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PRESENTS



*Hetman  
Leadership Awards  
2025*

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**ГЕТЬМАНСЬКІ  
НАГОРОДИ**

**&**

**Ukrainian Crisis  
Humanitarian Aid Award**

Sunday, November 9, 2025  
Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex  
9615 - 153 Avenue, Edmonton



2:30 PM – 5:30 PM

**Reception & Silent Auction Bidding | Прийом та тихий аукціон**

**Opening | Урочисте відкриття**

**Masters of Ceremonies:** Andrei Kisil and Ivanka Soletsky

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Canadian & Ukrainian National Anthems:** Ruta Musical Folk Ensemble |  
**Виконання гімнів Канади та України:** Музично-фольклорний ансамбль «Рута»

**Moment of Silence | Хвилина мовчання**

**Welcome:** Orysia Boychuk, Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council President |  
**Вітання:** Орісія Бойчук, Президент Конгресу Українців Канади – Провінційна Рада Альберти

**Lunch | Обід**

**Greetings from the Government of Alberta:** Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees

**Greetings from the Government of Canada:** Heather McPherson, NDP MP for Edmonton Strathcona

**Greetings from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:** Sarah Hoffman, NDP MLA for Edmonton-Glenora

**Greetings from the Government of Ukraine:** Viktoriya Bozhko, Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton

**Greetings from the Government of Canada:** Ziad Aboultaif, MP for Edmonton Manning, Alberta

**Greetings from the Government of Canada:** Kerry Diotte, MP for Edmonton Manning, Alberta

**Performance:** Ruta Musical Folk Ensemble | Музично-фольклорний ансамбль «Рута»

**Silent Auction Bidding | Тихий аукціон**

**Awards Presentation | Вручення нагород**

- Outstanding Leadership | Гетьманські Лідери
- Outstanding Youth Leaders | Молоді Лідери
- Exemplary Volunteers | Надзвичайні Волонтери
- Professional Achievement | Професійні Досягнення

**Performance:** Verkhovyna Choir | Хор «Верховина»

**Final Silent Auction Bidding | Останній етап тихого аукціону**

**Awards Presentation:** Ukrainian Crisis Humanitarian Aid

**Performance:** Dunai Ukrainian Dancers | Українські танцюристи «Дунай»

**Closing | Закриття**



*Dear Honoured Guests, Award Recipients, and Friends,*

Від імені Конгресу Українців Канади – Провінційна Рада Альберти (КУК-ПРА) щиро вітаю вас на 27-ій Щорічній Урочистості Нагород Гетьмана. Сьогодні ми шановуємо членів нашої громади, які своєю відданістю, працею та любов'ю до України зробили вагомий внесок у життя українців Альберти та Канади. Їхня праця є джерелом натхнення для всіх нас і прикладом для прийдешніх поколінь.

It is with heartfelt pride that we welcome you to the 27th Annual Hetman Awards Celebration. This afternoon, we continue the tradition of honouring the exceptional individuals whose leadership, vision, and service strengthen our community. Over the years, more than 370 Hetman Awards have been presented, celebrating those who preserve our heritage, support Ukraine, and build a strong, united community.

Within this tradition, a special place belongs to the Humanitarian Award. It was originally created as a one-time recognition to honour those supporting Ukraine, even from here in Alberta. Yet as the full-scale war continues, so too does the extraordinary generosity of people and organizations in our province. Since 2022, we have had the privilege of recognizing more than 50 individuals and groups whose tireless efforts provide vital assistance to Ukraine and its people. Their compassion and leadership reflect the very best of our community's values.

For more than half a century, the UCC-APC has served as a steadfast advocate for the Ukrainian Canadian community, preserving traditions, fostering unity, and creating opportunities for growth. The Hetman Awards shine a light on those whose dedication inspires us all to remain strong, resilient, and united.

Ми щиро дякуємо кожному за внесок у розвиток нашої громади та підтримку України у цей важкий час. Ваша відданість є свідченням сили, незламності та єдності українців Альберти. Разом ми бережемо спадщину, розвиваємо сучасність і творимо майбутнє.

*With deepest gratitude and respect,*

*Orysia Boychuk*



# About the Hetman Awards

The Hetman Awards were established by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council in 1998 to recognize significant volunteer achievements of outstanding Ukrainian Albertans. The Annual Hetman Awards are dedicated to the celebration of all volunteers who have chosen to give their time, effort and expertise in order to keep our Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta strong, vibrant and active.

