakeholders for their support, commitment and contributions to the Ukrainian Bilingual Program (UBP) and to the activities of the Society.

In 1974, this was the first second language bilingual program to be offered by Edmonton Catholic Schools (ECS).

Enrollment in the ECS UB (K-Gr. 12) for the 2015-16 year total 622 students (214 at St. Matthew, 236 at St. Martin, 115 at St. Kevin, 75 at Austin O'Brien).

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016-17 and EVENTS SPONSORED BY Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (UBPAS)

- AGM, Scholarship Presentation and Appreciation Evening (October 6, 2016): -Presentations included scholarships to recipients in Grades 4-12 and farewell gifts to outgoing and retired teachers and administrators
- September, 2016 – attended Opening celebration of St. Brendan school
- September 29 – October 2, 2016 – UCC XXV Triennial Congress in Regina. Attended representing the Ukrainian program and UBPAS as a member organization rep of UCC-APC
- November 2016: Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students at St. Martin and at St. Matthew
- February 12 & 13, 2017 – Casino date for our organization
- April 2017 – provided funding support (ticket cost and transportation) for Ukrainian Bilingual students (St. Martin, St. Matthew, St. Brendan) to attend Shumka's Kobzar production at the Jubilee Auditorium
- Grade 12 Matura at Holy Cross Church/Ukrainian Youth Unity Centre (May 27, 2017): UBPAS presented graduates with a gold Tryzub pendant and a certificate of program completion
- Grade 9 Farewell (June 12, 2017): UBPAS hosted a pizza lunch and presented students with icon, rushnyk and certificate
- Grade 6 Farewell (St. Martin on June 08, 2017; St. Matthew on June 15, 2017): UBPAS presented students with an icon, rushnyk and certificate

Board of Directors:

President	Marian Gauk
Past President	Doreen Zee
Vice President	Robert Perez,
Secretary	Pamela Shapka
Treasurer	Nadia Bayda

School Representatives:

St. Martin	Robert Perez
St. Matthew	Ken Semeniuk
St. Brendan	Heather Petryga
Austin O'Brien	Doreen Zee,

Members at Large: Andrea Kopylech.
Sonia MacLean, Gayle Pican

MARKETING/ADVERTISING (Budget for 2016-2016 over \$15,000)

Marketing and advertising for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program continues to be a joint venture with the UBPAS, the school administrations, and Edmonton Catholic School District. The marketing plan has included the following initiatives, all coordinated by ECSD, and funded jointly by UBPAS:

- Portable signs to advertise open houses for each school
- Retail Media ads at grocery self-checkouts and ad bars, eg. several locations throughout the city... Sobeys, Safeway, Co-Op, Sunterra
- Bus Shelters...ads placed on bus shelters at several locations throughout the city
- Tim Horton's digital TV ads at all Tim Hortons locations throughout the city
- Other advertising implemented: newspapers, newsletters, special feature publications and programs within the local community (e.g., Ukrainian News, ACUA Vitae Magazine, Shumka's Clara's Dream program booklet; Deep Freeze Festival Program book; Vegreville Pysanka program book; Cheromosh Ukrainian Dancers performance booklet; UCC-APC Ukrainian Day Souvenir booklet, UCC-APC e-bulletins, etc.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Society provided funding from casino proceeds to each school, averaging between \$30-40 per student to support and/or subsidize:

- Classroom/library resource materials
- School cultural activities, celebrations, and special 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



Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society -2016-2017

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society's mission is to support the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. 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 for the Village (food services, museum shop, interpreters, summer children's programs) 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.

We are proud to have descendants of the Pylypow and Eleniak families – the first two Ukrainian settlers to Canada - and of the large number of decedents of the first immigration in our Society. FOUVS is a member driven organization – currently we have 637 members in the Society. In 2017, 97 volunteers contributed a total of 2293 hours to the Society. Of this number 17 were new volunteers.

In March 2016 FOUVS elected a new executive and updated our by-laws. We also elected a young and vibrant Board of Directors

Our main focus in 2017 has been to support UCHV through our services and operations and to fundraise with the goal of securing sufficient funds to complete the current expansion plan for UCHV. This year we also ran a successful golf tournament that supported our summer children's programming. As a result of FOUVS's commitment of \$45,000 for the purchase of furnishings and artifacts for the Galician Farmstead – it was opened this year during Ukrainian Day celebrations at UCHV.

