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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 Uzwyshyn (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



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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](http://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.



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## 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:***

2012	Myron Kowalsky	1998	Walter Buck
2011	Allen Sulatycky	1997	George Topolnisky
2010	Harvey Cenaiko	1996	Laurence Decore
2009	Paul Yewchuk	1995	Julian Koziak
2008	Peter Trynchy	1994	Catherine Chichak
2007	Alfred Zariwny	1993	Bill Diachuk
2006	Mark Hlady	1992	William G. Lesick
2005	Dave Broda	1991	John Batiuk
2004	Dianne Nielsen (Mirosh)	1990	Dr. Albert Hohol
2003	Dr. Kenneth Paproski	1989	Isidore Goresky
2002	William Yurko	1988	Ambrose Holowach
2001	Martha Bielish	1987	John Decore, Sr.
2000	Steve Zarusky	1986	Michael Starr
1999	Dr. Alexander Kindy		

### ***Hetman Awards***

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

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](http://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



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## UCC - Edmonton Branch



• For an organization to be successful in the community much depends upon its members, its volunteers and the time and effort they contribute to that organization. This past year no new organization has applied for membership and the make up of UCC Edmonton remains as follows:

- Ukrainian National Federation
  - Ukrainian Self Reliance League
  - Ukrainian Women's Organization - Ol'ha Basarab
  - League of Ukrainian Canadians
  - Ukrainian Women's Association
- PLAST - Ukrainian Youth Association
  - 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 2011.** UCC Edmonton laid wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Remembrance Day, November 11; and also during the commemoration of the Holodomor, at City Hall the last Saturday in November. Our speaker at the 2011 commemoration of the Famine/Genocide - Holodomor was Boris Radyo, Assistant Superintendent of the Edmonton Catholic Schools. This event is a yearly event and is very well attended by our clergy and by organizations.

**March 2012** - Shevchenko month and the Ukrainian Music Society of Alberta jointly with the UCC Edmonton branch sponsors the annual Shevchenko concert. Help is always received from members of the Ukrainian Youth Complex for their assistance with arranging of chairs and the sound system.

**May 2012.** Zeleni Sviata (Pentecost). A wreath is laid every year at this time at the monument in St. Michael's cemetery honouring those that gave up their lives for freedom, for Ukraine.

**August 2012,** UCC Edmonton coordinates the annual Ukraine's Independence Day and BBQ celebrations which take place yearly at the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex. The guest speaker for the 2012 Ukraine Independence was Dr. Roman Petryshyn, URDC. Also in August, members of UCC Edmonton assist in the yearly celebrations of Ukrainian Day at the Village.

UCC Edmonton falls under the umbrella of UCC-APC, pays its membership to this body and therefore we have a responsibility to uphold the work of APC and to assist in whatever manner is possible or when we are called upon to do so. Representatives attend their monthly meetings to listen and to learn. (Events such as Ukrainian Day in the Village, Hetman Awards, etc.). Any planning sessions as organized by APC are attended by UCC Edmonton; the APC is our path to political/government offices, to take our concerns forward.

Throughout the course of the year there are events that are attended by UCC Edmonton, such as National Black Ribbon Day, Bishop's Appeal Dinner, Bishop's Prayer Breakfast, annual events of member organizations and annual meetings of member organizations, when invited. The future looks promising. A new Executive will be chosen at the annual meeting and an application has been received from an organization to join UCC Edmonton.

The Ukrainian Canadian Benevolent Society of Edmonton is our fund raising arm and members of UCC Edmonton are active on that board to review, discuss and approve requests for financial assistance. We acknowledge the donations received from the Benevolent Society which supports the objective and the purposes of UCC Edmonton.

### Executive:

*President* - Luba Feduschak  
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*Vice President* - Luba Bell  
*Secretary* - Ivan Lopovyk  
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Luba Feduschak, President



