

PROMIN REPORT - February, 2010

With the arrival of the new year 2010, the National Executive of the UWAC greets the Hierarchy and Clergy, and all members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada; the National Executive and all member organizations of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada; the Provincial Executives, branches, and members of the UWAC. We wish everyone good health, much happiness, and prosperity. May we continue to work together in peace, love, and harmony for the good of our Church, our organizations, and most of all toward the preservation of all our Institutions for our future - our children and grandchildren. May we keep all that we have worked for and achieved, alive, intact, and growing so that we can pass down to our children what our parents and grandparents worked for and proudly passed down to us.

Ukrainian Heroines

February is the month set aside for honoring the memory of our Ukrainian heroines, role models for all of us. When we study the lives and works of these remarkable women, we see them as defenders of our Faith, our Ukrainian homeland, our Nationalism, our traditions, and our people. They can be truly called as "living before their times". Perhaps the most-loved and remembered is Lesia Ukrainka, as so many of our branches across Canada have named her as their patron.

Last year in February, I issued a challenge to all branches to choose one, or a few of these heroines, research their lives and works, to become more familiar with their contributions. We would really enjoy hearing anything you may have done – please share your findings and experiences with us.

This year I issue another challenge: most of the branches were founded and named their patrons before many of us were born. I know that many younger women may not be familiar with the heroine that their branch is named after. Let each branch learn of the life and works of their patron. If you have older members who know, perhaps they can prepare a short presentation for one of your meetings. If there isn't anyone within your branch, you can organize a research team who will prepare and present the information to the rest of the members. Again, please let us know what you found. We can all benefit from learning from each other.

Ankety

The ankety have been sent out, either by post, or electronically. We did make slight changes in the 2010 ankety, so please note these when you are completing your forms. Please remember to send us the amounts of each of your donations. We make out a statistics report which shows where our branches donate, and we wish them to be accurate. These statistics serve to enlighten and inform everyone of the work that our branches and members do.

The membership Forms we mentioned did not go out with the anketa. These will come with the next newsletter.

Ukraine Pandemic

We had invited all branches and individuals to donate to our coordinated effort, so that one larger donation could be sent from the UWAC. The branches and individuals who chose this way of donating are:

British Columbia: St Olha Branch, Vernon; Lesia Ukrainka, Vancouver

Alberta: Ukrainian Women's Association of St. John's, Edmonton; Domika Ohienko UWAC Branch, (Lac La Biche) Athabasca; St. Anna's UWAC Branch, Edmonton; St. Andrew's Branch, Edmonton; Sylvia Gray, Edmonton; Chrystyna Chase, Edmonton.

Saskatchewan: Hanka Romanchych UWAC Branch, Saskatoon; Sheho Ukrainian Women's Association, Sheho; Olena Pchilka UWAC Branch, North Battleford; Lesya Foty, Saskatoon; Cecilia Kachkowski, Saskatoon; Peter and Zennia Yuzik, Cudworth.

Manitoba: Lesia Ukrainka UWAC Branch, Brandon; Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Eliah, Rossburn; Olha Basarabova UWAC Branch, Rossburn; Richard and Lavennia Belinsky, Rossburn; Louis and Phyllis Kurchaba, Rossburn; Nick and Shirley Kalyniuk, Rossburn; Wasyl F. Belbas, Rossburn; Dianna Sotas, Rossburn; Myron and Helen Kuzenko, Rossburn; Darrell and Myra Drul, Rossburn; Peter and Verna Strilesky, Rossburn.

The grand total of donations was **\$4775.00**. We sincerely thank all the donors for their generosity.

We know that there are branches and individuals who chose to send donations directly, and we thank them for their generosity as well. If any of these wish to send us their names, we will print them in our next report. Please remember to list these donations in your anketa reports.

May God Bless all of you for always remembering our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Anniversaries to Remember

Once again, a reminder that Both Promin and Ukrainian Voice are celebrating their anniversaries this year. We encourage each branch to mark these milestones with a special event organized by your branch.

We also striving in this Anniversary year, to attain the goal of having 100% of our UWAC members subscribing to Promin. We are calling on all Promin Convenors to work actively within their branches on order to achieve this goal.