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## Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council

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### UCC-APC Member Organizations

Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA)

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Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (AUSRL)

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Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Edmonton Branch

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Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada (UCWLC)

Ukrainian Pioneers' Association of Alberta

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

Ukrainian Students Society

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – Alberta Provincial Executive (UWAC)





## President's Message | Від голови

The work of Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council has continued to support the settlement of newcomers fleeing the tragic war perpetrated by the Russian. Alberta has received more than 40,000 evacuees making it the second largest receiving province next to Ontario. Continued advocacy and collaboration with Ukrainian organizations, governments and settlement agencies has been part of the success.

Від початку повномасштабного вторгнення Росії в Україну, Конгрес Українців Канади продовжує активно підтримувати новоприбулих українців. Ми провадимо більшу частину роботи з врегулювання адаптаційних проблем новоприбулих, розпочатої у 2022 році. Меблевий склад досі користується великою популярністю серед новоприбулих та донорів, його вартість оцінюється в 5 000 000 доларів. Програма "Зустріч в аеропорту" все ще діє, щоб допомогти тим, хто щойно ступив на канадську землю. У Калгарі та Едмонтоні було зроблено акцент на курси англійської мови, щоб допомогти швидше інтегруватись в англomовне середовище та працевлаштуватись. Кілька успішних грантових заявок допомогли підтримати ці ініціативи в різних частинах провінції. Ярмарки вакансій також є важливими і часто збирають 1000 людей на зустрічі з роботодавцями. Збір коштів для підтримки новоприбулих подарунковими картками та для українських організацій, які пропонують програми, був важливим і успішним.

UCC-APC has also hosted information sessions on topics that are important to newcomers such as an overview of laws in Canada provided by the Edmonton Police Service and a separate session about permanent residency. A special session on permanent residency was held for the Deaf Community which was well received.

While the challenges of the war continue, we hosted our annual events and promoted activities that are uplifting to the community. The golf tournament hosted at Kananaskis was a great success and provided many networking opportunities. This year's Ukrainian Day, held on August 20 at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village and was highly successful with approximately 2900 people in attendance. UCC-APC coordinate and was present for important milestones such as Ukraine Independence, Flag Day, Holodomor Memorial Day and National Internment Day.

This year also presented some unique opportunities. Yuliya Kovaliv, the Ambassador from Ukraine to Canada, visited Edmonton and Calgary at the end of June. UCC-APC hosted a dinner with the Ukrainian Community leaders. Additionally, I was invited to travel to Ottawa to meet President Zelenskyy and hear his speech in parliament. President Zelenskyy mentioned Edmonton several times during his speech with a focus on being the first location in the world to erect a Holodomor monument. Also, we had an opportunity to meet a Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal and President of European Commission Ursula von der Leyen.

Our communities throughout Alberta and their fabulous volunteers continue to meet these challenges and continue to welcome Ukrainian newcomers and offer them a safe haven from the unjust war that they have endured. Thank you to the board, all our volunteers, donors and partner organizations for your steadfast support this past year. Also, a special thanks to our office staff. Without all of you the miracles that we were able to accomplish would not have.

**Слава Україні!**

Orysia Boichuk  
President, UCC-APC

Орися Бойчук  
Голова Конгресу Українців в Канаді



## UCC-APC 2022 – 2023 AGM Report

### Community Outreach

We have been working in partnership with many organizations, agencies, businesses, and academic institutions this past year.

In January 2023, the Polish Canadian Congress in Alberta made a \$15,000 donation to UCC-APC to support Ukrainian Newcomers arriving to Alberta. Subsequently, in May 2023, the Polish Canadian Humanitarian Society under the leadership of Anthony Muszynski held a fundraising banquet and raised a total of \$50,000 for supporting Ukrainian settlement in Alberta. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of the Polish community.

UCC-APC attended many speaking engagements including being the keynote address at the Kyiv Konnection Banquet, presentation to the Nisku Rotary Club, University of Alberta CIUS (Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies) presentation at National Conference: Ukrainian Immigration to Canada: From Post Independence to Post War.

UCC-APC held a dinner meeting in June with Ambassador Yulia Kovaliv to discuss updates and priorities on her work and our work.

We have been participating in weekly and biweekly calls with local and provincial agencies that help support Ukrainian newcomers.

UCC-APC has formed partnerships with Ukrainian communities in Red Deer, Lethbridge, Lloydminster, Lakeland Region, Fort McMurray,



### Fundraising Campaign

UCC-APC worked in partnership with the Calgary - Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association and held its annual Golf Tournament in Kananaskis on June 2023. With the generous support of our sponsors and the participants in the golf tournament, we raised \$19,482.68 to aid UCC-APC and the Calgary - Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association in providing programming and supports for Ukrainian newcomers arriving in Alberta. The tournament would not have been possible without the generous contributions, the volunteers that organized this tournament, and the incredible staff at the Kananaskis Golf Course.





## Holodomor

November 21-27, 2022, was National Holodomor Commemoration Week. Holodomor Memorial Day occurs on the fourth Friday of November in schools as a Day of Remembrance. Ukrainians in Alberta are united with the international community in commemorating the anniversary of the 1932-33 Holodomor-Genocide in Ukraine. In Soviet Ukraine, the region known as Europe's breadbasket, 7- 10 million lives were suddenly eradicated by starvation at the hands of Joseph Stalin. Together we can spread the truth about the Holodomor and ensure acknowledgement of the Holodomor as an act of genocide against the Ukrainian nation.

Please take some time to learn and reflect during National Holodomor Commemoration Week, November 20-26, 2023, and join us at the Alberta Legislature on November 21, 2023, at 12:15 p.m. for a service of remembrance.



## Government Relations

UCC-APC has been meeting with elected officials on all levels of government advocating for the many needs of Ukrainian Newcomers. We have been successful in receiving post-secondary funds to support Ukrainian Newcomers to attend post-secondary institutions. We strongly advocated for the driver's license exchange program and were successful in achieving this. UCC-APC held a meeting with the mayor of Fort McMurray to discuss support for Ukrainian Newcomers and create employment pathways. The past year we held meetings with MP Randy Boissonnault, MP Heather McPherson, and numerous Provincial Ministers including McNally, Nicolaides, and Madu.

We also attended meetings held with special dignitaries such as Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal, meeting with Ursula Von der Leyen President of the European Commission and President of Ukraine Zelenskyy.







## Hetman Awards

The Annual Hetman Awards recognizes significant volunteer achievements of outstanding Ukrainian Albertans and is dedicated to the celebration of all volunteers who have given their time, effort, and expertise to contributing to a strong, vibrant, and active Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta. This year's Hetman Awards will be held on December 2, 2024. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients.