## UCC - Calgary Branch

- For the last three years the Calgary Branch of UCC has displayed the LUC Holodomor Display and the Kyiv Students Art at Calgary's City Hall during Holodomor Awareness Week, set up by Marusia Shysh, funded by CYM Calgary and Calgary's UCC President Mykhailo Ilnycky. On the fourth Saturday of November at 11 am the cities 3 parishes and organizations commemorate the Holodomor and bring wreaths to St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre just one block away from the Holodomor Monument on Memorial Drive along the Bow River in downtown Calgary. After the commemoration the wreaths are taken to the monument where they stay from year to year.
- Last year Calgary enjoyed visitors from Ukraine including the Junior Luge Team who participated in the World Cup Championship the last two weeks of November at Calgary Olympic Park.
- During this time on November 29th, Roman Krutsyk, Chairman of the Kyiv City Chapter of the All-Ukrainian Memorial Society presented his recent exhibition the Insurgency Movements in Soviet Ukraine, 1918-1933 which the youth from the Luge Team benefitted from staying at the Ukrainian Youth Centre, CYM Domivka.
- On the first Sunday of December Calgary's three Ukrainian Parishes, their choirs and various musical ensembles and soloists join together and start the Christmas seasons as one Ukrainian family. The Festival is sponsored by UCC Calgary, funded by UCPBA of Calgary and filmed by Echoes of Ukraine TV. In 2012 the event was hosted by St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation in their Cultural Centre and alternates with the Assumption Parish and St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Churches.
- During the month of March the Taras Shevchenko Concert organized by the Calgary Branch of UCC has had surprise visits from members outside the city including everyone from Vasyl Popaduke to Stefko Bandera. This year's special guest was Tatiana Onyshchenko, soloist from the Veryovka National Academic Folk Chorus who performed with such passion,  /Reve ta Stohne moving the audience emotionally, feeling for a moment that we were in Ukraine on the hill above the Dnipro River looking down from the monument to Taras Shevchenko in Kaniv. Kalgarski Kobzari who took bandura lessons from Dr. Andrij Hornjatkevych and Iryna Tarnaws'ka at CYM Camp/St. Basil's Villa debuted Dumy Moyee to a standing ovation.
- The highlight of our year was the visit of His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav of the Ukrainian Catholic Church for the celebration of 100 Years of Ukrainian Catholic Faith in Calgary. After visiting both parishes His Beatitude was able to attend the final show of the Calgary Ukrainian Festival Sunday evening. He was most impressed with the youth who performed at another successful festival. Pictured below is Svitank Girls Ensemble and the Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble who performed for the first time on a lawn with the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop at the home of the Groch Family, Thursday June 1.
- Before leaving the Calgary area His Beatitude and clergy from Calgary and Edmonton, Dr. Lubomyr Luciuk, UCCLA and Andriy Hladyshevsky of the Shevchenko Foundation visited the Internment Site of Ukrainians during WWI and the historical display at the Cave and Basin in Banff.



Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Calgary Branch  
Halya Lyps'ka Wilson, Past President

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## Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts

### Education:

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
- Anniversary Edition of ACUA Vitae
- Calgary Ukrainian Festival 2012, Calgary, AB
- Ukrainian Day 2012 “Silaska Domivka” and craft tents, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village
- Heritage Days, Ukrainian Pavillion, Edmonton, AB
- Prairie Dreamscapes Juried Art Exhibit at KUMF Gallery in Toronto
- Sponsoring of Ukrainian Association of visual Artists of Canada (USOM) Art Exhibit in Edmonton, Fall 2012
- Zacharovana Nich Fundraiser and Art Sale
- Spring and Fall 2012 workshops

**AGM/Volunteer Appreciation:** This year our AGM guest speaker was pani Nadia Cyncar, and included a wonderful presentation and display on Ukrainian Wedding Traditions, and was held at St. Josephat Cathedral.

**ACUA Vitae:** The 25th Anniversary of ACUA, Special edition ACUA Vitae was published and included profiles on 25 of our talented community members. Winter issue to be released.

**Scholarships:** ACUA continues to fund scholarships. The ACUA Award through the URDC at MacEwan University is open for submissions until November 30, 2012. This is a \$500 scholarship for any qualified applicant (individual or group) who, through an exhibit, tour, festival, educational program or special project, fosters a greater awareness of Ukrainian art in Alberta. 2 \$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 for these awards is June 30, 2013.

### Goals for 2013:

- To continue to increase visibility/recognition of ACUA in Alberta and through out the Ukrainian community across Canada
- To create new/stronger working relationships with other organizations to assist us in promoting Ukrainian arts
- To engage a broader community (across Alberta)
- To donate a community public art project to the city of Edmonton (this is a project initiated in 2011, and continues its development)
- To develop a new Bandura workshop program in Calgary for Calgary youth

### Current Committee Projects for 2012/13:

- Public Art Project
- Workshops
- ACUA Vitae
- Deep Freeze, a Byzantine Winter Festival, partnering with Arts on the Avenue
- Art Show and Exhibitions
- Community Outreach Workshops

*This report is respectfully submitted by Andrea Kopylech on behalf of the Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts. sas*



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We extend our sincere thanks to Grace Yanda for support and efforts on our board this past year.*



## Bishop Budka Charitable Society (BBCS)

Slava Isusu Hrystu!