Each recipient is recognized symbolically in the name of Ukraine's Hetmans, who were outstanding leaders that fought for generations for their country's independence and cultural preservation.



У 1998 році Конгрес Українців Канади – Провінційна Рада Альберти ініціював щорічні премії Гетьмана з метою визнання важливих досягнень волонтерської діяльності видатних українців Альберти. Щорічні Гетьманські Нагороди присвячені вшануванню всіх волонтерів, які обрали віддати свій час, зусилля та експертність для збереження сили, жвавості та активності нашої української канадської спільноти в Альберті.

This year, as in many previous years, we are proud to honour remarkable members of our community in the following categories:

- *Outstanding Leadership - Гетьманські Лідери*
- *Outstanding Youth Leaders - Молоді Лідери*
- *Exemplary Volunteers - Надзвичайні Волонтери*
- *Professional Achievement - Професійні Досягнення*

In 2022, the Humanitarian Award was created to recognize individuals and organizations in Alberta who have gone above and beyond in supporting Ukraine during the ongoing war. Originally intended as a one-time recognition, it soon became an annual honour as the need for help and the generosity of our community continued to grow.



Greetings



Вітання



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

### Message from the Prime Minister of Canada

I proudly offer my sincere greetings to everyone attending the Annual Hetman Awards Luncheon, hosted by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council (UCC - APC).

Ukrainian Canadians continue to make significant contributions to Canada. They create more vibrancy in our diversity, enrich our cultural fabric, and make incredible contributions each and every day to our nation.



Today's event is an opportunity to recognize some of the many incredible contributions made by members of this community. The presence of everyone here speaks to the success, strength, and solidarity of the Ukrainian community, and its integration into Canada. The values and character of your community truly form an important part of our national identity.

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the distinguished and impactful awardees being recognized today. Your contributions to your community, to Alberta, and to Canada, truly inspire us and are worthy of this great recognition. I would also like to recognize the UCC – APC for their important work to preserve Ukrainian heritage, history, culture, and language—this as well makes a great contribution to our nation.

Please accept my very best wishes for an enjoyable ceremony.

Ottawa  
2025

Greetings



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**Message from the  
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta**

As His Majesty the King's representative in Alberta, I offer my congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 Hetman Awards.

I have long admired the tremendous pride Ukrainians take in their heritage. That sense of identity remains strong, even among those whose families emigrated to Canada several generations ago. Given the events currently taking place in Europe, it is more important than ever for Ukrainian Canadians to come together in solidarity and recognize those individuals and organizations who have been working to preserve and champion Ukrainian culture, history, and language.

As His Majesty the King's representative in Alberta, I thank the Ukrainian Canadian Congress—Alberta Provincial Council for the work they do to shine a spotlight on outstanding volunteers within the Ukrainian community through the Hetman Awards. I hope everyone in attendance tonight has a wonderful evening.

Her Honour, the Honourable Salma Lakhani, AOE, BSc, LLD (hon)  
Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

Greetings



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ALBERTA

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to send greetings for the 2025 Hetman Awards Luncheon.

Each year, the Hetman Awards honour the outstanding individuals who commit their time and skills to strengthening the Ukrainian Canadian community and building a bright future for every Albertan. The recipients of these awards represent the very best of the hard-working, dedicated and compassionate spirit that helped make the province we cherish one of the best places in the world to live, work and raise a family.

These volunteers proudly care for others as they strive to promote and preserve Ukrainian culture and traditions, brought here by those who helped settle Western Canada and enriched by generations of newcomers. It is a privilege to congratulate and express my gratitude to the 2025 Hetman Awards winners for their contributions to Alberta.

Thank you to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council for your leadership and for making this event possible.

Best wishes,

**Honorable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta**



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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
ALBERTA

**Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, ECA**

Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees  
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, MLA

**MESSAGE FROM MLA JACKIE ARMSTRONG-HOMENIUK, PARLIAMENTARY  
SECRETARY OF SETTLEMENT SERVICES AND UKRAINIAN EVACUEES**

I warmly congratulate all the Hetman Awards recipients on this well-deserved recognition. Your commitment, hard work, and passion in preserving and celebrating our vibrant Ukrainian culture are truly commendable. Each one of you stands as a shining example of how service, leadership, and devotion to community can strengthen the bonds that unite us.

