

## **UKRAINIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

### **Newsletter Seven - January, 2010**

**Chrystos Narodyvsia!**

**Slavimo Yoho!**

#### **GREETINGS**

In this first Newsletter of the New Year 2010, I greet: the Hierarchy, Clergy, and Members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada; the Presidents and Members of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada; the Executives and Members of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada; the editors of Promin; the Board, Staff, and Members of the Ukrainian Museum of Canada; the Editorial Staff, and Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Voice.

I wish each of you a happy, memorable, and prosperous 2010. May the Lord bless each one of you with good health, success, and all that is good.

#### **BRANCH MEMBERSHIP LISTS**

In the past, the National Office has asked each branch to send a list of members along with their anketa. We are reviving this practice, and are asking each branch to include a list of your members when you send in your forms.

We have had questions regarding years of membership when branches wish to honor members, and unless we have these membership lists, we are unable to provide this assistance. Each branch would also do well to keep a list of members each year with your records.

#### **MEMBERSHIP FORMS**

In the past we have used Application for Membership Forms for new members of a branch. We are reviving this practice as well. Please keep one copy for your records, and mail copies to both National and Provincial Executives. These will also help to provide information with the number of years of membership. It is especially helpful when members move from one community to another, as years are often in question.

#### **SOBOR 2010**

We have received an informational letter from the Sobor Committee acknowledging the continuous support the UWAC gives to the UOCC, and the hope that we will offer financial support to help cover costs involved in organizing this very important and very necessary event in our Church, which happens every five years. We can donate either by placing ads in the Sobor Binder, or by donating. (All donations of \$100 or more received up to and including June 1, 2010 will appear in the Sobor 2010 Binder.)

We encourage each branch to donate to this cause according to their means. Our first mandate has always been, and must continue to be, "To support and execute all manner of deeds and acts that contribute to the continual growth of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, ....."

Please make all cheques payable to: The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.  
 Mail your cheques to: Sobor 2010, 9 St. John's Ave., Winnipeg, MB R2W 1G8  
 If your branch would wish to place an Ad in the Sobor Binder, please check with your Church Executive for the information, or, call our office and we will forward the necessary info to you. All Ads must be in by April 25, 2010.

**DONATIONS TO THE UKRAINE PANDEMIC FUND**

We thank the branches and individuals that donated to the Canada Ukraine Foundation through our National Office. We have sent in the cheques and the donor's names, and you should be receiving your receipts sent directly to you. We realize that some branches and individuals sent in their donations on their own, but we don't have that info. If you wish to send us this info, we can acknowledge your donations in the next newsletter.

Ukraine Pandemic Donor List (sent through the UWAC Office):

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| Hanka Romanchych Branch, Saskatoon,SK .....                         | \$ 500.00        |
| Olha Kobylanska UWAC Branch, Sheho, SK.....                         | 100.00           |
| Ukrainian Women's Assoc. of St. John's Cathedral, Edmonton, AB..... | 300.00           |
| Lesia Ukrainka UWAC Branch, Brandon, MB.....                        | 200.00           |
| Olena Pchilka UWAC Branch, North Battleford, SK.....                | 100.00           |
| Dominika Ohienko UWAC Br.,Lac La Biche Parish District,AB.....      | 200.00           |
| St Olha UWAC Branch, Vernon, BC.....                                | 200.00           |
| Lesia Ukrainka UWAC Branch, Vancouver, BC.....                      | 200.00           |
| St. Anna's UWAC Branch, Edmonton, AB.....                           | 200.00           |
| Lesia Ukrainka UWAC Branch, Hamilton, ON.....                       | 250.00           |
| Ukrainian Women's Assoc. of St Andrew's, Edmonton, AB.....          | 1000.00          |
| Olha Basarabova UWAC Branch, Rossburn, MB.....                      | 500.00           |
| Lesya Foty, Saskatoon, SK.....                                      | 50.00            |
| Cecilia Kachkowski, Saskatoon,SK.....                               | 50.00            |
| Chrystyna Chase, Edmonton, AB.....                                  | 200.00           |
| Peter & Zennia Yuzik, Cudworth, SK.....                             | 50.00            |
| Sylvia Gray, Edmonton, AB.....                                      | 100.00           |
| Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Eliah, Rossburn, MB.....           | 200.00           |
| Richard & Lavennia Belinsky, Rossburn, MB.....                      | 100.00           |
| Louis & Phyllis Kurchaba.....                                       | 100.00           |
| Nick & Shirley Kalyniuk, Rossburn, MB.....                          | 100.00           |
| Wasyf F. Belbas, Rossburn, MB.....                                  | 100.00           |
| Diana Sotas, Rossburn, MB.....                                      | 100.00           |
| Myron & Helen Kuzenko, Rossburn, MB.....                            | 50.00            |
| Darrell & Myra Drul, Rossburn, MB.....                              | 50.00            |
| Peter & Verna Strilesky, Rossburn, MB.....                          | 25.00            |
| <b>Grand Total.....</b>   | <b>\$5025.00</b> |

We thank all the donors for opening their hearts to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Each year our UWAC branches donate generously to various causes in Ukraine, and we are most grateful for this help, which is so much needed.

Every branch and each member can, and should be, proud of the variety of humanitarian aid we provide here at home, as well as to Ukraine. It is very commendable to share, and to give unselfishly, with love and caring, as we are called on to do.

### **UKRAINIAN VOICE**

We remind everyone again that this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ukrainian Voice, which has served, and still serves as the cultural publication, the communication tool for the USRL. We encourage all members to become subscribers to the Voice, and to use it for disseminating information about our organizations. It has now become a bi-lingual publication, so there are articles for everyone to read.

It is up to all of us to make certain that we support it so that it can continue to keep us united and informed. Subscriptions may be acquired in three ways:

- a) Yearly subscription rate is \$40, which includes GST,  
or,
- b) You may purchase two shares in the Voice at \$25 each, which would give you a one-year subscription,  
or,
- c) You may purchase three shares in the Voice at \$25 each, which would give you a two-year subscription.

Send your subscriptions to: The Ukrainian Voice  
842 Main St.  
Winnipeg, MB R2W 3N8

We must again reiterate that it is our Church; the USRL component Organizations; our publications – Ukrainian Voice, Promin, Visnyk, that have kept us strong, united, informed, and have given us the status of a recognized ethnic community in Canada. Without these Institutions we would not be where we are today.

Our predecessors realized this, and made certain that they laid the foundation for our success, and the perpetuation of our Church and our culture. They worked, built, and sacrificed, with an outlook toward the future of the Ukrainian community in Canada.

Let us not forget their dream.

It seems that we have fallen away somewhat from that forward-thinking outlook. Today's attitude seems to be geared more toward thinking of now, today, this year. We are not quite as willing to give of ourselves, our time, our resources, as did those who came before us. Could that be one of the reasons for our declining numbers? It certainly gives us food for thought.

**New Branch**

We are very pleased to welcome a new UWAC Branch in Red Deer, AB. Two members of the Alberta Provincial Executive, President, Geraldine Nakonechny and Leona Bridges, attended an Organizational Meeting in Red Deer on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They were very much uplifted by the enthusiasm of the prospective members of this branch. We, from the National Office, will be going out to meet with them as soon as is possible. May God bless this new branch, its members, the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Red Deer, and grant them all many healthy, successful years.

Again, I wish each UWAC branch and all members a very good and successful 2010. May the Lord Bless everyone with good health, and happiness, and help you to continue your good works.

Zennia Yuzik, President.