### Outstanding Leader:

Oksana Tarnawsky  
Ilija Simcisin  
Ivan Lypovyk  
Christine Teterenko  
Sonia Brytan Iszcenko

### Youth Leader:

Andrei Kisil  
Maria Ovcharenko  
Seri Adamyk

### Exemplary Volunteer:

Alexandra Cybulsky  
Gordon Ostapchuk  
Larissa Bombak  
Marry Ann Phillips  
Steven P. Eleniak

We will also be hosting a special recognition award for those who stepped up and performed extraordinary work to help with the settlement of Ukrainian newcomers to Alberta. The award is called the "Ukraine Crisis – Humanitarian Aid Award" and will be awarded at the Hetman Gala in 2023.



## Internment

Under the War Measures Act between 1914 and 1920, 8,579 of Ukrainians were considered "enemy aliens" by Canada and unjustly imprisoned in concentration camps. During National Internment Commemoration Week, we remember the thousands of Ukrainians that were unjustly interned and suffered in Canada. This year on October 1st an internment monument was unveiled at the Alberta Legislature grounds. This stands as a testament to the resilience, strength, and enduring spirit of the Ukrainian Canadians who endured a terrible injustice during World War I. The community came together to remember and honor those who suffered during one of the darkest chapters in our nation's history, the internment of Ukrainian Canadians.



## Ukrainian Day

On August 20th, 2023, the Ukrainian Community in Alberta celebrated Ukrainian Day at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. Our theme was "Opening Our Hearts." We focused on welcoming our newcomers to Alberta and we were greeted by 2,900 festival attendees. There was an extensive line up of local performers and newcomers with choirs, dancers and bands ensembles. We were honoured to present the Luchkovich Award to Derron Bilous for his dedication and service to the Ukrainian community while working as MLA between 2012 and 2023. Our very own Orysia Boychuk was honored with the Paul Harris Award by the Rotary Club for dedication in supporting Ukrainian Newcomers arriving in Alberta. During this event, the Polish Canadian Humanitarian Society presented a cheque for \$50,000 to UCC-APC to continue the ongoing efforts of settlement and humanitarian aid.



## Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine

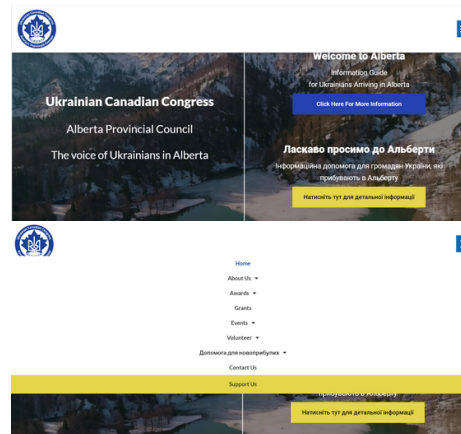
During the past year, UCC-APC donated \$10,000 dollars to Ukraine for the purchase of critically needed medical supplies. We have delivered \$5,000 to Charitable Foundation KOLO for the purchase of sterile surgical instruments for the Kyiv's Military Hospital. Additionally, we donated \$5,000 dollars to Zhytomyr's Military Hospital Surgery Department. There are hundreds of wounded soldiers that are being treated in Ukrainian hospitals daily. With our donations we were able to become a small part in the long road to recovery of a few Ukrainian wounded soldiers. More details about those donations had been posted on UCC-APC social media sites.



## Settlement Supports

### • Website uccab.ca

We immediately created a bilingual website to address Settlement Supports for Ukrainian Newcomers - Information in both Ukrainian and English is available on many topics such as: financial assistance; accommodations; education; obtaining documents such as SIN, Driver's License, and Alberta Health Care Card; employment childcare, public transportation and more. This website also offers information to Albertans on how they can help with Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine; help with providing temporary housing to newcomers; donate clothing and furniture to help newcomers get settled; as well as donate money to support the UCC-APC efforts. We continue to update the website and maintain relevant information for Ukrainians in Alberta and Ukrainian newcomers.



### • Welcome Booth at the airport

In the early weeks of war until June 2022, a "Welcome Booth" opened and operated at the Edmonton International Airport to greet and support Ukrainian newcomer. The Welcome Booth worked in partnership with Ukrainian National Federation and was run by volunteers. In March 2023, the "Welcome Booth" at the Edmonton airport received Canada Ukraine Foundation funding and reopened and was able to operate until August 2023. UCC-APC has reapplied for CUF funding to operate until March 2024, when the CUAET (Canada Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel) program will cease in effect.

### • Emergency Food to Hotels

The UCC-APC provided one meal per day to Ukrainian newcomers staying at the 25 IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) hotel rooms in Edmonton. We supported the hot meal program from December 2022 to April 2023 until the Government of Alberta took over the funding of food.



### • English Classes

Being able to speak English is vital for Ukrainian newcomers to find employment and become self-sustaining, and the demand for classes is extremely high. UCC-APC is supporting the need for these English classes. Daytime intensive 2-week English survival classes are being held in Calgary. This year UCC-APC received funds from Calgary Learns to operate these classes for a one-year period. In Edmonton, we are hosting 2 English classes once a week online and in-person. We have also provided \$10,000 to URDC (Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre) MacEwan University to run pilot English class program for Ukrainian Newcomers.





### • Job Fairs

UCC-APC has been hosting large scale job fairs to support survival employment for Ukrainian newcomers. One on-line job fair was held in the winter of 2022. Three in-person job fairs were held in Calgary and in Edmonton, averaging 700-1000 newcomer attendees with 25 - 28 employers offering employment opportunities. Ukrainian translators were available to assist attendees and employers at these events.



### • Furniture Warehouse

Ukrainian Newcomer Furniture Warehouses were established in both Calgary and Edmonton to help support newcomers settle in their new homes with mattresses, kitchen tables, couches, and dressers. The Calgary warehouse closed March 2023; Edmonton warehouse remains open since April 2022. **Currently, we help furnish approximately 400 families a month, with over 5 million dollars worth of donated furniture has been distributed.** We are grateful for the generous donation of warehouse space by the Boilermakers Lodge in Edmonton. They have been extremely gracious to provide us with access to 20,000 square feet to help us operate the facility.

### • Welcome Events

UCC-APC has hosted 4 welcome events in Edmonton and has supported Calgary for Ukrainian newcomers. The events provided essential information to help with settlement, such as employment opportunities, English classes, banking information, school programs. etc. These events also provided an opportunity for newcomers to connect with each other.



### • Mental Health Support

Since the onset of the war UCC-APC established mental health resources and directory of supports for Ukrainian Newcomers that is accessible on our [uccab.ca](http://uccab.ca) website. Recently, we received support from the Canada Ukraine Foundation, and we were able to establish a mental health peer support group program for newcomers in Calgary and Edmonton. Monthly sessions are about to begin and will run for a period of 6 months.



### • Financial Support for Our Ukrainian Community in Alberta

UCC-APC was identified as fiscal agent to disperse \$200,000 of Government of Alberta grants. We were very fortunate to receive and disperse funds to our internal organizations to continue their programs that have been so important to Ukrainian newcomers. These grants helped support organizations with summer camp fees, membership fees, and hosting welcome events.

