

PROMIN REPORT - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER - 2009

Ukraine - Flu Pandemic

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress and the Canada Ukraine Foundation have launched an appeal to the Canadian Government, the Provincial Governments, and all Canadians to assist Ukraine with the serious outbreak of the H1N1 pandemic in the country.

They require specialized medical supplies such as antibiotics, sanitizers, masks, syringes, ventilators, and basic medical products. This appeal is being coordinated with the Embassy of Ukraine in Canada who will ensure rapid distribution of the supplies and support in Ukraine. According to the latest report, over one million people have been infected, and more than 50,000 hospitalized. The statistics are confirmed by World Health Organization officials working in Ukraine.

According to the information received from the UCC, at least two shipments of supplies have already been sent, and a third one should be on its way shortly. Any financial donations will be used to purchase the needed medical supplies, and cover transportation costs. We appeal to everyone to assist our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

For our UWAC members, make your cheques payable to Canada Ukraine Foundation, and send them to: UWAC National Office, Box 102, Cudworth, SK S0K 1B0

We will send all your cheques to CUF as one coordinated effort from UWAC. Along with the money collected, we will also send a list of all the branches or members who donated to this cause. Thank you for opening your hearts.

Membership Forms

We are reviving the membership forms used by UWAC in the past. These membership forms, when used consistently, and kept in branch archives, can serve to provide much needed information on the years of membership of individual members of a branch, especially when members relocate and cannot remember. We have had some requests regarding years served, and realize that this would make this info much easier to find. They will be sent out with the Anketa forms.

Pins

We have had requests for pins which would indicate the membership years of women who are being honored. Because we have a good number of pins on hand, we decided to make a bar showing the years with a chain which can be attached to the pins we have. The designations available are: 10 years; 25 years; 40 years; 50 years; 60 years; and 70 years.

New Project

Presently, we are discussing the possibility of preparing a Power Point presentation to be used as an informative and educational tool about all aspects of our Association. We have had some requests for material which can be used to communicate information about

the UWAC, especially to new members, and other interested individuals. We will keep you informed of our progress. The target date for presentation of this tool would be the USRL Convention in 2011.

Ukrainian Museum of Canada

The Ukrainian Museum of Canada is celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2011. In honor of this 75th Anniversary, the museum is presenting a Tour of Ukraine in 2011. This tour will take the participants to visit museums; various festivals; visiting villages; and of course, sightseeing. Interested individuals can get more information by contacting Janet Prebushewsky Danyliuk at 306 244 3800, or directorumc@sasktel.net.

The Ukrainian Museum, with representation from each of the Branch museums, held a mini-conference in addition to the Annual Meeting at the USRL Convention last August. The discussion centered around six questions, with reps from all the branches contributing. Much was gained from this communication.

The UMC is supported mainly by memberships and donations. Annual Operating costs for the museum are approximately \$250,000. We urge all UWAC members to also become members of the Museum. It belongs to us, let us give it our full support. A fine way to celebrate the 75th Anniversary would be to attain the goal of having each Soyuzanka also become a member of the museum. Individual memberships are \$25 per year, and family memberships are \$40.

Blue Heart Campaign

At the WFUWO Meeting in Lviv, Ukraine, Orysia Sushko chaired the roundtable on the "Trafficking of Humans", and the Blue Heart Campaign was launched. The horror and sadness of the pain and atrocities afflicted on the victims of human trafficking touches us all. It is time for everyone to unite and eradicate this "Cancer" from society.

We have now sent out the Blue Heart material to each UWAC Branch, and encourage all our members to support this campaign in whatever way you can. One of the most significant things we can do is talk to people about the campaign, give them information, and let them know how they can get involved.

For more information, the website address is: www.unodc.org/blueheart.

Those who do not use the website may get information by contacting:

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
PO Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria

Award Recipients

We congratulate all those who received the USRL Award of Excellence at the USRL Convention last August. We especially congratulate the Award recipients who are members of UWAC: BC: Gladys Andreas, Bessie Bonar, Maria Moskaluk(Posthumous), Stella Shulhan; Alberta: Zenovia Sakowsky, Lesia Pohoreski; Saskatchewan: Natalie Ostryzniuk, Jennie Ortynsky; Manitoba: Margaret Pestrak, Emily Bazylo; Ontario: Halia Sluzar

We also congratulate all the recipients of the UCC-SPC Nation Builders Award. Again, we especially congratulate the members of UWAC who received the Award: Katherine Woloschuk, Yorkton, and Carissa Klopoushak, Saskatoon.

We also congratulate Carissa Klopoushak, an accomplished violinist, on winning the 32nd Annual Eckhardt-Grammatte National Music Competition for the Performance of Canadian Music. Carissa is pursuing a Doctorate in Violin Performance at McGill University's School of Music. At this time Carissa is presenting a Recital Tour across Canada, accompanied by Pianist Philip Chiu. Carissa is the daughter of Larry and Alicia Klopoushak. Larry is the Director of Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir, and Alicia is a member of the National UWAC Executive, and President of Ol'ha Kobylanska Branch.

As this is the last report for 2009, I will now wish all of you a very Joyous celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and may the New Year 2010 be a happy one, and the best one you have ever had. God Bless!