For over a century, Ukrainian Canadians have made invaluable contributions to Alberta's growth and prosperity. From the earliest pioneers who settled our province, to today's volunteers, artists, educators, and leaders, the Ukrainian spirit has been woven into the fabric of our province's history. The Hetman Awards carry this legacy forward, honouring those whose tireless efforts ensure that our heritage remains strong, respected, and cherished by future generations.

I deeply appreciate your selfless dedication to enriching community life, sharing our traditions, and welcoming newcomers and settlers with compassion and generosity. Your work strengthens our collective identity, ensuring that Ukrainian language, faith, music, dance, and customs continue to thrive. It also reinforces the values of resilience, unity, and pride that have always been at the heart of our culture.

Thanks to your vision and ongoing commitment, Ukrainian culture continues not only to flourish but also to inspire Albertans of all backgrounds. In every performance, every festival, every act of service, and every effort to preserve our heritage, you remind us that cultural traditions are not only treasures of the past but guiding lights for the future.

This recognition is both a celebration of your accomplishments and an encouragement to continue the important work you do. May it inspire others to follow your example of service, pride, and devotion to community. Together, your contributions ensure that Ukrainian culture remains a vibrant and living tradition — one that honours our past, enriches our present, and builds hope for future generations.

Sincerely,

Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, ECA  
Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees  
MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville





Генеральне консульство  
України  
в Едмонтоні



Шановні учасники церемонії Hetman Award!

Від імені Генерального консульства України в Едмонтоні висловлюю щиру вдячність ініціаторам та організаторам цієї важливої події, що відзначає значний внесок українців у збереження та розвиток нашої національної культури, історичної пам'яті та державницьких цінностей.

Hetman Award є символом не лише визнання особистих досягнень, але й нагадуванням про роль українського народу у багатовіковій боротьбі за свободу, гідність та суверенітет.

Ми пишаємося тим, що українська громада Канади надихає нові покоління українців у світовій спільноті та зміцнює дружбу між нашими народами.

Зв'язок із українськими традиціями та сучасністю, втілений у символі Hetman, є уособленням мудрості, відповідальності та захисту суверенного коду нашого народу.

Нехай ця церемонія стане мовчазним, але потужним мостом між минулим і майбутнім: між героїчним шляхом наших предків та прагненнями молодших поколінь, які обирають шлях служіння спільноті та Україні.

Щиро зичу всім учасникам церемонії міцного здоров'я, добробуту й натхнення. Нехай ця відзнака слугує новим імпульсом для подальших звершень на благо України та її друзів у світі.

З повагою та найкращими побажаннями,

В.о. Генерального консула

Вікторія БОЖКО

Greetings



Вітання



КОНГРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS

CONGRÈS DES UKRAINIENS-CANADIENS

9 листопада, 2025 р.

Пані Оріся Бойчук  
Президент Провінційної Ради Альберти  
Конгресу Українців Канади  
Едмонтон, Альберта



**Привітання з нагоди 27-ліття нагородження щорічних премій  
"Гетьманські Нагороди"**

Вельмишановна пані Бойчук та отримувачі нагород,

Від імені Конгресу Українців Канади та від мене особисто прийміть наші найщиріші вітання з нагоди отримання Вами щорічних премій "Гетьманські Нагороди", які присвячені вшануванню всіх волонтерів, які обрали віддати свій час та зусилля для збереження сили та активності української канадської спільноти в Альберті.

За Вашу відданість українській громаді, Вашу провідницьку діяльність і невтомну працю належиться глибоко наша подяка і низький уклін.

Бажаємо Вам кріпкого здоров'я, родинних злагодів і подальших успіхів у житті в ім'я України та на благо української громади в Канаді. Нехай святковий настрій цих днів збережеться у ваших душах на всі наступні роки. Многая і благая Вам літа!

З повагою та найщирішими побажаннями,

**Конгрес Українців Канади**

Олександра Хичій  
Президент



**Greeting for Hetman Awards 2025  
From His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion**

Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Сердечно вітаю лауреатів цьогорічних нагород  
Гетьмана, які внесли значний вклад заради  
добробуту українців Альберти.