### • Educational Information Sessions for Ukrainian Newcomers

UCC-APC has been hosting online sessions to support Ukrainian Newcomers including tax sessions, immigration processes and how to obtain your PR (Permanent Residency) status and information about the law and how to be safe. We are planning to host sessions on basic banking literacy, your rights as a tenant, employment rights and many more sessions.



## Financial Support for Our Community in Alberta

UCC-APC was identified as fiscal agent by the GOA to disperse approximately \$200,000 to our own internal organizations as well as mainstream organizations to help support Ukrainian Newcomers. We have helped support organizations with summer camp fees, membership fees, and hosting welcome events and food security. Congratulation to our recipients!

### Settlement Contributions Included:

Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Calgary Assumption Church – \$12,000  
 Canadian Society of Ukrainian from Former Yugoslavia – \$4000  
 Friends of the Ukrainian Heritage Pavilion – \$5000  
 Ivan Franko, School of Ukrainian Studies – \$7000  
 League of Ukrainian Canadians in Edmonton Branch – \$5000  
 Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada Edmonton Society – \$2000  
 Ukrainian National Youth Federation - \$5000  
 Yalenka Ukrainian Dance Society Calgary - \$2000  
 Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association (UCPBA) – \$5000  
 UCC (Ukrainian Canadian Congress) Edmonton - \$7500  
 League of Ukrainian Canadians Women in Edmonton - \$4000  
 Ridna Shkola St. George - \$4500  
 Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association - Calgary - \$5000  
 UCC-Calgary, St., Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor - \$12,000  
 Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Studies (AFUS) - \$5000  
 Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) - \$10,000

### Food Contributions Included:

Friends of the Ukrainian Village \$4375  
 Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association of Edmonton - \$5000  
 Jasper Food Bank - \$5000  
 League of Ukrainian in Canadian's Edmonton Branch - \$2000  
 Project Sunflower Aid Society - \$1000  
 Ridna Shkola St. George - \$3,000  
 Saint Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor - \$36,145  
 Ukrainian Youth Association Edmonton Branch - \$8000  
 Ukrainian Calgary Professional Business Association (UCPBA) Calgary - \$5000  
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – \$4000  
 Saint Basils Church - \$5480  
 Ukrainian Freestore - \$2000  
 Ukrainian Performing Arts Society - \$2000  
 Banff - \$2000  
 Red Deer - \$5000  
 Saint John's Orthodox Center - \$5000





## Member Reports

### Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Edmonton Branch

Слава Україні!

First off, I'd like to extend a huge "Thank you" to the volunteers of UCC Edmonton board. The last nineteen months have been challenging for everyone in our community.

There are a few items that are worth highlighting:

- 1) On November 26, 2022, UCC-Edmonton hosted the annual Holodomor Commemoration featuring keynote speaker Michael Bociurkiw. Michael is an Edmonton born, Ukraine based Journalist with excellent insights into the Russia's use of food as weapon both in 1932-33 and today.
- 2) In December UCC-Edmonton Vice President collaborated with Employees of local Marriot hotels to direct their toy drive donations to Ukrainian newcomer children at several Catholic and Orthodox parishes in Edmonton.
- 3) On February 24, 2023 UCC-Edmonton collaborated with UNYF(MYHO) and UCC-APC to organize a demonstration in honor of the 1-Year anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- 4) In March, UCC-Edmonton along with the Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta hosted the Annual Shevchenko Concert at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex and raised \$4472 for LUC's Friends of Ukrainian Defence Forces Fund.
- 5) In April, UCC-Edmonton hosted a Webinar along with the CRA's community outreach office with nearly 100 attendees.
- 6) In May, UCC-Edmonton organized the annual Vyshyvanka Day March from MacEwan University to the legislature grounds, raising funds for Dr. Alex Pavlenko's project Save UA Lives.
- 7) This year's Heritage Festival was a great success at a new venue in Borden Park. Once again, an army of volunteers made this event possible. UCC-Edmonton wrote letters to the festival organizers as well as the Russian Heritage Cultural Development Association. UCC-Edmonton fielded numerous media requests regarding the Heritage Festival.
- 8) On August 27, 2022, UCC-Edmonton hosted Ukrainian Independence Day at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex. For the second year in a row, the event was a smash hit with over 500 people in attendance. UCC-Edmonton raised \$3700 to purchase a Mavic Drone for Ukraine. The performers were almost exclusively Newcomers, with some local performers as well. Special thank-you to Lilya Sukha for putting together a spectacular artistic program. Thank you to the volunteers from the League of Ukrainian Canadians for helping set up the hall. Finally thanks to Stawnichy's Mundare Sausage House for sponsoring the BBQ portion of the program.
- 9) UCC-Edmonton is in the midst of planning the Commemoration of the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor to be held at Edmonton city hall on November 25, 2023.

Yaroslav Broda – President  
Ukrainian Canadian Congress -Edmonton Branch.



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## Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Calgary Branch

It has been a remarkable year for the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) - Calgary Branch as we reflect on the dynamic shifts that have transformed our community since the onset of the war in Ukraine. The influx of Ukrainian evacuees to Calgary has changed the landscape of our community, leading to an exponential growth that has compelled both UCC Calgary and our member organizations to adapt and respond effectively.

Throughout the year, we have continued our commitment to collaborate closely with member organizations and with representatives from all levels of government, advocating for the needs of our community and standing in solidarity with Ukraine. We have continued to host our annual events, such as the Internment Operations and Holodomor Commemorations, Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day, and the Shevchenko Concert. We are proud to report several key initiatives and events that have shaped our year:

- The unveiling of a commemorative plaque at Ukrainian Pioneers Park to honor the memory of those affected by the World War I internment operations in Canada.
- UCC Calgary organized a rally to mark the one-year anniversary of Russia's genocidal war against Ukraine. Over 1000 people, including government representatives, joined us for this significant event, hosted inside Calgary City Hall on February 24, 2023.
- Our annual Vyshyvanka Day March was a resounding success, with over 500 participants proudly donning traditional Ukrainian attire. The live Tryzub added a special touch to the event.
- We celebrated Ukrainian Independence Day with a flag raising ceremony at City Hall, a fundraising walk & run event, and the highly successful Ukrainian Day in the Park festival, which included two performance stages, community and children's pavilion, Ukrainian food, and more, attended by over 1750 individuals.
- We are delighted to welcome Anhelina Taran to our team as the UCC Calgary Official Correspondent. Her presence has been instrumental in engaging Ukrainian newcomers within our community, fostering connection and support.
- Our community members and Ukrainian newcomers have been organizing bi-weekly Rallies for Ukraine under the auspices of UCC Calgary. These gatherings continue to serve as a platform for solidarity and raising awareness about the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

As we look back on the past year, we are grateful for the strength and resilience of our community. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated volunteers, member organizations, community members and supporters who make our work possible.

