

PROMIN REPORT - MARCH, 2010

Taras Shevchenko

1841 - 1861

March 9th marks the birthday of Ukraine's beloved poet and bard, Taras Shevchenko. In spite of being born into serfdom and poverty, Shevchenko became one of Ukraine's greatest poets, and is still revered today. Shevchenko is to the Ukrainians what Robert Burns is to the Scots. He is internationally known in literary circles, and many of his greatest works have been translated into other languages.

Many communities still hold programs to honor his memory, where they feature his works in readings and song. Let us resolve to revive this practice, and continue to set aside this special day, so that our youth of today learn his life story and his beautiful and inspiring works.

Our Lenten Journey

We have begun the journey through Lent, which will take us to the Cross, and ultimately to the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we go through Lent with humility and repentance. May we truly open our hearts and practice love and forgiveness of others, just as we expect the Lord to forgive us our transgressions. We will then greet the Resurrection with renewed hearts and minds, and joyfully celebrate Paska with love in our hearts, and a stronger faith.

May the coming Resurrection bring everyone happiness, and hearts filled with peace.

Ukraine Pandemic Donations

Since the last report, we have received a donation of \$250 from the Lesia Ukrainka Branch of Hamilton. This donation brings up the total of donations through our National Office to \$5025.

We also were informed that the St. Olha UWAC Branch in Sirko, MB directly sent \$100 to the Canada Ukraine Foundation. We thank them for the donation, and for sharing this information with us.

I am encouraging all branches and UWAC members who donated directly to this cause to let us know so that they can be acknowledged. We would like a record of the total contributions from the branches and members of UWAC.

Member Recognition

This is the time of year when long-time members are recognized and honored. We take this opportunity to congratulate all the members who are being honored this year. We thank them for their dedication and work, and wish them all many more happy, healthy years as members of UWAC.

It is also the time when new members are installed. We warmly welcome them to our Association, and wish them success, and good health. May their journey as UWAC members be a long and pleasant one.

We remind all the branches with new members to fill out the Member Application Forms, and mail them to the National and Provincial offices.

Anketa

The Anketa are slowly coming in, and we ask all branches to send, for archival purposes, a complete list of members along with your forms. From time to time we are asked about years of membership, and our only source of information is these membership lists.

Ukrainian Voice 100th Anniversary

March 14, 2010, is the day set aside for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Voice, which is the organ of communication for the CYC family of Organizations. This auspicious occasion is being celebrated with a banquet to be held in Winnipeg. To commemorate this 100th Anniversary, the Ukrainian Voice has established a SPECIAL CENTENNIAL HISTORY FUND, and hopes to collect \$100,000 to guarantee its future. The hope is that the Ukrainian community in Canada will support this fund to keep the Ukrainian Voice alive. We encourage you to contribute to this fund to help make this centennial year a success.

Blue Heart Campaign

In October, we sent out information about the UN Blue Heart Campaign against human trafficking to all branches. We again urge all members to support this campaign in any way that you can. Please spread the word by letting people know about the campaign, give them the contact information so that they learn about how they can get involved.