I congratulate this year's winners of the Hetman  
Awards who have made a significant contribution to

preserving and promoting our Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta. You are  
examples that demonstrate the importance of keeping the Ukrainian culture strong,  
vibrant and active.

On behalf of the Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, I  
congratulate the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council for  
continuing the tradition of recognizing outstanding members of the Ukrainian  
community, I extend a heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the prestigious  
Hetman Awards in 2025.

Нехай Господь благословить цьогорічних лауреатів, українську громаду Альберти  
і весь український народ в Україні і розсіянні.

+ Ilarion,  
Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

Greetings



Вітання

Ukrainian Catholic  
Eparchy of Edmonton  
*Come Follow Me*



Українська Католицька  
Едмонтонська Єпархія  
*Ідіть За Мною*

November 9, 2025



Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends:

A warm welcome to all guests, Hetman Award recipients,  
and their families!

The Hetman Awards provide us with an opportunity to celebrate, with humility, but also with great pride, the enormous contribution that Ukrainians have made in building up this great nation of ours!

How beautiful is the family of our Ukrainian Canadian Community, united in faith, culture and heritage. And how wonderful it is for us a family to celebrate those in our midst who have gone beyond the call of duty in service and volunteerism. Congratulations and a special thanks to this year's Hetman Awards recipients! Truly our family is blessed!

Let us pray that God's grace and love fills the hearts of all families in their role in evangelization, and brings joy and peace to all people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. David Motiuk  
Eparchial Bishop

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# Outstanding Leadership Award



*Dmytro Petrushchak / Дмитро Петрушчак*

Dmytro Petrushchak is a visionary leader, mentor, and tireless volunteer who has made a transformative impact on the Ukrainian Canadian community in Edmonton and beyond. After immigrating to Canada in 1999, his journey began with joining the men's group TYC in Canora, Saskatchewan, as their youngest member. Since moving to Edmonton in 2005, Dmytro has deepened his involvement through advocacy, cultural promotion, and youth mentorship.

Elected President of UCC Edmonton in May 2024, Dmytro has long been a driving force behind the Ukrainian Pavilion at Heritage Days. His leadership began in 2015 when he was invited to help reimagine the Pavilion, and by 2016 he became President of the newly formed Friends of Ukrainian Pavilion Society. Under his guidance, the Pavilion earned multiple awards between 2016 and 2022 for food, cultural performance, and overall excellence.

Дмитро відомий своєю справедливістю, далекоглядністю та відданістю у лідерстві. Він об'єднує громаду, наставляє молодих лідерів і заохочує співпрацю між організаціями. Від організації мітингів і культурних подій до налагодження зв'язків у багатокультурному середовищі — Дмитро продовжує надихати та гуртувати українсько-канадську спільноту.

*Genia Leskiw | Теня Лесків*

Genia Leskiw is a lifelong educator, community leader, and advocate for Ukrainian culture in Alberta. A proud daughter of Ukrainian immigrants, she spent 36 years teaching in Bonnyville, where she championed Ukrainian language and traditions in schools and the wider community through pysanka writing, Ukrainian holiday celebrations, and cultural programs. Beyond her teaching career, Genia served as President of the St. Elias Ukrainian Orthodox Church and



Women's Association, President of the Lakeland Ukrainian Association, and as a longtime volunteer at Kyiv's-K-Hi summer camp. She also contributed to the Alberta Teachers' Association, where she advocated for educational improvements. In 2008, Genia made history as the first woman and the first Ukrainian Canadian elected as MLA for Bonnyville–Cold Lake, serving two terms. During this time, she worked to strengthen Alberta–Ukraine relations as Chair of the Advisory Council, represented Alberta at international conferences, and raised awareness of the Holodomor.

У відставці вона продовжує активно підтримувати громаду - наставляє українських новоприбулих, допомагає місцевій системі охорони здоров'я та організовує культурні події, такі як День вишиванки.



*Iryna Kravets-Kuzmich | Ірина Кравець-Кужич*

Iryna Kravets-Kuzmich is a proactive leader whose communication skills, strategic vision, and commitment to cultural preservation and newcomer integration make her a strong community asset. Since immigrating from Donetsk in 2010, she has held leadership roles with the Edmonton Society of the Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada (UWOC), serving as President from 2021–2024. In this role, she spearheaded the creation of the Ukrainian Youth Theatre Studio

“Homin.” She also co-organized the Airport Welcome Booth for newcomers and, as Manager of the Ukrainian Children's Theatre-Studio “Dzherelo,” expanded the program from one to three groups with 60 children and eight teachers.

