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In June, the Edmonton Seniors made a bus excursion that included a visit to Devonian Botanical Gardens of the University of Alberta. After taking a holiday in July and August, the group resumed activity in September, with their annual meeting. A report on their activities, with photos, appears on Page 8.

Scanner Update

The October, 2009, issue of the “UCH” drew readers’ attention, based on a *Toronto Sun* story, to new technology which had been tested for six months at Kelowna airport in British Columbia. About a month later, another story on the subject appeared in the *Toronto Star*, with additional details.

This later story reports that the scanner, which uses terahertz rays (T-rays), has been installed as a primary screener at 19 US airports, replacing the metal detectors familiar to all flyers. It is also being used in Amsterdam, Mel-

bourne, and Moscow. This would suggest that the “comply or don’t fly” future projected in the “UCH” in October has already arrived in some locations.

At Manchester Airport in Britain, the scanner is an optional alternative for flyers who find it too much trouble to take off their jackets and empty their pockets.

At Canadian airports, the procedure is usually a walk through a metal detector with empty pockets, while one’s belongings are x-rayed. A scan with a wand follows if the metal detector detects

metal. “Pat downs” are somewhat rare, reserved (one suspects) for people who comment on airport security, even in humorous vein. Strip searches have been even rarer, mostly reserved for people suspected of smuggling. The use of “have been” in the previous sentence is deliberate, as the T-ray scanner may make it far more common.

Some officials speak in terms that suggest that passengers actually look forward to undergoing a full-body scan, and there may indeed be a number of exhibitionists who revel in the thought of someone examining outlines of their buttocks, breasts and genitals.

One suspects, however, that the exhibitionists are far outnumbered by people who are not comfortable with such inspections, even if they submit to them, and by many others who, from personal modesty or cultural (religious) values will feel quite violated.

Reaction against the new technology has been reflected in debate in the European Commission Parliament.

The T-ray scanner has also been debated in the US Congress, where a bill by Jason Chaffetz of Utah, opposing the use of full-body scanners as a primary security device, was passed in June by the House of Representatives, and is moving toward a vote in the Senate.

“Nobody needs to see my wife and children naked to secure an airplane,” says Mr. Chaffetz.

— W. Szczesny

Now We Know

Earlier, we could only suspect ulterior motives behind the stimulus plans of the Conservative government.

Our suspicions were heightened when Toronto’s plans to buy transit vehicles in Thunder were rejected, with a demand for local projects.

Now, our suspicions are confirmed as we see Conservative MPs spread across the country claiming Conservative Party, and even personal, credit as they spend our tax money on local projects.

So who’s surprised that the main idea all along was self-serving photo ops, not useful, recession-fighting spending?

Tory Law Meaningless

Federal Court judge Mr. Justice Michael Shore has ruled, in effect, that the fixed-date election law passed in 2007 by the Conservative government is meaningless.

The judge’s ruling was the outcome of an effort by Democracy Watch to have the 2008 election declared unfair and illegal because, under the legislation which amended the Canada Elections Act, the election was to be held on October 19, 2009.

Judge Shore ruled that the group, represented by Peter Rosenthal, had not established that the snap election had put opposition parties or their supporters at a disadvantage.

Mr. Justice Shore also ruled that the Conservative election legislation did not clearly restrict when the Prime Minister can ask the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament, nor did it change the Governor-General’s ability to dissolve Parliament.

Effectively, the ruling says that, if this law means anything at all, it means exactly what the government says it means at any given time, enhancing Parliament’s Harper-induced *Alice in Wonderland* quality.

Democracy Watch’s reaction was that Mr. Justice Shore, ruling relatively quickly after he heard arguments, erred in several ways. “The higher courts need to rule on this.”

The Federal Court of Appeal, the next step, will probably not consider the case for at least another half-year.

It can be expected that the ruling of the Federal Court of Appeal will be appealed, and so on, up to the Supreme Court.

What is not clear is what remedies might be available to any aggrieved parties, including Canadian voters and taxpayers, in the event that the election is finally judged to have been illegal. The Canada Elections Act, in its list of punishments for various breaches of the Act, does not specify any punishment for violating the clause in Part 5 Date of General Election, which reads “56.1...

“(2) Subject to subsection (1), each general election must be held on the third Monday of October in the fourth calendar year following polling day for the last general election, with the first general election after this section comes into force being held

on Monday, October 19, 2009.”

