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UCC - Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC)

September 1, 2010 - August 31, 2011

Over 120 years ago, the first Ukrainian settlers arrived in Canada in search of a better life for their families, and a peaceful prosperous future for their children. Their hopes and dreams were realized through unimaginable hard work and determination. And in the process, the settlers became a founding nation in building the Canada we enjoy today - peaceful, prosperous and the envy of so many other countries around the world.

In our efforts to continue the dedication and hard work our pioneers exemplified over the past 120 years, the UCC-APC maintained a busy and gratifying year, complete with important and memorable events in our Alberta Ukrainian community. Our focus was on organizing and co-hosting the National UCC XXIII Congress of Ukrainian Canadians and commemorating the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. We also worked with the Ukrainian community in our province in several other key areas, such as providing support for the Ukrainian bilingual education programs, raising awareness about the Holodomor-Genocide of 1932-33 in Ukraine, and engaging youth in the organized Ukrainian community under the UCC-APC umbrella.

The following provides an overview of the UCC-APC activities over the past year and outlines the priorities for 2011-12.



Community Outreach and Development

Expanding our work across the province, and networking with our community organizations in Alberta continues to be a priority and is our foundation. We are building on progress to continually raise awareness about UCC and community initiatives in the province. Over the past year, our Community Development work has included:

Community Outreach: 2010-2011 provided several opportunities for UCC APC to work and partner with several organizations around Alberta. In addition to our support and work with local UCC branches, the UCC-APC President also met with Ukrainian community representatives in Grande Prairie to begin engaging the community in Northern Alberta in our broader Ukrainian network.

Hetman Awards: The annual Hetman Awards Gala was held on October 4, 2010 at St. John's Cultural Centre. At this event Premier Ed Stelmach and UCC-APC President Daria Luciw presented recognition Awards to honour outstanding volunteers in our community: Oksana Dacko, Mila Luchak, Ksenia Fedyna, Katrina Baziuk, Jaroslaw Szewczuk, Dobr. Nadia Kryschuk, Eugene Topolnisky, Andrew Ilnycky, Peter Dziedzic, Taras Uzwyszyn (posthumous). Along with the Premier, in attendance were Mayor

Stephen Mandel and Minister Gene Zwozdesky, along with many other dignitaries representing the federal and provincial governments. Dana Muryнка and Yuri Broda served as MC's, while entertainment was provided by the Viter Choir, Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and the Ukrainian Male Chorus of Edmonton.



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Ukrainian Day: The 2011 Annual UCC APC Ukrainian Day Festival presented in conjunction with the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society and the Alberta Council for Ukrainian Arts, celebrated our rich Ukrainian culture and commemorated the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. We had the privilege of hosting over 3,000 attendees at this event which comprised of a full day of activities for every generation. From the pancake breakfast and church services, to the children's craft tent and Kozak games, it was a wonderful day of celebration and paying tribute to our pioneers. The day also included the unveiling and blessing of name plaques at the Centenary Monument and a centenary pioneer recognition certificate presentation ceremony as a tribute to all pioneer families. A special commemorative ceremony at Canada's First Internment Operation Monument, the only internment camp monument in Northern Alberta, honoured thousands of Ukrainians and other Europeans. During these ceremonies, the Alberta Premier and UCC-APC President laid flowers at the Centenary Monument, the Royal Canadian Legion Monument and Canada's First Internment Operation Monuments.



This year's Luchkovich Award was presented to the Honourable Allen Sulatycky, a former Member of Parliament for Rocky Mountain from 1968-72. In 2004, Mr. Sulatycky was elected to sit as a Supernumerary Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta. One of his most significant projects involving the Ukrainian Canadian community was the successful negotiation of a three-way agreement to establish the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village in Alberta.

The day also highlighted a grandstand concert, emceed by Roman Brytan, and which featured the Cheremosh Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, along with musical acts from around Alberta. We were also pleased to have in attendance many dignitaries including Premier Ed Stelmach, the first Alberta Premier of Ukrainian descent, along with MP's, MLA's and many mayors and reeves



from Alberta municipalities and towns.

UCC National: Alberta UCC continues to be an active participant on the National UCC Board of Directors, and a leader within our community in Canada. In particular, we actively supported the national awareness campaigns regarding the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) in Winnipeg, Canada's First National Internment Operations, and the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. As issues and anniversaries such as these arise, it is important that we continue to engage our Alberta community as active and knowledgeable participants in these issues.

Congress XXIII: On November 8-10, UCC APC along with our community volunteers hosted a very successful Triennial Congress of Ukrainian Canadians - Congress XXIII, which featured three full days of networking, policy forums, exhibits and awards. This event was held for the first time in UCC's 70-year history in Alberta. UCC APC is proud to have organized this event, which had a positive impact on the overall development



Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

of our community in Alberta. Delegates of the Congress elected the leadership of the Ukrainian Canadian community for the next 3 years, as well as marked the 70th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the 120 anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada. Featured speakers included Ambassadors Derek Fraser, Daniel Caron, Yuri Scherbak and Ihor Ostash, James Temerty, Dr. Volodymyr Viatrovych from Ukraine, Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk, Minister Gene Zwozdesky, and Dr. Olenka Bilash, among many others. Thought-provoking sessions, and a strong youth delegation resulted in a very successful event about which our community should be proud. The program, Congress resolutions, media releases, and multimedia can be found at www.ucc.ca.



Support and Sponsorship: The UCC-APC is proud to be an honorary patron of the Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project. This unique project provides families who are interested in learning about their past in Ukraine and Alberta with research support and avenues to learn more about their family history. The project also assists in re-uniting families where contact may have been disrupted during Soviet times. In 2011 we administered an Alberta Historical Research Foundation grant to support the Documentation of Church Properties

in Rural Communities in Alberta, a project undertaken by the society. The intent of this effort is to systematically record and photograph cemetery headstones and markers in rural cemeteries in order to preserve the historical information found within these church properties. UCC-APC also provided support for the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe, organized by the UCC-Edmonton Branch. In the same vein, the UCC-APC supported the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's Independence celebration, organized by the UCC-Edmonton Branch.

