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СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!

СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

We have reached the end of our third month in the new organizational year. How quickly time goes by. It seems that the Convention took place just a short while ago. There are various activities going on in the branches. We wish you well in all that you are doing.

PROMIN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

A luncheon to recognize the 50th Anniversary of Promin was held at the National CYC Convention in Regina in August, 2009. This was the first of many events which will be held in honor of this significant milestone which comes in 2010. The guest speaker was Promin Editor, Orysia Sushko. An article which included photos was published in the September issue of the Journal.

With the 2010 anniversary quickly approaching, we encourage all Promin Convenors and all Branches to begin, and move ahead with plans for celebrating this special event. We especially urge all the Promin Convenors to stay in touch with the branches in their province, and help and encourage them with their planning. We also encourage anyone who has a unique, or interesting idea for this celebration, which they would like to share with everyone, to contact us and we can pass these ideas on to the rest.

One of the best ways we can mark this milestone is by reaching the goal of having each UWAC member subscribe to our Journal. We encourage all Promin Convenors to help their province reach this goal. We will be sending out more information in future mailouts.

BLUE HEART CAMPAIGN

At the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations (WFUWO) meeting held in Lviv, Ukraine in August, 2009, Orysia Sushko chaired the roundtable on "Trafficking of Humans". At that time, the Blue Heart Campaign was launched to create awareness of this international problem. Included with this newsletter is information on this campaign. The horror and the sadness of the pain and atrocities afflicted on the victims of human trafficking touches us all. It is just another example of

“man’s inhumanity to man”. It is time for everyone to unite and eradicate this “cancer” from our society.

We encourage all our members to support this campaign in whatever way you can, and we are enclosing some information with this letter. One of the most significant things we can do is talk to people about this campaign, give them the information, and let them know how they can get involved. Let us do our part, spread the word. To get more information, the website address is printed in the brochure. 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.

CYC/USRL CONVENTION, 2009

We report that the 56th Biennial Convention of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League held in Regina in August, 2009 was interesting, informative and successful. There were 203 registrants with the breakdown as follows:

- CYMK: 77 (67 & 10 advisors)
- UWAC: 57
- TYC: 42
- Ukrainian Museum of Canada (UWAC) 15
- Institutes: 4;
- CYC: 1;
- Guests:7.
- Of the 57 UWAC delegates, the Provincial breakdown was as follows:
 - British Columbia – 6
 - Alberta – 13
 - Saskatchewan – 20
 - Manitoba – 9
 - Eastern - 9

REPORT FROM THE UWAC SESSIONS:

1. **PANEL PRESENTATION** One of the highlights of the UWAC sessions was the Panel Presentation. The speakers were as follows:

CYMK – Christina Kowalenko, Jordan Wellbourne, and Melanie Hawrysh, who very eloquently spoke on the Perspective of CYMK, and their vision of their involvement in the CYC family, as well as their vision of CYC in the future.

UWAC – Geraldine Nakonechny, shared her thoughts on her vision for UWAC in the future, and the role of UWAC in the Church. It is vital that each UWAC member have the opportunity to hear Geraldine’s enlightening and interesting ideas. Therefore, her presentation will be printed in Promin in the future.

TYC - Yaroslav Lozowchuk had the topic of CYC and the relationships within the CYC family.

It was unfortunate that we did not have enough time for discussion, as the CYMK presentation brought forth many crucial points that need to be addressed immediately. We are in the process of contacting all CYMK Convenors with information and ideas they can begin implementing in their respective provinces right away.

The CYMK presenters brought forth a number of points which are vital to the future of their organization, and to the very survival and existence of CYC as a whole. They spoke candidly of their concerns, and their feelings regarding the CYC family, some of which are as follows;

- Communication between CYMK and CYC needs to be addressed. The organizations don't seem to know how to reach one another.
- CYMK doesn't understand the relevance of UWAC, TYC and CYC. We should sit down and discuss the relevance. They don't really know what we do, nor what we stand for. There isn't much motivation for them to get involved in something they don't know much about or understand.
- It was noted that personal issues emerge. They find it difficult to understand why rifts between, or among, members of an organization or congregation keep them from wanting to get involved. These rifts and divisions impact negatively on the growth of the Church and the organizations.
- There should be a welcoming feeling, which would make them feel part of the group.
- We should be open-minded, and listen to their needs, make them feel less intimidated.
- They want to know about the interesting things that we do.