While that seems clear enough, Mr. Justice Shore explained in 31 pages why it really isn’t.

While Mr. Justice Shore is probably right about the power of the Governor-General, which is specified in the Constitution Act and explicitly preserved in the Canada Elections Act, the rest is moot.

Many more trees will die, as the popular phrase goes, to permit Democracy Watch to argue that the law should be the law, to allow the Conservative government lawyers to claim that the government should be “The Decider”

when it comes to the law, and to enable learned judges to explain how the Canada Elections Act, the Constitution Act, common law, parliamentary tradition, Conservative and Harper government statements when the law was being discussed, and the kitchen sink bear on the 2008 election.

At least seven provinces and territories have fixed-date election laws which may be affected by the disposition of the current case.

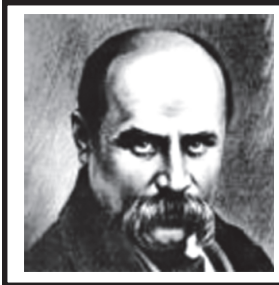
— Carl Honour

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Taras Shevchenko Museum

Museum Reception

The Taras H. Shevchenko Museum in Toronto opened its most recent exhibit on September 20 with a wine-and-cheese reception.

The exhibit of Oryst Sawchuk's art works was several years in the planning, and its opening-day reception was well-attended by a sizable crowd of supporters, as well as by Ukrainian Consul General Oleksandr Danyleiko.

Also attending was a past Dean of Architecture of Ryerson University, Mr. Jules Paivio. Mr. Paivio was a great hero of the 1930s, having volunteered at the age of 19 to fight against the General Franco fascists in the Spanish Civil War.

Oryst Sawchuk's exhibit itself contained several anti-war pieces, including "Dogs Of War" (a mixed media drawing), and "War Is Not

The Answer" (a pen-and-ink watercolour).

A local television reporter and a cameraman from the Ukrainian Canadian program "Svitohlad" filmed the proceedings.

Interviews given by Oryst during the afternoon touched on some of the themes which were reflected in his exhibit. In addition to his obvious anti-war stance (already mentioned), he also felt that his art was strongly infused with the love of, and concern for, his fellow man ("humanism" is the term he used).

Master of Ceremonies at the reception was Museum President William Harasym, while Museum Curator Lyudmyla Pogoryelov gave the key address in introducing the exhibit.

— **George Borusiewich**

— *Story photos: Mike Stefiuk*



Sharing a moment were (left to right) Oryst Sawchuk, Consul General Oleksandr Danyleiko, and Jules Paivio.



Lyudmyla Pogoryelov introduced the exhibition.



Bill Harasym was Master of Ceremonies.

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN HERALD READERSHIP SURVEY

A committee has been established to review all aspects of the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* in preparation for the upcoming AUUC convention. To assist this committee, would you kindly respond to the following questions?

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- AUUC history _____
- AUUC branch news _____
- Myron Shatulsky's articles _____
- Canadian concerns _____
- Other _____

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Law and Order

An Editorial by Wilfred Szczesny

The Conservative government is making an important but little publicized expenditure toward economic pump-priming: it is more than doubling the budget for construction and maintenance of prisons to accommodate the enlarged prison populations expected to flow from its tougher war on crime. (From \$88.5 million in 2006-07, the corrections infrastructure budget is projected to grow to \$211.6 million in 2010-11.)

In the short term, the Conservatives will renovate existing facilities and add new wings. In the longer term, the sky's the limit — whatever it takes to hold the bad guys (and basically good guys who made a mistake) while they get "badder", until they are bad enough that we can let them out with confidence that they will return. The government already has some land in mind for the construction of bigger and better regional prisons.

To encourage recidivism, Ottawa will transfer more prisoners from provincial jails and youth facilities into adult federal prisons. This will be done by ensuring longer sentences, drastically cutting allowance for time served or good behaviour, and trying juveniles as adults.

The government will also cut such programs as the 150-year-old prison-farm program (after all, only 1% of inmates end up in agriculture after release from prison). Prison-farm land will be rented to farmers while the government decides where to put the new prisons. (Coincidence? I think not.) The \$4 million dollar budget, the government says, can be better spent elsewhere. However, it does not actually promise to spend it on skills with more marketable skills like landscaping. More likely, it will go to buy the food no longer grown on prison-farms.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, apparently, likes the Conservative war on crime, perhaps because it will lead to greater opportunities for careers in law enforcement (that is, more jobs for cops), or maybe just not to appear soft on crime (like all those Liberals, especially in the Senate).

