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Ruslana creates mini-Maidan at Women in the World summit

Marc Bryan-Brown

Ruslana was one of the honorees at the Women in the World summit.

by Irene Jarosewich
Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

NEW YORK – Ruslana's dynamic energy filled the auditorium as she strode onto the stage of the David H. Koch Theater at Lincoln Center, singing Ukraine's national anthem against a dramatic video backdrop of Euro-Maidan. Included in the opening program on Thursday, April 3, Ruslana was one of the women honored at the fifth annual Women in the World summit hosted by Tina Brown Live Media.

An internationally recognized pop star, as well as a former member of the Ukrainian Parliament, Ruslana Lyzhychko was one of the leaders of the four-month vigil for Ukraine's future now known around the world as Maidan. For more than 100 nights – at times throughout the entire night – she

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Pro-Russian protesters seize state buildings in Ukraine's east

by Zenon Zawada

KYIV – Pro-Russian activists took control of state buildings in several eastern Ukrainian cities this week. In Donetsk, they declared an independent republic on April 7 and invited Russian soldiers to ensure a referendum on joining the Russian Federation, just as in Crimea three weeks earlier.

The Russian government didn't meet the request for military support. Ukrainian law enforcement authorities used limited force to free most of the buildings, not firing their weapons at the radicals and thereby denying the Russian army a pretext to invade.

The Russian media portrayed the takeovers as mass uprisings in the spirit of the Euro-Maidan movement, but they were avoided by locals. The biggest seizure involved up to 500 activists storming the Kharkiv Oblast Council building the night of April 6, reported local journalists. Earlier that day, about 5,000 pro-Russian activists gathered for a demonstration, reported the atn.ua news site. The number of protesters was less than .5 percent of the city's population.

"Putin and Yanukovych ordered and paid for the latest wave of separatist unrest in the country's east," wrote Internal Affairs Minister Arsen Avakov on his Facebook page on April 6. He said many of those involved were paid provocateurs, including women and youngsters.

"They were provoking the conflict into blood and victims. I'll answer the separatists and hotheads who are demanding to halt the disorder at any price: the situation will be brought under control without blood," Mr. Avakov said.

Two days after his assurance, the Ukrainian government launched a morning anti-terrorist operation in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city where Mr. Avakov grew up and served for five years as head of the oblast state administration, which is the local representative organ of the Presidential Secretariat.

The building was taken over on April 6 by pro-Russian separatists who declared no confidence in the Kharkiv Oblast Council, announced the creation of a Kharkiv People's Republic and set fire to the building after they were evicted by police the night of April 7.

They threw hand grenades and fired at police during their eviction, reported acting President Oleksandr Turchynov. The police operation involved blocking the surrounding center streets and shutting down the underground metro rail.

As a result, 70 pro-Russian activists were arrested, 64 of whom were confirmed to be residents of the Kharkiv Oblast, Mr. Avakov said. They did $1 million worth of damage to the building, which also houses the Kharkiv Oblast Council, reported the Interfax-Ukraine news agency.

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Canada's Harper stands with Ukraine against Russian onslaught

by Christopher Guly
Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

OTTAWA – In the fall of 2010, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper received a couple of gifts from the since-ousted Ukrainian president, Viktor Yanukovych.

One was a leather-bound, gold-inlaid atlas of Ukraine, "now presumably out of date with the loss of the Crimean Peninsula to Russia," as The Canadian Press news agency noted in a recent report on the mementoes. The other, as CP added, was a bronze statue of 17th century Kozak hero Bohdan Khmelnytsky, considered "the father of an independent Ukraine, today perhaps turning in his grave."

The gifts now serve as symbols more than reminders for Mr. Harper as he unabashedly stands with Ukrainians during the current crisis and unreservedly criticizes Russian President Vladimir Putin's actions as a "clear and unacceptable violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine," as the prime minister remarked at a March 27 joint news conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Prime Minister of Canada

Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada (right) during his March 22 meeting in Kyiv with Ukraine's interim Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. Mr. Harper is the first G-7 leader to visit Ukraine since the annexation of Crimea.

Five days earlier, during his second visit to Ukraine as prime minister, Mr. Harper said "the effect of President Putin's attempt to impose the law of the jungle ought to be to redouble the free world's unwavering fervor and to reinforce the growing diplomatic and economic isolation of the regime in place in Moscow."

The prime minister's brief one-day visit to Ukraine on March 22 to meet and show solidarity with acting President Oleksandr Turchynov and interim Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, and his condemnation of Russia's annexation of Crimea revealed – in the words of Toronto Star national reporter Tim Harper (not known to be related to the Canadian politician) – the "final transformation" of Stephen Harper into the "Hawk of Sussex Drive," the Ottawa street where the Prime Minister's official residence is situated.

Just as Canada on December 2, 1991, became the first Western country to recognize Ukraine's independence, Prime Minister Harper became the first Group of Seven leader to visit Ukraine since Russia invaded Crimea. His rhetoric in Kyiv was not sanitized for diplomatic niceties.

"By his open repudiation of the Budapest Memorandum [through which Ukraine

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ANALYSIS

NATO foreign ministers try to deter a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine

by Pavel Felgenhauer
Eurasia Daily Monitor

The unscheduled meeting in Paris of U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry with his Russian counterpart, Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov, on March 30, had raised hopes in Moscow that a compromise solution to the Ukrainian crisis may be found (http://www.kommersant.ru/doc/2441781). After annexing Crimea, the Kremlin is demanding constitutional reform in Ukraine – the so called "federalization" – that would create a loose agglomeration in which different regions could pursue separate foreign and economic policies.

During the Lavrov-Kerry talks, the pro-Moscow Transnistria secessionist region in Moldova, where Russia still has a military garrison, was also discussed (http://www.ng.ru/world/2014-04-01/7_usa_rf_ua.html). Transnistria is land-locked and sandwiched between Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. Moscow has been accusing the Moldovan and Ukrainian authorities of "blockading Transnistria" – an accusation the Ukrainian authorities reject as baseless (http://www.segodnya.ua/print/ukraine/v-ukrainu-ne-pustili-293 -cheloveka-s-pridnestrovya-506718.html). A Kremlin-financed news site has been calling for Moscow to recognize Transnistria as an independent state and then make it a part of the Russian Federation, just like Crimea (http://www.vz.ru/politics/2014/3/31/679594.html).

The Russian public supports President Vladimir Putin in the annexation of Crimea. The latest poll by pro-Kremlin pollster VTsIOM gives Mr. Putin a staggering 96 percent approval for annexing Crimea; 76 percent believe the annexation will benefit Russia, while only 6 percent fear it may cause harm (http://wciom.ru/index.php?id=459&uid=114766). Independent Levada-Tsentr reports that 74 percent of Russians would support the Kremlin in a war with Ukraine and only 13 percent believe such an armed conflict is impossible. Some 77 percent believe the Ukrainian authorities are to blame for the crisis, and only 3 percent blame the Kremlin. Seventy-three percent consider the interim government in Kyiv to be illegitimate. Only 14 percent believe the Crimea annexation may consolidate the Ukrainian nation in opposing Russia. (http://www.rbcdaily.ru/society/562949990996163). Russian troops are poised on the borders of Ukraine, apparently ready to go (see Eurasia Daily Monitor, April 1), and the vast majority of Russians are ready to support an armed invasion, believing that international indignation will bring them no harm.