Ukrainian Bilingual Education Programs in Alberta: In May, UCC-APC called the community to form the Bilingual Education Committee to promote the Bilingual Program in Edmonton Public and Catholic schools, and the Elk Island School District (Sherwood Park). The committee chaired by UCC-APC President Daria Luciw developed a marketing plan to support and promote bilingual education. Several very important activities were already implemented and we look forward to working with community organizations, educators and students to both increase enrollment while providing more support and advocacy for the programs.

Fundraising for Community Projects: On Ukrainian Day 2011, President Daria Luciw was pleased to announce that UCC APC has undertaken a project to permanently relocate the original home of the Stelmach family to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. UCC-APC has committed to support the moving, foundation and restoration of this Stelmach home as part of the 120th anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada celebratory and commemorative activities by undertaking a fundraising drive and project management lead. To achieve this commitment, financial contributions from community are not only highly encouraged, but very much needed. With the community's support, visiting the Stelmach home and the Ukrainian Village will soon be a reality.

Government Relations

On March 22, 2011, after several preliminary meetings within our community, and led by the UCC-Alberta Provincial Council and President Daria Luciw, Edmonton area Ministers and MLAs met with ethnic community representatives including 45 members of our Ukrainian community, at Government House. The Honourable Dave Hancock initiated the meeting and several other



Ministers and other Edmonton area MLA's also took part. The purpose of this meeting was to receive input from the community about our vision for Edmonton in the 21st century. The Ukrainian community was very grateful for this opportunity to share our thoughts, vision and ideas on several issues of importance, including:

- (a) Awareness of the 120th and 125th anniversaries of Ukrainian settlement in Canada;
- (b) Canadian Museum of Human Rights - the need for a permanent and prominent Holodomor gallery;
- (c) Alberta Immigration Nominee Program - raised concerns about elements of the program which need to be addressed;
- (d) Canada-Ukraine Youth Mobility Program - future provincial participation in this program;
- (e) Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village - the need to maintain authenticity and support for the original vision of this site;
- (f) Ukrainian Language and Cultural Education - the impact on our community and ideas for future development of a Community Language grant program;
- (g) Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta - the positive impact of this project on Edmonton and ongoing funding concerns.

Our community presentations were well received and the ideas and actions requested of the Provincial Government by Ukrainian Albertans were both acknowledged and documented. Governmental officials in attendance have committed to follow-up on issues discussed. UCC APC will also continue to communicate with the government and move these issues forward.

Holodomor-Genocide 1932-33 Awareness



November 2010 marked the 2nd anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act in Alberta. Bill 37 Day - as sponsored by the Hon. Gen Zwozdesky - passed by the Alberta Legislature recognizes the Holodomor as genocide and sets aside the fourth Saturday of every November as Holodomor Memorial Day.

In attendance at the Legislature during the commemorative event on November 22, hosted by the Office of the Speaker, the Honourable Ken Kowalski, in cooperation with UCC-APC and League of Ukrainian Canadians, were Holodomor survivors, representatives of many Ukrainian organizations, students and other special guests.

During the commemoration Premier Ed Stelmach, Hon. Gene Zwozdesky, MLA Paul Hinman, President Daria Luciw, and survivor of

the Holodomor Leonid Korownyk, lit candles in memory of those died in the Ukrainian famine-genocide. The national anthems and songs of remembrance were sung by students from St. Martin Ukrainian Bilingual School.

November 20, the annual Holodomor-Genocide Commemoration in Edmonton was held near the first Holodomor-Genocide monument in the world at Edmonton City Hall, and was organized by the members of the UCC-Edmonton Branch.

On November 27 the annual commemoration in Calgary was organized by the UCC Calgary Branch, and took place near the memorial in their city.

Engaging Youth and Newcomers

Working with youth in our community and providing them with learning and leadership opportunities is another of UCC APC's key priorities. Engaging them in community projects, providing opportunities to be on our committees and take on public roles are some of the approaches we have implemented.

In 2010 the Ukrainian Student Society at the University of Alberta and the National Youth Advisory Council were welcomed to the UCC-APC as affiliate organizations. Their representatives regularly attend the Board meetings and continue to contribute to the Ukrainian community of Alberta. As well as ensure that we plan our activities in such a way as to attract youth participation.

This past summer two very talented University of Alberta students, Amy Yaremco and Adrian Warchola, worked at the UCC-APC office and did exemplary work.

Newcomers from Ukraine: On February 8, 2011 the UCC-APC President brought greetings on behalf of our organization to newcomers from Ukraine and to Ukrainian Canadian Social Services and its dedicated staff and volunteers. This volunteer appreciation event and introduction of recently arrived Ukrainian families settling in Edmonton is organized by UCSS and is always special as we welcome individuals and families not only to the city and the province but to our Ukrainian community. In addition, newcomers regularly stop by the UCC-APC office to get information about the organized Ukrainian community in Alberta.

Communications

The UCC-APC website has been re-designed, updated regularly, and we continue to have lots of activity with our on-line Alberta Ukrainian Community Events Calendar. Our Ukrainian Day and Holodomor web-pages are also popular and our website regularly attracts over 10,000 visitors per month. In addition, the UCC-APC e-bulletin initiated in 2009 has become a very popular and important source of news, event information, organizational announcements and overall Ukrainian Canadian community updates. UCC National and the Ukrainian World Congress also use our e-Bulletin as an additional channel to share news from our community across Canada. The distribution list continues to grow for this bi-monthly bulletin, having more than tripled in 2 years, providing a strong network of contacts in Alberta.

Three printed UCC-APC Newsletters were prepared and mailed to organizations, donors and supporters in Alberta as well. The UCC-APC Facebook page has been maintained, where we have more than 200 friends, primarily youth.

We continue to focus on attracting even more subscribers to our publications and e-news bulletin as well as promote our organization and community by having displays at events such as the Heritage Day Festival, Vegreville Pysanka Festival, Ukrainian Day Festival, and Hetman Awards. In addition to our office generated media, this past year articles about UCC-APC events and activities were published by the Ukrainian News, Homin Ukrainy, Ukrainian Weekly, and the Edmonton Journal.