Board of Directors:

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Secretary: Miranda Koshelek
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Past President : Nick Fedchyshyn
Directors: , Luda Bradley, Rebecca Kuchmak, Alvin Hewko, Sandra MacRae, Adriane Nowicki

Chrystia Chomiak, Executive Director

REPORT ON THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY FOUVS

HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS

This year FOUVS hired 39 Interpreters who worked from the beginning of May to the end of the first week of September.

MUSEUM SHOP

The 2017 season has been very successful. New products were introduced – especially successful has been our teas inspired by Village households

HISTORIC CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AND JUNIOR INTERPRETER PROGRAM

The HCP and JIP programs were offered from July 10 to August 27 2017. One of the focuses of the camps was understanding citizenship.

VILLAGE MARKETS

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

FOOD SERVICES

Some 47,000 visitors came to UCHV in 2017. FOUVS offers food services to summer visitors through our the Kalyna Kitchen Concession, Sweets & Treats, Kalyna Summer Kitchen and Village Food Court. We offer a lunch program to school groups throughout the year and our catering services are offered year round.

FRIENDS UKRAINIAN MUSICFEST

Friends musical groups participated in the Friends MusicFest in 2017. The line-up and concert was organized by Steven Chwok, of CFCW.

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St. John's Institute

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

We sincerely thank our volunteer board members, dedicated staff, and volunteers for all they do for our Institute, and by extension, our Ukrainian Canadian community, and the wider community. It is through their constant dedication that we are able to achieve success and navigate our challenges.

St. John's Institute had another successful year in our community on several fronts. We provided administrative support for key programs such as the St. John's Children's Project (supporting orphanages in Ukraine), the Children for Peace Project (supporting youth affected by the war in Ukraine, including hosting them during a trip to Canada), as well as our Camp BarVNok program, which had another successful year under the directorship of Ron Bayda and Dcn. Anton Lakusta. We also hosted numerous catering events and participated in key Edmonton and area foodie events and festivals such as Taste of Edmonton (second year!), Bacon Fest at Fort Edmonton Park, Babas & Borshch in Andrew, and Sviato 25 in Edmonton's Churchill Square. Finally, we lived our mission as a faith-based institution by providing food to those displaced by the Fort McMurray fires (and waiting in hot lines for hours for their government-issued debit cards) and providing housing to Syrian refugees displaced by the civil war in their homeland. We did all of this while restructuring our staff and financing in order to meet our fiscal challenges.

At our AGM last year, the SJI Board made the difficult, and necessary, decision to pursue the sale of our camp property on Pigeon Lake: Camp Bar-V-Nok. When balanced against our vision as an organization, running and maintaining a property at Pigeon Lake year-round no longer seemed compatible with that vision. With limited resources that we could dedicate towards this property, we made the decision to focus our attentions, efforts, and those precious resources elsewhere. As we stated many times at community meetings, SJI continues to be a solid supporter of the 2-week summer camp program, and will be its steward for as long as required. We committed to bringing a final decision regarding the property to our AGM this coming December and have been working very hard on a solution that will help to keep the property within the Ukrainian Orthodox community. We appreciate all of the efforts of those who are working in the spirit of one, united Ukrainian Orthodox community endeavour.

Having focused the majority of our 2015/16 efforts on cutting costs and restructuring our debt, while establishing a capital reserve to assist us with future building costs, we look forward to a different focus in the year ahead. We will be solidifying revenue generating ventures that will help us to devote funding to the cultural and spiritual programming for which we were created, and gearing up for the celebration of our 100th anniversary in 2018.

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Executive Director:	Suzanna Brytan

We thank the UCC-APC for its leadership and service to our community over the past year.



Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy 2017

The Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada — Edmonton Eparchy was founded 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 very distinctive Programs to support the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Ukrainian Community and the Ukrainian Community in Ukraine. I will 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.

1. Affiliated Clubs and Organizations Support & Service Programs
2. Churches and Parish Support & Service Programs
3. Evangelization Program – Plan
4. Ethno-Cultural Support & Service Program
5. Financial Aid to Construction & Maintenance of Facilities
6. Morality & Rite to Life Program
7. Religious Orders Support & Service Program
8. Social Development & Canadian Citizenship Program
9. Youth Development, Families & Seniors Service Program
10. Membership & Member Support & Service Program

The above provides a brief overview of our 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.