Some Ukraine-based sources reported last week that Russian troops are partially withdrawing from the Ukrainian border (http://glavred.info/politika/chislo-rossiyskih-voysk-na-granice-s-ukrainoy-umenshilos-smi-275617.html). German Canceller Angela Merkel told journalists Mr. Putin promised her a partial troop withdrawal and that she "does not have any grounds not to believe the promise" (http://www.interfax.ru/print.asp?sec=1446&id=368822). The Russian Defense Ministry announced the withdrawal of one battalion of the 15th Mechanized Brigade from the Rostov Oblast near Ukraine, to its home base in the Samara region on the Volga (Interfax, April 1).

It was reported in Moscow that Messrs. Kerry and Lavrov made progress in Paris and a deal was imminent: The United States would de facto "forgive" the Crimea annexation, recognize Russia as a protector of Transnistria, and put pressure on the government in Kyiv to begin immediately (before the presidential elections planned for May 25) implementing the "federalization" reform. Moscow, in turn, would begin withdrawing troops it has massed on the Ukrainian border (http://nvo.ng.ru/world/2014-03-31/1_lavrov.html). It all turned out to be wishful thinking.

At a meeting of foreign affairs ministers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen announced that, in fact, no Russian troop withdrawals had taken place (Interfax, April 1). A staff officer of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEUR) told Jamestown at a background briefing in NATO headquarters on April 1 that the Russians had some 40,000 troops massed on the Ukrainian border in a heightened state of readiness as an apparent first wave of a future invasion. These troops constitute a balanced force of armor, mechanized infantry, artillery, Mobile Rocket Launcher Systems (MRLS), attack jets, bombers and fighters, as well as logistical and medical units. This intelligence assumption was mostly based on U.S. spy satellite imaginary and was reported by the SACEUR – U.S. Air Force General Philip Mark Breedlove – to Mr. Rasmussen.

At a press conference in Brussels, Mr. Rasmussen used particularly harsh words to castigate Mr. Putin: "Russia's aggression against Ukraine is the gravest threat to European security in a generation. And it challenges our vision of a Europe whole, free and at peace; a vision that we have built since the end of the Cold War" (http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/opinions_108511.htm). But strong language has often been used as a substitute for resolute concrete action. NATO is an alliance of 28 countries, and not all are equally determined to embark on a mission to deter Mr. Putin's version of Russian expansionism.

The Moscow press is reporting with satisfaction that influential German political and business leaders are opposing isolating Russia as punishment for annexing Crimea (http://www.rbcdaily.ru/world/562949991007544). After the NATO ministerial ended in Brussels (on April 2), Polish Foreign Affairs Minister Radoslaw Sikorsky told Jamestown: "In general, the further a European nation is [from Russia], the calmer it reacts." This apparent Western indecision is reflected in Russian public opinion. According to Levada-Tsentr, in the beginning of March, some 44 percent feared Russia could face international isolation, but recently the number shrank to 28 percent (http://www.rbcdaily.ru/society/562949990996163).

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Clarification

In his story "Ukraine-EU Association Agreement is signed" (March 30), Zenon Zawada reported that Kyiv was part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth until the late 18th century. In fact, the city of Kyiv became part of the Russian empire as part of the Andrusiv Truce of 1667 (mid-17th century). The surrounding Kyiv Wojewodztwo (province) remained part of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth until 1795 (late 18th century), when it became occupied by Russia.

NEWSBRIEFS

Official threatens force if talks fail

KYIV – Ukrainian Internal Affairs Minister Arsen Avakov says force would be used if negotiations fail to remove separatists from regional government buildings in eastern Ukraine. Mr. Avakov told journalists in Kyiv after a government meeting on April 9 that the situation will be resolved in the next two days. He said there are two ways to solve the problem – negotiations or force – and "for the minority who want conflict, they will get a forceful answer from the Ukrainian authorities." Hundreds of pro-Russia protesters stormed government buildings in Donetsk, Kharkiv and Luhansk on April 6. Pro-Russian separatists were expelled from the Kharkiv government building by Ukrainian special forces on April 8. But protesters in Donetsk proclaimed the creation of a sovereign "people's republic" from within the regional government building on April 7 and have since built huge barricades around the structure. Early on April 9, the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) said more than 50 of the people who had been holed up in the occupied SBU headquarters in Luhansk had left. Dozens of pro-Russia activists reportedly remained inside the heavily barricaded building in Luhansk. An armed protester inside that SBU building told Reuters that those who left were not prepared to fight. He said separatists who remain inside the heavily barricaded building were demanding that an independence referendum be held in Luhansk Oblast. (RFE/RL, with reporting by Reuters, Agence France-Presse, Interfax and the Associated Press)

Ukraine claims capture of Russian spy

KYIV – The Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) says it has captured a female Russian spy who was "carrying out a mission from the [Russian] secret services to destabilize the situation." Maria Koleda, a woman in her early 20s, was apprehended on April 9 in southern Ukraine. The SBU said Ms. Koleda confessed to shooting and wounding three people during pro-Kremlin protests. The SBU also said Ms. Koleda informed her Russian "spymaster" that she and other activists had an "unlimited quantity" of explosives and she was sending a sabotage group to Donetsk. People in Russia who know Ms. Koleda said she has changed her political views several times, once being a member of radical groups Other Russia and Avant Garde of Red Youth, then switching to a pro-Kremlin group, Young Russia. (RFE/RL, with reporting by Agence France-Presse)

U.S. criticizes Russia's gas price hike

WASHINGTON – The White House objected to Russia's increase in natural gas prices for Ukraine and said markets should determine prices. White House Spokesman Jay Carney spoke on April 3 after Russian natural gas producer Gazprom announced it would raise the gas price for Ukraine to $485 per 1,000 cubic meters this month, which Ukraine said was politically motivated. "That kind of action taken coercively against Ukraine is something we oppose," Mr. Carney told reporters. "We believe that markets should determine energy prices." The price hike amounts to an 80 percent increase, piling more pressure on Ukraine's economy, already on the brink of bankruptcy. Moscow has frequently used energy as a political weapon in dealing with its neighbors, and European customers are concerned Russia might again cut off deliveries in the worst East-West stand-off since the Cold War over Crimea. (Voice of America)

Putin warns Ukraine on gas debt

MOSCOW – Russian President Vladimir Putin says Ukraine must come to the negotiating table over its unpaid energy bills, warning that Russia would otherwise require that Kyiv pay in advance for Russian natural-gas supplies. Speaking on April 9 at a Cabinet meeting on energy issues at the Novo-Ogaryovo presidential residence near Moscow, Mr. Putin also warned the Ukrainian government against doing "anything that can't be fixed." He said that Europe recognized the Kyiv government but does not give money to support it. Moscow, he said, had continued to support Ukraine but that could not last forever. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev told the meeting Ukraine had amassed $2.2 billion

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STRATEGY: How to rescue Ukraine, and Europe

by Stephen Blank

To know how to save Ukraine and Europe from Russian imperialism, we must understand the current situation. By any standard, Russia's invasion, occupation and annexation of Crimea represent acts of war. These actions show that, for Russia, treaties and international agreements are merely scraps of paper. These acts also show that war is not inconceivable in Europe and that Russia cannot be integrated into a European political or normative order. Indeed, Russia wants empire, i.e., its neighbors' diminished sovereignty and integrity. Furthermore, empire means war, since the neighbors will resist and because Russia cannot itself sustain it.