Looking ahead, we are actively preparing for the Internment Operations Commemoration Day and continue to provide Survival English courses to Ukrainian evacuees. Our focus for the next year will be on engaging Ukrainian newcomers, expanding Ukrainian Day in the Park Festival, and remaining committed to advocating on behalf of our entire community, ensuring our voices are heard and our needs are met. UCC Calgary remains united in our commitment to preserving and celebrating our Ukrainian heritage while providing essential support to those who have joined our community. Together, we look forward to a promising year ahead; we look forward to celebrating our victory. Слава Україні!



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## Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA)

Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts is proud to report another very successful year offering a wide variety quality programming and services. The board of Directors would like to extend a special thank you to our professional team of Robin McHugh, Borys Tarasenko and Elena Scharabun and Summer Students Leda Tarnawsky and Elise Dzeniuk who manage the operations, gallery, boutique and programming and to all of the dedicated volunteers and memberships who continue to make ACUA a success. ACUA Gallery & Artisan Boutique continues to grow. To date, we feature over 120 artists, folk artists, musicians, and writer's original works of art for sale. We are working towards offering boutique sales in an online store.

ACUA continues to offer programming throughout the province of Alberta. Highlights of programming we offer and events we have hosted this year, include:

- Signature Artist Series featured exhibits
- Fine and folk art workshops, special workshops, and lectures
- Publication of ACUA Vitae – Ukrainian Art and Culture magazine
- Annual Easter and Christmas art show and market
- Folk Art Retreats in rural Alberta
- Operation of ACUA Gallery & Artisan Boutique & Community Art Space
- Ukrainian Vintage Fair
- Scholarships to promote Ukrainian art and culture in the community
- Maintenance of an online Directory of Ukrainian Artists
- Community and Bilingual School Outreach

Being a provincial organization, the ACUA board recognizes the need to increase the number of Regional Representatives and ensure that Ukrainian art and culture is celebrated across Alberta. ACUA continues to seek out new representation across the province and works with our current representatives to bring initiative and projects to their communities. We are proud to have regional representatives in Lethbridge, Calgary, Grande Prairie, Jasper, Vegreville, Andrew, Bonnyville, and Carvel.

The Board of Directors 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 2020 with the continuation of our current programming and the addition of new exciting programs and initiatives



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## Alberta Foundation For Ukrainian Education Society

Вельмишановні пані і панове! Ми всі знаємо, як важливо є для нашої української громади зберігати українську мову та ідентичність в Канаді. Саме для цієї мети існує наша організація – Альбертська Фундація Сприяння Українській Освіті (АФСУО).

This year the Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society (AFUES) is celebrating the 44th anniversary of its existence. According to our Mission Statement: “AFUES supports the development of Ukrainian language education in order to foster and promote positive social and cultural identity within Canada’s diverse mosaic.”

У червні цього року ми вибрали Раду Директорів нашої фундації в такому складі. In June at our last AGM, we elected the following AFUES Board of Directors:

А зараз я хочу розказати Вам про роботу нашої Фундації АФСУО протягом минулого року. Some of AFUES accomplishments during this reporting period include:

- Цього року наша фундація продовжувала надавати важливі стипендії з української мови для студентів Альбертського університету. Особливо це стосується тих студентів, які отримали нашу фінансову допомогу за літні курси української мови з др. А. Недашківською в Європі.
- AFUES continued providing Ukrainian Language Scholarships for the University of Alberta undergraduate Ukrainian language courses. We also provided funding for those students who this summer took Ukrainian classes with Dr. Nedashkivska in Europe.
- Також ми фінансово підтримували суботні українські школи – Рідну Школу та Курси Українознавства в Едмонтоні.
- This year AFUES also funded Saturday Heritage Schools, such as Ridna Shkola and Kursy Ukrayinoznastva in Edmonton.
- З огляду на велику кількість новоприбулих з України, АФСУО допомагала з порадами та фінансовою підтримкою для відкриття українських суботніх шкіл в м. Ред Дір, м. Форт МакМюррей та м. Летбридж.
- AFUES was helping out in an advisory role and with financial assistance to open up Ukrainian Saturday schools in Red Deer, Ft. McMurray and Lethbridge
- Альбертська Фундація Сприяння Українській Освіті (АФСУО-AFUES) разом з іншими організаціями щороку спонсорує виступи доповідачів на Шевченківській лекції. 7 березня 2023 року на 57-й Шевченківській лекції ми з радістю привітали виступ Олександра Віндмана на тему «Російсько-українська війна: початки та геополітичний контекст».
- On March 7, 2023, AFUES was a co-sponsor of the 57th Annual Shevchenko Lecture in cooperation with the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies (CIUS) and the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Edmonton (UCPBAE). Over the years, we've had so many excellent speakers from around the world, who have touched on a wide variety of Ukrainian topics. This year our speaker was Alexander Vindman on the topic “The Russia-Ukraine War: Roots and Geopolitical Context”.



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- Наша Фондація розпочала спеціальний проєкт TULIP і фінансово заохочує всі українські організації Альберти більше використовувати усну та письмову українську мову в їхньому щоденному житті. Це допоможе залучити до наших організацій більше новоприбулих з України, а також покаже більшу цінність нашої української мови. Наше гасло: «Українська мова всюди!»
- Our Foundation launched a special project Transformational Ukrainian Language Infusion Program (TULIP). Its purpose is to financially encourage Ukrainian organizations in Alberta to use the Ukrainian oral and written language in their day-to-day activities. This will help to bring in more newcomers from Ukraine into our diaspora organizations and will also demonstrate the value of using our Ukrainian language. Our slogan: "Ukrainian language is everywhere!"



Дорогі друзі, ще раз щиро дякую всім членам Ради Директорів АФСУО за їхню працю для розвитку та поширення україномовної освіти в Альберті. In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of AFUES Board of Directors once again for their contributions in the development of the Ukrainian language education in Alberta.

Слава Україні! – Героям Слава!  
Glory to Ukraine! – Glory to the Heroes!



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## Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association

The Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association (AUDA) exists to serve the needs of the Ukrainian dance community as a liaison, network hub, and information resource centre. Our mandate, which is determined through feedback from our membership and regular stakeholder engagements, includes the following:

- To promote, maintain, and enhance the appreciation of Ukrainian culture through dance.
  - To serve as a liaison in the Ukrainian dance community and respond to requests for assistance from dance groups and instructors.
  - To enable skill development and improvement opportunities through conferences and workshops.
  - To collect and distribute information on the various aspects of Ukrainian dance in a wider context of performing arts
  - To encourage participation in dance as a multifaceted lived experience in physical, artistic, and social settings for people of all ages and from all walks of life
  - To facilitate participation in performance events and festivals as way of promoting cross cultural competence and modelling behaviour of diversity and inclusion
- AUDA continues to support over 60 schools across the province where nearly 3,500 children, teens and adults participate in Ukrainian dance enriching the cultural life of our communities. There are also over 80 instructors from the Edmonton area who teach in Edmonton and across the province.
- Our Board of Directors maintains a healthy ratio of male to female members who boast a variety of skills and talents be it in teaching dance, creating artistic events, mentorship, or communication, research and administration.