Beyond UWOC, Iryna is a Board Director and Volunteer Coordinator for the Friends of Ukrainian Heritage Pavilion, a Board Member of UNF Edmonton, and Director of Finance for St. John's Children, supporting Ukrainian orphanages. She holds a Master's in Applied Economics (Ukraine/England) and a Diploma in HR Management (Canada), combining analytical skills with compassionate leadership.

Її діяльність зміцнила українське культурне життя в Едмонтоні, створила можливості для молоді та новоприбулих, а також надихає громаду своєю відданістю й баченням.

*Nataliya Shcherban | Наталія Щербан*

Nataliya Shcherban is a passionate educator, visionary leader, and cultural ambassador who immigrated to Canada about 20 years ago. Her greatest achievement is founding the first Ukrainian school in Lloydminster. She initiated, developed, and led the school to official recognition, transforming it into a vibrant hub where children learn Ukrainian language, history, and traditions while building pride, identity, and community connection. Even before the school's launch, she spent over a year volunteering with newcomer families, organizing events, and fostering unity through celebrations such as Shevchenko Day, Vyshyvanka Day, Christmas pageants, Easter egg decorating, and traditional games.



A long-time volunteer with the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nataliya has also led successful fundraisers and cultural initiatives - from bake sales and fall suppers to casino nights and heritage showcases — uniting people across generations. Thanks to her leadership, the Ukrainian school now stands as a cornerstone of cultural preservation and newcomer integration in Lloydminster.

Її робота є яскравим прикладом громадського лідерства, професійної майстерності та щирої відданості служінню громаді.

# Outstanding Youth Leader



*Diana Kotsyuba | Діана Котюба*

Since 2015, Diana has been deeply involved in the Ukrainian community - volunteering at school and church events, supporting donation drives, assisting at the Heritage Festival's Ukrainian pavilion, and leading archival work to preserve community legacy. Before UNYF Edmonton was officially revived in December 2022, she was already instrumental in rebuilding its foundation. She started the "Stand With Ukraine Edmonton" rallies, led the exhibition *The War Is Not Over*,

organized cultural and social events, developed UNYF Edmonton's first website in 2023, and continues to manage its bilingual newsletter and social media. As Vice President in 2024, she introduced financial systems, improved transparency, mentored new members, and encouraged youth involvement. In 2025, she became President, leading with vision and a strong, growing team.

Поза межами діяльності в UNYF Діана є секретарем КУК-Едмонтон, членкинею Товариства українського виконавського мистецтва та очолює український культурний павільйон як на Фестивалі спадщини, так і на UFest. Її інклюзивне лідерство та відданість справі надихають молодь, об'єднують громаду та зміцнюють українське життя в Едмонтоні.

# Exemplary Volunteer Award

*Archie Gwaskiw | Арчі Гвасків*

Archie has devoted over 70 years of humble service to church and community. At the Parish of the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary (PBVM), he is serving a second term as Board President and is always ready to help - maintaining the church, assisting at mass as altar server and bell ringer, and ensuring the building is prepared for parishioners. He has also given countless hours to community events, from preparing pyrohy for Edmonton's Heritage Days to volunteering at casinos.

In 1970, Archie organized Ukrainian classes at PBVM so children could learn their language and traditions. He is a lifetime member of St. Demetro Ukrainian Catholic Church near Hilliard, where he serves as Vice-President, and an active member of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood. In 2019, he was awarded the Certificate of Honour-Knight of St. Volodymyr for his outstanding dedication.



Його служіння надихає молодше покоління плекати культуру, підтримувати громаду й продовжувати традиції, щоб його спадщина віри та праці зміцнювала Церкву й українське життя на багато років уперед.



## *Joseph Tysowski | Йозеф Тисовський*

Joseph Tysowski has shown unwavering dedication to promoting Ukrainian culture and making a lasting impact on the community. Since 2010, Joe has been a vital member of the Yalenka Ukrainian Dancers Society, serving in roles such as Chair, Events Coordinator, and Fundraising. His efforts have been instrumental in organizing dance tours and cultural experiences in the USA and Ukraine. Joe's leadership in planning and executing Yalenka's Malanka event has been remarkable. Over the past 15 years, this event has served traditional Ukrainian meals to over 8,000 people, featured 250 Ukrainian dances, and included 75 hours of live Ukrainian music.