Therefore, our strategic objective is to foreclose Moscow's imperial option. If Russian power cannot be integrated into Europe, it must be contained. The ultimate strategic objective of all our actions, employing all the instruments of power – diplomatic, informational, military and economic – must point to that foreclosure, thereby strengthening all the states around Russia and the trans-Atlantic alliance, and working unceasingly for the recovery of Ukraine's full integrity and sovereignty. Our critical immediate objective, however, is to employ all available capabilities to help Ukraine defend itself and construct an effective, viable, strong democratic state. The recommendations below are aimed at realizing those goals.

The many arguments that we must accept this outrage and resume negotiations with Russia, implicitly or explicitly confirming that the indivisibility of European security is a fiction and that spheres of influence and empire are allowed, cannot be accepted. Apart from its moral obtuseness, that course is strategically defeating because it disarms Europe while encouraging Moscow to believe that further imperial predation is acceptable.

Moreover, of what value would any Russian guarantees be given the number of treaties Moscow has broken by invading, occupying and annexing Crimea? That course of appeasement actually licenses more wars, and not only in Europe. Indeed, all the arguments for coming to terms with Russia are the same old and tired ones first heard in the 1930s or when Saddam Hussein invaded Iraq in 1990. They were similarly useless, misguided and futile.

None of this means we are bringing back the Cold War or that Vladimir Putin's Russia equates to Nazi Germany. But it would be a salutary lesson for our chattering classes to remember that geopolitical rivalry has never ended, that peace does not preserve itself, and that Mr. Putin's Russia has shown itself ready to use war or any other instrument to destroy its neighbors' integrity and sovereignty. If that is not war, what is?

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Since European war is now no longer inconceivable, there must be a fundamental change of U.S. and NATO, as well as EU, strategy. In economics, the European Union should place Ukraine on a long-term track leading to membership provided it implements a long-term program of necessary reforms.

Militarily, we should sell Ukraine weapons and help develop its infrastructure, and NATO and U.S. advisors should undertake constant training, war games, and advisory missions with Ukrainian forces on its territorial defense. These tasks include, but are not limited to, providing Ukraine with the means to defend itself and making clear to Moscow that the consequences of new attacks here or elsewhere, e.g., Moldova as some have suggested, will go beyond sanctions.

Economically, we and our allies must stop all Western deals that transfer military capabilities and technology to Moscow. A long-term energy program must not only increase energy efficiency but also reorient European imports to other countries and develop indigenous capabilities such as renewables, nuclear energy and also seek shale or LNG (liquefied natural gas) wherever feasible in Europe. Large-scale deals with Russia, e.g. Goldman Sachs' recent $3 billion deal to publicize Russia's virtues for foreign investors, must be subjected to governmental and public scrutiny, if not shame. England, for example, must take robust steps against the flood of corrupt Russian money into the city of London and London's real estate and financial markets. These sanctions must accompany sanctions on Mr. Putin's cronies and on him, publicize

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Pro-Russian...

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It was just as violent in Luhansk, where masked and armed pro-Russian separatists took over the local headquarters of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) on April 7, the agency reported. The next day, they placed mines throughout the building and took about 60 hostages, whom they released by morning, as reported by the SBU.

"The numerous protests of several thousands of a month ago have disappeared, but a radical circle now remains of 1,000 to 1,500 individuals in each oblast, with peculiar Russian accents who are coordinating their activity with the intelligence agencies of foreign states," Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk told the April 7 meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Violent clashes erupted between pro-Russian and pro-European Union activists in the port city of Mykolayiv on April 6, leaving 15 injured and 23 arrested. Similar street fights erupted in Kharkiv on April 6 and 7; pro-Russian activists attacked with bats, tear gas and detonators left numerous pro-EU activists injured.

A pro-EU elderly demonstrator died during the protests on April 6, though he reportedly wasn't beaten. In the Cherkasy Oblast, pro-EU activist Vasyl Serhiyenko, 57, was kidnapped from his house, tortured and killed.

As of April 9, the Luhansk SBU office and Donetsk Oblast State Administration building remained occupied by the pro-Russian protesters.

Luhansk millionaire businessman Volodymyr Landik told espresso.tv on April 7 that fugitive ex-President Viktor Yanukovych is financing the local separatists, who are being led by Oleksandr Yefremov, the Luhansk Oblast organization head of the Party of Regions and among the oblast's wealthiest businessmen.

Mr. Landik said: "Why was the SBU taken over, rather than the oblast administration or the internal affairs ministry? A director disloyal to the previous government has come to the SBU. He began to dig through the tenders and all the firms belonging to Yefremov."

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Pro-Russian activists hold a portrait photo of former President Viktor Yanukovych at an April 6 demonstration in Donetsk attended by about 2,000 supporters.

The SBU building was taken over by 30 to 50 activists who knew what the plan was ahead of time, while the rest were drunkards bused in from other regions, both in Ukraine and Russia, he noted.

About 2,000 activists were estimated by the Internal Affairs Ministry to have been involved in the building's storming. Yet Mr. Landik said most of them were passive. "I believe those people, who joined the storm yelling 'Russia, Russia,' were brought directly from Russia," he said. "Most of them didn't want any storming."

Meanwhile, it's Ukraine's biggest oligarch, billionaire Rinat Akhmetov, who's leading the Donetsk separatists, reported Serhiy Leshchenko, a reporter with the Ukrayinska Pravda news site. "There's information from trustworthy sources that Akhmetov flew to Moscow in March-April to meet with Putin," he wrote on his Facebook page on April 7. "As I understand it, the result is on the streets of Donetsk today."

A spokesman for System Capital Management, Mr. Akhmetov's holding company, denied the report. Jock Mendoza-Wilson, the director of international and investor relations, said Mr. Akhmetov hasn't had contact with Mr. Putin for the last several months, as reported by the Kyiv Post.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry shares the view of the Ukrainian government that the Russian government is responsible for inflaming the violence.

He called Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov on April 7 to tell him "these do not appear to be a spontaneous set of events," U.S. State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters that day.

Mr. Kerry noted the Ukrainian government's assertion that "this appeared to be a carefully orchestrated campaign with Russian support," citing recent arrests of Russian intelligence operatives working in Ukraine.

Indeed, the Ukrainian government has been announcing the arrest of such operatives almost daily. Most recently, the SBU reported on April 9 that it arrested a Russian citizen, 22-year-old Maria Koleda, who was fulfilling intelligence tasks to destabilize the situation in Ukraine's southern oblasts.

She participated in the April 7 clashes at the Mykolayiv Oblast State Administration, in which she acknowledged wounding three pro-EU activists with her firearms. She also reported to her Russian handlers that pro-Russian activists had unlimited access to explosives and arranged for them to receive rifles.

"She also reported on preparing two sabotage groups (seven individuals in Kherson and six in Nova Kakhovka) for dispatch to Donetsk to participate in the mass unrest," the SBU revealed.

Mr. Kerry called on Russia "to publicly disavow the activities of separatists, saboteurs and provocateurs, calling for de-escalation and dialogue, and called on all parties to refrain from agitation in Ukraine."

The next day, Messrs. Kerry and Lavrov agreed to meet the following week to discuss de-escalating the political crisis with acting Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Andrii Deshchytsia and EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton.