Other groups, like the Criminal Lawyers Association point out that many law-and-order American states are abandoning the tough-sentencing approach because of the high cost of keeping so many people in prison. (The average yearly cost of keeping a man in a Canadian prison is about \$100,000 or more.)

Of course, the tough-on-crime gang is always happy to find the money for prisons. It's childcare funding they have a problem justifying.

COMMENTARY

A Disquieting Case

You have probably seen it in old (and maybe some new) war movies. The exchange goes something like, "Halt! Who goes there?"

"A friend!"

"Sez you. Who won the World series?"

The good guys always know the answer. The bad guys, presumably, never do. That's how it works in films.

Switch to real life, and a situation in which a Canadian woman in a foreign country is trying to get home. Canadian officials from the Canadian High Commission, apparently, tried an extended version of the "friend or foe?" test to determine whether Suaad Hagi Mohamud, a Canadian of Somali origin, was herself or someone else when she tried to board a plane in Nairobi, Kenya.

At least, the government claims that it did that test, as it defends itself against a \$2.5 million lawsuit. Ms. Mohamud failed miserably on May 21, 22 and 25, they say, when she was vague and evasive. The official version has been that Ms. Mohamud was asked questions and did not provide satisfactory (to the government official) answers in a convincing (to a government official) way.

Of course, the government has been caught lying about this case, so one can not be certain of the facts. It does seem that, on one matter at least (the name of Ms. Mohamud's son), the Canadian official, not Ms. Mohamud, was confused.

Whatever. On May 28, the Canadian officials decided that Ms. Mohamud was actually someone else, and they so informed the Kenyans.

However, it seems that they were not totally certain — when the request came for a Canadian official to testify

at Ms. Mohamud's fraud trial, no one rushed forward. They did not want to leave themselves open to prosecution if Ms. Mohamud turned out actually to be a Canadian.

Given their doubts, one might expect that the Canadian High Commission would continue to pursue an investigation. Instead they closed the investigation but, the *Toronto Star* reports, when Ms. Mohamud's Member of Parliament Joe Volpe started to ask questions they told him that they were working with Kenyan authorities in a continuing investigation of Ms. Mohamud's identity.

The *Toronto Star* indication is that, after the "Star" published the story on July 2, officials claimed that Ms. Mohamud was definitely an imposter. The next day, according to written information, Foreign Affairs was asking about options like fingerprinting and genetic testing.

DNA tests, which could have been done far earlier, ultimately established Ms. Mohamud's identity, and she was finally able to come home.

Why would Ms. Mohamud not get her son's birthday exactly right in agreement with the official record, why would she (a Toronto resident) not know what the TTC is, or what the connection is between Toronto and Lake Ontario, or where the Eaton Centre stands? Why would she hesitate with her answers, or look evasive?

If we knew Ms. Mohamud better, we might know the reason, or perhaps (as the case may be), some of the reasons. We might also know what effect her predicament had on her responsiveness.

Whatever the explanation(s), and there are probably understandable ones, Ms. Mohamud seems not to have

answered to someone's satisfaction.

Well, life is not a movie, and the good guys do not always give the right answer, and the bad guys very well may.

The government had other, objective, means to test Ms. Mohamud's claim, but only resorted to those when compelled to do so. In between their final wrong conclusion, that she was an imposter, on May 28, and her final vindication months later, the government devoted more resources to misleading the public (if the *Toronto Star* on October 2 is to be believed) than to establishing the truth.

This case is disquieting in several ways.

One disquieting aspect is the possibility that officials deliberately lied to MP Joe Volpe. In former days of Canadian democracy, if such activity was established as fact, heads would roll, including that of a Cabinet Minister, and the government of the day might very well be compelled to resign.

Another disquieting aspect is that it took months of effort and the involvement of opposition Members of Parliament, as well as the press, before the government finally took the measures which would establish the truth. Why did the government, in spite of the uncertainty among its own officials, prefer to stick to the uncertain conclusions it had reached just a few days after Ms. Mohamud's identity was questioned?