In 2016, the UCBC – Edmonton Eparchy has taken over the responsibilities for the National Brothe

Executive:

President:	Orest Boychuk
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Secretary:	Greg Balko
Treasurer:	Ed Hladunewich
Director of Programs & Communication:	Joseph Synyshyn
Spiritual Advisor:	Rev. Danylo Kuc

Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta

FUNDRAISING:

- 1) **FUNDING matters inc.:** UCAMA hired Funding Matters Inc. in November 2016 to turbo charge fundraising for the new МУЗЕЙ. This is one of the most positive and hopeful steps the organization has taken during the long course of the building project. Funding Matters Inc. has an incredible track record of success with the fundraising projects it has undertaken.
- 2) **Chateau Louis Prospective Donor Session:** In mid-July 2017, Bill Petruck, head of Funding Matters Inc. gave a talk to about 70 friends of UCAMA about the positive signs he sees in the UCAMA fundraising campaign. Also at this event, Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn described various potential exhibits that she sees UCAMA mounting in the not-too-distant future.
- 3) **Heritage 125:** UCAMA's Heritage 125 campaign recognizes \$125 donors with a brick containing their name and/or names of loved ones at UCAMA's new МУЗЕЙ once it is completed and opened. This fundraising initiative has continued through 2017 in commemoration of the 125th year of Ukrainian settlement in Canada.
- 4) **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.

Board of Directors:

President:	Paul Teterenko
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Secretary:	Barry Newton
Outgoing Treasurer:	Elena Scharabun
Directors:	Nick Fedchyshyn, Myron Lahola, Orest Ilkiw, Oleksandr Makar, Bill Tracy



Ukrainian Canadian Social Services

UCSS activities have been consistently covering community needs that have emerged during the last four decades. The UCSS continued to provide community, settlement and senior services.

The majority of UCSS clients were residents of Edmonton; however the office received a number of inquiries from all over the Province mostly regarding settlement and immigration issues.

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.
- Immigration Services – UCSS provided general information about immigration regulations. There was more interest in coming to Canada to work, study or to join family members.
- The office staff helped clients with filling out immigration, Canadian Citizen and Permanent Resident Card applications.
- A significant number of people turned to the office to find employers willing to hire temporary foreign workers.

Community

- Providing information on community services for seniors, families, sick and isolated, women and youth.
- Help with various Family Benefit 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.
- Help with Employment Insurance applications.
- Translation and interpretation services.

Pomich Ukraini - Our Branch continued to support the Soup Kitchens project conducted by the National UCSS and Social Services of Ukraine.

Volunteer Coordinator

The office staff worked with volunteers (bingo, casino, furniture moving, distribution of newsletter and fundraising envelopes).

Ivanna Szewczuk, Coordinator of Community Services

Board of Directors:

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	Larry Sarabin
	Lydia Chochla
	Oksana Enslin
	Edward Ewaskiw
	Cassie Gretzan
	James Kniazky
	Lidija Simcisin
	Patricia Worger
	George Yopyk

Staff: Ivanna Szewczuk, Coordinator of Community Services,
Halyna Sukharyna Office Support Worker
Membership: 76 registered members

with inquiries regarding possibilities to

Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy 2017

Branch Report and Affiliates:

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Edmonton Eparchy, has 20 branches: 9 in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary and 10 in rural locations, with a total membership of 789 plus 6 Honorary Life Members. We are affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Council – Edmonton Eparchy, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations, and Ukrainian Canadian Women's Council, National Executive.

Executive 2016-2017:

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

Featured Projects:

- Prayers for Ukraine, its people and other Christians being persecuted.
- Second major fundraiser in support of "Home of Hope" in Lviv, Ukraine.
- Eparchial Spiritual Retreat for UCWLC members; topic: "Mercy."
- Our UCWLC Museum's participation in the Наша Скриня / Our Treasures Exhibit celebrating 125 years of Ukrainian settlement in Canada.
- Publication and distribution of the book, The UCWLC: Builders of Home, Faith and Community, authored by Lena Sloboda, HLM.
- Two Children's Sleepover Retreats; St. Vladimir and Holy Eucharist Parishes
- Completion of the "Real Women of the UCWLC" Project
- 65th Anniversary of our UCWLC Museum.
- Presentation at several branches on the structure of the UCWLC and "How to Attract Younger Women to our League and Retain Them There."
- Purchase and distribution of sets of 18 icons to schools that house Ukrainian Bilingual Programs in Edmonton and Sherwood Park and to St. Mary's High School in Vegreville.
- Planning for Eparchial Convention 2017

Charitable Report: Donations made to approximately 30 charities and causes.