They will also discuss constitutional reform in Ukraine, Mr. Kerry said, which is a reference to the Russian government's demand for the creation of a federal state in Ukraine. Mr. Kerry made no mention of discussing the return of Crimea to the Ukrainian government.

About 64 percent of Ukrainians are convinced that Ukraine should remain a unitary state in its current form, according to a poll conducted by the Reitynh agency that was commissioned by the International Republic Institute.

About 14 percent believe Ukraine should adopt a federal form of government, while another 10 percent believe that Ukraine should remain a unitary state without Crimea.

Only 1 percent believe Ukraine should be partitioned and 10 percent declined to respond. Of eastern Ukrainian residents, 45 percent support federalism.

The poll was conducted between March 14 and 26 with 1,200 respondents participating. It has a margin of error of 2.8 percent.

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rallied the strength of tens of thousands of people standing in Kyiv's central square during a bitter, cold winter with her powerful voice, both in speech and song.

As she sat down for her on-stage interview with journalist and author Tina Brown, Ruslana presented Ms. Brown with a gift from the Maidan, the blue-and-yellow flag of Ukraine that she held up high, clenched in her hand during her performance.

While Ms. Brown no doubt had hoped to conduct a classic question-and-answer session with Ruslana, the Maidan leader would not be reined in. "Tina," she would say on several occasions, leaning in towards Ms. Brown, "you must excuse me. I don't mean to interrupt, but you must listen to me. Putin is a bad man. A dangerous man."

Asked what it was that the West did not understand about the situation in Ukraine, Ruslana sighed, replying that the West, where respect for human life is high, does not understand that Russian President Vladimir Putin has absolutely no regard for human life, "empire means everything," and that Mr. Putin would not hesitate to kill as many of her fellow Ukrainians as needed to achieve this goal. Ukrainians do not want to be part of Putin's plans and his dictatorship, so he will manipulate and connive and kill to keep Ukraine in line since "Putin must have Ukraine, but Ukraine does not want Putin," she underscored.

"But I have news for you, Putin. Bad news," she continued. "Someday in Russia you will have your own Maidan. Because the people in Russia, they also want to be free."

Throughout her appearance on stage, Ruslana held a lit up cellphone with the white light shining brightly in the darkened auditorium. She explained that on the Maidan, people held up a variety of lights – candles, the lights on their cellphones, flashlights – as symbols of lights for freedom. Tens of thousands of bright lights shone in the darkness of night on the Maidan in Kyiv.

Ruslana then stood up and asked guests to shine their lights in support of freedom.

Marc Bryan-Brown

Ruslana with Tina Brown at Lincoln Center during the fifth annual Women in the World summit, hosted by Tina Brown Live Media.

There was a rushed half-minute as everyone, who had been asked at the beginning of the evening to turn off their cellphones and put them away, searched purses and pockets. One by one, the 2,500-seat auditorium filled with lights of freedom, creating, as noted by Ms. Brown, a mini-Maidan.

Exiting the stage, Ruslana was bid farewell from a member of the audience who called out "Slava Ukraini!" She paused and turned back to the audience, then putting both fists in the air in victory, replied with conviction "Heroyam Slava!" and walked off to applause.

Ruslana was introduced that evening by the executive director of the Institute for Women, Peace and Security at Georgetown University and former U.S. ambassador-at-large for global women's issues, who began her introduction with the words "I'm Melanne Verveer – and I'm Ukrainian American!" Ms. Verveer noted that the word "patriot" does not begin to describe Ruslana, who not only passionately defended freedom and democracy during the days and nights of the Maidan, but was also instrumental in supporting the 2004 Orange Revolution, a national protest against rigged elections.

She highlighted an aspect of Ruslana's activism that is less known: "(Ruslana) has led the fight against human trafficking," said the ambassador, "a terrible scourge that has extracted a toll on women and girls in Ukraine, as it has in so many places… enticed with the prospect of good jobs…. instead they are thrust into a nightmare, …disappear, often never to be heard from again." Ruslana produced video clips to alert women and girls to the dangers posed by the traffickers and worked with the United Nations on a campaign. Her song "Not for Sale" became an anti-trafficking rallying cry around the world.

The four-day program at Lincoln Center highlighted the achievements of women from all continents of the world, as well as revealed many of the dreadful consequences suffered by women and children in conflict zones. On Thursday evening, the first night of the program, prior to Ruslana's appearance on stage, two women activists from Syria provided harrowing details of the current civil war in their country that has claimed more than 150,000 lives, displaced millions of people and sunk the formerly middle-class nation into deep poverty.

With Ruslana following this presentation, the link between Syria's civil war, where government forces at the forefront of the killing are supported by Russia, and the fear that such a disaster could occur in Ukraine were easily made.

The most famous guests that evening were former Secretary of State and former First Lady Hillary Clinton and Christine LaGarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, who appeared in a lively joint interview conducted by Thomas Friedman of The New York Times.

The 40-minute interview covered many topics. However, since this segment followed Ruslana's presentation, Mr. Friedman, at the beginning, asked both women their thoughts about the situation in Ukraine. Both condemned Mr. Putin's actions quite strongly, with the former secretary of state quite bluntly stating that Mr. Putin in his mind lives in the past, a dangerous place to be if you are the leader of a country in the 21st century.

Ms. LaGarde offered an explanation about the IMF's efforts to determine Ukraine's economic balance sheet, "what was in the government coffers, so to speak" and the determination was that the situation was bad, "really bad." In short, Ukraine's resources had been completely depleted. However, the IMF has good reason to believe that all the candidates for president want to turn Ukraine around, and the IMF has made a commitment to working with Ukraine after the elections.

UCCLA says drinking responsibly means not drinking Russian vodka

OTTAWA – Responding to the Russian invasion, occupation, and illegitimate annexation of Ukraine's Crimea, the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association (UCCLA) has called upon the government of Ontario to suspend the sale of alcoholic beverages produced or exported by the Russian Federation through all outlets of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO).

Letters asking for this measure to be put into effect immediately were sent on March 21 to the LCBO's chairman, Edward J. Waitzer, with copies to Premier Kathleen Wynne and the leaders of the opposition parties in the Ontario Legislature, Andrea Horwarth and Tim Hudak.

UCCLA Chairman Roman W. Zakaluzny said: "There has been worldwide condemnation of the illegal seizure of Ukrainian territory by the Russian military and the subsequent occupation and annexation of Crimea by the Russian Federation. Until such a time as Russian forces withdraw from Ukraine and stop threatening Ukraine's political independence and territorial integrity, we want the LCBO to ban all Russian Federation products."

Mr. Zakaluzny explained: "This campaign has a precedent – the LCBO's prohibition against the sale of South African wines in protest over that country's past apartheid policies. More recently, bar and restaurant owners and members of the LGBT community in New York City and elsewhere dumped Russian vodka in condemnation of the blatantly homophobic and anti-gay policies of Russia. As Ontarians and Canadians, we can all do our small part to signal a protest against Russian imperialism. And as consumers we will still have choice, as there are many other better brands of vodka available at the LCBO."

"By not buying products made by the Russian Federation, all Canadians can join us in protesting against the illegal annexation of Ukraine's Crimea," he underscored. "And we remind Canadians to drink responsibly – don't drink Russian vodka."

Canada's Harper...

