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May you enjoy the festive season in happiness, safety and good health, and may the new year bring all that you truly desire!



Eurozone Crisis Continues

International financial institutions, as well as those in the Eurozone, have been pressing severe austerity on European countries whose economies have been battered by the world economic crisis. The result has been a deepening crisis, with the addition of growing militant opposition to the hardship imposed by the more fortunate.

On October 24, a report by Eurostat showed that the debt of the 17 countries using the Euro had reached 90% of the size of their economies, the worst ratio since the launch of the Euro in 1999.

Five of the 17 countries (Greece, Spain, Italy, Portugal

and Cyprus) were in recession, and there was concern that the entire zone would slip back into recession as Germany's economy faltered.

Sure enough, *The Globe and Mail* online edition for November 15 reported that "Euro zone slips into second recession since 2009". This in spite of a minuscule 0.2% growth in each of Germany and France in the July to September quarter. The Netherlands and Austria were added to the southern countries as areas of shrinkage.

This was the second quarter of decline. It is anticipated that in the the fourth quarter the economies of Germany and France will also shrink.

Germany in particular (but France as well, and others) has been pushing tough austerity regimes in the southern countries. Increasingly these policies are being blamed for the failure of the Eurozone to achieve growth. Some of the toughness has been moderating, a process encouraged by the mounting opposition to the austerity measures.

On November 14 millions of workers in 20 countries across Europe went on strike to protest government spending cuts, part of "social tension (that) was not part of the equation" earlier. While the actions were strongest in the south, Belgium and other countries were not immune.

In Spain, some 625,000 families have no income, and about 400,000 homes have been repossessed.

Canada's Grim Picture

Canada's policy makers are on the horns of a dilemma.

On the one hand they are concerned about consumer debt, which is "the biggest domestic risk" to the economy, according to Mark Carney, the Governor of the Bank of Canada, as reported by the *Toronto Star* on October 25. On the other hand, consumer spending is the main factor keeping Canada's economy afloat.

On October 30, the *Toronto Star* reported that economists were suggesting that Finance Minister Flaherty's forecasts for Canada's economic performance in 2013 were too optimistic. At that time, Mr. Flaherty recognized that lower commodity prices, due to "renewed weakness in the global economy", were reducing the government's revenue. Nevertheless, Mr. Flaherty was still sticking to 2015 as the year in which the budgetary deficit would be eliminated.

Then the bad news was released on October 31. In August, Canada's gross domestic product shrank by 0.1%, according to Statistics Canada. Predictions had been for a 0.2% growth.

The drop was the first in six months. Ten of 18 industrial sectors declined, including manufacturing of durable goods, residential construction,

retail trade and others.

Consumer bankruptcies rose in August as did both consumer and business insolvencies. This news went along with reports of weaker-than-expected business earnings, due to disappointing sales (there's that dilemma). Companies were reporting plans to reduce capital spending and to cut employment costs to boost profits.

Mr. Flaherty announced on November 13, that the deficit elimination would be pushed back to the 2016-17 fiscal year, because of the weak global economy. Commodity prices have dropped 7%, compared to March, when the budget was presented.

However, David Olive, who writes about the economy for the *Toronto Star*, advises optimism, which he considers a self-fulfilling prophesy ("Canadians have cause for economic optimism", *Toronto Star*, November 14, 2012).

For one thing, he writes, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development is optimistic about this country for the next 50 years. (That is some crystal ball!)

Sure, Canada keeps its immigrants below their potential,

and sure, Canada's branch-plant economy is skimpy on research and development, but the banks are very innovative and our population will continue to grow, while others are already in decline.

"If demographics is destiny," Mr. Olive writes, "Canada is poised to thrive economically for decades to come."

And if the moon were made of green cheese, as the old saying goes, no one would ever have to be hungry again.

First, domestic consumption, and second, foreign demand are the keys to Canada's economic health. At the moment, neither looks healthy.

The Next Issue

The next issue of the "UCH" will be dated January, 2013. Announcements of events in January or early February, as well as articles for the January issue should be in our office by December 10. Thank you for your consideration.

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The Heart Is Restored

Canada's immigration policy seems to have just a few key elements: cut any heart out of the administration of that policy, keep out the "Bad Guys" (that is, anyone the government doesn't like, which does not necessarily include convicted felons), reduce labour costs as much as possible for businesses, and reduce the cost of the department.

The recent case of Mildred Sanford, and Nancy Inferrera demonstrates very well the heartlessness of the Conservative approach to matters of immigration.

Mildred Sanford is a Canadian, age 83, with a heart condition and some dementia. Nancy Inferrera is a 73-year-old American who came to

Canada, to Nova Scotia, in 2008 to be with her friend of 30 years, after Mr. Inferrera died. The two women, who met while working in Massachusetts, lived in a mobile home they had bought with their combined resources. They were living on pension income - Ms. Sanford's \$1100 and Ms. Inferrera's \$799.

The two had not realized that the American needed to apply for residency status. When Nancy Inferrera finally did apply for permanent residency, she was refused. Several appeals failed - the authorities would not be moved. This in spite of the hardship Ms. Inferrera's deportation would mean for the two women, particularly for Ms. (Continued on Page 3.)

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Current Eclectic — Long and Short

Call for Release of the Cuban Five

On the eve of the American presidential election, six Toronto City Councillors sent a letter to President Obama asking his to exercise his power of executive clemency to order the release of the Cuban Five. In their letter, they wrote:

Dear President Obama,
We, the undersigned, as elected members of Toronto City Council in Canada's largest city, respectfully ask that you use your Constitutional authority to order the release of the Cuban Five so that they can be reunited with their families in Cuba without delay.

Since 1998, these five men have been imprisoned in the United States for peacefully

defending and protecting the lives of not only the people of Cuba, but also the people of the United States and the hundreds of thousands of Canadians, and people of other nationalities, who visit Cuba as tourists. The Cuban Five sought to prevent new politically motivated terrorist attacks against Cuba in the wake of decades of such actions by extremist groups in Miami and southern Florida that have caused more than three thousand Cuban deaths and many severe injuries. In one such attack on September 4, 1997, a bomb exploded in a Havana hotel, claiming the life of Canadian resident Fabio Di Celmo who was visiting Cuba.

The five Cubans were ar-

rested after gathering information about the plans of terrorist organizations based in Miami. According to witnesses in their trial, they were unarmed. The Five harmed no one, and took no action against the terrorist groups. Instead, they reported the information to the Cuban government which then asked Washington to prevent the anticipated attacks.

