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## UCC - Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC) September 1, 2015 - August 31, 2016



The year began by celebrating with our Hetman awards recipients' on October 18, 2015, followed by our preparations for the Annual General Meeting on November 13, 2015. UCC-APC had delegates representing 14 of the 17 member organizations at the AGM held at the St. Joseph's Hall, Edmonton. This was not an election year; however a new director was elected, Christine Moussienko from Calgary. Having reviewed and settled into the work of UCC-APC this report provides an overview of the priorities and initiatives identified by the Board of Directors covering the period of September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016.

UCC-APC continued to be active in assisting Ukraine and the crisis. Support was given to the showing of the film "the Ukrainians " throughout the province, with the assistance of our Ukrainian organizations, and generous volunteer members. Further work with Ukraine is being pursued with the Fire Fighters Project, with Mr. Kevin Royle. Fire fighting equipment has been collected and inventoried for shipment to Ukraine.

### 1. Governance and community development

This year we welcomed a new director, Christine Moussienko. Christine lives in Calgary, and gives us more insight to our southern communities in Alberta. Community outreach work is further needed to embrace the community spirit of southern Alberta inclusive of Red Deer and Calgary. Northern Alberta, which includes the communities of Andrew, Vegreville, Mundare and others have begun to work together in some of their celebrations of the 125 Anniversary of Immigration to Canada. This year, we worked closely with the Zustrich Ukrainian Association of Mundare, Red Deer, and Calgary. Red Deer and Calgary were visited with the Ambassador and UCC National President Paul Gord in celebration of the 75th Anniversary. Also, participated in the Calgary Ukrainian Festival this past June.

Together with Slavka Shulakewych, we travelled to Calgary and met with the Calgary UCC Branch. Registration as a non-profit society, representation of various organizations, and working together with UCC-APC were some points of discussion. All in all, there was much discussed that assisted in understanding the Ukrainian community in Calgary.

### 2. Communications

UCC-APC continues to increase communications and awareness of community initiatives and activities through a consistent effort in maintaining and increasing the provincial contacts database.

We continue to provide up to date information through the UCC-APC biweekly e-bulletin. Our bi-weekly e-bulletin is prepared and distributed to the 5000+ active individual contacts and donors. The e-bulletin is used to effectively disseminate immediate news items, event announcements, information items as well as a means

to channel news from UCC National and the Ukrainian World congress.

In addition to the e-bulletin, UCC-APC also uses social media, UCC-APC Facebook and twitter to supplement our communication activities.

### 3. Engaging Youth and Mentorship

UCC-APC has been fortunate to be able to hire summer students to assist in events coordination, community development, communications and more. Summer student positions are partly funded through the Canada Summer jobs program. In the summer of 2015, we hired one student, Sarah MacRae. In the spring of 2016 we were fortunate to receive 6 student positions for which we hired into 3 of these positions: Sarah MacRae, Michael Kruhlak and Khrystyna Nych who was dedicated to work for UCC-Edmonton through UCC-APC.

UCC-APC is an active participant of the (Alberta) Serving Communities Internship Program (SCIP). We have employed four student interns throughout the year to assist us in Ukraine crisis updates, translation, database updates, special event coordination, web-design and updates, and social media communications. This program is funded by the Alberta government and each student is awarded a \$1000.00 bursary for their volunteer efforts of approximately 66 hrs. Our student outreach employees and interns bring a fresh, most competent, young leadership to UCC-APC. We also continue to identify opportunities to engage the members of the Ukrainian Students Society and other youthful community leaders.

We continue to encourage youth participation in the activities of UCC-APC. UCC-APC invites representation from the Ukrainian Student Society and other community youth organizations to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors. We mentor youth leadership in the community by providing our young leaders with the opportunity to engage in the activities of UCC-APC through its committees, projects and special events.

### 4. Community Outreach and development

The Executive committee of UCC-APC seeks to be actively involved in the Ukrainian, business and government communities. It's necessity allows us to establish and build community relations, partnerships and ensure UCC-APC is informed and visible truly as the representative of the Ukrainian Canadian community. We actively promote, support our member organizations in their activities, initiatives and board development. With a new government, UCC-APC strives to maintain healthy government relations with Alberta Culture, Intergovernmental Affairs, Municipal Affairs and other government bodies as applicable to the affairs of UCC-APC.

UCC APC participated and supports many initiatives of the community, whether via committee work or representation at events. Participation in Calgary's 125/25th Anniversary Celebration, Bishops Gala, Kiev Connection, CIUS, Annual General Meetings of member organizations, Black Ribbon Day, Project planning, fundraisers and lectures; are crucial to community outreach and development. Unity and cooperation within the community is vital.

### 5. Hetman Awards

The Hetman awards continues to be a celebratory gathering of the community whereby we recognize the recipients of the Hetman award and say thank you for their exemplary volunteer contributions to our ever evolving Ukrainian community. The 2015 Gala was also an event that showcased the work of our community organizations and their contribution to the development of Ukrainian Canadians while preserving Ukrainian heritage and history. We see that strong organizations build a strong community. The following is a list of our 2015 Hetman Award recipients:



Youth Category: Mary Ann Sech,  
Ivanna Kruhlak,  
Adult Category: Emil Yereniuk  
Vlodko Boychuk  
Seniors Category: Oleh Wowk  
Bohdan Walkiw  
Exemplary Volunteer: Steffie Chmilar

This year Adrian Warchola was MC, and professionally and succinctly moved the program along! Our surprise success was a silent auction/raffle that became throughout the night a great game, giving to UCC-APC some unexpected additional funds. In all the night was both celebratory and joyous.

## 6. Holodomor Awareness and Education

UCC-APC is proud to have several community members as contributors to the National Holodomor Education committee. The Holodomor education resource projects are in the works through the Ukrainian arts and cultural organizations in Alberta. In the spring of 2013, Alberta Catholic School Trustees' Association had passed a motion that All Catholic Districts in Alberta: declare the last Friday in November as Holodomor Memorial Day; to consider this day to be included in the school district calendar and to undertake a moment of silence or other activity on this day to recognize the millions of Ukrainians who died as a result of this genocide. This motion went to all Catholic districts for individual acceptance and commenced in the fall of 2013. Holodomor educational resources are shared with all districts through the Edmonton Catholic School district and the Eparchy of Edmonton. It is UCC-APC's hope that this initiative will extend to the public education system as well.

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015 Speaker Robert E. Wanner hosted the 7th annual Holodomor commemoration in the Alberta Legislature rotunda.