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relinquished its nuclear weapons in exchange for security assurance] on the basis of an explicit Russian guarantee of its territorial integrity," said Mr. Harper, "President Putin has provided a rationale for those elsewhere who needed little more encouragement than that already furnished by pride or grievance to arm themselves to the teeth."

Mr. Harper characterized the actions of Russia, whose expulsion from the G-8 was aggressively advocated by Canada, as an "unacceptable behavior" not seen since Germany's Nazi regime annexed Austria in 1938.

While in Kyiv, Mr. Harper also paid a visit to Independence Square – the Maidan – where, according to an official release from his office, he laid a wreath as a symbol of Canada's respect for those who died while standing up for democratic change.

Mr. Harper believes the "Cold War has never left Vladimir Putin's mind," as he stated during his recent trip to Germany, and Canada's relationship with Russia has gotten colder since the prime minister announced on March 1 that Canada would sit out the since-cancelled G-8 summit planned for Sochi in June and had recalled John Kur, Canada's ambassador to Moscow, for consultations.

Since then, Canada has suspended bilateral military activities with Russia (as NATO did more recently) and announced economic sanctions and travel bans against Russian officials and members of the Yanukovych regime. Russia responded by imposing travel bans on 13 Canadian officials, including Ukrainian Canadian parliamentarians such as Liberal Chrystia Freeland, who was recently elected to serve in the House of Commons for a Toronto riding, and Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, a Conservative from Saskatchewan.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress President Paul Grod's name is also on the list sanctioned "for the sole reason that he's Ukrainian," Prime Minister Harper said during the recent Nuclear Safety Summit at The Hague. "Now what does that tell you about the mentality of [the Russian] government? What does it tell you about the reasons why Ukrainians fear so much the Russian relationship with their country?"

To provide confidence to and bolster its relationship with Ukraine, Canada pledged more than $220 million (about $200 million U.S.) toward an International Monetary Fund plan to provide Ukraine with a loan of between $14 billion and $18 billion (U.S.). In late March, Prime Minister Harper also announced a $775,000 (about $706,000 U.S.) contribution toward a political and security-monitoring mission to Ukraine led by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

More help is needed, as Vadym Prystaiko, Ukraine's ambassador to Canada, recently said here during a speech at Carleton University.

Ukraine owes about $2.2 billion (U.S.) on a natural gas bill from Russian gas giant, Gazprom, which imposed a 44-percent hike in its natural gas price for Ukraine to $485 per 1,000 cubic meters.

Ambassador Prystaiko said that perhaps Canada could be a future source of natural gas for Ukraine, or at least help his country become energy independent.

That's possible, considering Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent comments in Germany that Canada is looking to "diversify" its energy exports.

In the meantime, he has indicated that Canada will send observers to Ukraine for the May 25 presidential election.

THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FORUM

UNA Executive Committee holds special pre-convention meeting

by Christine Kozak
UNA National Secretary

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – On Monday, March 31, the Executive Committee of the Ukrainian National Association Inc. held a special meeting to approve the delegates and alternate delegates to UNA's 38th Regular Convention.

In accordance with the By-Laws of the UNA, the Executive Committee approved the delegates and alternate delegates for the 38th Regular Convention being held at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center in Kerhonkson, N.Y., on May 15-18.

The Executive Committee also nominated members to the Credentials Committee, Committee on Revision of By-Laws and the Finance Committee. The members of these committees are named from among the elected delegates to the convention.

The delegates named to the committees are:

• Credentials Committee: Yuriy Symczyk (Branch 42), Bohdan Doboszczak (59), Michael Bohdan (133/142), Maria Drich (269), Valentina Kaploun (269);

• Committee on Revision of By-Laws: Walter Kozicky (8/257), Jaroslava Komichak (96), Maria Oscislawski (234), Romana Hadzewycz (287/254), Maria Luba Walchuk (362/153); and

• Finance Committee: Roman Hawryluk (88), Alexander Serafyn (292), Bohdana Puzyk (325/267), Christine Dziuba (367), Motria Milanytch (450/241).

AGENDA
of the 38th Regular Convention of the UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.
to be held
at Soyuzivka Heritage Center, Kerhonkson, NY
May 15-18, 2014
Commencing at 10:00 a.m.

1) Opening of Convention
2) Report of Credentials Committee
3) Acceptance of convention program
4) Approval of Minutes of the 37th Convention
5) Election:
   a. Convention chairperson, two vice-chairpersons
   b. 11-member Election Committee
   c. 5-member Committee on Petitions
   d. Other committees: Secretaries, Resolutions
6) Appointment of Press Committee and two sergeants-at-arms
7) Reports of UNA Officers – Executive Committee:
   President — Stefan Kaczaraj
   First Vice-President — Michael Koziupa
   Second Vice-President — Eugene Oscislawski
   Director for Canada — Myron Groch
   National Secretary — Christine Kozak
   Treasurer — Roma Lisovich
8) Reports of UNA Auditing Committee members:
   Gerald Tysiak
   Wasyl Szeremeta
   Eugene Serba
9) Reports of UNA Advisors:
   Maya Lew — Gloria Horbaty
   Andrew Futey — Lubov Streletsky
   Ewhen Osidacz — Andrij V.R. Szul
   Nicholas Fil — Olya Czerkas
   Stephanie Hawryluk — Luba Poniatyszyn Keske
10) Report of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly Editor-in-Chief Roma Hadzewycz
11) Discussion of reports and their acceptance
12) Report of Committee on Revision of By-Laws, discussion and approval of proposed changes
13) Election of General Assembly
14) Product Information Workshop
   a) Life Insurance – Yuriy Symczyk
   b) Annuities – Steve Woch
   c) Customer Service – Oksana Stanko
15) Presentation: "The UNA: Moving Forward"
16) Report of Finance Committee and determination on bonding and salaries of officers
17) Report of Committee on Petitions, discussion and resolutions
18) Report of Secretaries Committee, discussion and resolutions
19) Resolutions and recommendations for the well-being of the organization
20) Miscellaneous
21) Adjournment

In accordance with the By-Laws of the UNA, the Executive Committee appointed delegates to the following convention committees:

Committee on Revision of By-Laws: Walter Kozicky (8/257), Jaroslava Komichak (96), Maria Oscislawski (234), Romana Hadzewycz (287/254), Maria Luba Walchuk (362/153)

Credentials Committee: Yuriy Symczyk (42), Bohdan Doboszczak (59), Michael Bohdan (133/142), Maria Drich (269), Valentina Kaploun (269)

Finance Committee: Roman Hawryluk (88), Alexander Serafyn (292), Bohdana Puzyk (325/267), Christine Dziuba (367), Motria Milanytch (450/241)