Another disquieting aspect of this matter is the pace at which voices arise to blame the victim. The government issued its defence that Ms. Mohamud gave confused and incorrect answers in a vague and evasive way. Immediately, the chorus agreeing with the government and accusing Ms. Mohamud of being the architect of her own misfortune began its song.

However, Ms. Mohamud was who she said she was, and the government officials were wrong. That is the central fact of this matter. The error by government officials bore serious, potentially disastrous, costs to Ms. Mohamud. Instead of continuing its efforts to continue punishing Ms. Mohamud, the government should recognize the harm it has already done, and reach a settlement.

I want to mention one more disquieting aspect of this affair. The more the government abuses its citizens when they run into trouble abroad, and the more its policies corrode Canada's image internationally, the more popular Mr. Harper seems to be. Perhaps mere coincidence, it could indicate the continuing role of the politics of division, "them against us", which Conservatives use so effectively.

— Volodymyr Lucky

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Ukrainian News Briefs Selected by George Borusiewicz

Avoiding Military Service

According to the Ukrainian edition of *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, various sectarian organizations in Ukraine offer “religious help” to conscripts who want to escape military service during Ukraine’s current mobilization.

“What’s up? We can solve all your problems, if you join our sect. The most important is your faith and a donation for charities. We’ll give you a certificate that you can’t deal with weapons and with it in hand, you go directly to the military enlistment office!” said a representative of such an organization in a phone conversation.

However, the representative refused to tell the exact amount of “the donation for charities”, claiming that it depends on the strength of the conscript’s faith, which could be measured only at a personal meeting.

According to *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, such ads are becoming more frequent.

Now You Know

Ukraine, Russia and Argentina take 53% of the world market for sunflower seed production.

The breakdown between the countries is as follows: Ukraine – 18%, Russia – 22%, and Argentina – 13%.

Ukraine is also one of the world leaders in sunflower oil exports, exporting nearly 40% of the world trading volumes of the product. Argentina exports 28%, while Russia exports 17%.

(Aren’t you glad you asked?)

Cossack Leader Barred

According to Radio Free Europe, the Ukrainian Security Service (SBU) has said that its decision not to allow a Russian citizen, a leader of the Don Cossacks, to enter Ukraine was legitimate.

The SBU’s press service said the decision was made to prevent the creation of an illegal parliamentary formation on Ukrainian territory. (Would this sentence make more sense if the word “paramilitary” was used instead of the word “parliamentary”? — GB).

The incident took place on October 4, when an *ataman* of the Don Cossacks, Viktor Demyanenko, was refused entry into Ukraine.

Demyanenko was heading to Ukraine’s Luhansk Oblast to meet with the Don Cossacks who live there.

A spokesman for the so-

called Great Don Cossack Army, Vladimir Voronin, said that Demyanenko intended to hand out honorary certificates of the army to Cossacks living in Ukraine.

Presidential Polls

The leader of the opposition Party of Regions is leading public opinion polls in Ukraine ahead of presidential elections scheduled for January 17, 2010.

According to a poll conducted by the Ukraine Public Opinion Foundation, almost 27% of voters are ready to cast their votes in favour of Viktor Yanukovich, a former prime minister accused by his enemies of being pro-Russian.

Incumbent leader Viktor Yushchenko, accused by his enemies of being pro-American, trails with a mere 2.2%. Yushchenko defeated Yanukovich five years ago.

The power shift to a pro-American leadership was known as the Orange Revolution.

Currently, Viktor Yanukovich’s closest rival is Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko (a one-time Yushchenko ally and now a bitter enemy), with 15.6%.

Former Parliamentary Speaker Arseniy Yatsenyuk (a one-time Yushchenko ally) is placed third with 9.3%.

Communist Party leader Petro Symonenko places fourth, with 4% support.

A total of 15.2% of respondents intend to vote against all candidates.

The poll was conducted from September 26 to October 4.

(The above order of preference of the candidates and their approximate percentages of support have remained fairly consistent during the past 3 to 4 months. — GB).

Glomass

Many people in North America have heard of the GPS technology. GPS stands for “Global Positioning System” and is a satellite spy system developed by the American military to locate, and track, objects almost anywhere in the world.

Ordinary automobile owners have been using a civilian version of GPS for several years to help them locate unfamiliar addresses in North American cities. Drivers of taxis and trucks have the GPS units installed on their vehicles to help them make deliveries.

