

NEWSLETTER FOUR -- MARCH, 2009

USRL CONVENTION - AUGUST, 2009

We are again reminding our membership that the CYC National Convention is a few months away. There will be information sent out to the branches very soon. We are in the process of planning the program for our UWAC sessions, and we anticipate some very crucial and important issues up for discussion, as well as important decisions to be made. We encourage as many branches as possible to send delegates so that all branches have input at the deliberations.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEES

We encourage each Provincial Constitution Committee to continue their work on the Constitution so that we receive all their suggestions by March 31/09. If you have any questions or concerns before then, do not hesitate to call us without delay. We will need some time to compile all the suggestions, after which we will be contacting the Provincial Constitution Chairs.

Note to all branches: We sent you the names of the committee members in our last newsletter. If your branch would like to propose any changes to the constitution, please contact your Provincial representative as soon as possible.

RESOLUTIONS - CHANGE OF DATE FOR SUBMISSION

Any Provincial Executive, Convenor, or branch wishing to submit resolutions for discussion at the convention should send them in by April 30/09. We need to get them earlier so that they can be printed in our Convention Booklet, as well as sent out to the branches before their meetings in June.

REPORTS

To all Provincial Presidents, Branches, Convenors: We are inviting you to send in reports of your activities during the past two years to be printed in the Convention Booklet. These articles should be submitted to us by the deadline date of May 15/09.

PROMIN ANNIVERSARY

We will be commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Promin at the National Convention in Regina. This commemoration will take place at the noon luncheon on Friday, August 7th. The Anniversary Committee consists of Cecilia Kachkowski, Alicia Klopoushak, and Sylvia Boychuk. This committee is presently involved in planning this important event.

It is our hope that, on this Anniversary Milestone in the publication of our very own journal, we truly realize how fortunate we are to be living in a country where we are allowed the freedom to have our own press, where our thoughts, our purpose, our ideals, our ethnic soul is not suppressed. We must value this freedom, and give a prayer of thanks every day that we live in a country where freedom prevails.

Let us cherish this journal, which helps us to stay connected in this vast land. It serves us in many forms which include informative articles; reports of activities within branches; any news that is associated with, or impacts our Association; important events; and very importantly, the opportunity for each of us to submit articles we want to share with others.

May we suggest that to truly mark this milestone we should strive to achieve an attainable goal. We encourage each member of UWAC to celebrate this anniversary by becoming a subscriber to Promin. We also encourage any UWAC member who has something of interest, or something important to share with the rest of us, to submit their articles for publication.

Many non-members of UWAC subscribe to, and enjoy reading Promin. We receive much positive feedback from members, non-members, and yes, even from men. Good comments from non-members underscore the quality of our journal. We should all be very proud of it.

WORLD FEDERATION OF UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

As a member organization of WFUWO, we receive information from their office, which is sent electronically. Some members of UWAC have expressed a desire to learn more about WFUWO. In answer to these requests, I have been electronically forwarding the information I get to the branches. All the information we get is in the Ukrainian language, and it is too time-consuming to translate the complete documents, therefore, at the request of some branches, I have been summarizing and sending you the important points.

For the branches who do not have email, we will send you the summaries with our newsletters, as mailing costs are very high. Again I ask you, if no one on your executive has an email address, but one of your members do, perhaps they can be your email contact. Please advise us as soon as possible .

To reiterate, the WFUWO website address is:

www.wfuwo.org

ARCHIVES

Many branches have disbanded for various reasons, and thought must be given to their archives, and the storage thereof. The question of what archival material consists of has been posed to us several times. The following list may be used as a guideline: Minute Books; Financial Ledgers; pertinent correspondence; photos of special events; speeches/reports written by branch members; as well as any publications produced by the branch. According to our Constitution, Archives from disbanded branches should be sent in to the National Office.

We have had questions regarding the “prapory”, or banners. These can be kept, as they are used when a member falls asleep in the Lord. However, they must be kept in a place where they are treated with respect, usually the church or church hall. We will be sending an informational letter to disbanded branches regarding their archives.

UKRAINIAN VOICE

We just received a Memo from the president of the Ukrainian Voice reminding us that 2010 marks the 100th Anniversary of the publication. We are enclosing this memo with this newsletter for your attention and consideration. Let me just add that “Ukrainskiy Holos” played a very important role in the growth and development of all our Ukrainian Institutions. It was part of the “glue” that held us together by keeping us informed and united. As a child growing up in a small community, I remember, as many of you do as well, the Holos coming into our home, and how much my parents looked forward to receiving it. I know that all my contemporaries will recall “Didus’ Naum”, and the pen pals we acquired through this page. Let us heed the call of the Holos Board of Directors, and help in any way that we can. In this memo they have given some ideas to use in fund-raising, and if we get creative, we can expand those ideas, and come up with our own. We encourage each branch and each member to answer this call, and support the quest to perpetuate the Ukrainian Voice, which always was, and still is the very integral and necessary organ of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada.

We are into the time of Great Lent, and the time of fasting. Let us focus on what the fast really means. Each time we abstain, we are to remember the reason for this abstinence. It is not for the sake of abstinence alone, but it is there to help us concentrate wholly on our soul, our inner being, on becoming better than we were yesterday, and the day before. Let us all work at becoming kinder and more loving toward one another. Let us all work at seeing the good in those around us. Let us refrain from being critical and judgemental. If we can just sincerely work on these few personal traits, and truly grow in them, our fasting will not have been in vain. Since this is the last newsletter before Pascha, I will wish all of you a happy Easter at this time. May you greet the greatest Feast of the year, the joyous Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, with happiness in your soul, and a song in your heart.

God Bless!
Zennia Yuzik