2014 UNA Convention Delegates

Branch	Delegate	Alternate Delegates
7/137	Christine M. Harasymczuk	Adolph J. Slovik
8/257	Walter Kozicky	
10	Ihor Shumylo	Valery Sedletsky
	Lubov Shumylo	Natalya Semenyuk
	Vasily Streletsky	Dmitriy Voyevoda
13	John Suchowacki	
25	Oksana Trytjak	
27/28	Daria Semegen	Christine A. Brodyn
37	Oksana Stanko	
39	Rev. Ivan Mazuryk	
42	Yuriy Symczyk	Dmytro Lenczuk
47	Oksana Koziak	
59	Bohdan Doboszczak	Ihor Hayda
76	Andrew Hrechak	
88	Roman Hawryluk	Sofia Semanyszyn
	Rev. Ivan Kaszczak	Marianne Hawryluk
96	Jaroslawa P. Komichak	
	Raymond M. Komichak	
102	Olga Palaschenko	
112	John Olenchuk	Nancy Fedak
	Alice Olenchuk	
133/142	Michael W. Bohdan	Nancy Bohdan
134/182	Ivan Glova	
161	Michael Hrycyk	
	Patricia Halasik-Saunders	
	Charles Saunders	
	Tim Ganter	
162/206	George B. Fedorijczuk	Jolanta Fedorijczuk
171	Petro Chasto	Maria Proskurenko
	Martha Lysko	Wolodar Lysko
	Stephan Welhasch	
	Steven Woch	
173	Peter Serba	Gregory Serba
175	Zynowia M. Serafyn	Olena Papiz
194	Oksana Lopatynsky	Nadia Sawczuk
234	Andriy Gavdanovich	Maria Gavdanovich
	Maria Oscislawski	Anna Fisher
238	Stephania Majkut	
269	Maria Drich	
	Valentina Kaploun	
277	Myron Kuzio	Myron Kolinsky
283	Stefan Lysiak	Eugenia Droczak
287/254	Romana Hadzewycz	Adam Platosz
292	Alexander J. Serafyn	Irene Pryjma
325/267	Bohdana Puzyk	Barbara Chupa
362/153	Maria Luba Walchuk	
367	Myron Babiuk	
	Christine Dziuba	Roman Lechnowsky
385/327	Julian M Pishko	
407/401	Tatiana Miskiv	
414/387	Christine D. Melnyk	Donald Horbaty
450/241	Motria Milanytch	Janet Bardell
452	Nadia Kusznir	
	Natalie Shuya	
461	Janina Groch	Ben Doliszny
465/473	Eugene Diachyshyn	
	Myron O. Makar	

THE UNA: 120 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Misconceptions and misinformation

We've written before about the great damage being done by the pervasive disinformation campaign being conducted by Moscow, aided by its sycophants and "pens for hire." Yet another prevalent problem is misconceptions that inevitably lead to misinformation. Though they do not rise to the level of deliberate falsehoods emanating from the Kremlin (to be sure, some of this misinformation may be traced to Russian sources), such misperceptions spread by the news media are nonetheless harmful as they mislead readers, listeners and viewers, and, indeed, do a great disservice to the public they serve.

For example, there are mistaken notions that all Russian-speaking people who live in Ukraine are pro-Russian and that there is a clear east-west divide in Ukraine, whereby the east is pro-Russian and the west is pro-European. Thus, an image is created that just about all of eastern Ukraine yearns to join Russia. Here's an illustration: "In eastern Ukraine, as in Crimea, a majority of the population is ethnically Russian. In many regions, such as Donetsk, Kharkiv and Dnipropetrovsk, loyalties to Russia also run strong, and distrust of the new government in Kiev [sic] runs deep." But the reality is more complicated. More than 65 percent of the residents of Donetsk Oblast, for example, want their oblast to remain part of Ukraine, according to a poll conducted on March 26-28 by the Institute of Social Research and Political Analysis. Only about 18 percent want the Donetsk Oblast to be annexed by Russia.

Another misperception recently spread by the media was that Russian speakers' rights were threatened. Yet a poll funded by the International Republican Institute found that most Russian-speaking citizens in Ukraine do not feel "under pressure or threatened" because of their language. Conducted on March 14-26 in all regions of Ukraine, the poll showed that 85 percent of Ukrainians and 66 percent of ethnic Russians said they don't feel that Russian-speaking citizens are facing increased pressure since President Viktor Yanukovych fled the country in February.

And then there is simplistic, dare we say lazy, reporting, such as when certain news media outlets reported that Crimeans overwhelmingly voted for joining Russia but provided no context for the reported numbers. Here's an example of just such writing: "…results from the disputed referendum in the Crimea showed an overwhelming majority in favor of joining the Russian Federation. Crimea's election committee said that 97 percent of voters backed a union between the largely ethnic-Russian peninsula and the huge neighboring country." Not a word about who the voters were and whether they were even qualified to vote in Ukraine, who boycotted the vote, the duress under which this "referendum" took place, the extraordinary turnout (123 percent in Sevastopol!) or the fact that in a recent poll 59 percent of Crimeans had actually rejected the idea of unification with Russia. And yet, news reports continue to refer to the vote results as if they were valid, as if the people of Crimea had spoken.

Some of the worst offenders we've seen are the news services – whose stories are ubiquitous. Their writers are expected to deliver concise stories under strong deadline pressure and the result oftentimes is formulaic writing, with reporters using, over and over again, certain shorthand descriptions of places, people and events. Thus, we have such concepts as "Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine." Sloppy writing supports the notion that Russian speakers could not possibly be pro-Ukrainian when there is talk of "Russian-speaking demonstrators" calling for, you name it, Crimea joining Russia, the federalization of Ukraine, the "People's Republic of Donetsk." The fact is, many Russian speakers are for an independent Ukraine, many are patriotic Ukrainian citizens. More careful writers, we note, will instead use terms like "pro-Russian protesters" or "pro-Russian activists" when writing about such groups in Donetsk, Luhansk or Kharkiv.

To be sure, there are many more examples of such misinformation – we're sure you've seen them too. So, what to do? For starters, call the news media out on such miscues. Of course, you can write a letter to the editor or contact an ombudsperson. In many cases, however, it is even better to contact individual writers to explain your concern about their misperceptions of the situation in Ukraine. You might be surprised at how responsive they are. We've already seen some evidence of journalists who cover the crisis in Ukraine becoming more conversant about their subject. And everyone certainly benefits from that!

April 13 2012

Turning the pages back...

Last year, on April 13, 2013, the Russian government responded in a tit-for-tat way after the U.S. government published a list of 18 Russians as part of the U.S. Magnitsky Act adopted in December 2012. Anti-corruption lawyer Sergei Magnitsky died while detained in a Russian facility and the act was in response to his death and other alleged rights abuses.

Going above and beyond in its response to the U.S. initiative, the Russian government issued a list of 18 Americans, and the Russian Foreign Affairs Ministry told Interfax reporters "the Russian secret additional list contains more than 18 names of Americans, who will be banned entry."

The U.S. list, released on April 12, 2013, included low and middle-level officials, 16 of whom were directly involved in the Magnitsky prosecution, plus two Chechens accused of murder. The U.S. had a supplemental list of additional human rights abusers that reportedly included the Kremlin's hand-picked Chechen leader, Razman Kadyrov.

White House National Security Advisor Tom Donilon came to Moscow to meet with Russian officials, delivering a personal letter from President Barack Obama to President Vladimir Putin that contained a road map for developing a joint partnership in areas of mutual interest like nuclear arms control, non-proliferation, Syria, North Korea, Iran, sta-

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EASTER PASTORAL LETTERS

The day of Resurrection and the hymn of victory

Easter pastoral of the Ukrainian Catholic hierarchy of the U.S.A. to our clergy, hieromonks and brothers, religious sisters, seminarians and beloved faithful.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

Christ, our God, has brought us from death to life and from earth to heaven (cf. Resurrection Matins, Canon, Ode 1). During the Great Fast we had cleansed our senses so that we might see the Risen Christ in the glory of His resurrection and clearly hear Him greeting us: "Rejoice!" This is the day of Resurrection and therefore we are able to sing the hymn of victory: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life."