Our Society held its Annual General Meeting on June 27, 2012, where Bill Diachuk announced his semi-retirement. Bill served as president for 22 years overseeing a variety of projects in helping the needy Ukrainian communities in Brazil, Ukraine, Bosnia, Argentina and our Bishop Budka project in Canada. Bill was instrumental in leading our Society in contributing financial contribution to assist the Edmonton Catholic Eparchy to conduct the research of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka's biography which is expected to be published in the near future.

This year 2012 being the 100th anniversary of Bishop Nykyta Budka being installed as the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada, the directors of our Society were honored to participate in the many celebrations held in Edmonton in June 7-9, with the visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk Major Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic church of Ukraine.

Our Society also provided a financial contribution towards the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops Synod held in Winnipeg in September in conjunction with and the celebration of 125 years of Ukrainians in Canada and Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka's 100th year anniversary.

In 2012 our Society was pleased to financially assist a Youth Centre "Ptakh" project in the Ukraine community district of Pustomyty, which includes Navaria, Lisnevychi, Obroshyno, Parcelyaciya, Schyrec and Semenivka. Trainers from the Lviv Ukrainian Catholic University Institute of Management and Leadership teach participants how to make an idea into a reality project, teamwork, how to organize events, how to invite partners, conduct fund raising and how to include the community in the processes. Through this training young people will be added to partnerships, entrepreneurs and will become future civic leaders.

From a volunteer prospective Bill Diachuk chaired, with other members assisting in the Ukrainian Canadian Congress casino held on August 15, 2012, while I assisted during Heritage Days August 4-6, and on August 12 at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village "Ukrainian Day". As well, I assisted with the UCC newsletter mailing preparation on September 24, 2012.

Orest Eveneshen, President  
Bishop Budka Charitable Society

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## Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce - Alberta (CUCC)

*CUCC Alberta continues to work with CUCC National and Ukraine for the development of Trade and business cooperation between Ukraine-Canada and Alberta in particular.*

*This year CUCC-Alberta hosted networking dinners bringing interesting and relevant topics to our membership and guests. Ms. Theresa Spinelli gave a great presentation in January about how the Italian Centre grew into a successful business, and the difficulties faced as a woman in business.*

*Our next networking meeting hosted Mr. Bern Kotelko of Highland Feeders and Spring Creek Ranch Ltd. This evening was well attended and Mr. Kotelko reviewed the success of developing a completely self-sufficient farm, producing electricity, heat, fertilizer, food stuffs, and cattle all from one facility. The evening attracted a diverse group of guests, inclusive of representatives of agriculture, business, academia, and the community interested in organic stressless growing of cattle.*

*CUCC Alberta is also developing an Alberta- Ukraine bureau where we will be able to assist businesses in bringing in temporary workers into the Alberta work force.*

*Currently, we are planning further interesting networking meetings, and bringing relevant and timely topics that assist in developing and promoting Alberta businesses.*

*On November 20th, 2012 CUCC jointly with UCC-APC and other partner organizations is organizing a networking evening with short- and long-term observers to the Parliamentary Elections in Ukraine (October 28th, 2012).*

*Alberta Chapter of the CUCC is also involved in preparation to the Canada-Ukraine Business Forum scheduled to take place in Toronto on November 28-29th. The invitation to participate in the Forum was extended to Alberta's business community. Several CUCC delegates from Alberta plan to participate in the Forum.*

*Sincerely,  
Slavka Shulakewych, President  
Vitaliy Milentiev, Vice-President*

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## **Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society**

*The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society are a non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in 1984 under the Societies Act of the Province of Alberta. Incorporated to serve as a liaison with the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village (UCHV) and general public.*

*We have been very active providing services and support to the Ukrainian Culture Heritage Village throughout the year.*

*Village enrichment Project – This past season saw the acquisition and relocation of the Stelmach house to the village where it awaits relocation and restoration.*

*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. Any one may enroll or sit in as auditors in this fascinating course.*

*Interpretation - On-going delivery of school programs which saw over 3000 students attend to learn about the arrival of Ukrainian Pioneers and their families in North Eastern Alberta.*

*Special Events - Celebration of Dance, Children's Pioneer Days, Canada Day, Ukrainian Day, MusicFest, Harvest of the Past.*