From this discussion we see that we have a monumental task ahead of us. We have not done very well in the areas of teaching them about CYC – the structure, the purpose and work of each organization, and the relationship between CYC and our church. They feel that the organizational emphasis is on fundraising. We need to help them to understand that the existence of our Church, our institutions, and the continuation of us being recognized as a distinct ethnic community within the structure of Canadian society depends entirely upon us remaining strong and united through our organizations and our Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

CYC/USRL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE 2009

We offer sincere congratulations to the following UWAC members who were awarded the CYC/USRL Award of Excellence at the August, 2009 convention in Regina:

1. Halia Sluzar - Sophia Rusova Branch, Mississauga, ON
2. Emily Bazylo - Lesia Ukrainka Branch, Transcona, MB
3. Margaret Pestrak - Lesia Ukrainka Branch, Winnipeg, MB
4. Jennie Ortynsky - Maria Markovych Branch, Canora, SK
5. Natalie Ostryzniuk - Daughters of Ukraine Branch, Regina, SK
6. Lesia Pohoreski - St. John's Cathedral Branch, Edmonton, AB
7. Zenovia Sakowsky - St. Andrew's Branch, Edmonton, AB
8. Gladys Andreas - Olha Kobyljanska Branch, Surrey, BC
9. Bessie Bonar - Olha Kobyljanska Branch, Surrey, BC
10. Maria Moskaluk (posthumous) - Olha Kobyljanska Branch, Surrey, BC
11. Stella Shulhan - Lesia Ukrainka Branch - Vancouver,

We wish you all continued good health and success!

2. MEMBERSHIPS:

The Provincial Executives have been receiving \$2.00 from each \$15.00 membership that is sent to National. In these times they are finding it difficult to work with such a small budget, especially since membership numbers have dropped. Therefore, **a motion was passed that the membership fee for 2010 sent to National will increase to \$20.00/member. Of each membership, the Provincial Executives will receive \$5.00, which will help them in their work.**

We are reviving the use of Membership Forms for new members of UWAC. We have had requests for the number of membership years of several members, which involves much searching through archives. These membership forms will provide this information and, therefore, they should be kept in the branch and Executive archives. The forms will be included with the Anketa mailout.

3. SMOLOSKYP PINS:

We have had some requests for pins which would show the membership years of women who are being honored. We have decided on a bar showing the years with a chain which can be attached to our existing pins. The designations available are: 10 years; 25 years; 40 years; 50 years; 60 years; and 70 years. The bars have been ordered from a firm in Saskatoon and will soon be available to order.

4. PROMIN:

We need to increase the subscription base of Promin. To achieve this target, we are encouraging every member of UWAC to subscribe to the Journal, in keeping with a resolution which was passed at the UWAC session at the National CYC/USRL Convention in Regina in August, 2009 as follows:

Be It Resolved that this convention strongly urge every member to subscribe to this important publication thereby promoting the growth of its readership and influence amidst the Ukrainian community in Canada and abroad and,

Be it Resolved that each branch and Provincial Executive develop unique recognition events for Promin's continued successful existence through a program of voluntary personal donations and organizational sponsorships and,

Be It Resolved that this convention solicits from its members articles of general interest as well as articles regarding organizational events for publication in the journal.

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What a wonderful and significant way that would be to celebrate the 50th year of the Journal. It is our own publication, it is our communication tool. There is no other publication where we can print our activities, our achievements, our history, share stories, photos, etc., for others to learn what we are doing. Just like the UWAC is the only Ukrainian Orthodox women's organization, Promin is the only publication for this organization. Let us make more use of Promin for communicating with the rest of the branches. We are looking for more articles, news events, ideas to share, photos, from all of you. The Journal is as good as we make it. Let us participate. Please include a donation with each article to help with cost of publishing.

New ideas for celebrating the anniversary:

- Dedicate a Tea or Luncheon to Promin, at which you present information about the Journal, and collect donations.
- A project for each branch: Get ten new subscriptions in 2010.
- Buy a subscription for a local or church library.

Each Promin Convenor should make an effort to sell advertisements from their community to be published in Promin. There will be more info regarding ads forthcoming.

5. UKRAINIAN MUSEUM OF CANADA (UWAC):

We, the UWAC, are the owners of the Ukrainian Museum of Canada of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada. As such, we are responsible for its upkeep. "The UMC is a well established and respected Canadian cultural institution which enjoys an international reputation". It was organized by forward-thinking UWAC members who devoted countless hours toward making it a reality. They organized, raised funds, acquired artifacts, and built a state-of-the-art building. All we have to do is upkeep and maintain. Surely we can do that.