This is the convincing sound that gives testimony to "hope that springs eternal" in the breast of each and every one of us following the "Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor, glory and praise" (Rev. 5:12). The Easter Event, which dramatizes Christ's triumph over death and sin, is undoubtedly the most effective symbol of hope. Why? Because we all want to live. It is a fact that people can live without food and water for some limited period of time, but they certainly cannot live without hope. For that reason, Dante's "Inferno" portrays hell as a place without hope: "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here."

One of our favorite Easter narratives is Luke 24:13-35, where the Risen Christ accompanies the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they fail to recognize the Lord even though He is the subject of their discussion: "Our own hope had been that He would be the one to set Israel free" (v.21), i.e., to bring liberation and peace.

We all entertain some aspect of hope: hope for peace and tranquility; hope for a better way of life; hope for opportunities to learn and advance one's self; hope to be able to raise family in a safe society; and, deep down inside, there is a hope to live on and on, and never die.

Hope is the common thread that weaves significance into the life of each one of us. The Resurrection of Jesus is par excellence, that common thread, the common thread which, once woven into our lives, gives purpose, happiness and fulfillment. One of the early Church Fathers, St. Athanasius, puts it this way: "The Resurrection of Christ makes the life of human beings a continuous feast."

We realistically recognize, however, the fact that for some, if not for many, the notion of a "continuous feast" is a fantasy far removed from what is presently being experienced: acts of injustice, violence and brutality, greed and corruption in high places. All these speak of death, and not a "continuous feast." It was to reverse such death-dealing instances that the "Lamb" was slain, so that we may "have life and have it to the full" (Jn. 10:10).

Is this not what our sisters and brothers in Ukraine are trying to achieve? It is their

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The Resurrection of Christ fulfills meaning and hope for the future

The Paschal Epistle of the Permanent Conference of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops Beyond the Borders of Ukraine for 2014 in the Year of Our Lord to the reverend clergy, the deaconate in Christ, venerable monastics and all the faithful of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church beyond the borders of Ukraine and on Ukrainian native land.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

For almost 2,000 years these words have been uttered with great joy and spiritual strength from the lips of millions of Christians all over the world. The Resurrection of Christ forms the greatest event that has changed forever their lives and that has fulfilled the meaning and hope for the future.

The Holy Orthodox Church calls Pascha the Feast of Feasts and the Festival of Festivals (Easter Matins, Canticle 8). The Lord's Pascha is celebrated by the entire Christian world, but only the Orthodox Church celebrates with such illumination and immense excitement, expressing through her Paschal services the deep spiritual joy and the triumph of life over death.

For Orthodox Christians the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection becomes the greatest event in their personal life because, now, the day of their birth and the day of their death carry different meaning and importance. By His Holy Resurrection, Christ overcomes death and grants people eternal life. The Holy Apostle Paul writes, "If Christ had not risen, then our preaching is empty and our faith is empty." (1 Cor 15: 14) Without the Lord's Resurrection, the Church of Christ would not exist, salvation would be impossible, and faith would be futile. There would be no hope, no everlasting life, and Christianity would exist like a school of philosophy, having a teacher for a limited group of disciples.

God did not leave us orphans in this world, imbued with sins and death. He did not forget us, His prodigal children. He did not leave His creation in the darkness of sin and damnation. With love for us, He sent His Only-Begotten Son. From the time of the birth of the Son of God, born from the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, the Bethlehem star shone in the heavens for the entire world, showing humans the road to God through the darkness of sin and death. For God loved us so much that He even gave His Only-Begotten Son to death so that we should not die, but have eternal life. Yet, Christ is risen, and by His death, He overcame death.

St. John Chrysostom in his sixth homily about Pascha writes, "The sacred rays of Christ's light already shine; the long and dark night is absorbed; cloudy death is hidden; life is open for everyone; all things are fulfilled; Great Christ appears to everyone in inexhaustible light, brighter than the sun." We can compare the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ to a star in the dark. It shows us that the road and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is brighter than the light of the sun, according to St. John Chrysostom. As we all know, there is no life without sunlight. Without the Holy Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, true life, eternal life, cannot exist for us.

In the Holy Gospel we learn that when He appeared to His Disciples after His Holy

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Let's talk about it

BY YARO BIHUN

We're sorry, Taras!

And ashamed. We, who had to be careful in how and where we stepped and stood during the half dozen events in front of your monument in Washington in March, commemorating the 200th anniversary of your birthday. Many of us do so every year on your birthday and other Ukrainian national occasions and official visits – the last by Ukraine's new prime minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, on March 13. Some of us who live nearby come even more frequently. And every time we feel ashamed because of the decrepit state of your memorial and how we – the Ukrainian community – could have allowed it to happen.

And then, apparently, when we return home, all is forgotten until the next time.

And it's been getting worse and worse for many, many years. Earlier this year I happened to receive a copy of a heart-wrenching letter to one of our Ukrainian newspapers written in October 1980 by Oksana Solovey, an engineer by profession, but a writer, translator, editor and ethnographer by preference, describing her experience while visiting his monument in Washington. I translated it into English to share it with readers so that you and others may hear her pleas and pain and, maybe, dwell on it too.

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The cracked and missing concrete pavers just to the left of the Shevchenko Memorial one hour before the Washington Ukrainian community came to honor his birthday in 2012.

The grief overwhelms the soul

The bus went around the corner, and our anxious eyes immediately took in the entire scene: the green bushes, the scattered fallen yellow leaves, the monument. Then they focused on his figure and, after a moment, looked down at the pedestal, and froze. It was unreadable. Even in sunlight, the grayish letters were lost on the gray background. One had to have already known his name to decipher it in a few seconds, and this may well distract a driver on the road. Thousands of cars drive by the monument every day, and the bronze man remains anonymous for those driving by.

We got off the bus and walked back to "Tarasyk," as my traveling companion lovingly called him. Now we had a chance to get acquainted with the surroundings. The grounds around the monument are neglected. The green hedgerows have not been trimmed, the fallen leaves lay scattered on the ground, the evidently long-not-functioning (why?!) fountain has become a garbage pit. At least today we cannot see any empty bottles thrown about on the grass. My friends who visited Washington this spring said they found and carried away a large empty box from the monument grounds. Some people enjoy themselves here; others are saddened. We must do something about this!

This atmosphere of neglect is evident not only in the surrounding grassy area. The large flat cement plates around the monument have started to crumble. On the left side of the second level, two of these plates are falling off, and the top few are serrated. While not yet crumbling, without adequate support they will soon fall apart.

Fallen plates already lie about. Be careful so you don't trip over them. To the right, there's more cracked plates, though not fallen off yet. The light gray granite stairs around the base of the monument are smeared with some dark ointment, and there are a number of big smudges spread all around on every step. They give one the impression of untidiness, slovenliness, of neglect. It's unlikely that these smudges – be they accidental or not – can be cleansed away. The granite stairs are not polished, and the paint may have been deeply absorbed. I felt so ashamed. We must do something!

Yaro Bihun

This a view of the decrepit Shevchenko memorial grounds from near the not-functioning fountain on the poet's birthday two years ago. The front panel of the statue's pedestal has his name inscribed, but it is not discernible to a passer-by.