We note that the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions stated on May 27, 2005 that the detention of the five Cubans was arbitrary and illegal and called on the United States to resolve the situation. On August 9, 2005, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals concluded that the Cuban Five did not get a fair trial in Miami. On October 13, 2010 Amnesty International voiced serious doubts about the fairness and impartiality of the trial of the Five, and the organization has called on the U.S. government to address any injustice through the clemency process or other appropriate means.

We are greatly concerned

about the situation of the Cuban Five. We note that four of the five, Fernando González, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, and Gerardo Hernández are still in prison after 14 years, serving extremely harsh sentences, respectively 17 years and 9 months, 21 years and 10 months, 30 years, and 2 life terms plus 15 years. Furthermore, René González, who served his full 15-year sentence and was released on October 7, 2011, was barred for three years from leaving Miami to live with his family in Cuba, even though he has no relatives in Florida and faces potential danger from the terrorist groups that he had monitored.

President Obama, your executive clemency order — a humanitarian gesture — could end this long injustice and at long last allow the five Cubans to return to their families.

Sincerely,
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Paula Fletcher
Councillor Janet Davis
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Gord Perks

Councillor Mary Fragedakis

As reported in the November, 2012, issue of the "UCH", AUUC Toronto Branch was among the 35 or so organizations and individuals who endorsed the initiative Breaking the Silence: People's Tribunal & Assembly — Justice for the Five, held in Toronto City Hall on September 21–23, 2012.

At its meeting on October 21, 2012, the Branch decided to send the following letter to Councillor Perks, councillor for the area which includes the AUUC Cultural Centre:

Dear Councillor Perks,

The members of the AUUC Toronto Branch, 1604 Bloor St. W., would like to applaud you for your recent involvement in addressing President Barack Obama concerning the release of the Cuban Five.

Our organization strongly endorses the content of your letter and commends you for courageously signing your name to it.

Sincerely,

Members of the Association of United Ukrainian Canadians

Toronto Branch

Toronto AUUC Branch on Bill 43 Issue

At its monthly Branch Meeting on October 21, AUUC Toronto Branch received information about one of the matters of concern in BILL C-43, An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, which has been sent to Committee by the Government of Canada. The Branch decided to send a letter to Minister of Citizenship Jason Kenney. A copy was sent to the office of the Prime Minister.

The Association (of) United Ukrainian Canadians Toronto Branch is appalled that the Government of Canada, in BILL C-43, An Act to Amend the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act, has included the provision:

8. The Act is amended by adding the following after section 22:

22.1 (1) The Minister may, on the Minister's own initiative, declare that a foreign national, other than a foreign national referred to in section 19, may not become a temporary resident if the Minister is of the opinion that it is justified by public policy considerations.

This provision gives the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration power to arbitrarily deny entrance to Canada for non-citizens for a period of up to three years. There appears to be no provision for an appeal against the Minister's decision.

We believe, as New Democratic Party MP Jinny Simms said, that the move is ill-considered, and "our border services already have the power to bar people who are a threat to our security or whose actions constitute crimes, including hate speech, in Canada".

Our belief that current law adequately protects Canadians' security and permits exclusions of criminals is based on several recent exclusions of applicants for admission into this country.

Our belief that inclusion of this provision is ill-considered is based on at least one recent case in which an exclusion was appealed successfully in Canada's courts.

Canada is considered to be a democratic country, ruled by laws rather than arbitrary governmental power. The provision to which we object would make legal the exercise of arbitrary governmental power as wielded by one individual — the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Many Ukrainian immigrants have established Canada as their home and helped build this country. We do not want to see introduced into this country the kind of arbitrariness many of us left behind, arbitrariness which the Government of Canada so actively and vociferously denounces abroad.

The prejudices of some Minister and/or his party must not become the decisive factor in deciding admission to Canada, to the exclusion of divergent opinion.

In the last little while there have been numerous health related items in the media. One of these was an article in *The Globe and Mail* on November 16 by Jeffery Simpson. Writing about rising seniors' drug cost, Mr Jeffery argues for a national seniors' drug plan. He projects three options for making it affordable: Cut some drugs from the government's formulary and/or increase deductibles; raise taxes and/or cut other programs; implement a social insurance similar to the Canada Pension Plan, with payments today for defined benefits tomorrow (a tax hike in disguise, he says).

Mr. Simpson's article mostly accepts the assumptions of

the day, including one in particular which stands out. He wrote:

"Otherwise, we'll be dumping the increasing cost of seniors' drugs on future government budgets. Those budgets will have to be financed from the share of the work force under 65, that will be smaller than today's share."

In today's climate these two fairly short, not very complicated, sentences seem to be saying what is self-evident, axiomatic. Nevertheless, closer examination shows that they are bursting with assumptions which should be examined.

For example, what is wrong with paying the costs of social program out of govern-

The Heart Is Restored

(Continued from Page 1.) Sanford, who is increasingly reliant on Ms. Inferrera as a caregiver.

On November 14, Nancy Inferrera went back to the United States, accompanied by Mildred Sanford.

Under pressure of a public outcry, the Government of Canada relented, and on November 15, the two were informed that Ms. Inferrera had

been granted a temporary residency visa, on "humanitarian and compassionate grounds". In three years, on the expiry of that visa, Ms. Inferrera would be allowed to apply for permanent residency.

The only change to the "humanitarian and compassionate grounds" between the final refusal and the ultimate reconsideration in this case was the outrage expressed by Canadians. Public opinion can make a difference, even in addressing Harper's Conservative government.

Self-Evident? Check It Out!

ment budgets, which is how it is mostly done, even now? Hidden behind that assertion in the article is a user-pay agenda. Like the CPP, drug benefit contributions would be capped so that the very richest among us and those with the biggest incomes would, in proportion, pay least. We see that at work in Ontario, where the health premium based on income is capped.

Second, why would the future budgets be financed from the "share of the work force under 65"? Are taxes on corporate profits, already drastically reduced, going to be entirely eliminated? Are they going to be eliminated (or at least drastically reduced) at a time when profitable corporations are making record profits. And what about taxes on dividends, already taxed at preferred rates? Are dividends going to become tax-free? And what of capital gains? And why workers under 65? The fact is that more workers are being forced to work older, and they too pay taxes.

Will those workers under 65, indeed, continue to be a smaller share? At some time in the foreseeable future all the baby-boomers, having retired in record numbers, will be dying in record numbers, until seniors are once more a minority — especially if immigration policy does not restrict immigrants to temporary workers on the one hand and the entrepreneurial class on the other.

Self-evident? Wow!