What some people don’t know is that the GPS system is not the only such system in the world. Other countries (or groups of countries) have developed their own competi-

tive systems. For example, Europe has the Galileo system (named after the Italian scientist Galileo Galilei). China has the BeiDou 2 system (named after a star, and developed for civilian, not military, use). Russia has the Glonass system.

To my knowledge, the Galileo and at least one of the two others (I can’t remember which) is technically superior to the American military’s GPS system.

To make a short story long, Ukraine is about to sign an intergovernmental agreement with Russia on cooperation in the use and development of Russia’s Glonass global navigation satellite system in early 2010.

God Be With Us

Ukraine’s Greco-Catholic and Orthodox churches have dedicated to God an icon favouring the up-coming Euro 2012 soccer tournament to be jointly hosted by Ukraine and Poland.

The cultus image depicts Mother and Child above a soccer field, reports the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church official web site.

The icon created by director Raguli Vasidze and painter Vasily Stefurak was dedicated in the western Ukrainian city of Kolomeya.

Local diocesan Nikolai says the art represents a private view of the largest European soccer event “through the alembic of Christian conscience.” He insists that he sees no elements of heresy in it. “I must say, I don’t find any heresy in the icon and that is why I came to bless the intention of two enterprising people,” he said before adding: “Of course, for us this is something new, but on the whole the idea is good.”

Meanwhile, speaking about the purpose of creating such an icon, Vasily Stefurak said he had recently felt “an inflow of negative information” on whether Ukraine will hold the 2012 event or not.

European soccer’s governing body, the UEFA, has many times criticized Ukraine for their lack of preparedness. So far, only Kyiv and (partly) Donetsk meet all the requirements, with Lviv and Kharkiv remaining under-prepared.

The final decision on which cities will host Euro 2012 will be announced in December, 2009.

Let The Poor Starve

Last month’s vote in parliament in favour of raising social standards is “an atomic

bomb under Ukraine’s financial state,” said Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

“This was a crime against Ukraine, initiated as one presidential candidate’s populist measures,” she added.

(Yulia Tymoshenko is a multi-billionaire, having earned her wealth during the virtually lawless 1990’s after Ukraine’s switch to capitalism).

The *Verkhovna rada* (Ukraine’s parliament) approved in first reading the draft law “On the Living Wage and Minimum Wage”, that was submitted by a deputy from the Lytvyn Bloc (Volodymyr Lytvyn is a candidate in the upcoming presidential elections). The vote was 258 in favour, out of the 444 deputies that were registered in parliament that day.

Freedom Of The Press?

Speaking out against the Ukrainian authorities can be a life-threatening business.

Dmitry Dokunov, a cameraman for opposition television station ATV, was attacked viciously recently. He is now recovering from a six-hour operation after being attacked with a knife while filming a report for his station.

The station Dokunov works for is known for supporting relations with Russia, criticizing corruption, and condemning the country’s recent move toward praising those who collaborated with the Nazis during World War Two.

The Ukrainian authorities have been trying to shut down ATV, accusing the channel of being anti-Ukrainian. The attack on ATV’s cameraman took place outside a courthouse where the authorities’ charges against the station were being heard. Supporters of the station had rallied in the street to demonstrate against the authorities.

Ukrainian nationalists in masks grabbed Dokunov’s camera, and stabbed him when he tried to retrieve it. Dozens of police officers were on duty outside the courthouse, but none came to help or to pursue the attackers.

With Dokunov bleeding profusely, the ATV television crew finally called for a separate police unit, but no police unit responded to their call.

Some Ukrainian NGO’s (non-governmental agencies) have already accused the police of being on the side of the nationalists, claiming they deliberately ignored the attack.

Bloc Of Leftists

The *Spravedlyvist* (Justice) Party has backed Communist leader Petro Symonenko as a

single candidate for the post of president during January’s presidential election.

The decision was made at the fourth congress of the *Spravedlyvist* Party, held on October 10 in Kyiv. A total of 460 congress delegates supported the decision and one abstained from voting.

The congress also supported a decision to create an election bloc of left-wing and centre-left political forces, which would include the Communist Party of Ukraine, the Union of Left Forces, and the Social and Democratic Party.