The foresight and diligence of these founding members, members with the same attributes who followed them, as well as those who presently still continue the work, have brought the UMC to the forefront of cultural institutions in Canada today. We need the Museum to help educate our youth about our history and culture, and to share this history and culture with others. In fact, if the trend continues, the Museum may one day become the only venue where future generations of Ukrainians will be able to get first-hand information about their heritage.

However, in these economic times, the Museum finds itself in a dire financial position. They have had to dip into the Foundation Fund for monthly operating expenses, which is not a good position to be in. Annual operating costs are approximately \$250,000. We all know that a museum is not a money-making entity. Museums survive on government funding, donations, and membership. At present, there is very little government funding available. That means that the funding has to come from donations and memberships from our people. If the museum is to continue existing, we have to put more effort into providing for its needs. There was a joint session held at the CYC Convention in 2003, where the plight of the museum was discussed, and both UWAC and TYC pledged to contribute at least \$20,000 yearly from each organization to help with operating costs. With your help, the UWAC has just been meeting this pledge, and even with that amount there is a shortfall. It is our hope that everyone will respond to the call and be generous with their donations.

We are encouraging all UWAC members to also become members of the Museum. UMC individual memberships are \$20 per year, and family memberships are \$45. A membership gives you unlimited admission to the museum, and a 10% discount at the Boutique. Often, the availability of funding is based on the number of members, thus the number of members needs to increase.

The year 2011 marks the 75th anniversary of the UMC. What better way to celebrate this occasion than by becoming members and supporting this treasure which we have! Please make an effort to visit your museum, be it the Main Branch or the one in your province, at least once a year, and for those who have never been there, you will be pleasantly surprised. An idea might be to organize a branch excursion to your museum, where all the members can travel together and enjoy a "Ladies' Day Out."

6. CHAPLAINCY

According to the 2009 Ankety, some of the branches have yet to name a chaplain for their branch. There was a resolution passed at the 2007 CYC/USRL Convention in Winnipeg that each UWAC branch should have a chaplain. We encourage the branches to fulfill this resolution. Each Provincial Executive should name a chaplain as well if you have not yet done so.

7. NATION BUILDERS AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARDS UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS SASKATCHEWAN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

We congratulate Katherine Woloschuk, a member of Olena Pchilka UWAC branch in Yorkton, SK, as a recent recipient of a Community Recognition Award from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Saskatchewan Provincial Council. Katherine was selected for her community leadership in the areas of cultural preservation and development.

Also a recipient, in the Youth Achievement Category, was Carissa Klopoushak . Carissa is the daughter of Larry and Alicia Klopoushak of Saskatoon. Larry is the Director of Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Choir and Orchestra. Alicia is President of Olha Kobylanska UWAC Branch in Saskatoon and is a CYMK/UOY Convenor on the current National UWAC Executive.

We also congratulate Carrissa Klopoushak, an accomplished violinist, on winning the 32nd Annual Eckhardt-Grammatte National Music Competition for the Performance of Canadian Music. At this time, she is presenting a recital tour across Canada, accompanied by pianist, Philip Chiu. Carissa's many accomplishments include the following:

- The City of Brandon prize for best performance of a Commissioned Work- "Chaccone" by Patrick Carabre
- Member of Schulich String Quartet
- Frequent performances with the National Arts Centre Orchestra
- Artistic Director of the Ritornello Music Festival in Saskatoon
- Member of Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Choir and Orchestra, Saskatoon
- Member of *Tym i Tam* Entertainment Band, Saskatoon

Residents of Saskatoon and area have enjoyed Carissa's talent on many occasions. We all wish her much success in her pursuits.

If anyone has a question regarding any of these reports, please write or call our office.

Enclosed in this package are the following materials:

For those branches who were not at the Convention:

- A Convention Booklet
- Promin Anniversary mementos
- Statistical Report presented at the Convention
- Blue Heart Campaign material
- Translations of World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations (CФУЖО) Protokols 17 and 18 for those branches who do not have e - mail

We wish all of you much success with everything you have planned to accomplish during this organizational year. In addition to your regular activities this year, we encourage you to plan at least one "Fun" activity for all your members. It's amazing what something out of the regular routine can do for re-energizing and revitalizing a group, and of course, remember to share your "Fun" activity with all of us in Promin. God Bless!

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