Future Vision and Activities

The work of our community continues with many ideas and possibilities. The list of potential projects could be very long, however we hope to provide a dedicated focus to the following priorities for the next year:

- Begin conceptual project development for the commemoration of the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada;
- Undertake a major fundraising drive in support of the Stelmach homestead house move to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village;
- Strengthen our community network in Alberta under the organized UCC umbrella;
- Engage youth and newcomers from Ukraine in our community;
- Support the projects undertaken by our member organizations;
- Encourage and building a volunteer base for UCC APC and our community;
- Strengthen our financial position to ensure the ongoing growth and development of our Ukrainian Community in Alberta.

Conclusion

The Ukrainian community in Alberta has much to celebrate and be recognized for. It is very important that we, as a community, continue to support our organizations and the many worthwhile projects they undertake.

Without community development, we could not enjoy the opportunities to learn Ukrainian in public schools, have our cultural elements included in so many festivals and public events, or be able to connect with elected officials who know our community. We must continue to actively encourage and develop this level of education and engagement at every opportunity.

Our community and UCC-APC also rely on the moral and financial support of organizations and individuals to help us reach our goals. On behalf of our entire Board, I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to all our donors, supporters and broader community. Without your generous donations and support, we could not accomplish what we have. And it is because of you that we can also look to the future with confidence.

Finally, I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to the Executive, Board of Directors, staff, summer students, volunteers and all our member organizations for your hard work, support and guidance. Working

with all of you on behalf of our community continues to be a stimulating process. With your dedication and support, we have enjoyed much success this past year, and strive to be responsive to issues, supportive of community organizations and pro-active with government.



*Respectfully submitted,
President Daria Luciw*

UCC-APC Awards

Michael Luchkovich Award

Established in 1986, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council honours the outstanding public service by an Albertan parliamentarian of Ukrainian origin for their significant contribution and dedication to the betterment of all Canadians.

Michael Luchkovich, in whose honour the award was established, stands out in history as the first Ukrainian Member of Parliament. Traditionally, this award is presented at the Ukrainian Day Festival in August.

Previous award recipients include:

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

Hetman Awards

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

Upto three awards may be presented in each of the following categories:

Youth (ages 16 - 30)

Adult (ages 31 - 64)

Senior (ages 65 and older)

One award may also be granted Posthumously.

Deadline for submissions is mid-June, and awards are presented in October. Forms available at www.uccab.ca

Anna Rudyk-Oastrom Memorial Fund

This fund was established with UCC-APC by Anna Rudyk-Oastrom's family in 1993 to support organizations or individuals who work in the promotion, maintenance and proliferation of Ukrainian language, arts and dance in Alberta.



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UCC - Edmonton Branch



Each organization in our hromada depends heavily on volunteers. The time that they are able to commit to the organization is without a doubt a priceless commodity. Certainly, we at UCC Edmonton find that to be very true. Without our volunteers and supporters from the organizations that fall under the umbrella of UCC-Edmonton, our work in the community would be very minimal. We continue to hold our monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of the month.

We rent office space and boardroom facility at the Ukrainian National Federation (YHO).

Representatives from the following organizations make up Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Edmonton Branch:

- Ukrainian National Federation
- Ukrainian Self Reliance League
- Ukrainian Women's Organization - Ol'ha Basarab
- League of Ukrainian Canadians
- Ukrainian Women's Association
- PLAST
- Ridna Shkola
- Ivan Franko Ukrainian School
- Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society of Edmonton
- Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood, Edmonton
- Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Club, Edmonton
- Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta.

November – Commemoration and remembrance of the Famine/Genocide of 1932-33 (the Holodomor) in Ukraine. The community event was organized at the Edmonton City Hall. November has always been the laying of a wreath at the cenotaph remembering those that gave their lives in WW I, WW II, Korean conflict and most recently in Afghanistan.

March – along with the Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta, the annual concert remembering Taras Shevchenko took place at the West Dutch Reform Church. Conductor Laurence Ewashko was brought in from Ottawa to conduct the joint choir and to have a “workshop” with our choral singers. For the first time we approached our member organizations to assist us financially on this project and on I would like to express my thanks for their response to our plight.

April – along with community members, UCC-Edmonton organized commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Chernobyl catastrophe. The event took place at the Edmonton City Hall. April is also a month for the UCC Edmonton AGM.

May – members of UCC Edmonton lay a wreath at the cross in St. Michael's Cemetery in remembrance of those who gave their lives for Ukraine's freedom.

August – the 20th annual Ukraine's Independence Day and BBQ celebrations took place at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex. This year's program appeared to be very well received. Our guest speaker was unable to reach us because of Hurricane Irene; however he did forward his speaking notes that were shared with the public by the MC. The program this year was organized by the younger members within our organizations.

October saw us, jointly with the UCC-APC, organize the premiere showing of *Genocide Revealed*. Very little notice was received on this event but all in all the evening was a success. In addition, UCC Edmonton falls under the umbrella of UCC-APC and as such we have an obligation to support and assist with their work (events such as Ukrainian Day in the Ukrainian Village, UCC-APC Hetman Awards, etc).

Executive:

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Past President - Mykola Vorotilenko
Vice President - Luba Bell
Vice President - Steve Romaniuk
Vice President - Maria Vorotilenko
Secretary - Andriy Nykyforuk
Treasurer - Oksana Bokalo
Directors - Petro Dackiw, Bohdan Nebozuk
Audit / Review - Yuriy Kotovych, Maria Miroutenko, Ilija Simcisin



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UCC - Lethbridge Branch | 403.553.2012

Respectfully submitted,
President Luba Feduschak

www.uccab.ca



Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts

We extend our sincere thanks to Jerry Atamaniuk, Joanne Veroba, and Evelyn Nawrot for support and efforts on our board last year. And a very heartfelt thanks to the wonderful work of our project coordinator Nadija Szram, who we gladly welcome to our board for 2012.

2011 Overview

Education: Part of ACUA's mandate is to foster awareness of Ukrainian art. Our artistic workshops and collaborative shows and sales allow us to create awareness of the Ukrainian arts to the general public; to support Ukrainian artists by managing all of the administrative/advertising tasks related to the workshops/sales/promotions; to present educational opportunities in the Ukrainian arts to the public.