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Marie MacRae*

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Ken Solomon, Deborah Stasiuk,  
Chris Tyrkalo, Gordon Yaremchuk*

*Number of current registered  
members: 642*

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*Children's Programs -Historic Children's Program (young children) and Junior Interpreter's Program (youth and teens)*

*Food Services – New food services and catering were introduced with The Kalyna Café. A fresh new menu was created offering a blend of locally produced products inspired by Ukrainian pioneer recipes. Local food vendors partake at special events.*

*Feature Exhibit - The exhibit, Kurelek from the*

*Community: An autobiography through his art and writings highlighted our Albertan roots of one of Canada's best-known prairie artists, William (Vasyl) Kurelek.*

*Gift Shop – Added to inventory with Kurelek prints, authored books and other new items.*

*Centenary Pioneer Recognition Program – A significant project of the Village*

*Fund Raising – Our annual Golf Tournament, Putters & Pysanky was again very successful. Pancake Breakfasts served by volunteers at a number of the Special events together with a casino added to our treasury.*

*Our success is realized from our members, staff and volunteers continuing to work to make the Village a world-renowned Alberta Ukrainian Living Museum tourist attraction.*

*Respectfully submitted, Nick Fedchyshyn*

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## Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta (UCAMA)

**Honours:** On 3 November 2011 UCAMA received a Recognition Award at the 37th annual Edmonton Historical Board Recognition Awards and Plaques Presentation at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre. The award recognized UCAMA's dedicated service to the history of Alberta and the Ukrainian community.

**City funding and construction re-commencement:** On 16 November 2011 Edmonton's Executive Council voted unanimously to reaffirm the City's \$3 million commitment to UCAMA's new museum project. This decision paved the way for full-scale construction to commence in December 2011 and there have been no stoppages or delays in construction since that time.

**Step Up to the Plate:** With the release of the 2011 UCAMA newsletter in December 2011, the Step Up to the Plate donor recognition program was launched. Donors receive glass plates that feature the whimsical style of Iryna Karpenko. Three categories of these beautiful mixed media masterpieces are available: bronze for donations of \$500 or more, copper for donations of \$1000 or more and gold for donations of \$1,500 or more in one year.

**Fundraising professional:** In March 2012, UCAMA named Adam Zawadiuk as its Director of Fund Development. Adam has been meeting with business owners, corporate representatives and private individuals to promote UCAMA's building project. Adam is overseeing the Step Up to the Plate program, as well as aspects of advertising and grant writing for UCAMA.

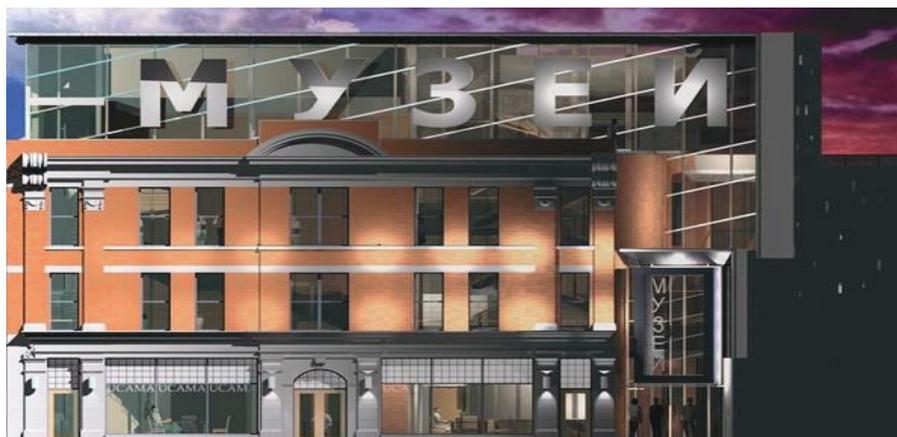
**Sod turning ceremony:** To build on the momentum of construction, UCAMA held a sod breaking ceremony on 26 June 2012 at the site of the future museum on Jasper Avenue. Mayor Mandel, heads of the Federal and Provincial governments and Bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox churches spoke at the event. Several major donors were present and the event was well attended. Servus Credit Union presented UCAMA with a cheque for \$100,000.

**Shevchenko Foundation grant:** Thanks in part to a \$3000 grant from the Shevchenko Foundation, UCAMA was able to digitize almost 3,000 pages of its voluminous newspaper collection. The publications chosen were older Canadian newspapers in poorer condition that are not held by any other Canadian university library, making their preservation immensely imperative.