Speakers at the Commemoration included:

Honourable Deron Bilous, MLA, Minister of Economic Development and Trade

Mr. Dave Hanson, MLA – On behalf of the Official Opposition

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

Dr. David Swann, MLA, Leader of the Liberal Opposition

Mr. Greg Clark, MLA, Leader of the Alberta Opposition

Ms. Olesia Luciw Andryjowycz, President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council

The Ukrainian Famine and Genocide (Holodomor) Memorial Day Act was written and introduced as Bill 37 by the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky (former speaker of the house). It received the unanimous support of the Legislative Assembly and came into force on November 2008, proclaiming every fourth Saturday of November as a day of remembrance of the Holodomor.



## 7. Ukrainian Day

The 2016 Annual Ukrainian Day Festival, this year celebrating 125 years of Ukrainian immigration, was filled with the sights and sounds of everything Ukrainian in celebration of our rich Ukrainian culture. On August 7, over 3,100 Albertans came to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village for this annual event, a tradition that continues more than 32 years after it was initiated by the UCC-APC.

Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz presented greetings on behalf of the UCC-APC. The Honourable Deron Bilous, Alberta's Minister of Economic Development and Trade, declared 2016-2017 "Alberta's Year of the Ukrainian Canadian." Several dignitaries were present and were introduced by MC Mike Ciona.



The day opened with Sunday services at two historic churches at the Village, and a pancake breakfast served by volunteers from the Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society. Minister of Culture, Honourable Ricardo Miranda took part in the opening ribbon cutting ceremony of the Stelmach Ancestral Home, future learning centre. Honourable Ed Stelmach and his family were present. Mr. Stelmach said a few words prior to the public tour of the inside of the home. Jessica Littlewood, MLA, took part in the unveiling of the centenary plaques, where over 200 family names were presented.

Throughout the day other activities included a stop at the Chernobyl cross, with a short prayer and speech by Daria Luciw, UCC-APC past president, commemorating the 30 years of the Chernobyl disaster. Further down the path, took place the Legion Memorial Service, where the Kingsway Legion and the "Diviziynyky" stood side by side with also members of the Canadian military. At the Internment Monument there was also a short prayer.

The Alberta Ukrainian Genealogical Project, distributed over 200 certificates. UCC-APC is one of 10 patrons of this wonderful project. At the Sil'ska Domivka venue, there was a an exhibit of Larisa Cembaliuk-Cheladyn's Ukrainian pillows, as well as a presentation that outlined the project. Also included were live demonstrations of Ukrainian weaving by Elizabeth Holinaty, pysanky writing, and woodcarving. A special display of an exhibit called "Journey to Canada" brought awareness the hardships of the first immigration. This year, once again, Plast, Ukrainian Scouts of Edmonton organized the children's crafts tent. As part of Plast's 125 celebrations, the scouting organization took part in Ukrainian Day, by making it part of their National Scouting Jambouree. Over

200 Ukrainian Canadian scouts visited the UCHV, and took part in the main Bandshell concert by singing the Canadian and Ukrainian National anthems. The village market also provided entertainment in the courtyard. The UCHV offered free wagon rides and tours to the historic village. There was, of course, the Ukrainian food court and the Ukrainian Summer kitchen serving hungry participants throughout the day. The concert program featured performers from Edmonton, Calgary, and Ukraine: Euphoria, Serhij Fomenko of the band Mandry , Ukraine, Suzirya Dancers and Tanya Onyschenko from Calgary, Cheremosh Dancers from Edmonton and the Axios Choir, also from Edmonton.



This year the Luchkovich award was presented to the former

Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, and former Speaker of the House, honourable Gene Zwozdesky.

### **8. Stelmach House Project**

In August 2012 the original home of the Stelmach family was moved to the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. This year, in 2015-16, the interior of the home was completed, partially due to the Community Facility Enhancement Grant of \$125,000.0 that UCC-APC received and through funding of Alberta Culture. The UCC-APC Stelmach House Project committee is moving forward to complete the restoration of the interior of the house as well as the landscaping. This project will continue over the next few years. The Stelmach house was opened for preview on Ukrainian Day, August 7, 2016 as part of our 125 anniversary celebrations.

### **9. Ukrainian Language and cultural studies in Alberta**

Enrolments in Ukrainian language bilingual programs for elementary, junior and senior high have greatly increased, while Ukrainian language and cultural studies at the university levels continues to be on the decline. Fall enrolments and budget concerns at the post secondary and graduate levels have raised great concern in the community. UCC-APC continues to provide support to the Ukrainian Bilingual schools with program awareness and recruitment. UCC-APC was made aware of some very important issues at the Post secondary level regarding its programs. These issues concern the Ukrainian Culture, Language and Literature programs, Ukrainian Folklore Centre and the Ukrainian Language Education Centre. Although perhaps many would not realize or understand the ramifications of these issues, they have a major effect on Ukrainian language learning, teaching and the Ukrainian bilingual program in Alberta, Canada and internationally. UCC-APC will continue to proactively approach this issue and look to the community for much support. Discussions and fact finding has begun with key stakeholders of Ukrainian language education. The outcomes of the discussions that have occurred and are forthcoming will change the face of Ukrainian language education in Alberta, Canada and abroad.

The UCC-APC must continue to work with other member organizations to facilitate a meeting of all stakeholders and supporters of bilingual education in Alberta and making this a priority of the community.

### **10. Alberta-Ukraine Genealogical Project**

In this last year 2015-16, over 200 names were added to the Centennial Pioneer Recognition monument during the Ukrainian Day celebrations on August 9, 2015. In total there are 5, 946 names on the plaques, As honorary Patrons of this project, UCC APC continues to support this amazing project and supports its renewal and its many initiatives. This project is funded through special granting by Alberta Culture to UCC-APC. This project will continue for another year, 2016-2017. We join with our partners and patrons and extend a thank you to the Project manager, Radomir Bilash for your dedication and work with this project.

### **11. Aid to Ukraine:**

The UCC-APC has unanimously endorsed the following projects:

1. Saint Nicolas Day gifting for the children of Volunteer injured soldiers.
2. Wounded Volunteer Fund – Olesia Matsiuk – Project leader. Throughout the year, Olesia has canvassed at many of our community events, gathering funds to help heal the volunteer soldiers of ATO. Her funds go directly to Lviv through the Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lviv Eparchy.
3. Children for Peace – Bohdana Stepanenko – Lypovyk - in April of 2016, Bohdana held a successful 5 km family run in Rundle park, Edmonton, Alberta. On this occasion his Excellency, Andriy Shevchenko took part in distributing the winning ribbons to the successful

runners. The event brought much needed funds for the project. Bohdana plans to bring 15 children to Alberta for one month, that are victims of ATO, and are in need of physical and psychological assistance.

4. Fire Fighters Project – Lead by Edmonton Firefighter Kevin Royle, this project has grown quickly and exponentially! Kevin has collected first response equipment, fire fighting suites, and medical supplies to be sent to Ukraine. This project has just been endorsed (July, 2016) and we are working together with Kevin on a comprehensive business plan. The project is focussed on collecting funds to fill a C-can and ship it to Ukraine, where it will be met by volunteers, where the distribution will be closely monitored by Canadian volunteers, and members of the Rotary Clubs of Edmonton and Lviv.