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necessarily reflect the views of the Editorial Board.**President Obama**

AN EDITORIAL BY WILFRED SZCZESNY

Four years ago, when President Obama was elected for the first time, it was easy to predict, generally, "that the outcome of the election will (not) presage rapid solution of the great problems facing America and the world."

It was easy then to foresee that President Obama would not make the world more peaceful, nor would he lead the world to economic health. The surprising thing is not that these predictions were right, but that so many hopeful people thought they would be wrong.

We heard and read enough during the recent election campaign about the promises not kept. We also know about some substantial accomplishments. Chief among these, for all its weaknesses, is so-called Obamacare, which should ease the economic burden of illness for many Americans.

Given the Republicans' determination to make Barack Obama a one-term president, perhaps the real surprise is how much he was, nevertheless, able to accomplish — including re-election.

My scepticism at the time notwithstanding, I must admit serious disappointment (though not surprise) in one aspect of President Obama's first term.

"My hope for the Obama administration," I wrote in the editorial in the December, 2008, issue of this publication, "is, mainly, that it will restore traditional concepts of decency to the American social fabric, so that some new equivalent to 'George 'The Torturer' Bush' will in the future not seem appropriate when I write about the leader of America."

As far as we know, President Obama has reined in the most extreme use of torture in interrogations of terrorism subjects. However, that is all he has done about the excesses of the Bush administration, while expanding state terrorism by executive decree in several areas.

One of the most striking areas in which President Obama has exceeded his predecessor is in the murder of suspects by presidential decree. President Obama has ordered the violation of the airspace of sovereign states for the purpose of murdering suspects, including American citizens (many Americans seem to want to make that distinction), using drones. Many innocent victims have died or been gravely injured as a result.

People who are "collateral damage", as the spin jargon calls victims who were not official targets, seem to be of little concern to the administration. However, it is of much concern to hundreds of millions of people around the world. Of these, many will seek revenge with acts perceived as terrorism, creating another round of self-righteous violence by all sides. Very disappointing.

COMMENTARY**On the Brink of War**

As the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* approaches our deadline, the Middle East is quickly approaching the point of no return in its rush to war.

There are two main storm centres which are distinct but not unrelated: Syria and Israel.

Syria is deep into a civil war, with growing interference from outside, bringing heightened conflict-at-a-distance among local powers, as well as increasing tensions in Europe, Asia and America.

Israel is upping the ante in its conflict with the Palestinians. As well as taking on added urgency in the United Nations, with the Nonaligned Movement (120 countries) strongly critical of Israel, recent events are increasingly drawing in the Arab League. The Muslim Brotherhood has an obvious interest.

The broad canvass is an approaching election in Israel (expected in January, 2013), the re-election of President Barack Obama, France's recognition of a Syrian opposition grouping (one which France helped set up) as the only legitimate voice of the Syrian people, and the flow of Syria's conflict in both directions over that country's borders.

One of the countries in the

region providing combatants is Iraq. With the conflict increasingly cast as a religious crusade, Iraq (where sectarian strife continues) has been providing militant Sunnis to oppose the President Bashar al-Assad and, more recently Shiites to support Syria's government.

Other Shiite fighters are reportedly coming from Lebanon and Iran.

Jordan and Turkey are also increasingly involved. Turkey has long been pressing for more international intervention in Syria. Early in November, Turkey proposed to put Patriot missiles along its border with Syria. This would effectively create a no-fly zone providing a safe zone for the Syrian rebels. Jordan would also be involved in this plan.

Such a plan would involve NATO, of which Turkey is a member, and could provide a foundation for direct NATO military action against Syria's government.

Political preparation for NATO intervention has also advanced. Following American criticism of the Syrian National Council, previously the main opposition force in exile, a meeting of opposition

forces was held in Doha, Qatar, involving both groups in exile and those operating in Syria. The United States, Britain and France appear to have been the main instigators of this gathering, at which the National Coalition of Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces was formed.

France immediately recognized the new entity as "the sole representative of the Syrian people and thus as the future provisional government of a democratic Syria".

France's President François Hollande indicated he would be willing to provide arms to the rebels, and suggested more countries would join in as the group gained political legitimacy and an operational structure in Syria.

The Arab League expressed approval of the formation of the new coalition.

Then there's Israel, whose tank gunners attacked a Syrian mobile artillery vehicle, supposedly because an "errant mortar shell" landed in the Golan Heights, in an area captured from Syria annexed by Israel after the 1967 six-day war. Who fired the shells was not specified.

Israel's sabre-rattling following the incident, suggested that Israel was looking for an excuse to help the rebels against a long-standing opponent. The long-term benefits to Israel of such action are not clear.

While the conflict in Syria has been an escalating and increasing dangerous war, it is still mainly a civil war, albeit with growing foreign involvement. The greater immediate danger is in the sudden aggressive Israeli action against the Palestinians in Gaza.

The crisis flared up when Israel assassinated a Hamas military leader by firing missiles into densely populated Gaza City.

Hamas responded by firing a barrage of missiles into Israel. Israel hit hundreds of targets within days, using planes as well as missiles. In addition Israel called up reservists and threatened to send land forces into Gaza, to repeat the carnage four years earlier.

While it can not be said with
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From Our Readers

We enjoy your paper, and hope it goes on for many years more. Keep up the good work.

— Anne & Joe Bobrovitz
Brantford ON
* * *

John Boyd was an outstanding activist on socioeconomic issues and became a builder of the ULFTA and later the AUUC; organizer, writer and editor.

When John was editing an international Marxist journal in Prague, he was dismissed when he criticized the Soviet leader for actions against the

president of the Czech republic who was trying to make the government more democratic. When he returned to Canada, he was denied jobs in the Party and the AUUC, in his profession.

John's relatives and his many friends are organizing a huge gathering to celebrate his 100th birthday in January 2013. I am suggesting that the Toronto Branch formally apologize to John for ostracizing him for such a long time and that the National Executive of the AUUC do likewise.

— John Eleen
Toronto ON

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Happy Birthday, "UC"

— Story photos: Edya Weir



WILFRED SZCZESNY, national youth leader of the AUUC and master of ceremonies at the 25th birthday party of the "UC" in Toronto, brought greetings to the magazine from youth club activists who adopted the message at their seminar this summer in Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Seated at the head table are editors Mary Skrypyk and Mitch Sago.

The "UC" birthday party in Toronto was a happy occasion, with 250 guests present to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the magazine at what was the first of a number of such gatherings in the country during November and the period to February. The banquet and dance was sponsored by the Metro Branch of the AUUC, and was held in the Ukrainian Labour Temple in Toronto on November 11.