**Professional standing:** UCAMA continues to maintain Recognized Museum status within the Alberta Museums Association (AMA). 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 (CHIN).

### Executive:

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*2nd Vice President* - Khrystyna Kohut  
*Secretary* - Barry Newton  
*Treasurer* - Elena Scharabun  
*Directors* - Serge Cipko, Myron Lahola,  
Oleksandre Makar, Irene Jendzjowsky,  
Bohdan Klid, Bill Tracy



## Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy (UCBC)

The UCBC in the Edmonton Eparchy was organized by Fr. Andrew Truch, OSBM at Mundare Alberta in 1934 on the heels of the establishment of the UCBC in Saskatchewan by Fr. Stefan Semczuk in 1933. This was a family organization consisting of men, women and children and was that way till the mid forties when the ladies formed their own organization as the UCWLC the youth as UCYC and the University students as "OBNOVA". To support the four aims of the UCBC of Catholic Faith; Ukrainian Culture; Canadian Citizenship; and Social Development, ten (10) major programs have been established for the successful attainment and support of these objectives. The programs are as follows with an explanation of some major activities/projects that are underway.

Affiliated Clubs & Organizations Support Service Program; consist of support to:

1. Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Congress
2. Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Edmonton Branch
3. Ukrainian Catholic Council of Canada – Edmonton Eparchy

Church & Parish Support & Service Program

1. Project - Maintaining & Preserving Closed Church Properties & Cemeteries
2. Project – AB-UKR Genealogy and Documenting Church Properties
3. Project – Financial Assistance to Churches in need

Evangelization Program

1. Project – Establishment of a Study Team to establish an Action Plan for Evangelization

Ethno-Cultural Support & Service program

1. Project – Sponsor the Ukrainian Radio Program on World fm weekly
2. Provide financial aid - to many Ukrainian Dance Groups
3. Provide financial aid - to many Ukrainian Museums

Financial Aid for Construction & Maintenance of Facilities

1. Financial Aid to – Camp Oselia
2. Financial Aid to – Camp St. Basil
3. Financial Aid to – Edmonton Eparchy
4. Financial Aid to – St. Michaels Extended Care Centre

Religious Orders Support & Service Program

1. Basilian Fathers House of Studies – Edmonton
2. Sheptytycky Institute Ottawa
3. St. Paul's University – Ottawa
4. Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate

Social Development & Canadian Citizenship Program

1. Ukrainian Canadian Social Services
2. Bridge of Hope – House of Hope
3. Holodomor Remembrance

Youth Development Support & Service Program

1. Scholarships – Grade 6, 9, 11-12 Bilingual Program Students
2. Scholarships – U of A Ukrainian Studies
3. Scholarships - Leaders of Tomorrow
4. Summer Camp Programs; Camp Oselia, Camp St. Basil & Acolyte Camp

**Membership & Membership Support & Service Program**

1. Financial Assistance to Members in need
2. Member Achievement & Recognition Awards

Financial & Fund Raising Programs

1. Bingos & Casinos
2. Servus (Edmonton) Heritage Festival
3. Justice at Christmas

The above is a list of our major programs and some projects associated to these programs that are in progress. Recognizable results can be noted in the SHF where this year the Ukraine Pavilion was awarded 3rd prize as one of

### Executive:

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*Secretary* - Greg Balko

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*Director of Programs and Communication* - Joseph Synyshyn

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## Ukrainian Canadian Social Services (UCSS)

During the reported period UCSS has continued to provide its services to the community. Our office has been opened to the public and served needy community members that required help not available at main stream organizations. UCSS regular hours of operation were Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office was operating on a walk-in basis but also by appointments. If there was a need, weekend or after hour appointments were available. Most services were free of charge and delivered in several languages. The office staff consisted of two full-time employees and one part-time: Coordinator of Community Services, Settlement and Volunteer Worker and Community Outreach Worker. The office staff worked under the management and directions of the Board of Directors.

UCSS of Edmonton has continued to provide its regular community services, like tax benefit applications, residency status changes, employment insurance applications, help with social security benefits, furnitue pick ups, translation & interpretation services, and volunteer coordination.