## 12. UCC National

This spring, April 16, 2016, we were honoured to host Ambassador Andrij Shevchenko with our national president Paul Grod. Our Alberta communities celebrated 75 years of UCC National both here in Edmonton and in Calgary. In Edmonton there was a banquet dinner with a key note speaker, and greetings from the Federal government from Randy Boissonnault, MP, and from the provincial government, Deron Bilous, MLA, Minister of Economic Development in Trade. Ambassador Andrij Shevchenko spoke passionately of his first hand experiences of the Maidan in 2014. Further commemorations took place in Calgary with a wine and cheese affair.

UCC Alberta maintains and continues an active connection and participation in the matters of National UCC. Organization and community members play an active role as members of National committees and the Executive committee. National Executive and Committees work in several areas are actively supported through committee work and community communications. These include some of the following: Immigration; 125 anniversary of Ukrainian settlement; 200th Anniversary Shevchenko; Humanitarian Aid Committee (Ukraine Appeal) , Internment; Ukrainian Education; Canada Ukraine Foundation, ; and Nominating Committee. to list but a few.

Participation in the Annual meeting held in Ottawa on September 23, 2015

## In Conclusion

UCC APC has worked hard in building community relations, healthy partnerships and effective communications to ensure UCC APC and its member organizations are informed and truly visible as the representing body of the Ukrainian Canadian Community of Alberta. Committee work of the identified priorities of UCC-APC moves forward, while striving to represent the Ukrainian Canadian Community of Alberta in a professional, respected fashion. We are called upon to provide support and advice to the community involving several key areas. Much work has been done.

The passion and commitment of our Board of Directors, Provincial Coordinator: Slavka Shulakewych, our summer student employees and many volunteers has proven to be the driving force of the successes of UCC-APC and its position in the multicultural fabric of Alberta and Canada. I thank all members, volunteers and staff for your commitment and dedications to the good works of UCC APC for 2015 - 2016! It is a pleasure and a great honour working and leading such a committed group of community organizations and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted  
Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz, President  
Ukrainian Canadian Congress: Alberta Provincial Council



## UCC - Edmonton Branch

UCC Edmonton Branch had a very busy summer organizing two major events during the month of August.

We supported the Ukraine Heritage Pavilion at Heritage Days this year and worked in cooperation with BUK. The Festival took place July 30 – August 1. UCC Edmonton secured approximately 60 volunteers to help support the Ukraine Pavilion.

The Ukraine Pavilion comprised of 3 different pavilions. We had an arts and craft pavilion, entertainment pavilion and food pavilion. Arts and Craft pavilion included the 30 feet long 125 Display on Ukrainian Settlement to Canada that was hosted by Ukrainian Folklore Centre. We also had 6 other vendors in the pavilion: CIUS, Artist/Sculpturist, Finding Your Roots table, Ukrainian Canadian Museums of Canada. The pavilion won third place at the Festival this year.

We had a very successful, active and diverse stage promoting 13 different performances throughout the weekend including singers, musicians and dancers. Our stage won 1st place at the Heritage Festival.

The Food Pavilion sold pyrohy, borsch, and kubasa.

UCC Edmonton is currently in negotiation with BUK to take over the pavilion. BUK is asking \$75,000 for its assets.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Edmonton Branch, Sviato 25 Committee, organized Independence Day Sunday August 28 from 1:00-10:00 pm at Churchill Square.

Approximately 12,000 people attended the celebration on the square. The committee was led by chair to Taras Podilsky and executive producer Gene Zwozdesky. The event hosted 30 different artistic groups which comprised of 300 performers. We hosted a special guest artist Ruslana.

We had approximately 120 volunteers supporting the event. On the square, we hosted five different food vendors and 10 different booths where artisans sold their arts and crafts and Ukrainian items.

Our main fundraiser was the Firefight Mission to Ukraine. We successfully raised funds to help support the cause.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who came out to set up and keep the event running on the 28th. Thank you to the sponsors and advertisers that supported the event and made it financially feasible. We are currently reconciling our account and hope to balance our books in the near future. The finances exceeded our anticipated budget due to unexpected city costs and additional security costs that were leveraged due to increased political tensions between Ukraine and Russia.

Our next major event that we are organizing is Holodomor. The event is scheduled for Saturday November 26th at 12:00 noon in City Hall.

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## UCC - Calgary Branch

On Friday November 27th a Prayer Vigil was held at Calgary's Holodomor monument and on Saturday 28th our Commemoration was held at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Centre, supported by the Congregation, under the direction of Rev. o. Taras Krochak and organized by the Ukrainian Students Society, CYM Calgary, with the League of UWofC preparing the symbolic cold luncheon. Calgary's three parishes took part in the panakhyda and all the organizations placed wreaths in front of the display at the hall, later carried to the monument on Memorial Drive. UCC Calgary, UCPBA Calgary and Echoes of Ukraine TV co produced the Carol Festival which was held at St. Stephen's uniting our three parishes to start out the Christmas season.

At the start of 2016 "Support for Ukraine" continued at two fundraising concerts, January 16th with Merited Artist Ihor Bohdan and February 28th by Stephania Romaniuk. On March 9th our community stood among those worldwide who voiced their solidarity with Ukraine's hero, a woman of unbreakable spirit, Nadiya Savchenko on Calgary's Peace Bridge.

The Taras Shevchenko March 13, held it's annual tribute to our poet with a concert and production directed by Nataliya Markevych which included members of CYM, Plast, ABVM Ridna Shkola Ukrainian School, choirs and the community. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaFwk\\_yGsK8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaFwk_yGsK8)

A wine and cheese reception was held on April 17th at the Elks Lodge and Golf Club celebrating the 75th Anniversary of UCC with special guests Ukraine's Ambassador Andriy Shevchenko and UCC President, Pavlo Grod, which organized by Christya Moussienko, Director APC UCC.

Support from Calgary UCC was given to the seventh annual Calgary Ukrainian Festival on June 4 and 5th, headed by Mike Ilnycky and Chris Gryra with all of Calgary's organizations, dance groups, choirs contributing. This year we had representation from National and our Provincial Council, with Lesia Andrijowicz.

Under the umbrella of UCC Calgary the LUWC organized the Banquet celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Settlement in Canada and the 25th Anniversary of Independence Day Banquet, held at St. Stephen Protomartyr's Cultural Centre on August 27th. Mayor Nenshi, signed a declaration to Ukraine's Independence Day, the Ukrainian flag was raised over City Hall with the Langevin Bridge being lit up in blue and yellow lights on the 24th of August. The Langevin bridge is next to our Holodomor monument, on Memorial Drive.