Events:

- Malanka in Jasper
- Deep Freeze, A Byzantine Festival – with Arts on the Avenue
- 25th Anniversary workshop series with 12 workshops in Edmonton and 4 in Calgary
- Calgary Ukrainian Festival 2011, Calgary, AB
- Ukrainian Day 2011 "Silska Domivka" and craft tents, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village
- Heritage Days, Ukrainian Pavillion, Edmonton, AB
- Spring art show and sale for a folklore convention with the Kule Centre at the University of Alberta
- Art display and sale at Ukrainian Student Society Diversity Night on U of A Campus
- Art Show and Sale Fundraiser for St. John's Institute Homecoming Gala September 2011
- Inner City art workshop in Calgary.

Board of Directors and Staff:

President - Andrea Kopylech
Vice President - Darlene Atamaniuk
Past President - Rena Hanchuk
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Staff - Joan Fedorow, Community Project Coordinator
Southern Alberta Representatives: Barb Romaniuk, Halya Wilson
Auditors: Khrystia Kohut, Ruth Boychuk, Andrij Hornjatkevyc



Photo - ACUA Director Terri Andrews at Malanka in Jasper

AGM/Volunteer Appreciation: In 2011 we again combined our AGM with a Volunteer Appreciation supper. This year we added a guest speaker, Myrna Kostash.

ACUA Vitae: Two issues published in 2010 (spring/summer, fall/winter – a special Anniversary edition).

Scholarships: ACUA continues to fund scholarships. The ACUA Award through the URDC at MacEwan University is open for submissions until November 30, 2011. This is a \$500 scholarship for any qualified individual or group applicant who, through an exhibit, tour, festival, educational program or special project, fosters a greater awareness of Ukrainian art in Alberta. Two \$500 ACUA/Friends of the Ukrainian Folklore Centre Award eligible to an individual or group who has a project that involves the Ukrainian arts, either as traditional craft, or contemporary art. The deadline is June 30, 2012.

Goals for 2012: (1) To continue to increase visibility/recognition of ACUA in Alberta; (2) To create new/stronger working relationships with other organizations to assist us in promoting Ukrainian arts; (3) To engage a broader community (across Alberta); (4) To donate a community public art project to the city of Edmonton.

Current Committee Projects for 2011/12: (1) Public Art Project; (2) New workshop series; (3) ACUA Vitae; (4) Volunteer appreciation; (5) Deep Freeze, a Byzantine Winter Festival, partnering with Arts on the Avenue; (5) A touring art exhibition; (6) New Community Art Project.

Respectfully submitted,
President Andrea Kopylech



Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association



CANADIAN UKRAINIAN DANCE ACADEMY

AUDA has laid out the framework for a certificate based academy for emerging dance instructors. Instructors can study Ukrainian pedagogy, regional dances and choreography. Such training does not exist in North America for Ukrainian dance and is in great demand. AUDA has launched the Canadian Ukrainian Dance Academy (CUDA) via www.cudacademy.com. An official launch of the Certificate Program is slated for 2012. AUDA is planning a workshop/seminar in March 2012 to introduce users to the Certificate Program and online community, as well as hold sessions for dance school executives.

ALTANETS' SUMMER DANCE CAMPS – SUMMER 2011

AUDA successfully hosted two weeklong overnight workshops for dancers ranging in age from 8 years to 16 years. Camps were held July 10-15 and August 7-12, 2011 at Camp Oselia on Wabamun Lake.

TANETS' eNEWS

The Tanets' eNews newsletter is the most comprehensive source of information on Ukrainian Dance and dance groups in Alberta. The newsletters provide up to date information on the latest resources available at AUDA, as well as valuable information to our members on Competition/Festival dates, Altanets' Dance Camp schedules, performances and events of our member organizations, and other information related to our programs. AUDA produced 6 editions of eNews this past year.



AUDA WEBSITE

The AUDA website (www.abuda.ca) has been a valuable communication tool. The site was constantly used to post information on programs, member events, AUDA resources and products, employment opportunities in the Ukrainian Dance community, and festival and competition information for the upcoming dance season. In the past year, AUDA utilized the website to disseminate information and promote Altanets' dance camps.

*Respectfully submitted,
Executive Director Andrew Wujcik*

Bishop Budka Charitable Society (BBCS)

Journey to Brazil: August 25 – September 21, 2011

Aug. 25/11 – We departed to Sao Paulo via Toronto for a long flight. We arrived late in Sao Paolo, then we made it to Curriba in the van supplied by Fr. Metodio Techy's parishioners, and from there to Ponta Grossa where we were greeted by a large group of children singing both Ukrainian and Portuguese songs. Betty Zacharko and Jacqueline Tait donated supplies for writing pysanky. Bishop David Motiuk addressed the group and we took several pictures in this beautiful church where Fr. Metodio is patron. Fr. They took us on tour of their facilities including a sparse living residence. Next was Prudentopolis, stopping for a delicious dinner hosted by Bishop David Motiuk and then to Burack Hotel which was close to where the Sobor took place.

Aug. 25/11 – we were off to Eduardo Chaves community for the official opening of their Cultural Centre with Bishops David and Meron Mazur officially untying the ribbon. Evelyn, my wife and I unveiled the commemorative plaque acknowledging BBCS financial support. Bishop David blessed this beautiful building and then we all returned to the Church for Divine Liturgy celebrated by both Bishops, Fr. Dionysius Bobalo OSMB, 3 clergy and a deacon. It was indeed very heart-warming to see a full church of parishioners many of whom came on foot over the muddy roads. After the conclusion of Divine Liturgy on behalf of the Board of our society, I presented the Icon of Bishop Nykyta Budka to Bishop Mazur and pastor Fr. Bobalo. The Icon was later placed on stage at the Cultural Centre where the parishioners served a delicious lunch. We had an opportunity to meet many of the parishioners of the parish. This was followed by a visit to the Sisters' residence. Later that afternoon we were invited to Fr. Metodio's parents home for dinner, along with other dignitaries and Father's extended family.