The office continued to work on immigration and settlement programs and dealt mostly with temporary foreign workers and their families that have already been in Canada for several years. The majority were nominated by the Province and applied for permanent residency mostly through the Embassy of Canada in the USA. UCSS hired an outreach community worker on a part-time basis that was funded by the Government of Alberta, the Spirit Grant. The worker searched for information on community senior centers and services available for seniors, and created a database. The Needs Assessment Questionnaire was prepared in English and Ukrainian, and distributed to seniors through Churches and other community organizations. The purpose of the questionnaire was to collect data on seniors' needs. Up to today about 70 questionnaires were returned to the office. After summarizing them, a data on the community senior needs will be compiled and will be used for future program planning.

The Pomich Ukraini Fund was established by UCSS, National in 1975 and its primary goal is to assist Ukrainians in need wherever they may be around the world. The "Pomich Ukraini Regulations" adopted at the last Convention is the main document for all UCSS branches with regards to providing any aid abroad. UCSS National has a signed agreement with Social Service of Ukraine and it covers all humanitarian aid that the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services Inc. provides in Ukraine. UCSS Edmonton assisted by contributing \$1000 to "Soup Kitchens" in Ukraine, and shipped school accessories collected by Delwood school to Social Service of Ukraine, Ternopil Branch to be distributed to needy children.

Our Annual Appreciation Night at Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex on February 5, 2011 was very successful and, like before, it was a great opportunity to thank the volunteers, welcome and introduce to the community 35 new Canadian families and individuals. Our Branch is a part of UCSS Inc. of Canada and during last year we continued to take part in its activities. The Headquarters conducted 3 teleconferences that have been designed to overview ongoing activities of UCSS branches (8 Branches) and Head Office's operation. In May 2011 two delegates – Ivanna Szewczuk and Oksana Ensslen attended triennial Convention of Ukrainian Canadian Social Services in Toronto.

*On behalf of the office staff I would like to express our thank you to the Board of Directors and the community for support, generosity, understanding of the community needs, and all the work and time devoted to Ukrainian Canadian Social Services.*

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

Phone calls received	Phone calls made	Drop in Clients	Immigration Settlement Inquiries
1966	1192	423	400
Outside Errands Meetings	Volunteer Hours	Translations, Interpretations Comissioner for Oath	Community Inquiries
34	1190	201	675

\*Detailed breakdown available from the UCSS Edmomon'ts office

Respectfully submitted,  
Coordinator of Community Services Ivanna Szewczuk



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

### **Slava Isusu Hristu!**

I was elected President for the 2011-2013 term last October and have committed to continue working as women in the Church and community with the goals and objectives of the UCWLC as our guide for activities and events.

### **Branch Report and affiliates**

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Edmonton Eparchy has 22 individual branches, 9 in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary, and 11 in rural locations, with a membership total of 902. We are affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Council -Edmonton Eparchy, Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Council, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organization, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organization and Ukrainian Canadian Women's Council, National Executive.

### **In Memoriam**

We remember all our members that have left us in our prayers & extend condolences to their families.

### **Eparchial Meeting Report**

Eparchial Executive meetings were held on a monthly basis, except summer, and Branch presidents are encouraged to attend and participate in plans and discussions. All meetings open with a prayer and most always with a spiritual message by our Chaplain. Communication with branches is done through newsletters, electronically, telephone, branch visits, retreats and conferences.

### **Overview of Activities**

- Christmas Dinner for all Eparchial Executive, Past presidents, Branch presidents, Clergy and Sisters held in January in appreciation of their dedicated work in our organization.
- A Spiritual Retreat on "Blessed Icons of Ukraine" and Blessed Sister Josaphata, SSMI" was held on May 26 at St George's Parish, attended by 39 women and guests.
- The upcoming 13<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Conference on October 20 will be at St. Nicholas parish on Leadership Development, Mentoring with guest speaker, Stan Fisher. Eighty women registered.
- Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk visited the Edmonton Eparchy, June 2-9, 2012, to celebrate 120 years of Ukrainians in Canada, and 100 years since the arrival of Blessed Bishop Nykyta Budka, the first Ukrainian Catholic Bishop in Canada. Events included UCWLC participation: prayer breakfast, church services and banquets. I was honored to bring greetings and a gift to the Patriarch on behalf of the UCWLC. Also, attended the Calgary Centennial.
- Volunteered at Ukrainian sponsored events, Heritage Days, Ukrainian Day, Hetman Award Banquet honoring Olga Hlus, and Joyce Chrunik Rudiak, our executive members.
- Celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UCWLC Museum – September 28-30, 2012.
- Will be participating in Holodomor Memorial at Edmonton City Hall, November 24.
- Participating and/or awareness of Social Issues: Pro-Life, Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, Human Trafficking, Fair Trade and Environment.

