

PROMIN - OCTOBER, 2009

Now that October is here, we are well into the new organizational year with the usual round of Fall Suppers, Bazaars, and thoughts of annual meetings. We wish each branch much success with all your fall endeavors. Just a reminder that when you have your annual meeting, and you have a change in your core executive, we would appreciate it if you send us the names and addresses of new contacts right away rather than wait until you send in your anketa. This will enable us to update our mailing lists so that the correspondence can be sent to the correct addresses, and eliminate the need for forwarding.

October is also the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, a time for families to get together. Whether we mark this holiday within the circle of our own family or with our Church family, we wish everyone a joyful celebration, with our hearts full of reverence and gratitude for the bounty bestowed upon us by our Heavenly Father. Let us especially utter a prayer of thanks for the plenty, the peace, the freedom, and the safety we enjoy in this wonderful land in which He has planted us.

PROMIN

A luncheon to recognize the 50th Anniversary of our Journal Promin was held at the National CYC Convention in Regina. This was the first event held in honor of this significant milestone which comes next year. We encourage all Promin Convenors and Branches to start making their plans now for celebrating this special event.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following recipients of Awards, which were presented by His Excellency Dr. Ihor Ostash, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada:

The Honorable Ken Krawetz, Deputy Premier of Saskatchewan, recipient of the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise, Level V

Orest Warnyca, President, UCC – Regina Branch, and Eugene Krenosky, Past President, UCC – Saskatchewan Provincial Council, both recipients of the Medal for Meritorious Work and Achievement.

DOCUMENTARY FILM

Over 300 people attended the Premiere of "Okradena Zemlya", the Documentary Film on the 1932 – 1933 Famine-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine, which was held in Montreal on May 20, 2009 at the Ukrainian Youth Centre. "Okradena Zemlya" was produced in the Ukrainian language, and the English language version "Genocide Revealed" is now in the process of being made. These productions are under the patronage of the World Congress of Ukrainians.

An appeal is out to all members of the Ukrainian Community to assist with funding to cover costs associated with the production of these films. Anyone wishing to donate to this worthy project should make their cheques out to: MML Inc. – Genocide Revealed, and mail them to:

La Maison de Montage Luhovy Inc.
2330 Ave Beaconsfield
Montreal, Quebec H4A 2G8

TARAS SHEVCHENKO MONUMENT PROJECT

The Ottawa Shevchenko Monument Committee is working on establishing a monument to Taras Shevchenko in Canada's National Capital. This Committee is working with the Ukrainian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress National, and Ottawa's Ukrainian Community to bring this project to fruition.

The fundraising drive is managed through a special charitable account within the Shevchenko Foundation. They are appealing to the Ukrainian community for assistance with the project. Anyone wishing to donate can send their contribution to:

Ukrainian Canadian Foundation of Taras Shevchenko
"Ottawa Taras Shevchenko Monument" Account
202 – 952 Main Street
Winnipeg, MB R2W 3P4