The official program for the evening consisted of brief speeches by Peter Prokop, president of Kobzar Publishing Company Limited and the national president of the AUUC; "UC" editors Mitch Sago and Mary Skrypyk; John Weir, the first editor of

From Our History

The Ukrainian Canadian first appeared as a tabloid in September, 1947, 65 years ago. In November, 1968, it morphed into a magazine which appeared to December, 1989. Then it combined with the Ukrainian-language Life and Word to form the Ukrainian Canadian Herald, then a 16-page bilingual publication. On November 11, 1972, a 25th anniversary banquet was held in Toronto. This report is from the January 1973 issue of the "UC"

the journal and presently editor of *The Canadian Tribune*, and by Michael Korol, manager of the Ukrainian language newsweekly and of the publishing firm. Wilfred Szczesny of the National AUUC Youth Council was master of ceremonies.

The editors of a number of journals in other progressive ethno-cultural communities were introduced to the assembled guests. These were N. Popoff of *Vestnik*; S. Miosich of *Nasci Novini*; J. Gershman from the *Vochenblatt*, and Sylvia Friedman from *The Jewish Outlook*.

Many former staff members of the "UC" were also present and introduced to the gathering.

The brief speeches paid tribute to the role and contribution of the "UC" to the new generations of the Ukrainian community since it came on the scene twenty-five years ago. Time and events, the speakers said, have proven the decision to publish a journal for Canadians of Ukrainian descent a correct and much needed undertaking. The need, it was emphasized, is greater today than ever in the face of a rapidly changing community and the new and growing challenges of the native born for language access to their cultural heritage. (Excerpts from some of the speeches will be published in the special February edition marking the magazine's birthday.)

Following the dinner in the banquet hall, many of the guests danced to the music of Mike Lucas and his orchestra, while others renewed old friendships in a relaxed atmosphere. Members of the women's branch, and those of metro and the youth club, received an enthusiastic vote of thanks from the guests for the fine dinner, and all the other services which helped make the evening a memorable one.



Some of those present at the Halloween Party posed for a group photo.

— Story photos: Gloria Gordienko

Winnipeg Halloween Party

If you thought you saw Harry Potter, Pac-Man, and Little Red Riding Hood on Pritchard Avenue on Saturday Night, October 27, you were not dreaming. They were just a few of the many wonderful Halloween characters attending the AUUC School of Dance Annual Halloween Social.

The volunteers did a thorough job decorating the hall. Orange pumpkin faces and scary skeletons were aglow on the venerable walls of the great hall.

Even Mr. Popowich and Mr. Shatulsky got in on the fun, sporting a few cobwebs and spiders in the spirit of the event.

About 75 of our children and parents enjoyed the goodies and music that evening. The kids danced to all the old favourites like the butterfly and the bird dance as well as some of the newer favourites like the Macarena.

Kim Boss was her usual great self, leading the kids in the group dancing and even teaching a few new moves.

Thanks to all who donated time, baking, and items for the silent auction prizes, and thanks to all who supported our kids in just one of our many annual traditions at the AUUC School of Dance.

— Blaine Repko



Check out the six-pack and the wings on these lead dancers of the future.



A good time was enjoyed by dancers of all ages.



Peter Prokop paid tribute to press builders.

Edmonton AUUC Seniors Meet

Our October 16, 2012, get-together of AUUC Edmonton Seniors was a truly colourful celebration of bountiful harvest. Bill Uhryn brought a variety of pumpkins and squash from his granddaughter's garden to decorate all the lunch tables. This was supplemented by a bushel of apples from the fruitful back yard of Fred Antoniwi.

Both pumpkins and apples were "for the taking" by all present at the end of the afternoon, and really appreciated.

President Pauline Warick welcomed everyone and extended birthday "best wishes" and "*mnohaya lita*" to Sherry Capowski, our only birthday celebrant this month. Sherry brings her mother, life-long member Anne Hussar, to each gathering, and being the youngest one among us is wonderfully helpful and really appreciated by all.

Mike Uhryn gave us a brief

report on the issues discussed at the AUUC-NEC meeting held in Winnipeg on Thanksgiving weekend.

Our lunch, as usual, was enjoyed by all — thanks to Dianne, our caring and innovative caterer.

The lunch meeting concluded with the fun of a "Halloween gift draw" run by Maurice Warick. The gifts? A pot of fall chrysanthemums, four "fancy" Halloween hats, and an added bonus: three giant potatoes of an unbelievable size — about two pounds each — from the Two Hills farm garden of Victor and Olga Horon! Those winning the potatoes were especially thrilled!

On that "fun" note the October Senior's meeting concluded, and everyone visited with smiles and laughter as they helped clean up — also gathering their choices in pumpkin, squash, and apples.

— Lucy Antoniwi

In Toronto: Tribute and Remembrance



MC George Borusiewich, AUUC Toronto Branch President.

It is rare (but it happened this year) that Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday. When the AUUC Toronto Branch was considering its annual Remembrance Day event, that coincidence was the source of some discussion.

There were those who considered this an opportune time to hold the event on November 11, the actual date. Others felt that picking another date would result in a better attendance, and allow members to attend other events.

The latter position prevailed. It was agreed to hold a brief AUUC Branch membership meeting on November 18, followed by the Remembrance Day event. That, as it turned out, was not a bad idea. Attendance was up, compared to numbers at the corresponding event in recent years.

Among those attending were WWII veterans Bill Harasym and Tony Kulchin.

The program was respectful of AUUC members in the Toronto Branch who had served in World War Two. However, it was not cast in the monochromatic sombre tones of the official November 11 commemorations.

Acting as Master of Ceremonies, George Borusiewich, AUUC Toronto Branch President bade those present welcome. He then called on Bernardine Dobrowolsky, who read "In Flanders' Fields".



Peggy Nash, MP, was the main speaker.

That solemn reading was followed by the Hahilka Singers, who presented "A lon tsveete" (The Flax Blossoms), which Natalka Mochoruk, the Hahilka' director, explained was being dedicated to the partisans. In spite of the important role the partisans played in the defeat of Hitler Fascism, Ms. Mochoruk said, they are seldom mentioned in Remembrance Day ceremonies. Ms. Mochoruk recited the verses to the musical accompaniment on the keyboard of Peter Krochak (who also accompanied Hahilka in their subsequent numbers). Lorna Clark was soloist, joined by the singers.

In his introduction of Peggy Nash, Member of Parliament for Parkdale-High Park, George Borusiewich referred to the plethora of references which are brought up by an internet search of "Peggy Nash". He chose to present curtailed information from Wikipedia, which included reference to her trade union activity, her stint as President of the New Democratic Party, and her role as finance critic for the NDP. (Ms. Nash currently sits on the Finance Committee of Parliament.)