World Cup

Ukraine is still in the hunt for a World Cup place after securing a play-off berth with a 6-0 drubbing of Andorra on October 14.

The 2006 World Cup quarter-finalists go through to the November play-offs as runners-up in European zone Group 6 behind automatically-qualified England.

Ukraine’s win in Andorra pushed them up to 21 points to deny Croatia who, despite beating Kazakhstan 2-1 in Kazakhstan’s capital, missed out by earning a total of only 20 points, thus ending up in third place.

Ukraine, who earlier beat England 1-0, cruised to victory against Andorra with three goals in each half.

Ukraine will now be among the eight teams contesting a home-and-home series on November 14 and November 18 to determine the final four teams to travel to the finals in South Africa.

Quality Of Life

Last month, the United Nations published its annual “Human Development Index”. HDI is a “quality of life” measure. It is a combination of the health, standard-of-living, education/literacy, and cultural development of a country’s population. This report has been available for decades, but has included Ukraine only since 1990.

This year’s report, as usual, is based on statistics measured two years earlier (in other words, the 2009 report is based on 2007 statistics).

According to the 2009 report, Ukraine ranks 85th out of 182 countries with an HDI index of 0.796 (the higher the index, the better). The top three countries were Norway, Australia, and Iceland, followed by Canada, Ireland, and the Netherlands. Cuba was 51st, Belarus was 68th, and Russia was 71st.

A very troubling fact is that Ukraine’s 2009 rank of 85, compares with a rank of 84 in

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Kalyna Time Brings Togetherness

The Edmonton AUUC seniors resumed their monthly birthday socials at the hall on September 15. These gatherings on the third Tuesday of each month will continue through to June, 2010.

Flash back to June, 2009.

We went on a road trip in a chartered bus. We stopped first at the Devonian Botanical Gardens. There we had a guided tour, by train, of the University of Alberta gardens, followed by a noon luncheon.

The gardens are organized

by themes. They include, for example, deserts of cacti and the reaches of an alpine garden.

Then we got back on our bus and headed down the road to the Life Style Options Living Lodge for seniors in Leduc. There, we visited Caroline Bagan and Rose Cender, senior members of the Edmonton Branch. Some members of the Trembita Choir sang and played as entertainment for the crowd. The administration at the Lodge said that the group could continue performing until 7:00p.m.!

Refreshments were served while the seventeen June, July and August birthdays were recognized.

Flash forward to September! Cranberry and chokecherry branches gathered from the banks of the North Saskatchewan River graced the tables as the seniors returned to the hall after a summer of absence.

Pauline Warick, President of the seniors' group, welcomed us. She recognized our guests, such as Gloria, a friend of Olga Dorish. Former bowler, William Maxim, joined us too. Rose Cender, was able to attend because her daughter brought her from Leduc.

Following the welcoming address, recognition was given to the birthday celebrants at the head table: Olga Horon, Ann Parfeniuk and Shirley Uhryn. Each made a wish and successfully blew out her candle. All believe and know that their wishes will come true!

A hot fall meal was served, with roast pork from the *pich*, apple sauce, cabbage salad, marinated garden oven-roasted vegetables, and pickles from a gallon jug. The deserts were zucchini chocolate cake and Saskatoon tarts served with whipped cream, featuring a *trioka* of *kalyna*. The drink was cranberry juice, in keeping with the theme of the gathering.

The annual meeting of the seniors commenced with greetings from President Pauline Warick.

Highlights of the annual meeting included a presentation by the Program Coordinator for 2009, introducing two bus trips for our group. One will be on October 3, 2009, to Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival. The other will be a Christmas Lights Tour of Edmonton on December 17, 2009, followed by dinner at Fort Edmonton Park. A sign-up sheet was distributed for each event. There were enough signatures from the approximate 30 in attendance to make the trips happen.

Elected as officers for the
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AUUC Canada Day in Thunder Bay

On July 3, 2009, the members of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians in Thunder Bay, Ontario, held a birthday party for Canada and three of its members. Those honoured were Mary Danilevitch, Olga McDaid, and John Zazula.

Forty people, members and friends, celebrated at the home of Diane and Russ Garrett over a meal of refreshments, appetizers, salads, hamburgers, sausages, deserts, and of course, birthday cake.

Each participant in the celebration contributed to the meal making it a gourmet's delight of Ukrainian delicacies.