### **Charitable Report**

The UCWLC Edmonton Eparchy supports many charities: Canada Ukraine Foundation Liviv, Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine, seminaries (Holy Spirit, Sheptytsky Institute, Basilian House of Studies), and Newman College, University/high school scholarships for Ukrainian language, Ukrainian Catholic Bilingual schools and Sadochok programs, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, SSMI, Youth and children's summer camps, St. Michael's Extended Care, St. Joseph's Home, Ukrainian Social Services, Bridge of Hope and Home of Hope-Ukraine, Eparchial youth, Branches for spiritual, and cultural programs. Community charities: Mustard Seed, Marion Centre, Hope Mission, Wings, Caritas, Friars, Edmonton ProLife.

### **Main Goals and Objectives**

One of our goals is to revitalize and strengthen our organizational base - the Branches.

Leadership development is a prime goal and will be the focus of the Bi-Annual Conference.



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

### *URDC Works Closely with Community*

*It is a policy of the Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) at Grant MacEwan University to be engaged in and aware of the activities of the Ukrainian Canadian community.*

*This was evident over the past year by URDC's involving visitors from Ukraine in community events , co-sponsoring applied research on community topics, having the director of URDC speak at community events, and URDC co-sponsoring talks organized for the public.*

*URDC and its partners at Grant MacEwan University hosted three Ukrainian graduate students from Ukraine . Nadiya Drofyak came from Lviv to share experiences with the English as a Second Language department at MacEwan. Oksana Federenko and Iryna Hudym, visiting from from Kyiv's Institute of Special Education , visit community organizations to compare Edmonton's programs for deaf students and blind students to those in Ukraine.*

*During this past year, partially in preparation for the 125th anniversary celebrations of Ukrainian settlement in Canada in 2017, URDC at MacEwan University and the Kule Centre for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore sponsored an update study about Ukrainian dance groups in Alberta.*

*In August, URDC director, Dr. Roman Petryshyn, was the keynote speaker to Edmonton's Ukrainian community on the occasion of the 21 Independence Day of Ukraine. On November 6, URDC and the David Peikoff Chair at Western Canadian Centre for Deaf Studies sponsored a public talk by Linda Cundy of Edmonton Public Schools. Linda spoke about her two week journey in Ukraine promoting the Canadian practice of bilingual education delivered in Sign Language and spoken Ukrainian.*

*In all of these cases URDC continues to be an active member of the UCC-APC and involved in the community.*





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## **Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society**

Since our Society became a new member of UCC-APC, I would like to provide a bit of background about our organization, as to why we exist and what our role is.

### **Our Mission Statement (our mandate):**

The Society exists to promote, advocate and support the Ukrainian Bilingual Program so as to sustain the highest quality of academic, bilingual, cultural and religious learning opportunities and resources for all students

### **Key Goals of the UBPAS for the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program:**

1. Achieving academic excellence and highly valued linguistic, cultural and religious learning experiences.
2. Proactive leadership in supporting, promoting the Ukrainian Bilingual Program and fairly representing the needs of participants.

The Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society is a non-profit organization, operated by a Board of Directors who are parent volunteers. Our organization has been in existence almost since the beginning of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program (1974) with Edmonton Catholic Schools and became incorporated as a Society in 1982. The Society supports the Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Program from Kindergarten to Grade 6 at St. Martin and St. Matthew elementary schools; Grade 7 to 9 at St. Kevin and Grade 10 to 12 at Austin O'Brien.

Our organization has been an active supporter of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program for almost 37 years. We work very closely with the schools and the School Board to meet the needs of the students in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program and to provide financial support for cultural projects, classroom/library resources, field trips, transportation costs, etc. We are a major stakeholder of the Ukrainian Bilingual Program.

For promotion and advertising for the UBP, we work closely with the Edmonton Catholic School District and its Marketing/Communication department to develop and implement a marketing plan.

The marketing plan for 2012-13 included retail media ads (self check out and Ad bars) at several Safeway and Sobeys throughout the city; Airport Scrolling display (will run for 1 year March 01, 2012 to March 01, 2013); newspaper ads (Examiner, AUCU, Ukrainian News) and Radio Ads (UP 99.3 and JOE FM).