After expressing thanks for the invitation to speak, Ms. Nash noted the presence of veterans, introduced Sarah Doucette (Toronto Councillor) and voiced a message from Cheri DiNovo, Member of Provincial Parliament for Parkdale-High Park, who was



An attendance of over thirty, some of whom are pictured above, was a source of some satisfaction to the hosts.

— Story photos: Jerry Dobrowolsky

We Apologize

In the the November, 2012, issue of the "UCH" we reported on a September event hosted by AUUC Toronto to celebrate The Crew.

We extend our apologies to Pat Dzatko for inadvertently omitting mention of her participation in the work on that day.

unable to attend because of another commitment.

Ms. Nash spoke of the profound impact war has on those who participate in it, with reference to the experience of her own family in the two world wars. She continued with a message about the importance of peace, and concluded by contrasting Canada's tradition of a welcoming attitude toward American war resisters with the current government's decisions to deport resisters who speak against the war in Afghanistan. Ms. Nash did not fail to mention the unanimous opposition of the NDP caucus in Parliament to participation in the action in Afghanistan, the caucus's support for war resisters and other peace positions of the NDP in Parliament.

After the completion of Ms. Nash's comments, Mr. Borusiewich presented her with an envelope containing a small contribution to a charity of her choice.

Continuing with the program, Jerry Dobrowolsky read the names of 125 Toronto-area AUUC and WBA (Workers Benevolent Association) members who had served in WWII. For years this roll call, preceded by the singing of "Last Night I Had the Strangest Dream", has been the most moving part of the AUUC Toronto Branch Remembrance Day event, with many damp eyes.

The afternoon ended on a much lighter note, as the Hahilka Singers presented a program of "happy songs".

This began with a Ukrainian folk medley on "Old Coun- (Continued on Page 12.)



The Hahilka Singers (left to right): Anna Kulish, Claudia Rabzak, and Lorna Clark, with the group's director Natalka Mochoruk.



Lorna Clark demonstrates her fine car in an effort to entice Semen, who's not interested — or is he? The audience all knew exactly where to laugh.



Peter Krochak provided keyboard accompaniment for Hahilka



Bernardine Dobrowolsky read "In Flanders' Fields"



George Borusiewich presented to Peggy Nash (centre) a modest donation to a charity of her choice, while Sarah Doucette looked on.

Oktoberfest at Toronto AUUC

— Story photos: Jerry Dobrowolsky and George Borusiewich



The Oktoberfest celebration at the AUUC Cultural Centre in Toronto on October 27 attracted many members and friends, some of whom are shown above.

AUUC Toronto Branch, with its monthly membership meetings, twice-a-month executive meetings, frequently-held movie afternoons, and almost-monthly special-events celebrations, is probably among the most active AUUC Branches in Canada. And the beat goes on!

We held our annual Oktoberfest celebration on October 27, and to our pleasant surprise, attracted one of the largest crowds in recent history.

Our guests were not disappointed. Of course, the usual fat, mouthwatering Oktoberfest sausages were served, along with tangy sauerkraut and fresh, crisp salads. In addition, we were offered potato pancakes. What a treat!

Naturally, to wash down all of that delicious food, we drank many steins of “refreshments”. All of this in honour of the German city of Munich, which is where, I understand, this celebration originated in honour of a royal wedding.

The raffle of Natalka Mochoruk’s excellent embroidery raised almost \$200.00.

Otti Nicolai greeted guests at the door, and the usual suspects (Bernardine and Jerry Dobrowolsky, Connie Prince, Anne Bobyk, and Nancy and Mark Stewart – collectively, The Crew) did the heavy lifting to make the whole thing work. Especially Jerry, who cooked and served food, did most of the photography, and (with Connie Prince) led the sing-along.

In a burst of wisdom, generosity, and euphoria, the Branch Executive decided to donate the proceeds from this event to the current *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* fundraising campaign, a decision ratified by the membership.

— George Borusiewich



Connie Prince and Jerry Dobrowolsky led the assembly in singing Oktoberfest favourites.



Karioke is a frequent activity at AUUC Toronto Branch events. Above, Bernardine Dobrowolsky and Darius Prociw take the mikes, while grandma Marie Prociw watches.



Jerry Dobrowolsky cooked most of the food, and then helped dish it out.



Arrivals were met by Otti Nicolai at the door.

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 Peace, Health and Happiness
 To all in the New Year!
 Vancouver AUUC Branch

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Ukrainian News Briefs Selected by George Borusiewicz

Worst Son In The World

A nine-year-old boy in Ukraine has guaranteed that he will never get another birthday present — he spent the family's life savings on candy.

Apparently, the kid knew that the money — roughly \$4,000 in mixed currencies — was stashed under the sofa. While at home during a fall break, he would take portions of the money, convert it into Ukrainian hryvnas, and then use it to purchase candy.

He had an accomplice — an adult who, reportedly, has been diagnosed with a mental disorder. In exchange for the man's help, the boy gave him a cut of the money. Though it may seem as though the man was taking advantage of him, the kid was definitely the boss here.

The boy couldn't eat all of that candy, so he demonstrated his unselfish nature by sharing with friends.

His father discovered that the money was missing after returning home from work one day, leading to a family argument that ended with the boy admitting to his heist.

His parents were understandably furious, especially after the police told them that they couldn't help them get their money back.

While this kid may some day be a great (perhaps even shady) businessman, he's currently wearing the crown of "worst son in the world".

Ukrainian Election – Canadian Observer

(This report was printed in the weekly newspaper *Lifestyles*, published in the Canadian province of Saskatchewan).

Souris-Moose Mountain MP Ed Komarnicki was able to get a look at democracy in another part of the world recently, as he was one of 15 Canadian Parliamentarians who served as an overseer during the recent general Parliamentary elections in Ukraine.

Komarnicki, who is of Ukrainian descent, worked at polling stations in the western region of the country. He went to different polling stations on election day to make sure that the tabulation was done accurately and honestly.

"We would go to the polls unannounced ... to see how things were progressing," said Komarnicki.

In the area where Komarnicki was working, the election was fairly quiet and smooth. Komarnicki said he

didn't notice any particular problems anywhere.

"The polls (were supposed to be) opened at 8:00 a.m., and it didn't get started until 8:15, but the people went through the process, we looked at the ballot boxes to make sure they were properly sealed."

Komarnicki and the other overseers also had to make sure voter lists were proper.

Cameras have been installed at each polling station to make sure that nothing illegal happens during the vote. Komarnicki double-checked to make sure that they were operational and in the proper location.