Aug. 29/11 – we visited the community of Barra Bonita where we were greeted by community members and three girls in Ukrainian costumes, who sang for us. The President Reginaldo expressed frustrations with Tropical Institute and the problems of the Erva Mate machine. We advised that we will take this up with the Institute and our Board. Lunch and more discussion. In the afternoon we visited Linha Parana community and were impressed with the positive enthusiasm of the Executive. Later, we visited the third community Capanema where manager Taras explained some of their difficulties.

Aug. 30/11 – Fr. Metodio, Serge, Betty and myself met with David Rudek and expressed our concern with the Barra Bonita project. We stated that a letter from the Board will be forthcoming. Following the meeting we visited a monastery where Fr. Sergio Evankiv was the Director, and many of the Bishops were there. After, we visited a private school administered by the Sister Servants, then the Basilian "Miracle" water bottling complex. Then we proceeded to Ponta Grossa to meet with Fr. Jaime Valus.

Aug. 31/11 – we registered at Sobor. The official opening address, Moleben' and dinner. During the next three days we participated in the sessions, work groups etc. We visited Meroslava at the Ukrainian Museum and presented her with the book "Ukrainians in Brazil" by Serge. Betty presented her with a Bishop Budka Icon. We also presented a similar Icon to Fr. Boris Gudziak from Lviv Ukrainian Catholic University.

Sep. 3/11 – a concert celebrating 100 years of service by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate in Brazil. The next day, we witnessed a large procession of Ukrainian Cossacks, a marching band, Ukrainian dancers, "Carnival" performing group, Sisters, Clergy, Bishops and the Patriarch which walked past the Church and onto the Cultural Centre for Divine Liturgy attended by over 2,000 faithful. On Sunday we attended the dinner and presented Rita Techy with \$1,000 CDN for her further education costs.

Sep. 5/11 – after the discussion of Barra Bonita with David Rudek and Renato we left for Iguasu Falls, in company of 21 priests mostly from Ukraine. We observed the oldest church in Parana being restored, built up in the hills. We got a verbal commitment from Fr. Metodio to provide us with a report about the Kalena (mushroom) project we did not visit. On two occasions I stopped to see Yarasema at the Land Committee and met Geraldo. This appeared to be an upgraded building from the one I visited 5 years ago. Upon our return the next day we visited the church in Barra Bonita and I had an opportunity to discuss the community projects with some of the members. Over the next few days we saw St. John Falls, visited a 100 year old Monastery in Curitiba, and attended a concert celebrating 120 years of immigration of Ukrainians to Brazil, a Divine Liturgy with all the Bishops and Clergy celebrating and an address by the Patriarch delivered in several languages.

Sep. 12/11 – Arrived home very appreciative for this opportunity.

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Secretary - Elizabeth Zacharko

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Directors - Orysia Boychuk, Edward Chmilar, Serge Cipko, Eugene Seroka, Ilija Simcisin, Larry Sirman, Al Tymko, Julian Warawa

*Respectfully submitted [edited by UCC-APC],
Vice President Orest Eveneshen*



Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce - Alberta (CUCC)

CUCC Alberta held their AGM February 2, 2011 where a new board was elected. This year, one of CUCC Alberta's priorities is to promote and help facilitate the Youth Mobility Program between Canada and Ukraine. In support of this initiative, we presented a networking evening June 2, 2011 at the Taste of Ukraine Restaurant with industry executives and Minister Thomas Lukaszuk (Minister of Employment and Immigration). The topic for the evening was "Matching Labour Shortages and Employment Opportunities in Alberta" As a result of this evening, companies came forward wishing to apply for the student work experience program. To date we have been successful in assisting Lac La Biche Transport Ltd. They have successfully brought in a student from Ukraine to assist them in the accounting department and another student has received preliminary approval by the Canadian Embassy. We are hopeful that the other applicants that received assistance from CUCC Alberta will also be successful in receiving a work visas for Alberta opportunities.

Board members of CUCC Alberta also took part in **the Canada Ukraine Business Forum in Bukovel, Ivano Frankivsk oblast, Ukraine, September 5-7, 2011.**

A total of 250 delegates representing all oblasts of Ukraine took part in the forum.

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There were 25 delegates from Canada. Vitaliy Milentiyev, representing Alberta, presented during the financial session, of which stimulated further dialogue with the Ukrainian National Bank. Slavka Shulakewych presented Alberta opportunities during the agricultural panel discussion.

Ukrainian delegates were most interested in the possibility of developing a market for Alberta Beef, grown in Ukraine.

Emma Turos (CUCC National, executive assistant-Kyiv office), Slavka Shulakewych and Yarema Shulakewych took part in the Chernihiv V International Investment Forum, Sept 22-24, 2011. There was representation from Beilorussia, Russia, Romania, Austria and Canada. CUCC was given a special session, where Emma Turos gave a presentation about the organization. Slavka Shulakewych spoke about Alberta and the opportunities that it had to offer. After the formal presentations, companies approached the Canadian representatives to express their interest in entering the Canadian

market. There were onsite tours of selected factories.

October 7, 2011 CUCC Alberta co-sponsored a Ukrainian Student Club event, which was to further promote our membership and to bring awareness regarding CUCC activities.

On October 12, CUCC Alberta held their first networking evening, after a long summer break. Slavka Shulakewych and Vitaliy Milentiyev gave presentations regarding the Canada Ukraine Business Forum in Bukovel, Ivano Frankivsk, as well as the Chernihiv V International Investment Business Forum.

CUCC Alberta is working hard to promote trade and commerce between Canada and Ukraine. We hope to be the strong catalyst and support for both Canadian companies and Ukrainian enterprises in their endeavors.

*Respectfully submitted,
President Slavka Shulakewych
Vice President Vitaliy Milentiyev*

Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society has been very active providing services and support to the Ukrainian Village throughout the 2011 season.

Village Enrichment Project - This past season saw the acquisition and relocation of the General Store from Smoky Lake, as well as several buildings were moved onto foundations on the historic side and are being restored back to their earlier appearances. Through our fundraising and government advocacy efforts, we continue to support and facilitate the completion of the Village.