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# Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council

## Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts

The past year has been very busy for the Arts Council, with tremendous support from the Ukrainian Community and the greater Alberta community, AUCUA has been able to successfully launch a number of new programs. September 2016 saw the 1st anniversary of the AUCUA Gallery and Artisan Boutique; we are proud of the great successes of the 1st year.

ACUA is proud to have been able to start an Internship Program through the generous support of the ROSZA Foundation for the Arts. This is the first time that the Calgary based private arts foundation has granted internship funding to an organization outside of Calgary. ACUA has been fortunate to have Dominika Koziak as the ROSZA Foundation Intern.

ACUA received granted funding to employ 3 summer students through the Canada Summer Works Program. Over the past year ACUA has received SCiP funding for 10 students.



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### Programming - Artists in Residence; Directory of Ukrainian Artists; Annual Workshop Series

The Vintage Fair – the first ever Ukrainian Vintage fair was held at ACUA. This fair, which took place over the summer months, received overwhelming support and participation from the community. Over 1,700 items, spanning the 125 years of the Ukrainian Canadian experience, were consigned by over 40 consigners. One third of the items were sold at the official opening which was attended by 400 people. Hundreds of other items were sold over the summer months.



**Signature Artists Series** – The fall 2016 Artists Series includes Larisa Semabaliuk-Cheladyn, Oksana Movchan, Oksana Zhelisko. The show in 2017 will feature Iryna Karpenko and Valeriy Semenko.

**Annual Scholarships & Awards** – ACUA awards 2 annual awards annually. This is in partnership with Grant MacEwan University Ukrainian Resource & Development Centre, University of Alberta Folklore Centre. The first Peter and Geraldine Shostak scholarship was awarded in September 2015 to Stephania Romaniuk of Calgary.

**ACUA Vitae Arts Magazine** – 2 issues of the magazine were produced; Fall/Winter 2015/16 and Spring 2016.

**Annual Christmas & Easter Market & Workshops** – ACUA hosted the 2nd Christmas and Easter Annual Markets. Both markets featured multiple Ukrainian Folk Art workshops

**Youth Paint Nite and Youth Programs** – ACUA has successfully held its first Youth Paint Nite program, and has developed a series of summer art workshops for Youth and children.

**Folk Art Retreats** – together with the Carvel Ukrainian Cultural Society, the first Folk Art Retreat was held in November 2015. The event included a variety of workshops and a vendor market. Participants were also treated to delicious lunch prepared by the Carvel Cultural Society. A second successful retreat was held in Carvel in October 2016.

**Lecture Series** – ACUA has offered a special lecture series on the Hidden Symbolisms and Meanings in Contemporary and Avant Garde Ukrainian Art and Literature.

**ACUA Gallery** – The community art space provides artists and art and culture organizations a place to host events, meeting, and workshops. We offer two board rooms, one workshop room, 3 artist studios, and a special exhibit space. These groups include Focus on Fiber Arts Association, Ukrainian Bilingual Parents Society Association, and Ukrainian Bilingual Language Association.

**The Ukrainian Wedding** – ACUA organized and facilitated a signature festival, The Ukrainian Wedding. This project will take place in April 2016. There was a series of folk art workshops were held. This event included a bridal fair, food fair and a series of information sessions, workshops, and guest speakers.

Also located in the ACUA gallery are two unique gifts stores; Traditional Ukraine and Cobblestone.



## **Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society**

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

During this past year, some of AFUES accomplishments included:

- In 2015 AFUES Board members attended several Mission, Vision and Strategic Planning Workshops, which helped us to create specific Goals and Action Plan for our organization.
- We opened direct lines of communication with Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC). Several members of our Board have attended AGLC GAIN workshop to better understand their expectations for our Casino funds.
- Developing and launching General Application Form, so our applicants will have a transparent list of criteria for their applications, which are available at our web-site AFUES.ca
- AFUES hosted a Ukrainian Language Education Stakeholders’ meeting, which included representation from key organizations in Ukrainian Language Education in Alberta. At this meeting we discussed strategies of our future cooperation together in support of Ukrainian Language Education in this province.
- We have examined the situation with the Tut i Tam Book series. Their publication is now available in “On Demand Mode” on the internet. Furthermore, AFUES initiated a Request for Proposals in order to do a Needs Assessment of “Tut i Tam” Book Series.
- Design and gradual development of our AFUES web-site. Our ultimate goal is for our applicants to be able to download and submit their applications online. We are planning to launch our AFUES.ca website in the near future.
- Just like we do every year, AFUES partially sponsored 2015 Annual Shevchenko Lecture.
- AFUES was one of sponsors for SVIATO-25 celebration and sponsored an Educational Day with Ukrainian activist and singer Ruslana.

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

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## Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association



1. In 2015-2016, there were over 4,000 children, teens, and adults participating in 68 Ukrainian dance schools and groups across Alberta.
2. AUDA supported 105 Ukrainian dance performances at community events to an estimated audience of over 51,000 people as part of the AUDA Promotional Activities Initiative to Increase Participation and Awareness of Ukrainian Dance in Alberta – Celebrating 125 Years of Ukrainian Immigration.
3. Between April and August 2016, AUDA partnered with member organizations to co-produce 13 Mini Concerts across Alberta in celebration of 125 Years of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada. Participating in those concerts were over 1,700 performers and attended by approximately 17,000 audience members.
4. AUDA supported workshops for over 1,000 participants as part of the AUDA Ukrainian Dance Workshop Program.
5. AUDA provided 8 scholarships for students from across the province to attend summer dance camps through the AUDA Summer Camp Scholarship Initiative.
6. AUDA Music Resources Initiative Celebrating 125 Years of Ukrainian Immigration
7. In recognition of 125 years of Ukrainian heritage music in Canada, AUDA is undertaking the production of 125 minutes of newly recorded Ukrainian heritage folk dance music as resource materials for Ukrainian dance schools. Our goal is to have 50% of the music composed, arranged and recorded in Ukraine and 50% of the music composed, arranged and recorded in Canada. Music from this Initiative will be posted on AUDA's website for free download.

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

The first phase of this undertaking, 36 minutes of heritage folk dance music sourced by the Executive Board of AUDA, is completed with the assistance of Ukrainian Orbit Store.

The second phase of this Initiative is to produce an additional 125 minutes of new music resources produced under the direction of the Executive Board of AUDA assisted by dance instructors and Ukrainian dance schools. Eighteen minutes of new dance school directed music is completed at September 6, 2016

Dance instructors have asked that the majority of music approved be focussed on 12 and under dancer needs and that it represent Ukrainian ethnographic regions from which there is a shortage of suitable recorded dance music for instruction and performance.

## Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League

Alberta Ukrainian Self-Reliance League is the provincial arm of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada, which is comprised of the lay organizations within the Province of Alberta, which support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Our current organization members of AUSRL are comprised of Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada – Alberta Provincial (UWAC-ABE), Canadian Ukrainian Youth Association-Ukrainian Orthodox Youth (CYMK-UOY Alberta), Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC) Edmonton / Calgary, Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch, and St. John's Institute.

On October 3, 2015 the AUSRL Annual Convention was held at St. John's Cultural Centre in Edmonton. This convention recognised the 85th Anniversary of UWAC-Alberta Provincial. As well a fantastic display of Pillows, as part of Larisa Sembaliuk-Cheladyn recent research into the significance of the Ukrainian Embroidered Pillow was highlighted by our luncheon speaker. During the evening banquet, Anna Zwozdesky, an active member of UWAC locally, provincially and Nationally spoke about the significant role UWAC has played in developing our Ukrainian Community in Alberta. The AUSRL Annual Meeting elected a new executive for the 2015-2106 year: President Dennis Kuchta, Vice President Vivian Skakun, Secretary Susan Jereniuk, and Gerald Kruhlak as Treasurer. We look forward to further supporting our Ukrainian Community within Alberta.

The executive met 6 times throughout the year to review funding request from our Casino to support AUSRL programming within Alberta, as well as general Ukrainian community programs within Alberta. One key component of AUSRL mandate is to recognise students in post-secondary studies and their leadership contributions to CYMK-UOY in Alberta. We were pleased to offer the 2015 Scholarship to Lukian Kruhlak from Edmonton.

Our funding supports for the 2015-2016 year have extended to Camp Bar-V-Nok Summer Program, Kievski –K-Hi Summer Camp Program, Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch, St. John's Institute, SUS Foundation of Canada (designated funds to the National Youth Coordinator Program), Alberta Provincial CYMK-UOY, Western Eparchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, to UWAC-Alberta Provincial Executive, as well as to National TYC and National UWAC Executives this year. This year we also allocated funds to the Sviato 125 Celebration in Edmonton, to mark the 125 Years of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada, sponsored by UCC-Edmonton, produced by our own Gene Zwozdesky. As well, we have supported our Ukrainian Orthodox church school and parish programs across Alberta. The AUSRL is fortunate to have an Alberta Gaming Casino which was held at the end of April, 2015 in Edmonton. We are able to support our programs within Alberta through these Casino funds raised by our community.

As President of AUSRL, I am active in the CYC –National Board, being one of the provincial CYC representatives. Throughout the year I have participate in almost all CYC-NEC Conference Calls, convened on a monthly basis. As well, this past December, 2015 I attended the Strategic Planning Workshop in Regina to look at the previous workshop finding and develop and action plan for CYC Revitalization. One of the action plan items is the CYC Restructuring, which was a key action that came forward from 2015 Workshop. Tony Harras, our National CYC President will be sharing this as part of this Convention 2016. In addition, at the provincial level of UCC, AUSRL is a member of Alberta UCC and have participated in both their AGM last November 2015, as well as Provincial Meetings

The Resolution Passed at the 2015 Convention, to support the new course of Camp Bar-V-Nok property has been on our agenda for this year. We have been a voice at the table in ensuring what we believe should be a resource for use in our Ukrainian Orthodox community in Alberta, by ensuring the Camp Bar-V0Nok property remains available for our community use. To this end, we are prepared to allocate \$10000 per year for the next 2 years towards the property for maintenance and time to allow the community to make a solid plan for future development and needs. We are asking the AGM, 2016 to support this motion by endorsing our recommendation as a motion / resolution from the floor.

AUSRL was recognized at this October, 2016 at the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council Hetman Awards 125 Recognition Hetman Awards as one of the key community organizations who have played an important

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impact in the development of our Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta. The Faith, Hope and Charity Category captured the essence of AUSRL's historical role in supporting our Ukrainian Canadian Alberta community.

I would like to extend a thank you to St. John's Institute for allowing AUSRL to hold our meetings at St. John's Institute. This provided a central location for our board to meet. As well, to St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and Cultural Centre for their support of hosting our conventions over the years needs to be acknowledged. And lastly to our dedicated board of Directors – who met to review financial requests, look at happening within each of our component organizations as we work to further build a strong CYC Family and for our Ukrainian Orthodox community in Alberta and Canada. The AUSRL Annual Convention was held on the weekend of November 4 to 5 2016 at St. John's Cultural Centre in Edmonton. The opening coincided with the Ukrainian Museum's 125th Anniversary of Settlement of Ukrainians to Canada display Наша Скриня. The Board of Directors elected for 2016-17 remained the same.

## Bishop Budka Charitable Society

In the fall of 2015 the Society undertook a major task of reviewing its mandate. We revised the Mission and Values Statement and established committees to revise the bylaws, fund-raising, promotions and project approval guidelines.

In March our Society approved funding to construct a Social and Pastoral Centre for the St. Peter's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Inacio Martin, Parana, Brazil. Completion of this project is anticipated in December, which will provide classrooms and an auditorium enabling the parish to assist youth and all parish activities. Our Society was pleased to assist this parish, as it is located in an economically depressed area of Southern Parana.

Our Society representatives attended the National Ukrainian Canadian Congress 75th Anniversary Celebration held in Edmonton on April 16, 2016. We had the opportunity to meet the National UCC President, Paul Grod and also his Excellency Andriy Shevchenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada. Both individuals were very impressed with the charitable projects that our

Society was engaged in.

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The Society approved its revised by-laws at the Annual Meeting held on June 16, 2016. Guest speaker Ihor Kruk gave a very informative presentation of our Society's historical participation by assisting the Rotary Club and Knights of Columbus in several projects in Liviv, Ukraine.

The Society took an active part as a sponsor in celebrating 25 years Of Ukraine's Independence at the Sviato 25 Celebration on August 28, 2016.

Our Society was pleased to support the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - APC at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village Annual Ukrainian Day in August and also the annual Hetman Awards Celebrations.



## Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce - Alberta Branch

Last year (September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016) was quite active for CUCC-Alberta. The following events were held by or participated in:

- Community Meeting with Hon. Jacon Kenney, Minister of Defence, September 2015 – event organized and sponsored by UCC-APC. The event was important in understanding Federal Government's position on Ukraine and providing military and humanitarian assistance in fight against the Russian aggression in Eastern Ukraine.
- Meeting with Dr. Sophia Opatska, Rector of Lviv Business School (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv), November 18th, 2015 – during Sophia's visit to the University of Alberta, CUCC-Alberta was offered an opportunity to host a Networking event on Small and Medium Business in Ukraine. Dr. Opatska has shared the information on the role of Ukrainian Universities (Ukrainian Catholic University, in particular) and their programming in bringing up the new generation of young Ukrainian entrepreneurs. Open-minded, pro-active, highly educated and equipped with relevant skills Ukrainian youth are a critical component in building a solid base of the future of Ukraine.
- CUCC-Alberta Christmas Mixer – December 15, 2016. Now turning into an annual tradition, gathering at the warm and cozy Julian's Piano Bar of Chateau Louis was filled with the smiles, laughter and holiday cheer. We're hoping to continue with this tradition and build on the momentum of annual gatherings of old friends and new faces alike looking to be part of CUCC family.
- Ambassador's Reception – April 15th, 2016. First visit of His Excellency Ambassador Andriy Shevchenko to the Province of Alberta on the invitation from UCC-APC laid a foundation to a great relationship between Alberta's Ukrainian community and the Embassy of Ukraine in Ottawa. CUCC-Alberta had a privilege of hosting Ambassador's reception with business community. The event was a great success and received high marks not only from CUCC-Alberta members, but Alberta's business community at large, including Canadian companies (with no ties to Ukraine) that are considering doing business with Ukraine.
- Canada-Ukraine Business Forum in Toronto, ON – June 20, 2016. Several CUCC-Alberta Board members participated in this major business forum. 5 Cabinet Ministers and the 1st Deputy Prime Ministers from Ukraine and an array of Federal and Provincial leaders, including Prime Minister Trudeau have taken part in this historic event that lent impetus to signing Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement (CUFTA) less than a month later.
- Signing of Canada-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement, CUFTA – July 11, 2016 in Kyiv, Ukraine. CUCC-Alberta President was honoured to be part of the CUCC National Reception following the signing of this historic document. The Agreement serves as a foundation to expansion of trade and investment relations between the two countries, which would keep CUCC more engaged and relevant than ever before. Indeed, following the signing CUCC-Alberta has observed a sharp increase in the demand for information on the ways to capitalize on CUFTA by businesses from various industries, both in Canada and Ukraine.

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	*(Western Canada - Vice President - CUCC National)

We look forward to the year ahead of us as CUFTA is expected to be ratified by the Parliaments of both countries, thereby opening the doors to closer trade and investment ties between Canada and Ukraine.

## Edmonton Catholic Schools Ukrainian Bilingual Parent Advisory Society

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

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

Enrollment in the ECS UB (K-Gr. 12) for the 2015-16 year total 622 students (214 at St. Matthew, 236 at St. Martin, 124 at St. Kevin, 60 at Austin O'Brien).

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015-2016 and EVENTS SPONSORED BY ECS UBPAS

- UBPAS AGM, Scholarship Presentation and Appreciation Evening (September 24, 2015): -Presentations included scholarships to recipients in Grades 4-12 and farewell gifts to outgoing and retired teachers and administrators
- Fall 2015: Ukrainian picture dictionaries were presented to Grade 2 students at St. Martin and at St. Matthew
- March 2016 – Sponsored St. Kevin UB student retreat and workshop making coral necklaces....Grade 7, 8, 9
- Spring 2016 – sponsored Field trip for Austin O'Brien students, to Interment camp in Banff, AB
- May 17, 2016 – Closing celebration of St. Kevin school and welcome the move to the new location at St. Brendan School for September 2016
- May, 2016 – sponsored special 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration performance by Ukrainian Shumka Dancers at St. Martin and St. Matthew. Sponsored special performance by Vohon Ukrainian dancers, for junior high students at St. Kevin
- Grade 12 Matura at Holy Cross Church/Ukrainian Youth Unity Centre (May 28, 2016): UBPAS presented graduates with a gold Tryzub pendant and a certificate of program completion
- Grade 9 Farewell (June 13, 2016): UBPAS hosted a pizza lunch and presented students with icon, rushnyk and certificate
- Grade 6 Farewell (St. Martin on June 16, 2016; St. Matthew on June 26, 2016): UBPAS presented students with an icon, rushnyk and certificate

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Treasurer	Dennis Kuchta

### School Representatives:

St. Martin	Suzanna Brytan Cindy Nelson Susan
Rajakaruna,	Christine Zinchuk
St. Matthew	Sonia McLean Gayle Plican Ken Semeniuk
St. Kevin	Vivian Kruhlak
Austin O'Brien	Vlvian Kruhlak

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

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

- Portable signs to advertise open houses for each school
- Social media/web site ads on Facebook and Google in early January
- Retail Media ads at grocery self-checkouts and ad bars
- Tim Horton's digital TV ads at all Tim Hortons locations throughout the city
- Other advertising implemented: newspapers, newsletters, special feature publications and programs within the local community (e.g., Ukrainian News, ACUA Vitae Magazine, Shumka's Clara's Dream program booklet; Deep Freeze Festival Program book; Vegreville Pysanka program book; Cheromosh Ukrainian Dancers performance booklet; UCC-APC Ukrainian Day Souvenir booklet, UCC-APC e-bulletins, etc.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

- Classroom/library resource materials
- School cultural activities, celebrations, and special projects (e.g., the Artist-in-Residence program)
- Field trips and student retreats, and related transportation costs
- Scholarship Program for Grades 4-12 and farewell gifts for Grades 6, 9, and 12
- Marketing and advertising
- Lviv Proficiency Exam for Grade 12



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

The Friends of the Ukrainian Village Society's mission is to support the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. We value the history of our ancestors, which is integral to Alberta's rich past, and look for ways to reinterpret it so that it can enrich our lives today. Formed in 1984, FOUVS is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that provides essential services for the Village (food services, museum shop, interpreters, summer children's programs) and raises funds to ensure that the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village can complete its mandate as the major center for preserving and understanding Ukrainian pioneer life in Canada.

We are proud to have descendants of the Pylypow and Eleniak families – the first two Ukrainian settlers to Canada - and of the large number of descendants of the first immigration in our Society. FOUVS is a member driven organization – currently we have 637 members in the Society. In 2016, 117 volunteers contributed a total of 2293 hours to the Society. Of this number 48 were new volunteers.

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

Our main focus in 2016 has been to ensure the financial sustainability of the Society and to strength our governance structure. As a result the Board developed six standing committee to provide oversight and direction for the Society. This year we also ran a successful golf tournament.

FOUVS committed \$45,000 for the purchase of furnishings and artifacts for the Galician Farmstead and we are working with UCHV curatorial staff to complete this project. We expect that as a result of FOUVS financial assistance, UCHV will open an additional five buildings to be open to the public in 2017.

### **REPORT ON THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY FOUVS**

#### **HISTORICAL INTERPRETERS**

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

The 2016 season has been very successful. Major renovations were completed in the Friends Museum Shop. We continue to look for local artisan, artists and writers for materials for the shop.

#### **HISTORIC CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AND JUNIOR INTERPRETER PROGRAM**

The HCP and JIP programs were offered from July 4 to August 19 2016. This year we also hosted the Children for Peace participants in the JIP program from July 4 to 8.