Once the polls opened, it seemed that the election workers had a good understanding of the system. They required people to show ID, and to sign the voters' list. Polling booths were private.

After polls closed, they checked the number of voters registered for the region, and the number of votes submitted, and the numbers were consistent, he said.

There were a lot of observers at the election, not just from Ukraine and Canada, but from other countries as well. Each electoral district was familiar with the process of having observers, and Komarnicki said that it helped prevent some of the issues that have arisen in previous Ukrainian elections.

Ukrainian Election – American Interference

(This report was printed in the newspaper *Beverly Hills Courier*, published in Hollywood, California).

The Obama Administration and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in particular have come under fire from the (Jewish) Anti-Defamation League and other Jewish leadership groups for her support of political parties linked to anti-semitic attacks on Jews, as well as attacks on foreigners in Ukraine.

The Svoboda Party, an extremist political party, won many parliamentary seats for the first time last month, thanks in large part to a pact with Yulia Tymoshenko, the controversial leader of the Fatherland Party.

(Clinton met with, and was photographed with, Tymoshenko during her last visit to Ukraine).

Tymoshenko's opposition Fatherland Party ran in alliance with the extremist Svoboda Party, which broke through the 5 percent minimum vote barrier. The com-

bination won dozens of seats with Svoboda receiving around 11 percent of the national vote according to exit polls.

The Svoboda Party has in the past claimed that Ukraine is occupied by "Yids and Russians," as well as making statements about "kikes."

Secretary Clinton boosted the group's clout with an op-ed piece in (a recent issue of) *New York Times*, praising Tymoshenko. Clinton previously authored a letter on behalf of Tymoshenko who is now jailed after being convicted of allegedly signing a sweetheart deal favouring Russia for supplies of Russian natural gas to Ukraine.

President Barack Obama's White House has not objected to or criticized Tymoshenko or her party for its anti-semitism.

Ukrainian Election – Israeli Reaction

(The following report was printed in *The Jerusalem Post*).

Jew-revulsion never quite went out of fashion among broad segments of the population there. So it was not too shocking to learn that the extreme nationalist Svoboda (Freedom) party's fortunes had risen dramatically in the recent elections and that it now controls 41 out of the parliament's 450 seats.

But there is a far more disturbing aspect to this development. Svoboda did not do equally well in all parts of Ukraine. It garnered most success in western Ukraine, the parts ripped off Poland after World War II.

In the city of Lviv (which was one-third Jewish before the Holocaust and which Jews know as Lvov (or Lemberg), it gained a whopping 50 percent of the vote.

In June and July, 1941, Ukrainian marauders rampaged through Lvov's streets and butchered thousands of Jews in two pogroms. The Svoboda party now fetes these murderers as patriots, along with the Nazi-accomplice Ukrainian Insurgent Army.

In that context, little has changed. The anti-Semitism that was unfashionable in postwar Western Europe is burgeoning again in the shape of anti-Zionism, whereas in Ukraine it is vulgar and in-your-face — as it was before the Soviets temporarily held the genie in the bottle.

(The following report was printed in Israeli newspaper *Haaretz*).

Svoboda enthusiastically supported former president Viktor Yushchenko's (remember the 'Orange Revolution' in 2004? - gb) decision to posthumously award the title "Hero of Ukraine" to Stepan Bandera and Roman Shukhevych, a title that was later rescinded by the Ukrainian courts.

Bandera and Shukhevych were leaders of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army during World War II and were considered responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Jews, Russians, and Poles, and of cooperation with Nazi Germany against the Russian Red Army on the eastern front.

Living Barbie Doll

Valeria Lukyanova is, by most accounts, a "Living Barbie".

Back in April, the Ukrainian model became an on-line phenomenon when photos of her doll-like features and Barbie proportions went viral around the world on the internet.

Now, in her first major photo shoot, Lukyanova opens up on her real life.

V Magazine flew Ms. Lukyanova from Odessa, Ukraine, all the way to New York City for an interview and fashion shoot starring the self-described "most famous woman of the Russian-speaking internet".

Ms. Lukyanova's popularity skyrocketed as photos of her circulated on-line, showing the blonde with her impossibly thin waist, large chest, wide eyes and flawless skin. Viewers questioned whether she is real or just really manufactured.

"Many people say bad things about people who want to perfect themselves," Ms. Lukyanova responded when pressed about accusations that she has undergone cosmetic procedures or uses digital alterations to achieve her look.

"It's hard work, but they dismiss it as something done by surgeons or by computer artists. But I don't take them seriously. I'm even flattered! It's what success is like. I'm happy that I seem unreal to them; it means I'm doing a good job."

The Living Barbie, whose "spiritual name" is Amatue, is unfazed by the attention she has attracted. "Indeed, I've noticed a trend," she told *V Magazine*. "Every good-looking woman with fine features and a slim figure looks like a doll. I won't deny that I play along with people's perceptions. I'm amused by the reactions. I don't take it seri-

ously."

American business magazine *Forbes* noted that Ms. Lukyanova and others like her have spawned the "Barbie flu", a trend among girls in Ukraine who attempt to attain near-unrealistic standards of beauty.

Wedding Dresses

The former Soviet Union was known for its monotowns, settlements dominated by a single industry like car tires or cement or agricultural equipment. But with the change from socialism to capitalism in 1991, market forces buried the centrally planned economy and many of those one-industry towns were devastated.

However, one small settlement has emerged as perhaps it's country's richest village as a result of a single niche product: wedding dresses.

The Ukrainian town of Voloka is the post-Soviet capital of nuptials. Every third building is a wedding shop, and buyers come from the other side of the world, attracted by the high quality and low prices of the garments.

"Recently an American came to us to choose dresses for the boutique which he plans to open in the United States," reports Kateryna Yeremitsa inside her home, which is illuminated by a fairy-tale scene of magical frocks embroidered with crystals.

Voloka's wedding tradition goes back to the 1980s. That's when Brandusha Popovych, a homemaker, earned a local reputation for the first communion dresses she hand-stitched.

Later she switched to wedding dresses.

Neighbours quickly caught on to the cottage industry, and the business sustained them through the economic collapse after the switch to capitalism.

Now, every Monday morning, a succession of full buses carry young women from the nearby city of Chernivtsi to jobs at the sewing workshops. There they can earn a high salary by local rates: the equivalent of US\$500/month.

Dresses are distributed at the huge 35-hectare Kalnivsky Bazaar in Chernivtsi, one of Ukraine's largest markets.

It is difficult to assess how big the industry is. Much of it is still carried out away from the eyes of the tax man.