Main Goals and Objectives:

1. To fulfill our UCWLC aims.
2. To fulfill the two resolutions to be passed at Convention in October, 2017:
 - a. "Building Bridges" among UCWLC branches and
 - b. Supporting brothers and sisters in Ukraine through prayer.



Ukrainian Resource & Development Centre

MacEwan University has been active in Ukraine since 1991. URDC has spearheaded development and implementation of bilateral and multilateral projects that have linked MacEwan, and other Canadian stakeholders, with partner institutions in Ukraine in the areas of Health Education (Nursing), Business Education, Language Studies, Special Education and Inclusive Education.

In 2016-17, the URDC projects were implemented with due regard to its role at MacEwan as an endowed centre designed to:

- Facilitate interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary learning, community service, engaged research, faculty and student exchanges and other projects that otherwise would not be available through regular University Programming;
- Identify and carry out, or contribute to, projects that are consistent with the Centre's mandate. To this end, the Centre will attract and provide funding, expertise, information and personnel. URDC's mandate focuses particularly on the fields of international and community development. This means that URDC relates extensively to MacEwan international activities as well as maintains an active program with the Ukrainian Canadian community, including its ethnic and diaspora components spearheaded by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), UCC Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC), Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE), Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF), and other organizations.
- URDC worked together with all MacEwan Faculties, MacEwan International, MacEwan support centres and services as well as with the Student Association of MacEwan University (SAMU) and MacEwan University Ukrainian Students Club to foster their bilateral and multilateral linkages with partner universities in Ukraine – National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA); Ternopil State Medical University (TSMU) in Ternopil and Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv. Last year, 13 MacEwan students took courses at our partner universities in Ukraine, and 4 Ukrainian student leaders visited MacEwan
- URDC aligned its projects with different departments at MacEwan bearing in mind the University's mandate of Teaching, Learning, Research and Service. Last year, URDC organized visits by 6 prominent academics from Ukraine including former Minister of Education, Dr. Serhiy Kvit. Apart from the academic activities, the Ukrainian faculty also delivered a number of presentations at the community events organized by URDC at MacEwan.
- The URDC activities also reflected the provisions of the MoU between MacEwan University and the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE), which stipulate that the URDC programming/project budget should draw on the returns of the Drs. Peter and Doris Kule Visiting Scholars Endowment, Chair of International Health Endowment and external funding sources. Close collaboration with the Ukrainian community organizations is an integral part of the URDC educational projects. Щиро дякуємо за вашу щедру підтримку!



Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Alberta Provincial Executive



- Alberta Soyuzanky participated in the 60th National Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada Convention held August 10-13, 2017 in Winnipeg. National UWAC executive is in Edmonton for the fourth two-year term. National UWAC president is Sylvia Gray. Recipients of the 2017 USRL Award of Excellence are Carla Kozak, Kay Hobden and Dr. Geraldine Nakonechny. Congratulations.

- AUSRL Convention was held September 30, 2017 at Camp Bar-V-Nok, Pigeon Lake. UWACAPE held an AGM and participated in the AUSRL roundtable discussions on the future plans of the camp.
- UWAC-APE executive has not changed. Our Biennial meeting will be held in 2018.
- We have fifteen branches with a total of 491 members in 2017. Bonnyville's St. Elia UWAC branch renewed its membership.
- UWAC-APE printed a booklet of Branch contributions called *Resolution #3 – Celebrating Our Faith and Our Culture*. Branches were encouraged to photograph and write about a religious or cultural event in their parish.
- UWAC-APE and branches donated funds and made borsch for the Ukrainian Pavilion during the August 2017 Heritage Days
- UWAC-APE Newsletters – Victoria Zukiwsky continues to prepare UWAC-APE newsletters.
- CYMK executive for 2017-2019 is: President – Larysa Kuchta, Past President - Andriy Kruhlak, Vice President – Marko Kruhlak, Secretary/Communications – Rachel Zukiwsky, Treasurer – Roxoliana Tsisar, Advisor – Vivianne Kruhlak.
- On November 3-6, 2016, the Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch of UWAC in cooperation with the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League Museum Edmonton Eparchy, and the Ukrainian Women's Organization Edmonton Society held an Exhibit called *Nasha skrynia—Our Treasure* to mark the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada.
- Betty Corlett prepares a wreath every year for Holodomor on behalf of CYMK, TYC & UWAC-APE. One representative from each organization shares laying the wreath at the cenotaph. We intend to participate in Holodomor Commemorations at City Hall on November 25, 2017.
- UWAC-APE will be reviewing and updating convenor roles and responsibilities this term.

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