John Skoropad brought a mammoth Black Forest cake in honour of his sister Annie, who was unable to attend. The cake was inscribed with the words "It's Nice to Remember". He reminisced about the generous contribu-

tions of the workers who built the Ukrainian Labour Temple.

Diane Garrett, co-chair of our Branch, suggested that we collect funds at our gathering for the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald*. A total of \$285 was donated.

The group assembled in the side gardens into choir formation and sang "O Canada" and "Happy Birthday", accompanied by Damon Dowbak on the mandolin.

Many of the participants wanted to continue the musical celebration with some Ukrainian folk songs. Damon Dowbak, Bill Stanchuck, and Mary Slobojan on mandolin, and Diane Garrett on banjo, along with many others on various hand-held percussion instruments, treated the group to a medley of the old standards frequently performed in the past by the Lakehead Mandolin Orchestra and Choir.

— Russell Garrett



The impromptu choir, conducted by Diane Garrett, sang "Happy Birthday" — and "O Canada" — and some nostalgic favourites from days past in Thunder Bay.



Olga McDaid, left, and Mary Danilevitch were served birthday cake by Diane Garrett.



The Edmonton Seniors celebrated Caroline Bagan's birthday at the seniors' Lodge in Leduc, Alberta.



Celebrating June, July and August birthdays were, left to right, Leo Tropak, Mary Tropak, Nestor Bagan, Annie Krawchuk, Shirley Uhryn and Pauline Warick.



What's a party without music and dancing?

— Story photos: Victor Horon



In June, the Edmonton Seniors made an excursion to University of Alberta's Devonian Botanical Gardens.



In the Devonian Botanical Gardens, the plants are organized thematically. A train is used for guided tours of the spacious grounds.

Kalyna Time

(Continued from Page 8.) coming year were: President, Pauline Warick; Vice-President, Victor Horon; Recording Secretary, Lucy Antoniwi; Vice-Recording Secretary, William Uhryn; Treasurer, Olga Horon; Program Coordinator, Eva Doskoch; Assistants to Program Coordinator, Rose Kereliuk and Mary Tropak; Directors, Sophie Sywolos, Maurice Warick, and Morindie Bagan; Auditors, Maurice Warick, Bill Askin, and Emil Tropak.

It was decided to buy a new coffee pot for our gath-

erings — cranberry juice will not be warm enough for our winter months!

Formal recognition was given by President Pauline Warick to the retirement of our senior member from the AUUC Library of Music for the Edmonton Branch, Edna Chmiliar.

“Edna, your devotion to the organization and the maintenance of the library at the Ukrainian Centre — musical, choral, and dancing — is outstanding. Your many years of teaching students, conducting the choir and playing in the

orchestra for concerts and festivals both regional and national, is commendable.

Edna, you maintained such a high standard of excellence. You have been carrying on the vision of our forefathers and promoting our Ukrainian cultural heritage through the decades. ...

Edna, may you enjoy your retirement. We wish you continued good health, love and happiness! We will miss your smile and enthusiasm!”

On an invitation from Pauline, Edna has commenced writing her memoirs, titled “My Life at the Ukrainian Centre, 1930 through 2009”.

“In 1930, I was six years old when I started going to the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association. ...I lived a block from the hall. My aunty Ann Kaminsky played in the mandolin orchestra and I would go with her to listen to the rehearsals. The orchestra players were very good and also sang songs while playing which I found enjoyable. Demyan Wichrestow conducted the orchestra and choir. ... When the Americans came in 1943, the American Barracks were built to entertain them. The Barracks were located south of the CNR station. We had no source of transportation so John Rawliuk carried the music, my husband Nick carried the stands — we carried our instruments! Our concert was a success!”

Edna then goes on to catalogue when and where the orchestra played, including such places as the Jubilee Auditorium on May 14, 1967; at Heritage 75 in Vernon; Heritage 75 in Spirit River and Athabasca in Alberta, and in Calgary, Lethbridge, and Winnipeg, to name but a few.

“...I played for the Manitoba Centennial Festival, May 3, 1970, which was held at the Jubilee Auditorium. Orchestras came from Calgary, Regina, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay and Toronto. What an exciting event this was!”

Edna Chmiliar responded by saying, I want to thank you for being interested in the work I have been doing!... I enjoyed all the work I have been doing at the hall through the years!