Yeremitsa said people were just fearful for their business. "They think, maybe you are from the tax service or a spy of business rivals, who may steal the designs of the dresses."

STELLA MOROZ

Stella's parents were Ukrainian immigrants Maria Ivanova Grywinska and Antin Kitselyuk, known in Canada's Winnipeg as Tony and Mary Kiceluk. They had nine children, five of whom died in infancy as a result of the diphtheria and flu epidemics. Stella's mother named her daughter, born on October 4, 1919, Stefania. At school, she became Stella, a name she used for over 60 years. She legally changed to Stella in or-

der to collect her OAS.

At school she was very active in sports and excelled in baseball and track. Her love of sports continued all her life.

Stella also was very active in the musical program at the school. She had an excellent voice and took leads in many operettas. Her love of music and her voice stayed with her all her days.

Almost every evening and all weekends, Stella and her friends attended activities at

the Ukrainian Hall at Point Douglas. She was taught music and singing, but especially dancing. She had a short but intense professional dance career. During WW II, the entire country was involved with raising money for the war effort. Stella and her brother, Michael, performed on the stage, for pay, during several war bond rallies and at the intermission of double header movies.

Stella's son Robert was born in 1941. Her second child, Joy, was born later.

The Ukrainian hall remained a very important part of her life. She played the mandolin in many orchestras and sang in choirs as late as her 90th year. She served as the Vancouver Ukrainian Seniors Club President. She organized lectures and blood pressure clinics. She took courses offered by the government regarding income tax and prepared the taxes for many of



the elder members. She was very active in the kitchen.

Stella had many jobs in her work career but she shone in the food service industry. Stella, at one point, owned her own coffee shop in the venerable McIntyre Building on Main Street in the centre of Winnipeg.

Stella managed several supper clubs in Winnipeg. She hobnobbed with Lena Horn,

Barbra Streisand, Robert Goulet and she became very close with Enzo Stuarti, the singing sensation that played Winnipeg often. Many stars came to Winnipeg and Stella met and was friendly with most of them.

Stella had a great career with the James Richardson group of companies. Stella managed the staff cafeteria and also catered to the many company lunches and dinners. She designed the menu, and served *pyrohy*, *holubtsi*, *borshch*, *kapusta* and other ethnic food before it was fashionable.

When Stella first came to Vancouver, she worked at the Pacific National Exhibition. Next Stella went to BC Hydro.

Stella was a political activist all her life. She campaigned along side both Dr. Norman Bethune and Tommy Douglas. Stella was also on the then Premier Glen Clarke's advisory constituent council of his Kingway riding. She was an active member of the BC branch of the Council of Seniors in Canada, and went to Victoria to lobby for seniors' benefits that many of us are enjoying today.

In retirement, she would listen to, and phone, the radio call-in shows. She made certain that any right wing ideas she heard were challenged. She was an avid reader of newspapers and was well informed on current events locally and world wide.

Stella and Ed had a major lifestyle change when, at age 93, he lost his driver's license. While they invested in bus passes, they would walk one way and ride home with groceries as they did as late as one month before her final hospitalization.

Stella was no saint. Most of her acquaintances had at least one altercation with Stella. She was opinionated and could press her point relentlessly. However, she was convinced of her theories, she did research to support her beliefs, and she certainly shared what she learned with others. Her cronies at MacDonald's often waited for her to arrive to tell them what they should think of an issue!

The loss of Stella, who passed away on June 19, 2012, falls most heavily on Ed. They were a mutually dependent couple. Soon to be 97, he was her sole care giver until mere months before her death when family members took on the task of looking after them both.

The legacy of Stella Moroz, a first generation, proud Ukrainian Canadian, is not poetry, books, or music. Her legacy is her children, her family and her wide circle of friends. Our lives are all the richer for having memories that include Stella Moroz.

— Audrey Skalbania

Ukrainian Canadian Herald

Season's Greetings

Remember your family and friends with a message! We invite you to express seasonal greetings through an ad in the *Ukrainian Canadian Herald* in the January, 2013, issue. One line (name and city) on two columns is only \$10.00. A five-line ad as shown is only \$35.00. See the diagram on this page for sizes. Larger ads are \$5.00/col./cm.

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Who, What, When, Where

Vancouver — The Christmas Recital of the AUUC School of Dance will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 2:00 p.m., at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 805 East Pender Street. Light refreshments will follow the concert, Christmas carols will be sung, and Dyid Moroz will make his annual visit. Tickets are \$10.00, available at the door.

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Vancouver — The AUUC Vancouver Branch will host Malanka at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 805 East Pender Street, on Saturday, January 19. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m., program at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by dancing to a live band. Admission: \$45.00/person. Call (604)879-2089 for tickets.

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Calgary — Calgary Hopak Ensemble will host a Winter Concert at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 3316 – 28 Avenue SW, starting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 9. Admission: \$12.00 in advance; \$15.00 at the door. For tickets, call Darlene at 403-271-2379 (Dance School call Lisa at 403-880-6168). Seating is limited — reserve early.

(We apologize to Calgary Hopak Ensemble for omitting the date of this event in our last issue.)

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Calgary — Calgary Hopak Ensemble will host Malanka at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 3316 – 28 Avenue SW, on Saturday, January 12. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., traditional Ukrainian supper at 7:00 p.m., program at 8:30 p.m., dance at 9:15 p.m. For tickets, call 403-8246-1231. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

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Regina— The Poltava Ensemble of Song, Music and Dance and AUUC Regina Branch will host a Malanka (Ukrainian New Year's) celebration at the Regina Performing Arts Centre, 1077 Angus Street, on Saturday, January 19, 2013. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m., supper and Poltava Ensemble Performance at 6:30 p.m., dancing to the Ficor Show Dance Band at 9:00 p.m.. Tickets: \$45.00 each. Phone RPAC at (306)779-2277 for reservations.

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Winnipeg — AUUC Winnipeg Branch, will host the Christmas Bazaar at the Ukrainian Labour Temple, Pritchard and McGregor, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 1. Featuring Christmas Baking, Jams and Jellies, Crafts, Decorations, Treasure Table, Ukrainian Crafts, and a Perogy Lunch.

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Winnipeg — The Children's Christmas Party will take place at the Ukrainian Labour Temple, Pritchard and McGregor, at noon on Saturday, December 15. There will be a small concert, followed by hot dogs and a visit from Santa.