In the past year, AUDA had a very successful casino fundraiser, thanks to many volunteers, which has allowed us to reinstate a variety of our most effective grants. Our first effort was to ensure we can support instructors with professional development by accepting applications for our Instructor Grant. Our second effort was to once again support clubs and their up and coming instructors with our Rural Dance Apprentice Instructor Development Training.



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AUDA strives to provide professional skill development to dance teachers of all ages. Our biggest event in this past year was our Instructors Workshop, held in Calgary Alberta, which had thirty nine participants aged seventeen and up from British Colombia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Utah. The main focus was to develop choreography for ages five to fifteen, specifically from the region of Polissya. This was lead by two artistic directors from Regina Saskatchewan.

AUDA has also undertaken applications for our Music Initiative program in which we are funding the creation of ten new music pieces that will embrace multi regions of Ukraine.

Lastly, we contributed to the enjoyment of Ukrainian dance at two large festivals with our annual Unity Pryvit which centred around brand new choreography that was created by volunteer instructors who are members of our board. This year, the Pryvit brought dancers from Innisfree, Myrnam, Bonnyville, Cheremosh School of Dance, St. Paul, Stony Plain, Shumka School of Dance, Fort Saskatchewan, and Fort McMurry. This pieces was performed at both UFest in Edmonton and the 50th Pysanky Festival in Vegreville.

With the upcoming 40th-year anniversary of its existence, AUDA is looking forward to staying true to its mandate, widening its reach of programming, and attracting new members and fresh ideas to make the experience of Ukrainian dance not only more colourful and vibrant, but also broadly accessible by all who would like to be part of it.





## Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League (AUSRL)

The 2022 AUSRL Annual Convention / Annual General Meeting was held in-person on January 29, 2023 at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, Solarium following the Divine Liturgy. It consisted of 3 component organization participating – the Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch held its AGM, the UWAC – Alberta Executive held their AGM to share their Financial Report and the AUSRL AGM was held. As well, we recognised 3 Ukrainian Orthodox Youth with the 2022 CYMK-UOY Leadership Bursary.

The AUSRL Annual Meeting was held in-person, after a three online presence due to COVID meeting protocols restricting ability to hold larger gatherings. We were pleased to be able to sponsor the Fellowship Luncheon following the Divine Liturgy, to allow for more participation and attendance in our Ukrainian Orthodox community.

As with many of our Ukrainian community organizations beginning to restart programming, we looked at how to best support our community in their restarts. As well, with the Russian Invasion of Ukraine in February, 2022 much of our community support also led to providing support for Ukrainian Newcomers arriving to Canada. Our funding distribution centered on restarting many of our organizations, as well as supporting the Newcomer efforts.

A major focus of our AUSRL Board during 2022-23 was our AGLC Casino which took place in April, 2023 which provides our major fundraising support to help our community organizations meet their cultural, education, and religious programming within Alberta. A huge thanks to Vivianne Kruhlak, who was our Casino Chairperson, working to fill the many volunteer positions to allow for this event to occur for AUSRL. We received \$ 77,877.94 from the Edmonton Casino Pooling for Quarter 2 (April-June, 2023)

Our Financial Year ended August 31, 2023. During the 2022-23 AUSRL Term we were able to distribute funding to the following projects/ organizations:

- Camp Barvnok Society, Facility - \$10,000
- Camp Barvnok Society - \$1000 for their 2023 Summer Camp Programming
- Kiev-Ski-Hi Summer Camp – Facility, \$2000
- Kiev-Ski-Hi Summer Camp Programming - \$5000
- Ukrainian Voice Legacy project, Travel Exhibit - \$10,000
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch - \$5000
- St Andrew's Ladies Auxiliary, Edmonton, Kitchen Renovations, \$5000
- St. John's Legacy Foundation, \$2500
- MacEwan University, Alberta Local and International Education (ALIEA) Film Project, \$5000
- Edmonton CYMK Choir Reunion, \$3000
- Order of St. Andrew's, Altar Boys Recognition, \$1500
- Order of St. Andrew's, Newcomer English Language Classes, \$1000
- RAZOM Children's Orchestra, \$2000

Also, we will be awarding CYMK-UOY Leadership Bursaries for the 2023 Year at the upcoming AGM in October, 2023.

I would like to thank our AUSRL board for their perseverance and support during these trying times of getting our organization restarted, as we also move to getting back to a new sense of normalcy.



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## Bishop Budka Charitable Society

The mission of the Bishop Budka Charitable Society is:

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

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

Ten meetings of the Directors of the Bishop Budka Charitable Society were held over the past year. Requests for donations were received and then reviewed and discussed by the Directors of the Society at the meetings.

Several highlights of the year include:

- A donation to Firefighter Aid to Ukraine, a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers which delivers critical aid to Ukraine and provides training in the use of equipment for First Aid Responders.
- A donation to the St. Basil's Aid for Ukrainian Newcomers organization.
- A donation to the Canadian Society of Ukrainians from former Yugoslavia for its "No Youth Left Behind" program in support of refugees from Ukraine.
- And a donation to the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, University of Alberta.

The Bishop Budka Charitable Society held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the evening of Wednesday, 21 June 2023. The guest speaker was Orysia Boychuk. An article by Lidia M. Wasylyn on the AGM and Boychuk's presentation on the topic of Ukrainian newcomers to Alberta was published in New Pathway/Ukrainian News:

<https://newpathway.ca/starving-for-connections-newcomers-to-alberta-want-to-be-part-of-the-community/>



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## Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

The Friends Society supports the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village (UCHV) in achieving its full potential and provides the museum's interpretation, food service, and giftshop services. We bolster our own organization through programs and ventures that raise funds, increase awareness of the UCHV, and provide a doorway for community involvement. We are a membership-based organization comprised of individual and family members.

Our current elected Board of Directors are Gail Fenton (President), Alexandra Lazaruk (Vice President), Tanisha Ayotte (Secretary) Rena Hanchuk, TJ Fenton, Iris Hewko and Karen Graves (Past-President). The current Executive Director is Gordon Yaremchuk and staff includes Shelby Doucette, Anika Lukie, Mariana Tsyfra and Sylvia Mak.

We held our AGM in March of 2023 both online and in-person at the UCHV. The event featured lunch, door prizes, and presentations. Noted highlights of the previous year included the success of our 2023 Calendar and year-round sale of Giftshop items through our website.

Our music festival returned with a covered stage and it was at this event that we announced the recipient of our Ludvik Marianych Ukrainian Music & Leadership Scholarship, Olga Zaitseva-Herz. The date for next year's Ukrainian Village Music Fest is Sunday, July 14. We are proud to say that our Historical Children's Program (HCP) summer day camp successfully welcomed 130 campers and this included 50 Ukrainian National children sponsored by Ukrainian Canadian Social Services. A UCC-APC grant provided the lunches for all Ukrainian newcomer campers. Huge thanks to those organizations! This was the HCP's 35th Anniversary!