Pauline Warick announced that she will be hosting her 25th trip to Cuba at the end of January, 2010. She invites the seniors to join her for the two weeks. The cost is just under \$2000. A three hundred dollar deposit is required.

— Shirley Uhryn

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Who, What, When, Where

Toronto — The AUUC Toronto Branch will host a meeting with **Mayor David Miller** at the AUUC Cultural Centre, **1604 Bloor Street West**, at **2:30 p.m.** on Sunday, **November 1**. Light refreshments will be served.

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Toronto — The AUUC Toronto Branch will host a **Remembrance Day** commemoration at the AUUC Cultural Centre, **1604 Bloor Street West**, at **1:30 p.m.** on Sunday, **November 8**. There will be tribute to AUUC Toronto Branch veterans, a speaker, and appropriate musical offerings by Hahilka and by Peter Krochak.

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Toronto — The AUUC Toronto Branch will host a **Grey Cup Social** at the AUUC Cultural Centre, **1604 Bloor Street West**, on Sunday, **November 29**. Doors open at **5:30 p.m.** Admission **\$10.00**.

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Toronto — The Shevchenko Museum, **1614 Bloor Street West**, is continuing **A Point of View**, an exhibition of art by **Oryst Sawchuk**, which will run to March 10, 2010.

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Readers of the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* are invited to submit items of interest to the progressive Ukrainian Canadian community for free listing in this column. The deadline for material is the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication.

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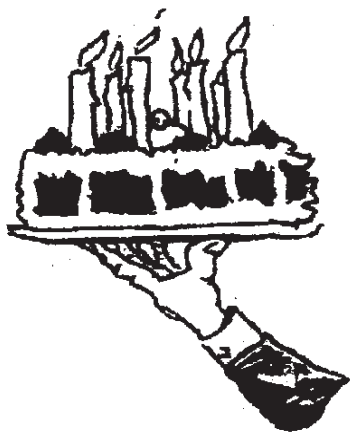
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Apology

In our last issue, in the body of the story on Page 9, we printed an incorrect age for Mary Kuzyk, who has in fact turned 90, as indicated in a caption on that page. We apologize to Mary Kuzyk for the error. May our mistake prove to be a charm.

Happy Birthday, Friends!



The **Edmonton AUUC Senior Citizens' Club** wishes a happy birthday to the celebrants of November:

Stephanie Chopoidal
Martha Ursuliak

May you have good health, happiness and a daily sense of accomplishment as you go through life.

The **Toronto Senior Citizens Club** extends best birthday wishes to November celebrants:

Pauline Fediw
Anne Magus
Sophie Mihay
Edna Oraschuk
Ann Watson

May good health and happiness be yours in the coming year!

The **Vancouver Seniors Club** wishes the best of health and happiness in the coming year to November celebrant:

Edward Moroz

Enjoy your day with family and friends!

The **Welland Shevchenko Seniors** extend a happy birthday wish to November celebrants:

Alex Babiy
Lillian Babiy
John Beazley
Marion Gaboury
Mike Kereluk
Katie Mackenzie

May the coming year bring you all the best in health and happiness!

Ukrainian News Briefs

(Continued from Page 5.) 2008, which in turn compares with a rank of 78 in 2007 (in other words, Ukraine has been sliding backwards in rank for the past three years). Even more revealing (and astounding), is that Ukraine, since the switch to capitalism in 1991, has never reached the

United Nation's HDI index of 0.809 which it attained in 1990, its last year of socialism.

Orange Revolution — The Aftermath

As most of you will remember, the Orange Revolution took place in Ukraine at the end of 2004. Compared to

the previous regime, it was (is) more strongly tilted in favour of NATO (the American military alliance) and American foreign policy, as well as being politically farther to the right.

The R&B Group, a Kyiv-based polling organization, took the pulse of the people of Ukraine in April, 2004, and again in June, 2009. The results: "social uneasiness" increased from 27% to 50%, "hope" decreased from 42% to 30%, "fear" increased from 9% to 20%, "confusion" increased from 17% to 28%.

According to the authors of the report, Ukrainians are feeling increasingly defenceless and socially depressed.

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"John, I'm 90, and I'm all aches and pains. You're about my age. How do you feel?"

John says, "Like a newborn baby."

"Really? Like a newborn?"

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