Summer Staffing & Training - a total of 33 full and part-time Interpreters and Tour Guides were employed by the Friends Society through a Government service contract and grants from Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works – Heritage Canada. In addition, the Friends hired and administered the staff for the Admissions Booth, Gift Shop, Food Service and Historic Children's Program, along with contracts for services in costuming, bookings, research and construction/restorations. The Friends provided administrative support for the Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project that also oversees the Centennial Pioneer Recognition Program and Documenting Church Properties in Rural Communities in Alberta. The Centennial Program was a big part of the Ukrainian Day celebration that was held in cooperation with the UCC-APC.

Special Events - The Friends Society took an active part in all of the Village's special events – Jordan, The Celebration of Dance, Ukrainian Day, the Friends Music Festival, and Harvest of the Past and Taste of Heritage Food Festival. This year, the Friends

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Marie MacRae*

Secretary - Kathy Reich

Treasurer - Olee Wowk

Past President - Jerritt Pawlyk

*Directors - Yuri Andryjowycz, Terry
Balaban, Tammy Miskiw, Deborah
Stasiuk, Chris Tyrkalo, Edith
Zawadiuk*

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members: 642*

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hosted 2 pancake breakfasts, and also recruited and organized additional food vendors to partake at Ukrainian Day and Taste of Heritage Food Festival. Historic Children's Program (6-11 years old) & Junior Interpreters Program (12-16 years old) - is a series of week-long day camps that run during July and August. Participants learn about and re-enact the lives of children of the 1920s, including classes in a one room schoolhouse, and visits to historic farmsteads and businesses of east central Alberta. The program was successful, with 145 children taking part. This year, we were fortunate to receive two summer student grants for our HCP guides from Young Canada Works – Canadian Museums Association.

Gift Shop / Fundraising – The gift shop has acquired many new items, including 4 newly commissioned

prints by Larisa Sembaluk-Cheladyn. These may be also purchased online at - www.FriendsUkrainianVillage.ca.

Committees – All of our committees have been working very hard over the past year. New Music Workshops were initiated this year, so young local musicians could have the opportunity to practice and perform together as a group. Our Golf Tournament was most successful with 116 golfers.

Main Goals / Objectives for upcoming year:

Village Enrichment Project - We are continuing to explore both government and non-government sources of funds for this project. The Friends will continue to administer research, and construction service contracts related to this project.

Our "Save a Building" Golf Tournament date is set for June 8, 2012 – be sure to join us or sponsor a hole!

Ukrainian 327 - Early Ukrainian Culture - Part of the training for the summer interpretive staff for the Village includes an intensive two-week course offered through the University of Alberta. This course explores the settlement of east central Alberta by the predominantly Ukrainian immigrants. Anyone may enroll or sit in as auditors in this fascinating course.

Community & Membership Liaison - The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society will continue to work with community groups and membership to ensure that the history of Ukrainian settlement to east central Alberta, and the role that Ukrainian culture and values played in shaping this important region of our province continues to remain an important part of the programming at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. We will also continue to promote the 120th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada.

Respectfully submitted, Operations Manager Lidia Migus



Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta (UCAMA)

Slavutych Collection: UCAMA has received a donation of the vast majority of the library of the late Professor Yar Slavutych. The collecting phase was completed in the early fall of 2011. A catalogue of this enormous collection will be completed in the New Year with the hope that it, along with the nearly completely computerized UCAMA library collection, can be hosted on the UCAMA website by late 2010

Outreach project: UCAMA continued an informal partnership with St. Martin Ukrainian Bilingual School in Edmonton. Some of the museum's artefacts are now on display in the school's main showcase. The display brings to life the early experiences of Ukrainians in Alberta, and dovetails well with the grade three social studies curriculum. The display is updated every three or four months. Outreach projects like this are a part of UCAMA's mandate. They keep Ukrainian Canadian history alive and relevant for a new generation of Ukrainian Albertans and illustrate the important role Ukrainians played in Alberta's development. Future projects between UCAMA and the Edmonton Catholic School District may include the expansion of the showcase project, to include other Ukrainian Bilingual Schools, and the establishment of a lending library which could be made available to all grade three classes in Alberta.

Professional standing: UCAMA continues to maintain Recognized Museum status within the Alberta Museums Association. This designation recognizes that UCAMA meets recognized museum standards and allows UCAMA to compete for AMA grants on a first consideration basis. UCAMA also maintains membership in the Archives Society of Alberta, the Canadian Museums Association, and the Canadian Heritage Information Network.

Community Spirit Programme: UCAMA applied in December 2010 for matching funds to the Community Spirit Programme and received just over \$14,000 in May 2011. The money assisted in meeting operating costs in particular insurance, heating, and electrical expenses. In addition the money helped to fund, in part, the salary of the summer STEP student.

Fundraising events: On 1 October 2011 UCAMA was one of several Ukrainian organizations with a display table at the Ukrainian Rhapsody symphony concert presented by the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra at Calgary's Jack Singer Hall. The evening was devoted to the music of Ukrainian folk dances and songs and the long-awaited North American premiere of music from Ukrainian composer Lyatoshynsky's First Symphony. The event allowed UCAMA to promote the new museum project.

- Respectfully submitted by Khrystyna Kohut

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2nd Vice President - Khrystyna Kohut
Secretary - Barry Newton
Treasurer - Elena Scharabun
Directors - Serge Cipko, Myron Lahola, Oleksandre Makar, Simon Pryma, Christina Scharabun



After the announcement of joint federal-provincial funding of \$6.25 mln toward the relocation of UCAMA during the UCC Triennial Congress XXIII held in Edmonton. From L to R: Paul Grod, UCC National President; Senator Raynell Andreychuk; Lorraine Goldring; The Hon. Rob Merrifield; Paul Teterenko, UCAMA President; Genia Leskiw, MLA-Bonnyville-Cold Lake; Brent Rathgeber, MP Edmonton-St. Albert; Daria Luciw, UCC-APC President.

Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy (UCBC)

Overview of Activities Conducted over the past year:

- Involved in and financially supported the project “Documenting Church Properties in East Central Alberta” as a partner.
- Hosted a successful “Ukrainian Pavilion” at Edmonton’s Annual Heritage Festival first weekend in August, 2011. The main highlight was the expansion and successful inclusion of the many Ukrainian organizations. The theme for the 2011 Festival was “Ukrainians in Canada,

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Director of Programs and Communication - Joseph Synyshyn



Living through its Culture, 120 Years”. Won 3rd prize for the Arts and Crafts Display.

- Sponsor the weekly Ukrainian Program on CKER Ethnic Radio World fm 107 that can be heard every Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
- Hosted the Food Concession for “Just Christmas” at the Alberta Avenue Community Hall
- Participated at the UCBC National Plenary Session in June in Regina, Saskatchewan
- Initiated a Project, “Documenting and Maintaining closed churches and Cemeteries in the Edmonton Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. This will be a joint project with the Edmonton Eparchy.

Main Goals/Objectives for the Upcoming year are as follows:

- Continue to support for the “Alberta-Ukraine Genealogy Project, “Documenting Church Cemeteries and properties in East central Alberta”.
- Continue the definition of the project of upgrading, performing maintenance of cemeteries in the Edmonton Eparchy where churches have been closed as well as maintaining cemeteries in smaller parishes.
- Make improvements to the “Ukrainian Pavilion” that is assembled for the “Servus Heritage Festival”,
- Will once again be involved with the “Just Christmas” Fair.

At our 35th Bi-Annual Convention held in October/2011 a new executive was elected (see above).

*Respectfully submitted,
President John Boyko*



Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (UCSS)

During the last reporting period our office operated without any major interruption, however there were some staff changes. Lidia Simcisin—settlement and volunteer worker—has been temporarily replaced by Iliia Simcisin. The position of the office manager has been changed to the Coordinator of Community Services. Days and hours of operation stayed the same (Monday – Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.), however, if there was a need the hours or days were extended in order to accommodate our clients. The office workers duties included administration and service delivery aspects. The services were available to all community members and have not been based on membership. UCSS staff provided services to New Canadians, temporary workers, their family members, and to other community members that turned for help. The majority of our clients needed help with filling out immigration and social/health benefits applications (visa extension, permanent residency, provincial nomination, CPP, Old Age Security, Alberta Health Care, etc.). Families of temporary workers who came to Canada to visit them received the same services as others, including help with applying for temporary open work permits, registering children at schools, interpretation and translation services, and so on. As in the past, we've continued to accept used furniture and household items that has been given to new immigrants and especially the temporary workers and their families appreciated it as it was a big saving factor in the settlement process. Along with the economic downturn many workers lost their jobs, and UCSS assisted them with applying for EI. Some of the temporary workers were not entitled for unemployment benefits and they lost their status in Canada. Our office put in a lot of effort to find employers interested in hiring those workers, but again, because of the economic situation it was not as successful as we would like to see.



A number of temporary workers has applied for the Provincial Nominee Program, either through their employers or by themselves through the Strategic Recruitment Stream (those who possessed an Alberta Trade Certification). In many cases, our staff helped them with filling out applications, and compiling and translation of supporting documents. Other immigration issues that have been taken care off by the office staff were: aid with sponsorship applications (family sponsorship, extension of temporary resident status – visitor, student and work permit), aid with citizenship applications, providing information on immigration policies and programs, aid with invitations for a visit.

Last year UCSS received funds from the City of Edmonton Community Operating Program and from the Provincial Program - Community Initiative Spirit Grant. The new Strategic Plan for a five year term (2009-2014) has been approved by the Board of Directors. UCSS has continued to be an agent for Meest Ltd. The earned commission goes toward Pomich Ukraini projects. Commissioner for Oaths service was still available and many of our clients could make affirmation or declaration at the office. The Edmonton Branch, as a member of UCSS Inc. (Headquarters), has continued to take an active part in its activities, including teleconferences, annual meetings and coordinating and supporting the "Soup Kitchens Project", which has been conducted in cooperation with Social Services of Ukraine. The UCSS Annual Conference in St. Catharines was attended by Oksana Ensslen and Ivanna Szewczuk.

On behalf of the office staff, I would like to express our gratitude to all supporters, volunteers and especially to the Board of Directors for all the work and time devoted to the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services and the community. God Bless You!

UCSS (Edmonton) Statistics Data from January 1 to December 31, 2010 *

Phone calls received	Phone calls made	Drop in Clients	Immigration Settlement Inquiries
3106	1694	555	595
Outside Errands Meetings	Volunteer Hours	Translations, Interpretations Comissioner for Oath	Community Inquiries
67	1878	230	1173

*Detailed breakdown available from the UCSS Edmomton's office

Respectfully submitted,
Coordinator of Community Services Ivanna Szewczuk

Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy (UCWL)

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

A very successful 35th Bi-annual Convention was held in October 2011. The Eparchial theme also served as the inspiration for the convention as we recognize the pioneers of Canada and anticipate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Bishop Budka, our first Bishop to Canada in 2012.

In Memoriam. We remember all members that have left us, in our prayers and extend condolences. We especially pray for the souls of two of our Honorary Life Members, Mary Porenchuk and Catherine Chichak. "Вічна Память".

Branch Report and affiliates - To date, the UCWLC Edmonton Eparchy holds 8 Branches in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary, 1 in Red Deer, 1 in Vegreville and 10 in rural locations. Our membership to August 2011, is at 880 members. The Eparchial UCWLC Executive and Committees serves under a National UCWLC Executive Committee. We are affiliate members of Ukr. Catholic Council-Centralia, Edmonton Eparchy, UCC-APC, World Union of Catholic Women Organization and Ukr. Women of the World Organization. Presidents

Executive, 2011-13:

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Vice Presidents - Steffie Chmilar, Joyce Chronik Rudiak, Rosemarie Nahnybida

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are invited and encouraged to attend and participate in planning and discussions at regular meetings of the Executive and Committees.