His commitment also extends to organizing performances at Senior Centers, volunteering at Calgary's Ukrainian Festival, and organizing a golf tournament for the Ukrainian Hockey League of Calgary to raise funds for youth hockey in Ukraine. Joe is known for his organization, reliability, and professional attitude, qualities that have earned him the respect and admiration of those who work with him.

Його невтомні зусилля підвищують обізнаність, зміцнюють життя громади та надихають інших долучатися. Пристрасть Джо до української культури та його віддана волонтерська діяльність роблять його справжнім прикладом і натхненником для української громади Альберти.

## *Kathy Bell-Rabko | Катя Белл-Рабко*

Kathy Bell-Rabko is a third generation Canadian-Ukrainian, born in Myrnam, Alberta. Kathy is involved in Ukrainian community activities from an early age. She attended the "Cheremosh" school of dance until her late teenage years. As a mother of two daughters, she was an avid volunteer at St. Basil's summer children's camp, where her responsibility was planning programs and organizing children's activities. Kathy joined the Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada in Edmonton in 1994. For 13 years she was a member of the executive board as a treasurer.



During her membership at the UWO she chaired many fundraising events such as Zabavas, New Year's, and Malanka celebrations, and volunteered at the Ukrainian Heritage Pavilion during Edmonton Heritage Festival. The fundraising events organized by Kathy were financially and culturally essential to the existence of the UWO.

Як волонтерка, Каті робила внесок в організацію у багатьох напрямках, зокрема допомагаючи на кухні (готування та випічка), прикрашанні залу, а також у адміністративній роботі — веденні та впорядкуванні архівів і популяризації заходів.

Being a third generation Canadian-Ukrainian, Kathy was always open to improving her Ukrainian language skills. She values her heritage, traditions, and the importance of language. She also made several trips to Ukraine to bond with her distant family and better understand her roots.





*Mykhailo (Michael) Wowk | Михайло (Майкл) Вовк*

Over the last few decades, Mykhailo (Michael) Wowk, Sr. has been deeply involved in Ukrainian community life, serving on the Auditing Committees of numerous organizations including St. George Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Edmonton, the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex, and the Ukrainian Canadian Brotherhood of Canada – Edmonton Eparchy. Always willing to embrace new ideas, he has consistently tackled community challenges and sought to expand his

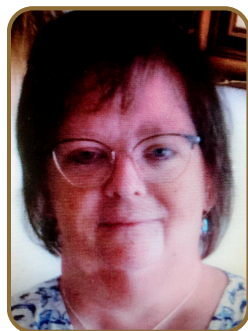
skills. From 2013–2015, Mykhailo also served on the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex, contributing his expertise to its growth and development. Beyond Canada, Mykhailo actively supported democratic values in Ukraine by participating as an international election observer. Through the CANADEM program and the OSCE mission, he took part in eight Ukrainian Presidential and Parliamentary elections, working in cities such as Lutsk, Chernihiv, Poltava, Kharkiv, Odesa, and Lviv. His commitment to fair and transparent democratic processes reflects his dedication not only to the Ukrainian community in Alberta but also to Ukraine itself.

Михайло Вовк-старший – один із тих невтомних людей, чия щедра волонтерська діяльність, професійний досвід та непохитна відданість продовжують зміцнювати українські організації та надихати ширшу громаду.

*Theresa Hlus | Тереза Глус*

Theresa has been an exceptional volunteer since 2005, serving in many capacities with the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada at St. Basil's Parish: Press and Publicity Committee, Recording Secretary, Vice President for five years, and on the Spiritual Committee where she helped develop "A Guide to Praying the Rosary." At the Eparchial level, she served as Corresponding Secretary, producing the quarterly newsletter, and for the past 12 years has been Recording Secretary, showcasing her communication skills. She has also been a key member of the Convention Planning Committee, working at registration and serving as secretary at the past three conventions.

Nationally, Theresa has attended six UCWLC Congresses. From 2019–2022, she was Recording Secretary on the National Executive and played an important role in organizing the 2022 Congress in Edmonton. Her positive attitude, work ethic, and dedication make her a highly respected figure in the Church and Ukrainian community.