#### **VILLAGE MARKETS**

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

#### **FOOD SERVICES**

Some 46,000 visitors came to UCHV in 2016. FOUVS offers food services to summer visitors through our Village Diner and the Kalyna Food Concession. We offer a lunch program to school groups throughout the year and our catering services are offered year round.

#### **FRIENDS UKRAINIAN MUSICFEST**

Eighteen musical groups participated in the Friends MusicFest in 2016. The line-up and concert was organized by Steven Chwok, of CFCW.

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## St. John's Institute

Слава Ісусу Христу! Glory to Jesus Christ!

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

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

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

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

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



## **Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada - Edmonton Eparchy**

This annual report of the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Canada (UCBC) Edmonton Eparchy is provided to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council for the 2015/2016 period.

### **Executive:**

President:	Orest Boychuk
Vice President:	Mark Kopinec
Secretary:	Greg Balko
Treasurer:	Ed Hladunewich

### **GENERAL**

During the weekend of October 16th to 18th, 2016, the UCBC participated in the Edmonton Eparchy 37th Bi-annual Convention held in Edmonton. The Convention included the involvement of delegates of the UCBC, UCWLC, Knights of Columbus, Youth, Parishes, and Clergy within the Eparchy.

Delegates from the Eparchial UCBC attended the National Congress in Winnipeg, MB June 30th to July 2nd 2016. At the Congress, the administration of the UCBC National Committee was transferred from the Eparchy of Saskatoon to the Edmonton Eparchy. In addition to assuming key roles in the executive of the National Committee, the custody of documents, supplies and publication of the magazine Holos Bratstva will reside within the Edmonton Eparchy.

### **COMMUNITY**

Financial support was provided for the children's summer camps at Oselia, St. Basil and the Eparchial Acolyte Camp. Support was also provided to St. Michael's Care, Corpus Christi, various Parish Anniversaries and Edmonton Eparchy endeavours.

Members participated in Holodomor and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

### **RELIGIOUS**

The UCBC continue to support the Religious, both Basilian and Eparchial and the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. The support is both financially and participation in Liturgical Services by providing Honour Guards.

### **HERITAGE DAYS**

The 2016 Edmonton Heritage Days Festival was held at Hawrelak Park over August long weekend. The UCBC took a lead role again in coordinating the local Ukrainian community in hosting the Ukrainian Pavilion. Although the weather did not cooperate, the Pavilion did manage to provide good food, interesting displays, and entertainment which displayed the Ukrainian culture. The Pavilion received the 1st place award for Entertainment and 3rd place for Arts and Crafts. In preparation for the Festival, investment took place in new equipment and fixtures to assist the volunteers and upgrade the operational standards for the Pavilion.

Funding for the programs and donations come from bingo and casino events that UCBC members volunteer at throughout the year.

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## Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta

1. **Mow-Down:** On Saturday, 26 June 2016, UCAMA held a fundraising event hosted by Slava & Yurko Yopyk at their home. It featured Andrij Hladyshevsky, attired in his costume from the opera Aida, mowing the Yopyks' lawn. \$2,700 was raised for UCAMA that evening. Special thanks goes to the Yopyks for sponsoring this event.
2. **Calgary Gala Banquet & Zabava:** UCAMA attended a banquet and zabava at St. Stephen's parish on Saturday, 27 August to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence and the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada. Khrystyna Kohut attended the event representing UCAMA. Artefacts from the UCAMA collection, featuring Calgary donors, were on display. A portion of the proceeds have been forwarded to UCAMA. In addition, several significant private donations were received from the event.
3. **Bloor Street Festival:** UCAMA had a booth at the Bloor Street Festival in Toronto from the 16th to the 18th of September. This provided an opportunity to promote the Jasper Avenue museum project in Central Canada.
4. **\$125 Initiative:** UCAMA has launched a campaign to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian settlement in Canada. With a contribution of \$125 each individual donor will have the opportunity to buy a brick and become a part of the lasting legacy of our museum.
5. **Step Up to the Plate:** With this donor recognition program, donors receive glass plates that feature the whimsical style of Iryna Karpenko, IN ADDITION TO A FULL TAX RECEIPT. Three categories of these beautiful mixed media masterpieces are available: bronze for donations of \$500 or more, copper for donations of \$1000 or more, and gold for donations of \$1,500 or more in one year.

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Directors:	Nick Fedchyshyn, Myron Lahola, Orest Ilkiw, Orest Kuszka, Oleksandr Makar, Bill Tracy Bohdan Horich

### OPERATIONS:

1. **Hetman Awards:** UCAMA received a Hetman Award on 22 October 2016 in its 42nd year of operation. Five UCAMA Board members attended the gala banquet and Nestor Makuch accepted the award on behalf of UCAMA.
2. **Ukrainian War Veterans Display Panels:** Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn has created a three panel display dedicated to memory of Ukrainian war veterans. The panels are comprised of photos from the UCAMA archival photograph collection and were selected by Larisa, Iryna Jendzjowsky and Khrystyna Kohut. The panels were on display at the Hetman Awards and are on display at City Hall during the month of November.
3. **Ukrainian Day at UCHV:** UCAMA again had a display and book stand in the Silska Domivka at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village on Ukrainian Day. Shostak prints and many books were sold with proceeds entering UCAMA's General coffers.
4. **Professional standing:** UCAMA is a Candidate in the Recognized Museum program within the Alberta Museums Association (AMA). This designation allows UCAMA to compete for AMA grants on a first consideration basis. UCAMA will be attempting to obtain AMA grants to address many urgent needs such as artifact cataloguing, exhibition planning, conservation and research. UCAMA is also a member of the Canadian Museums Association & the Canadian Heritage Information Network (CHIN).



## Ukrainian Canadian Social Services

UCSS activities have been consistently covering community needs that have emerged during the last three decades. The services provided by our agency did not duplicate services provided by the main stream organizations.

The UCSS continued to provide community, settlement and senior services.

- The majority of UCSS clients were residents of Edmonton, however the office received a number of inquiries from all over the Province mostly regarding settlement and immigration issues.
- Settlement program – UCSS has continued to help New Canadians to settle in Edmonton and surroundings – our programs covered initial needs of newcomers that included finding apartments, applying for SIN, Alberta Health Care Plan, school registration, job search and other related issues.
- Immigration and Settlement Programs
- Aid with citizenship applications.
- Immigration Services – UCSS provided general information about immigration regulations and possible ways to immigrate to Canada. There was more interest in coming to Canada to work, study or to join family members. Due to the recent situation in Ukraine the office responded to a number of inquiries on immigration programs.
- The office staff helped clients with filling out immigration, Canadian Citizen and Permanent Resident Card applications.
- A significant number of people turned to the office with inquiries regarding possibilities to find employers willing to hire temporary foreign workers.
- Providing information on community services for seniors, families, sick and isolated, women and youth.
- Community
- Help with various Family Benefit applications.
- Providing help to senior citizens with applying for senior benefits – Canadian Pension Plan, Old Age Security Pension, Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, Provincial Senior Benefits, City Property Tax and so on.
- Help with Employment Insurance applications - due to the economic downturn many New Canadians lost their jobs and turned to our office for help finding a new job.
- Commissioner for Oaths
- Translation and interpretation services .
- Monetary donations were given to Red Cross and St.John's Institute to help Fort McMurray fire disaster victims.
- Pomich Ukraini -
- Financial support was provided to St. John's Institute "Children for Peace" project. Our Branch continued to support the Soup Kitchens project conducted by the National UCSS and Social Services of Ukraine.
- The office staff worked with volunteers (bingo, casino, furniture moving, distribution of newsletter and fundraising envelopes).