The Friends Society is now gearing up to attend Christmas markets where we will sell merchandise and engage in promotion. We look forward to continuing our support of the UCHV in 2024 by providing visitor services and raising funds to help complete the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. 2024 will be the 40th Anniversary of the Friends and we have a series of events planned. Stay tuned!!!



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## Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (UBPAS)

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

Thank you to parents, teachers, administrators, volunteers, and community stakeholders for their support, commitment, and contributions to the Ukrainian Bilingual Program and activities of the Society for almost 50 years!

**Enrollment (K-Gr. 12) 2022-2023 year = approx. 940 students (influx with newcomers)**  
(St. Martin – 398; St. Matthew - 286, St. Brendan – 190; Austin O'Brien - 67).

**Highlights of 2022-23** and events sponsored by the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society (UBPAS):

**AGM / Appreciation / Awards (October 13th, 2022):** Held in-person (our first in-person AGM post covid) & well attended by the community.

**Nov 2022 through June 2023:** Advocated on behalf of the program on various topics including improved bussing, portables additional staff etc.

**Dec 2022:** Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students.

**Appreciation:** June 2023 we provided some sweet treats to our administrators, teachers and support staff to remind them how much they are appreciated.

**June 2023 Farewells:** The Grade 12 Matura was held at Holy Cross & the UBPAS contributed funds in support of the event. St. Brendan had their Grade 9 pizza party/farewell for the Ukrainian Bilingual students, where the UBPAS provided the pizzas. Both St. Martin and St. Matthew celebrated with Grade 6 farewell events.

### Marketing and Advertising 2022-2023:

For the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program continued to be a joint venture with UBPAS, school administrations, and Edmonton Catholic School District. The marketing plan included the following initiatives, all coordinated by ECSD, and funded jointly by the UBPAS and our partner organization, UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association):

- **Roadsigns** to advertise open houses for each school, **YouTube, Facebook and Instagram advertisements along with digital ads on billboards at the airport terminal.**
- **Handbills in welcome packages for newcomer families arriving from Ukraine.**

**Other advertising implemented: special feature publications** within the local community (e.g., ACUA Vitae Magazine, UCC-APC Ukrainian Day Souvenir booklet, UCC e-bulletin, various festival program booklets etc.).

- We put up a **display** for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program at community events: Ufest (May 26th & 27th, 2023)



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### Financial Support:

The Society continues to provide funding to each school for the Ukrainian bilingual program, to support and/or subsidize:

- Classroom/library resource materials
- School cultural activities, celebrations, special projects (e.g. Mariya Burmaka performances at St. Matthew & St. Martin schools, Petrivka Art with Nataliya Sharlay for St. Matthew, band and foods resources to support Ukrainian students at St. Brendan)
- Field trips, student retreats, transportation costs (e.g. liturgy at St. Basil's church, fieldtrip to Ukrainian Village for St. Martin, Feast of Jordan service at St. George's & iconography retreat for St. Matthew, Camp Nakamun for St. Brendan)
- Scholarship program for Grade 12 and Academic Achievement awards for Grade 4-9
- Recognition program including farewell gifts for Grades 6, 9 (icon and rushnyk) and Grade 12 (UBPAS/tryzub logo gold pendant)
- Marketing and advertising



**Committees we are a part of:** our Society and the Ukrainian Bilingual Program is represented on various other committees and organizations, for e.g.: UBLA (Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association), Ukrainian Bilingual Administrators, UCC-APC (Ukrainian Canadian Congress-AB Provincial Council), Education committee with UCC-APC and at the University Level with ULEC, ULECON (Ukrainian Language Education Consortium, which includes Admin Ukrainian Language reps from AB Education, Sherwood Park, Vegreville, ULEC, Edmonton Catholic).

### Goals for 2023-2024:

- Planning for upcoming 50th anniversary (Feb 10th, 2024).
- Work with our stakeholder organizations for funds to:
  - Purchase the last stock of the Eng/Ukr/Fr Richard Scarry dictionaries (A great tactile resource for our early learners).
  - Purchase icons annually for our grade 6 and 9 graduates. This would free up UBPAS funds for other initiatives such as fieldtrips and student resources.
- Continue working to update to our bylaws (targeted completion post 50th anniversary year).
- Continue our work with UBLA to coordinate funding support for Ukrainian language education programs in Alberta;
- Work upcoming casinos Sat Mar 9th & Sun Mar 10th, 2024.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Lea-Wilson (nee: Wujcik), ECS UBPAS President





## Братство Українців Католиків Канади відділ Альберти (Едмонтонської Єпархії) Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada – Alberta Branch (Edmonton Eparchy)



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

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

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

The Alberta Branch of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada (UCBC AB) has continued its work in sustaining financial assistance to our Ukrainian organizations. Since the last UCCAPC AGM (Nov. 16, 2022), the Alberta Branch of the UCBC has financially assisted Ukrainian organizations to the amount approaching \$62,000. In no specific order, we have financially assisted MEEST Edmonton with the shipping costs for packages with required supplies to Ukraine, the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton, AUMA (Alberta Kontakt), Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies (Kursy), Ridna Shkola of St. George Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish, RAZOM Orchestra, the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church of Edmonton, Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program (Icons & Rushnyky Project), Ukrainian Performing Arts Society (UPAS), St. George Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, PLAST, Ukraine Pavilion at the Edmonton Heritage Festival Days, Eparchy of Edmonton Ukrainian Catholic Women’s League of Canada (UCWLC) - Ukrainian Immigration and Settlement in Alberta coloring books, Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Foundation (UCCLF) –WWI Internment Monument on Alberta Legislature Grounds, and UCC-APC (Newcomer Program).

We had our Casino on August 21-22, 2023, and expect gaming funds sometime in November 2023. We also raise further funds through bingos, it has been an ongoing have a challenge gathering volunteers for.



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The processing of the UCBC archives, at the Bohdan Medwidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives (BMUFA) at the University of Alberta – Kule Folklore Centre, has been suspended due to space concern at BMUFA.

The Alberta Branch of the UCBC continues to work with AUMA on the “program” Presented by the Alberta Branch of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada, which is shown on Alberta Kontakt. We have a partner-based program where we give refurbished laptops to children of low-income Ukrainian newcomers. The Alberta Branch of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada does have a Facebook page (UCBC AB) where we upload photos of events attended.

For the upcoming year, we will continue to support our community organizations and their projects and fulfilling our aims and goals.

Слава Україні! Героям Слава!  
 Glory to Ukraine! Glory to Her Heroes!

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

In September 2022, the 40th Eparchial Convention was held, with the theme: The Family: our Hope, our Future. During this convention, the above listed executive being elected for a two-year term. Eparchial Executive meetings are held monthly except during the summer, and Branch Presidents are encouraged to attend and participate in plans and discussions.