Charitable Report (Oct 2009 - Aug 2011), \$36,000*

Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy | Young Adults Eparchial Choir | SSMI | Canada Ukraine Foundation - H1N1 | Ukrainian Social Services | Sheptytsky Institute | Holy Spirit Seminary | Basilian House of Studies | Friar's | No Room at the Inn Projects | St. Joseph's home Mundare | St. Michael's

Extended Care | U of A scholarship for Ukrainian Language | Youth & Childrens camps: Camp St. Basil, Camp Oselia, Eparchial Altar Boys Camp | St. Josaphat Day camp, Eparchial Teens, New Kiew | Branch programs | Edmonton Prolife | Ukr Catholic Education Foundation | Mustard Seed | Bridge of Hope (shipping) | Marian Centre | St. Nicholas Cultural Society | Visions Foundation | AB Genealogical Project | Nasha Doroha Press Fund | Friends of Camp St. Basil | Vidubychi Choir Kyiv | UCC. *Denotes an annual, standing donation as approved by the Edmonton Eparchial Executive Committee, January 2008.

Highlights of Events, activities, meetings and initiatives:

(1) Action items, resource research and leadership development was the result of correspondence regarding issues in the community, both locally and internationally. The Executive Committee was called to action in such regards as the G8 Meetings and Abortion, the failed Euthanasia Bill, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Catholic Organization for Life and Family, Family Crisis, Creation and the Environment, Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, etc. (2) The Eparchial UCWLC keeps abreast of current issues through their attendance and representation at events, conferences and presentation of the community at large. This gives the UCWLC the opportunity to be connected with the Ukrainian community on a Provincial and National level. Our President or delegate attends events such as, Hetman Awards, Holodomor commemorations, UCC National Congress in Nov 2010, School and education presentations, etc. (3) Projects for the upcoming year are already underway, but with Convention 2011 just completed, they will form the first items of business of the next term. Goals and objectives for the upcoming term are to focus on communication, website, Fair Trade and social development, leadership and member development.

May the Holy Spirit fill us with inspiration and give us guidance as we prepare to fulfill our obligation as members of the UCWLC and continue our work to meet the needs of our Church, Family, Community and Country.

Respectfully submitted,
President Barbara Hlus



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

The project “Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities in Ukraine”, continued to be the main activity of URDC in 2011. We are in the fourth year of the five-year undertaking, and believe that the Ministry of Education of Ukraine has reached its tipping point in favour of understanding and pursuing inclusive policies and school practices. The National Policy “Procedure for Implementing Inclusive Education in Ukraine” was adopted by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in August 2011. Despite budget shortages to support inclusive education in the classrooms, the policy is a notable step forward.

The project consultants and the pilot school teachers work collaboratively in the project. Led by the Step by Step Foundation, the team has developed a “Ukrainian Index for Inclusion” as a tool for implementing inclusive practices in schools. The project team also continues working on its five courses on inclusive education to be used at Ukrainian pedagogical universities.

The October 2011 conference was marked by the presentation of the book “Inclusive Education: Supporting Diversity in the Classroom” by Edmonton’s Tim Loreman et al. which was translated and published in Ukraine. The book will play a pivotal role in teacher education in Ukraine. The project also launched Svitlana Kulbida’s “Ukrainian Sign Language Guidebook for Parents” this year.



URDC continues to be involved in a number of smaller projects with Ukraine and the Ukrainian community in Canada. One such project is hosting Alberta International Education Award recipients. This year, Anna Zamsha and Svitlana Sofichuk came to Edmonton to explore and share the experiences in the research fields of deafness and autism. Anna and Svitlana are the at the Institute of Special Pedagogy, Kyiv, Ukraine, with which URDC has strong long relationships.

In November-December 2010, Natalia Adamiuk and Lesia Leshchenko, of the same institution, visited Edmonton, Toronto, Winnipeg and Calgary thanks to the URDC’s Kule Visiting Scholar Fund and funding from the the U of A’s Western Canadian Centre for Studies in Deafness.

For more information about URDC, please visit our website: <http://www.macewan.ca/urdc>.
To read our latest newsletter, please click on “RESOURCES” on the left.

*Respectfully submitted,
Director Roman Petrsyhyn, Ph.D.*

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



The UWAC-AB consists of 17 Branches with a total membership of over 600. Three Branches celebrated significant anniversaries in 2011. The Olha Kobylanska Branch at Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Smoky Lake celebrated its 80th anniversary. The Branches at St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church and St. Andrew's Sobor, both in Edmonton, celebrated 50th anniversaries.

The UWAC-AB continues to assist students with two types of scholarships. One scholarship of \$500. Is provided annually to a third year student at the University of Alberta who has demonstrated competence in Ukrainian Language courses. Scholarships are also presented to graduating high school students in Sokal Ukraine, who have exhibited admirable character traits, successful

achievement in high school, and a demonstrated need. There were 35 students in Sokal who received this financial assistance.

The Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch held an exhibition, November 2 to 6, entitled "Remembering Our Roots" in celebration of 120 years of settlement of Ukrainians in Canada.



President of National UWAC, and Cheryl Moisey was elected President of UWAC-AB. The entire national executive for the next two years consists of UWAC-AB members.

Executive:

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Past President - Geraldine Nakonechny, Ph.D.

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2nd Vice President - Natalka Deptuck

Secretary - Vivian Skakun

Treasurer - Leona Bridges

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Promin - Olha Logvynenko

Ukrainian Education Convener - Shirley Wozimirsky

Women's Issues - Donna Kowalishen

Cultural Convener - Vickie Martiniuk

International and National, Ukrainian Affairs - Chrystyna Chase

CYMK Advisor - Luba Eshenko

UWAC Calgary - Jean Mekitiak

UWAC Edmonton - Elaine Harasymiw

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Members of UWAC-AB participated in the 57th National Convention of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL) that was held in Edmonton, August 11 – 14. Past President of UWAC-AB, Shirley Wozimirsky, Mary Dymianiw of St. Andrew's Sobor, and Katrina Baziuk, National President of Ukrainian Orthodox Youth, were the Alberta recipients of the USRL Award of Excellence.

Dr. Geraldine Nakonechny was elected

Respectfully submitted,
Past President Dr. Geraldine Nakonechny