Тереза Глус своєю відданою працею, організованістю та вірою здобула глибоку пошану в українській громаді. Вона є прикладом для інших, надихаючи молодше покоління брати активну участь у житті Церкви та суспільства. Її служіння та самопосягта залишають помітний слід у розвитку духовного і культурного життя українців у Канаді.

# Professional Achievement Award

*Zenon Wojnowskyj | Зенон Войновський*



Zenon Wojnowskyj, through his work as an Alberta Pharmacist, has significantly contributed to the health, well-being, and integration of Ukrainian refugees in the Edmonton area. Fluent in both Ukrainian and Polish, and with knowledge of Ukrainian medical terminology, Zenon created an innovative care model that addresses refugees' medical and social needs. He recognized the unique challenges newcomers faced—

language and cultural barriers, difficulty accessing healthcare, and arriving in Canada with little preparation or medical supplies. Word of his pharmacy spread quickly, and it soon adapted its focus to serve refugee needs, providing immediate care and referrals to a trusted network of Ukrainian-speaking physicians, dentists, podiatrists, and other healthcare professionals. Beyond clinical service, Zenon transformed his pharmacy into a vital community hub. Through educational seminars and a child-friendly gathering space, his efforts have alleviated the emotional strain of displacement and provided essential support.

Його діяльність принесла відчутну користь українським переселенцям, подарувавши їм не лише доступ до медицини, а й відчуття підтримки, безпеки та надії на нове життя в Канаді.

*Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn | д-р Лариса СембальукЧелядин*

Dr. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn, a successful Ukrainian Canadian artist, has been an inspirational leader in the Ukrainian community since young adulthood and her participation in CYM. In January 2024/July 2025, she became the Interim Director of the Kule Folklore Centre (KuFC), University of Alberta. Among her community-oriented achievements, she was instrumental in hosting the exhibition “One Man, Talents Many...” showcasing the works of Ukrainian Canadian



artist Wadym Dobrolige, and presenting the Canadian premiere of Volodymyr Mula's film “UKE: The Untold Story of Hockey Legends,” which brought together art lovers, hockey fans, and community. One of her greatest accomplishments was salvaging 2,800 printing blocks representing 100 years of journalism in the Ukrainian Canadian community (1910–2018) from the defunct Trident Press in Winnipeg; these artifacts were cleaned, archived, and transformed into an impressive 9 ft x 40 ft mosaic collage with an interactive digital app that is now touring Canada.

Вона також є багаторічною членкинею управи Друзів Фольклорного центру та Ради Кулевого центру, активно підтримує громадську просвіту й ділиться творчістю з молоддю у програмах Сенату Університету Альберти та U School.

## *Ukrainian Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award*

The Ukraine Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award recognizes extraordinary Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of displaced Ukrainians in Alberta or supported humanitarian aid for Ukrainians in Ukraine impacted by the war. This is a special award due to the extraordinary crisis in Ukraine because of the Russian war on Ukraine.

### *Anna Tselukhina / Анна Целюхіна*



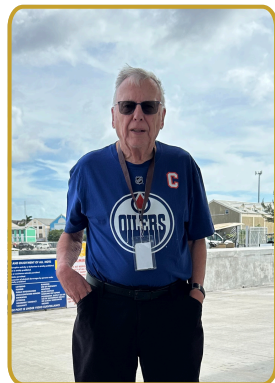
Anna Tselukhina has been the organizer and driving force behind approximately 35 rallies in Calgary in support of Ukraine. These rallies, attended by hundreds and often joined by political leaders, have received strong media coverage and play a vital role in building support for humanitarian aid to Ukraine and displaced people in Alberta.

Її відданість та активність допомагають зберігати увагу до України та зміцнюють солідарність громади.

### *Wayne Pinkney / Вейн Пінкні*

The Ivan Franko School of Ukrainian Studies in Fort McMurray proudly nominates Wayne Pinkney for the Humanitarian Aid Award in recognition of his generosity and commitment. From donating supplies and funding to mentoring the school, Wayne has been a steadfast supporter. Every year since 2022, he has given bicycles to students, bringing them joy and confidence.

Його доброта, щирість та постійна підтримка роблять Вейна прикладом справжнього служіння громаді.





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