For 2012-2013 the enrollment in the Ukrainian Bilingual Program is:

**St. Martin** – 161 (Kindergarten – 34 AM/PM classes)

**St. Matthew** – 141 (Kindergarten – 24)

**St. Kevin Junior High** – 101

**Austin O'Brien High** – about 70-80 students

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marian Butz-Gauk, President  
Edmonton Catholic Schools  
Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society*



## Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association

Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association UBLA is a non-profit, registered society created in 1975 to support the Ukrainian International Bilingual Program within the Edmonton Public School System. The main objective is to:

“Promote the learning of Ukrainian language and culture adhering to EPSB’s, “Second Language--Program of Studies”, supporting students, teachers, and parents to attain their common goal”.

Any parent with a child in the Ukrainian International Bilingual Program is considered a member of UBLA.

UBLA financially supports many cultural events, field trips and special projects throughout the year such as Ukrainian dance performances, and in house artists who teach wheat weaving & traditional snitcher.

Our children are fortunate to have such exposure to our rich cultural heritage through Edmonton Public Schools, experiencing such activities as Sviaty Mykolai, Sviata Vechirya & Ukrainian Easter traditions. UBLA also funds all awards & gifts, with the exception of the Servus Credit Union Scholarship, from at Gr. 6 through to Gr. 12.

Financial sustainability is through donations of various community organizations and volunteer fundraising, performed by the membership of UBLA such as Casinos, and Bingos.

A YEAR IN REVIEW-September 2011-June 2012:

We began the year with a record breaking General Meeting attendance and full executive. The full executive had an absolutely positive impact on workload being lightened and accomplishing more.

A new brochure was created speaking to changes within the program, updating and revitalizing what our program was about.

In a continued effort to raise awareness of our program, focusing on enrolment increases, we participated in the Mom’s Pop’s and Tot’s Fair held at Northland’s, where our students performed showcasing our new Bandura club and choir. A large focal point was our students walking around in their Ukrainian attire putting on our new tattoos promoting our program. We advertised in the Shumka Handbill for their March performance, a hockey program, the ACUA VITAE 25th anniversary edition, & the Vegreville Pysanka Program. We also displayed our banner again at the Vegreville main stage for the Grand Stand Show. The tradeshow display was at the Ukrainian Village for Festival of Dance, and we advertised in the booklet for the Ukrainian Day Festivities in August. We also renewed our LRT train car ad, which included interior cards being displayed throughout all the cars. Our LRT ad brought attention to CBC Radio reporter, Mark Harvey, who did a story on our program and parent executive. The main point of the story was, “How can our enrolments be so low when the phonebook is full of Ukrainians?” Something’s wrong with this picture..... I received many comments about the story, stating, “way to fight for us Ukrainians” and “you said it like it is”. We also had T-Shirts made up as gifts for our students, but more so as a promotion advertising our program. Nothing better than kids advertising kids programs!

Our partnership with our Marketing Consultant, Julianna Veldtman, of Whitebox Communications was continued last year. Her contract last year consisted of the new brochure, setting us up for the Mom’s Pop’s & Tot’s Fair and a 2 year Marketing Plan, which is currently being worked on. We were advised in February the EPSB would no longer be supporting parent committee Design Graphics. This will be a primary focus on getting someone to manage this, which would enable UBLA to run ads using our new brochure format.

We continued to strengthen our communications and partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, (aka KYK) which includes the subcommittee of Ukrainian Language Consortium. I was asked to attend a meeting of the congress, with the Board of Directors, to speak to why we think they could help us and how we could help them.

### 2011-2012 Executive:

*President* - Eileen Radesh  
*Co-President* - Ken Semeniuk  
*Vice President* - Sandra Loutan  
*Treasurer* - Pat Fredrickson  
*Secretary* - Tracy Fredrickson  
*Marketing* - Wendy Kalynchuk/Jillian Stefiuk  
*Webmaster* - Gayle Plican  
*Fundraising* - Gayle Plican  
*Delwood Rep* - Trish Sakulich  
*Balwin Rep* - Staci Grewa  
*ME Lazerte Rep* - Stephanie Bowen  
*Proshchannya Chair* - Leona Bunes  
*Ukraine Student Exchange Rep* - Melody Kostiuk

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



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

The UWAC – AB consists of 15 Branches with a total membership of over 603 members. With many activities, as the Bishop's Tea, 50th Anniversary of UWAC Camrose, to name a few. The UWAC – AB continues to assist students with two types of scholarships. One scholarship of \$500. It 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 a large number of students in Sokal who received the financial assistance.

The Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch is holding there exhibit, November 6 to 11, entitled "Celebrating THE UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS SEASON Rituals & Traditions" as the theme for 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
President Cheryl B. Moisey



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