Our Work over the past year:

- Prayers for Ukraine and its people, as well donations and support to help Ukrainians relocated to Alberta due to war.
- Continuing the process of relocating of the UCWLC Museum (which has outgrown its present premises at St Josephat's basement).
- The Museum committee completed a video for the grade three Social Studies Program – available soon.
- Celebrated 70th Anniversary of UCWLC Museum – theme: "That Old Sheepskin Coat."
- Museum participated in UFest, K-Days, and Ukrainian Day
- In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration and Settlement to Canada, UCWLC produced an educational Colouring Book, which was gifted to Ridna Shkola, Kursy and (with support from UCBC) to the Bilingual Language Schools. The Colouring Book is also available at ACUA & FOUVS.
- The development of the Eparchial UCWLC Website at [www.ucwlc Edmonton.ca](http://www.ucwlc Edmonton.ca)
- Continued support of over 30 charities and causes, such as – Ukrainian Social Services, Sheptytsky Institute, four Sadochoks, Youth and Children's Camps, Holy Spirit Seminary, Bridge of Hope, UCC-APC, Marian Centre, Edmonton Prolife and others.

Work continues revitalizing and strengthening our organizational base along with the branches. A goal for our Biennial Conference in 2023 is to develop leadership skills at all levels of the organization.

God save Ukraine!



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У вересні 2022 року відбулася 40-а Єпархіяльна Конвенція на тему: «Сім'я: наша надія, наше майбутнє». Під час цього з'їзду вищевказана виконавча влада була обрана на дворічний термін. Єпархіяльні ексекутивні сесії проводяться щомісяця, за винятком літа, і голови парафіяльних відділів запрошені брати участь у них, та обговорення планів, тощо.

Наша праця під час року:

- Молитви за Україну та її народ, а також пожертви та підтримку для допомоги українцям, які переїхали до Альберти через війну.
- Продовження процесу перенесення музею ЛУКЖ (який знаходиться тепер у приміщенні в підвалі Святого Йосифата, але за мало місця).
- Музейний комітет завершив відео для програми суспільствознавства третього класу, яке з'явиться незабаром.
- Відсвяткували 70-річчя музею ЛУКЖ – тема: «Той старий кожух».
- Музей взяв участь в UFest, K-Days та Українському Дні
- На честь 130-річчя імміграції та поселення українців до Канади, ЛУКЖ випустив навчальну книгу-розмальовку, яку було подаровано Рідній школі, Курсам та (за підтримки БУКК-у) двомовним школам. Книга-розмальовка також доступна в крамницях ACUA та FOUVS.
- Розвиток єпархіяльного веб-сайту ЛУКЖ [www.ucwlcgedmonton.ca](http://www.ucwlcgedmonton.ca)
- Постійна підтримка від понад 30 благодійних організацій та справ, таких як – Українська суспільна служба, Інститут Шептицького, чотири садочки, молодіжні та дитячі табори, семінарія Святого Духа, Міст надії, КУК-АРС, Маріанський центр, Едмонтон Prolife, та інші.

Продовжується робота з пожвавлення та зміцнення нашої організаційної бази разом з відділами. Метою нашої конференції у 2023 році є розвиток лідерських навичок на всіх рівнях організації.

Боже, Україну збережи!

## St. John's Institute (SJI)

The Board of Directors of SJI are continuing their work developing grants/bursaries from their investments. It is hoped that the new menu of grants will be available in early 2024.

Additionally, SJI continues to maintain & support further development of its camp/resort property on Pigeon Lake which is leased to the Bar-V-Nok Society.

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## Ukrainian Pioneers' Association of Alberta | Товариство Українських Піонерів Альберти

Founded in 1941 by the first wave of Ukrainian settlers in Alberta, the mission of the Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta (UPAA) is to preserve and promote Ukrainian-Albertan history and culture through public programming and through partnerships with and grants to other organizations.

The Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta (UPAA) began this year with a very successful casino, followed by a volunteer appreciation event where we attended the University of Alberta Golden Bears vs. Ukraine hockey game.

Our major activity of the summer was a partnership with the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society to co-host a Launch Party on July 14th preceding the Ukrainian Village Music Festival later that week. This was a successful event bringing in many attendees to dance to the band Steppe at the Stanhope Eatery and Bar.

We also continued to ship donated Ukrainian-language books from Alberta to interested libraries in Ukraine and elsewhere under the banner of "Project Prosvita". Several loads were sent this year despite the continuing wartime challenges.

We continued to be present in the community and set representatives to the supper with Ukraine's ambassador to Canada in Edmonton where we networked with many other Ukrainian organizations, and to the Ukrainian Indigenous Relationship Building Initiative's supper and dance at Métis Crossing, near Smoky Lake. As well, as part of our development of the board, the president attended the "Role of the Board Chair" webinar from Alberta Community Development and the "Interpretive Planning for Historic Sites" webinar from the Texas Historical Commission with the hope that this will allow us to hold effective strategic planning meetings next year where we can discuss the best role our historic society can take in the future, whether that be as primarily a host of events, a publisher of content, a provider of funding, or something else.



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In the meantime, the board met and adjudicated several requests for funding from other organizations. Most of these were found to be in line with our mission of preserving and promoting Ukrainian-Albertan history or culture or they addressed grave humanitarian needs in Ukraine, and were therefore approved by the board. Letters to the successful applicants are still going out. So far, we have been able to let several groups know that they have been successful in their bids for funding, including :

- the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association for the internment monument at the Alberta Legislature Grounds, being unveiled Sunday, October 1st
- Punctuate! Theatre for the play First Métis Man of Odessa, which had a successful run in Edmonton and is now touring across Canada
- the Alberta Local and International Education Association for the film Myrna Kostash: HERE, premiering Friday, October 13, 2023
- Dr. Mark Minenko, for ongoing archival research into internment
- Rotary Club Kyiv International, for the building shelters for internally displaced people in Ukraine
- DobroDIY UKRAINE, for delivering meals to the Zaporizhzhya Regional Clinical Children's Hospital

More successful applicants will be contacted in the coming weeks!

In order to be able to create more of our own programs and fund more projects like those listed above in the future, the board is now involved in discussions to create new committees and policies, including a finance committee that will look for ways to invest our funds, an outreach committee that will look for volunteers and plan events, and a strategy committee that will revisit our bylaws, mission, and goals.

We have continued to experiment with our new website ([www.ukrainianpioneers.ca](http://www.ukrainianpioneers.ca) ), facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ukrainianpioneers](https://www.facebook.com/ukrainianpioneers) ) and YouTube channel ([Ukrainian Pioneers Association of Alberta - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)). This has included the addition of a new PayPal account that allows us to accept donations online ([donate here](#)). We are also currently in search of volunteers interested in media or marketing that can assist with these channels.

If you are interested in helping this 82 year old organization reinvent itself and stay relevant, please join us at our upcoming annual general meeting on October 21, 2023 online or in person. Contact us at [ukrainianpioneers@gmail.com](mailto:ukrainianpioneers@gmail.com) for details.



## Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) at MacEwan University

The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) at MacEwan University continued to be a focal point and a hub for promoting Ukrainian culture, education, and community engagement in 2023. We continue to hold Ukraine at MacEwan during these most challenging times of the Russian imperial war against Ukraine.

URDC's accomplishments, initiatives, and contributions range from academic programs and research to community engagement, panel discussions, exhibits and more. We work closely with students, faculty, staff and the Ukrainian Canadian community to keep awareness and deepen knowledge about Ukraine. This year, we introduced the first Ukraine week at MacEwan. *Ukraina: From Adversity to Inspiration* featured an exhibit, a concert, a film screening, a lecture and the launch of the **Imagine Ukraine** podcast, all geared towards helping people find out about what drives Ukrainians in their fight for democracy in Europe.

URDC is honoured to be able to support Ukrainian students and academics by offering awards and visiting scholar grants. We continue working closely with our partner universities in Ukraine: National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Ukrainian Catholic University, Ternopil National Medical University, and Lviv Music Academy. Dr. Gayana Yuksel, Dr. Yuliya Krylova-Grek, Dr. Svitlana Danchak, Dr. Lyudmyla Mazur are among the Ukrainian scholars who visited MacEwan and shared their knowledge and stories of Ukraine, from Crimean Tatars to hate speech and teaching in the times of war. URDC and MacEwan students held fundraisers for Ukraine. It was a pleasure to introduce MacEwan students and Alberta audiences to the talents of the ShockolaD jazz group. Such events foster true academic and cultural exchange. With the financial support from UCC-APC and UFCE, we organized the English Language classes for newcomers at MacEwan. Furthermore, the big two-day Indigenous Ukrainian Relations Initiative event showcased the power of open minds and compassion. The Canada Ukraine Model United Nations is in its fourth year of success. The Gene Zwozdesky Artist in Residence program is being launched this year, and Slinko with the *Motherless Nation* project is the inaugural artist.

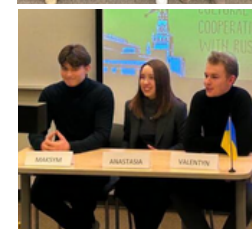
The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre at MacEwan University remained a dynamic hub of activity in 2023, contributing to the university's academic, cultural, and community life and beyond. We are committed to continue holding Ukraine here, in Canada.



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## Ukrainian Students' Society (UofAlberta)

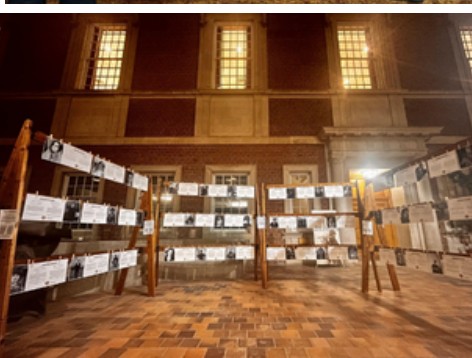
### Ukrainian Students Society 2022-2023 Academic Year Recap:

The Ukrainian Students' Society strives to uphold Ukrainian culture, language and traditions amongst students at the University of Alberta, and informs about issues relevant to the Ukrainian-Canadian community. By organizing Ukrainian events, activities and social gatherings, USS helps keep the Ukrainian spirit alive on and off campus.

We organize annual events to promote Ukrainian culture and traditions, such as pyrohy barbeques, pysanky workshops, embroidery nights, Sviat Vechir, and many more. However, this year we also organized events dedicated to raising awareness of the ongoing war in Ukraine. This includes a game-night fundraiser, a vigil and rally to commemorate 1 year of war, and an "Unissued Diplomas" exhibit - a worldwide project displaying diplomas of Ukrainian university students that were never issued because they were killed in the war.

Additionally, we have strived to act as an intermediary between the Ukrainian national and Ukrainian-Canadian student communities at the University of Alberta. We have encouraged the development of community and friendship through our numerous social events throughout the academic year. For example, our club directly sponsored independent events with the goal of showcasing modern Ukrainian culture and society on campus.

The 2023-2024 Academic Year will be our club's 70th Anniversary, having been formed in 1954. Our goal is to continue our community building initiatives, while focusing on fundraising and awareness initiatives on campus. Some of the upcoming events we have planned are our 70th Anniversary Zabava, Halloween Games Night Fundraiser, Ukrainian Conversation Club, Sviat Vechir Campus Dinner, Pysanky Workshop, and more!



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## Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Alberta Provincial Executive (UWAC-APE)

Meetings are held every two months on the first Monday evening.

Nataliya Grytsiv is our representative to UCC-APC. Vicki Kihnicksi is our representative to the Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League. We are an affiliate organization of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada.

For three to four years, the Alberta Provincial Executive has not been very active. Membership in the UWAC is dwindling. It has been difficult to find a leader/president. Our energies have gone into our local branches in support of our Ukrainian Orthodox parishes and little else.

Having revived the work, we have chosen communication with branches as our first priority, and we plan to meet virtually with all Alberta members once or twice a year. Our ten branches are:

- Calgary, Olha Basarabova Branch
- Calmar, Lesia Ukrainka Branch
- Edmonton, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Ladies Auxiliary
- Edmonton, St. Anna's Branch, St. Anthony's
- Edmonton, Kniahynia Ol'ha Branch, St. Michael's
- Edmonton, Lesia Ukrainka Branch, St. Elia
- Edmonton, St. John's Cathedral Branch
- Lac la Biche, Dominika Ohienko Branch
- Smoky Lake, Olha Kobylanska Branch
- Two Hills, Lesia Ukrainka Branch.

We have 313 members in Alberta and have recently developed a database of email addresses and snail mail addresses to reach them. We are still refining it. 30% of our members have NO email address!

This year, we have donated \$8,000 to our Ukrainian Orthodox camps and museums as well as to a film project about Myrna Kostash sponsored by ALIEA, MacEwan University.

Respectfully submitted by Leona Faryna Bridges, President



L to R: Nataliya, Betty,  
Susan, Leona, Vivian, Diane



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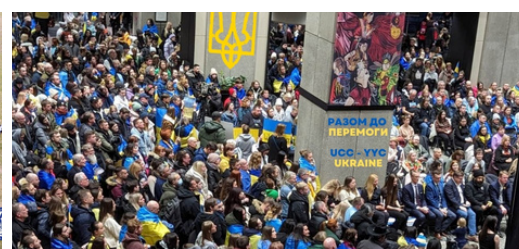
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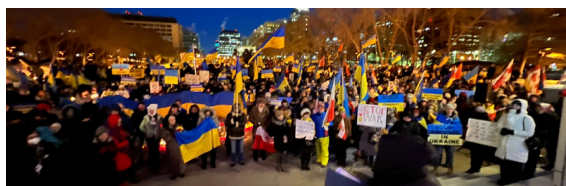
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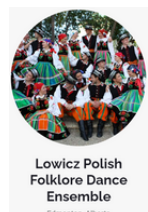
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