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Lidija Simcisin  
Patrcia Worger

**Staff:** Ivanna Szewczuk, Coordinator of Community Services,  
Halyna Sukharyna Office Support Worker  
Membership: 72 registered members

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

### Branch Report and Affiliates:

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada, Edmonton Eparchy, has 21 branches: 9 in Edmonton, 2 in Calgary and 10 in rural locations, with a total membership of 789 plus 6 Honorary Life Members. We are affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Council – Edmonton Eparchy, Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council, the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations, the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations, and Ukrainian Canadian Women's Council, National Executive.

**Featured Projects:** Among the regular activities our branches take on in achieving our league's aims and resolutions, following are focus projects for 2015-16:

- Prayers and monetary support for Ukraine and its people.
- Major fundraiser in support of "Home of Hope" in Lviv, Ukraine.
- Charitable support for various organizations and charities (e.g. Edmonton, Eparchy, seminaries, Sadochok programs, youth/children's camps, SSMI, Ukr. Can. Social Services, St. Michael's Health Group, Mustard Seed, Friars')
- Publication of the book, The UCWLC: Builders of Home, Faith and Community, that Lena Sloboda, HLM has been working on; should be published by the end of 2016.
- Videotaping of 3 UCWLC members for the "Real Women of the UCWLC" Project, initiated by the National Executive; project continues in 2017.
- Another 2-day Children's Camp in July at St. Vladimir Parish in Red Deer
- For Convention 2015, planned sessions with excellent speakers who addressed issues that churches and families face in our contemporary world.
- Due to various unforeseen circumstances, several projects including children's events, were either cancelled, postponed or put on hold.

### Main Goals and Objectives:

1. To implement our Eparchial Resolution addressing family faith development and other resolutions passed at National Congress in July.
2. To bring our league into the 21st Century by visiting each branch, refreshing their information about the UCWLC (its structure, function and aims) and providing them with strategies to encourage younger women to join our organization.

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## Ukrainian Resource & Development Centre

MacEwan University has been active in Ukraine since 1991. URDC has spearheaded development and implementation of bilateral and multilateral projects that have linked MacEwan, and other Canadian stakeholders, with partner institutions in Ukraine in the areas of Health Education (Nursing), Business Education, Language Studies, Special Education and Inclusive Education. In 2015-16, URDC continued its long-standing tradition of implementing initiatives aimed at enhancing capacity of MacEwan and our partner universities and partner institutions in Ukraine.



URDC is happy to report that one of our recent projects received a grant from the Embassy of Canada to Ukraine, which provided for proliferation of the comprehensive contemporary nursing course on Mental Health Trauma/PTSD to other regions of the country. This year, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine integrated the course into the bachelor level national nursing curriculum.

In 2016, URDC organized several visits of MacEwan administrators, faculty and students to Ukraine: In May, the MacEwan delegation, which included President David Atkinson; Lucille Mazo, chair, Bachelor of Communication Studies; and Yuri Konkin, director, URDC, visited Ukraine for two weeks to meet with Dr. Lilia Hrynevych, the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine; Deputy Minister Dr. Pavlo Khobzei; Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, Roman Waschuk; faculty and students at our partner universities in Kyiv, Lviv and Ternopil. The visit provided opportunity to build upon long-standing partnerships by embarking on new projects in the areas of sociology, journalism, faculty development and student exchanges. MacEwan and Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) signed a new comprehensive MoU, which envisages cooperation between the two universities in the areas of Services for Students with Disabilities and student exchanges.

The delegation has been particularly impressed by the quality of Ukrainian students and their commitment to democratic reforms in the country. This provided impetus to our new initiative – student government exchanges, which will be implemented next year.

In July, four nursing students from MacEwan took part in the International Summer School for medical and nursing students organized by Ternopil State Medical University (TSMU). The students were dazzled by the richness of the program and Ukrainian culture. “It was a life –changing experience for us”, - said Kalika La Riviere upon return to Edmonton.

In August, Larisa Hayduk, a student advisor, MacEwan International, visited Ukraine to prepare a new community service learning course, which will be launched at MacEwan next year. The course will include a field placement in the summer camp for orphaned children in Vorozha, Ivano-Frankivsk region. URDC is fortunate to receive ongoing support from the Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE) and Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF), which play a crucial role in the success of our educational initiatives. Thank you for your generosity and collaboration!

## Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Alberta Provincial Executive

### UWAC-APE

- Our UWAC-APE executive has not changed. Our Biennial meeting will be held November 5, 2016. We have had the same executive for 2014-2016.
- We have fourteen branches with a total of 524 members in 2016 compared to 563 members in 2015.
- UWAC-APE celebrated its 85th Anniversary in 2015. We invited Soyuzanky to bring embroidered cushions and pillows to commemorate this milestone. Larisa Sembaliuk Cheladyn was the keynote speaker.
- UWAC-APE 85th Anniversary Memories Pillows and Cushions booklet is complete. Thank you to Dorothy Stachniak for her work in completing this project.
- UWAC-APE Newsletters – Victoria Zukiwsky prepared, printed and distributed two newsletters.
- Community Support – We have donated \$8,220 for August 2015 – September 2016.
- CYMK executive for 2015-2017: President – Andriy Kruhlak, Co-Vice Presidents – Lukian Kruhlak and Larysa Kuchta, Secretary – Rachel Zukiwsky, Treasurer – Roxoliana Tsisar, Advisor – Vivianne Kruhlak, Chaplain – Father Peter Haugen.
- On November 7, 2015, the Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch of UWAC held an Exhibit entitled Showcase of Recent Acquisitions: Honoring Donors and Donations.
- Betty Corlett prepared a wreath for Holodomor on behalf of CYMK, TYC & UWAC-APE. One representative from each organization shared laying the wreath at the cenotaph. Many attended the Holodomor Commemorations at City Hall on November 28, 2015.
- UWAC-APE is reading and studying Benjamin D. Williams and Michael T. McKibben's *Oriented Leadership: Why Every Christian Needs to Know*, (1994).



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