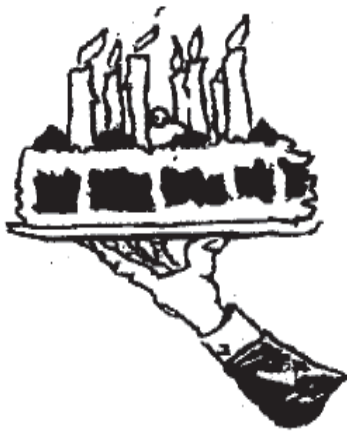
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Toronto — AUUC Toronto Branch, will host a Celebration of the Life of Mary Skrypnik at the AUUC Cultural Centre, 1604 Bloor Street West, on Sunday, December 9, starting at noon.

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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.

Happy Birthday, Friends!



The Edmonton AUUC Senior Citizens Club wishes a happy birthday to the celebrants of December:

Carol Bagan
Nina Uhryn

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 December celebrants:

Lydia Kit
Lori Miskevich
Mary Yaworski

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

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

Pat Hlywka
Mary Sielski

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

Brink of War

(Continued from Page 4.) certainty (except by the Israeli leadership) why Israel chose this course of action now.

The looming election must rank as one of the most probable explanations. There has been some speculation that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was in political trouble. A military victory would boost his popularity.

Another factor to consider is the re-election in the USA of President Barack Obama. On many issues, President Obama and Mr. Netanyahu have not seen quite eye to eye recently. Another war in Gaza would force the American leader to express his support of Israel. This would not only be useful in the coming election, but could conceivably be parlayed into support for action against Iran. President Obama, like Prime Minister Harper, has already affirmed Israel's "right to defend itself".

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Tribute and Remembrance

(Continued from Page 6.) try” boy-girl themes. Interjected into this medley was a humorous song — “*Oy ty harnay Semene*” — which left the audience in stitches. Between the acting by Lorna Clark and Wilfred Szczesny, (and later by Natalka Mochoruk and Claudia Rabzak) and the anglicized Ukrainian, nobody needed guidance on the appropriate place to laugh.

It was back to the traditional with “*Oy boov ya khlopyts fainay*”, the story of a 23-three-year old who loves them both, but the *pyrohy* somewhat more than the girl

Mind you, having eaten the *pyrohy*, he proceeds to rescue the girl. Kind of like Popeye and his spinach. Wilfred Szczesny was the soloist, with Hahilka singing the refrain.

The happy songs continued with “*Chom ty ne preyshov*”. This tale of a missed tryst caused by an impish younger sister, who “hid my saddle”, is not all that happy, even though the older sister found the saddle and saddled the horse. Apparently it was too late, and the meeting never happened.

The next song, “Yarema”, took the happiness to the point of mania, as the none-too-

bright young man (Wilfred) was accompanied by a hysterical sister, outrageously overplayed (to the delight of the audience) by Lorna Clark. Natalka Mochoruk also sang a verse.

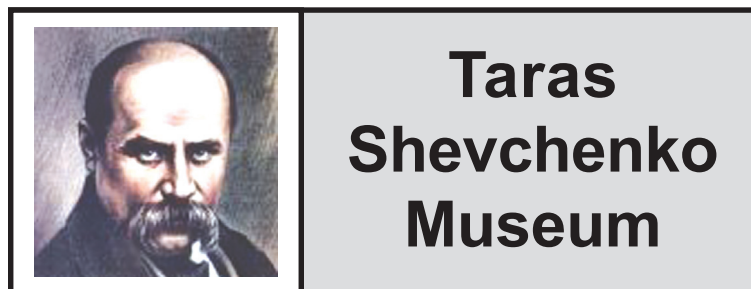
(Natalka started it all by noting that, her voice being what it was, there was some question whether she should sing. She quoted Jack Layton, to the effect of, “Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t do it.” And that was that.)

After a brief break to allow people who needed to do so to buy tickets, several pieces of embroidery by Natalka Mochoruk were raffled off. Winners were Ann Malnychuk, Jerry Dobrowolsky, and Liz Hill, with Vera Borusiewich taking the big prize, coveted by all — an embroidered pillow.

George Borusiewich then made closing remarks, including an invitation to cake and coffee. Many took up the offer, and stayed to watch the last few minutes of Toronto’s victory over Montreal to proceed to the Grey Cup.



Vera Borusiewich, as she sat at the table with the raffle prizes donated by Natalka Mochoruk, did not expect to be the big winner. Nevertheless she was, taking the embroidered pillow.



Doll Donated to the Shevchenko Museum



Saverio and Hedy Scambia donated to the Shevchenko Museum in Toronto a doll created by Natalka Mochoruk, which they won at an AUUC Toronto Branch event.

The Taras Shevchenko Museum is happy to receive a donation of a doll in embroidered Ukrainian costume, made by Natalka Mochoruk and donated by Hedy and Saverio Scambia.

The doll was part of a recent exhibition of Ukrainian dolls held in the Toronto Public Library (Runnymede Branch) during the month of September, 2012. The exhibition was dedicated mostly to Ukrainian traditional women’s costuming

Natalka has sewn and embroidered costumes for over 130 dolls. She donates most of them to the AUUC Toronto Branch to raise finances for the Branch’s activities. This

particular doll was won by Hedy during the September 9 banquet paying tribute to The Crew (Bernardine and Jerry Dobrowolsky, Nancy and Mark Stewart, Anne Bobyk, and Connie Prince). Natalka’s beautiful work, and Hedy’s and Saverio’s donation, are gratifying, and contribute significantly to the Museum’s efforts to preserve the best elements of Ukrainian culture and heritage in Canada.

The Museum Board also would like to thank Bernardine Dobrowolsky, Lorna Clark, Nancy Stewart, Larissa Stavroff, and Marie Prociw for making the Toronto public library exhibition possible.

— Lyudmyla Pogoryelov

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A man sank into the psychiatrist’s couch and said, “I have a terrible problem. I have a son at Harvard; I’ve just given him a new Ferrari; I’ve got homes in Beverly Hills, and Palm Beach, and a co-op in New York; and I’ve got a ranch in Venezuela. My wife is a gorgeous young actress who considers my mistress to be her best friend.”

The psychiatrist looked at the patient, confused. “Did I miss something? It sounds to me like you have no problems at all.”

“But, Doctor, I only make \$400.00 a week.”

A secretary entered her boss’s office and announced, “I have some good news and some bad news.”

He muttered, “It’s quarterly report day, Sally — just the good news.”

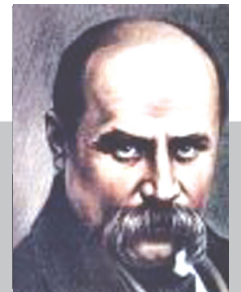
She replied, “You’re not sterile.”

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