And finally, the pedestal. The writings on the sides are very difficult to read, even if one comes up very close. Is it the result of 16 years of weather damage, the shallow depth of the inscription, or the lack of contrast between the polished exterior and the unpolished interior? I don't know. I only know that words left unread do not convey any meaning. We must do something!

We must do something. They say that the city is responsible for maintaining the monument grounds. And if it isn't well maintained? Should we really rely on somebody? Or should we look after and care for it ourselves? The condition of the monument itself may not be the responsibility of the city. We must care for it. Is it not so? It's not enough to get it erected, we must also look after it. And don't try to excuse yourself, my friend, because you live somewhere far away in California or South Dakota. The smear on the monument is a smear on me, on everybody in the Ukrainian community. Let us preserve and protect what we achieved. It wasn't easy, but it can easily be lost.

Please respond! Suggest what we should do.

Oksana Solovey
October 1980

This writer asks that editors of other newspapers reprint this appeal.

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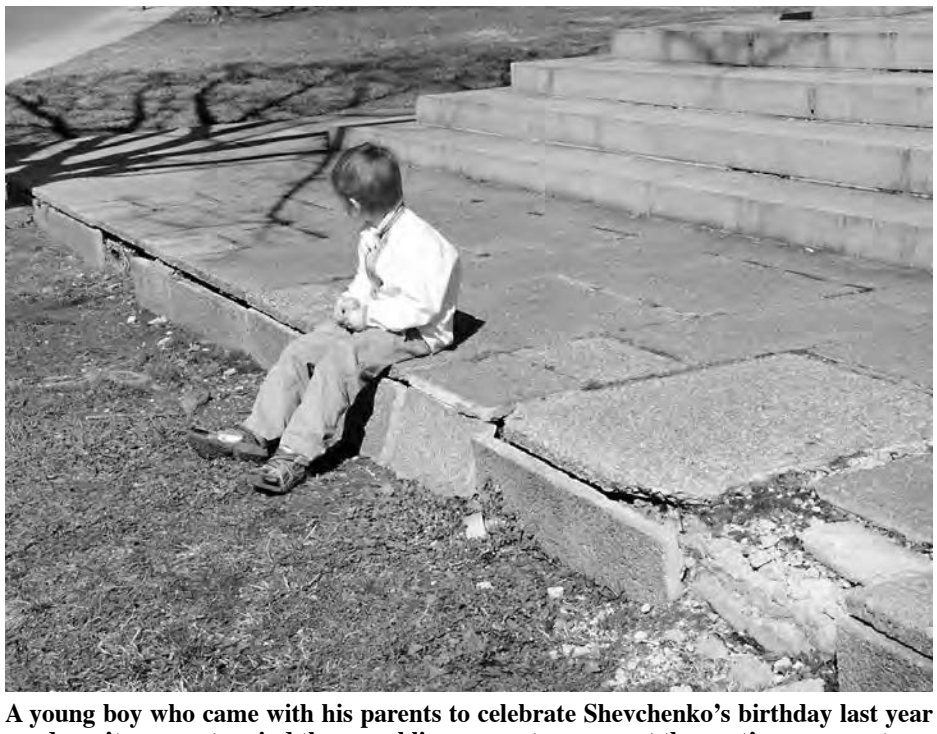
The letter was written just 16 years after the Shevchenko memorial was constructed and officially opened here on June 27, 1964. I can't recall reading it then in any of our newspapers, but Ms. Solovey's description of that decrepit state of the monument then is the more so true this year, when we mark the 200th anniversary of Shevchenko's birth and the 50th anniversary of the memorial here this June.

Living within walking distance of the memorial, we visit Shevchenko frequently and share Ms. Solovey's feeling of shame every time. We pick up the trash that others thoughtlessly leave scattered about, but can't do anything about the decrepit state of those surrounding crumbling plates (precast concrete pavers, as professionals call them) and the unreadable inscriptions, including his yearning for Ukraine attaining its own Washington "with his new and righteous law" ("Yurodyvyi," 1857). I have mentioned it to some of our community leaders a few times, but never pursued it further.

One would think that our organizations, like the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, which was in the forefront of getting the memorial built, would have organized some pressure on the National Park Service (not the city, as someone misinformed Ms. Solovey) to maintain the memorial. It hasn't happened yet. But, just last week, by chance, I learned that the Embassy of Ukraine last year took it upon itself to pursue the matter with the NPS, which then placed it high on its to do list. But the budget impasse and the so-called "fiscal cliff" that developed toward the end of the year in Washington sidelined it. According to the Embassy, with the budget problem now resolved, the NPS says it will begin the work on changing the crumbling pavers and cleaning the monument pedestal when the weather improves – and it has in recent days. But I doubt that it can complete the project before the Shevchenko memorial's 50th anniversary in June.

Once again: We're sorry, Taras... But thank you, Oksana Solovey, for focusing our attention on this issue once again.



A young boy who came with his parents to celebrate Shevchenko's birthday last year doesn't appear to mind the crumbling concrete pavers at the poet's monument.

Ambassador Oleksander Motsyk, his wife and staffers of the Ukrainian Embassy join in with the Ukrainian community and the SPIV-Zhyttia choral ensemble in one of this year's celebrations of Taras Shevchenko's 200th birthday on March 23. They were also there 10 days earlier along with Ukraine's Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk. There is an inscription on the side panel of the monument's pedestal, but — as Oksana Solovey points out in her letter — it is not easily readable.

TARAS SHEVCHENKO BICENTENNIAL

Commemorative concert in Pittsburgh celebrates Ukraine's great bard

by Roksana Korchynsky

PITTSBURGH – Before a backdrop of projected images of paintings and drawings by Ukraine's most famous bard, an audience of 160 gathered on Sunday, March 9, at the Frick Fine Arts Building Auditorium in Pittsburgh for a commemorative concert to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Taras Shevchenko.

Dr. Roman G. Kyshakevych, chair of the Ukrainian Nationality Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh, and Marika Zaliszczuk, president of Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 27, welcomed the audience and invited guest E. Maxine Bruhns, director of the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs at the University of Pittsburgh.

They announced that the commemorative concert was being dedicated to all those who are currently waging the struggle for "liberty and justice for all" on Maidans across Ukraine, and particularly to those who were recently killed in the civil protests. A moment of silence was observed for the recently perished souls on the Maidan in Kyiv.

Basso Vitaliy Lomakin.

Roksana Korchynsky

Oksana Krovytska is flanked by Douglas Martin (left) and Dr. Roman G. Kyshakevych.

The concert featured world-renowned soprano Oksana Krovytska, soloist with the New York City Opera, previously of the Lviv Philharmonic, who performed works by Shevchenko set to music, including "The Lark Sings," "Alone Am I...," "Why Do I Need Dark Eyes," "Evening" and "Mother's Aria" from the opera "Kateryna." Douglas Martin was the piano accompanist. Basso Vitaliy Lomakin provided a soulful recitation of Shevchenko's last poem, "Should we, my humble friend, not take our leave…"

And Shevchenko's famous poem, "Testament" (Zapovit) – now translated into more than 60 languages worldwide – was performed by the St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir, under the direction of Stephen H. Zinski.

The program also included recitations in Ukrainian and English of Shevchenko's poems by students of the Ukrainian Students Club at the University of Pittsburgh and members of Pittsburgh's Ukrainian community. Bandura performances by soloist Borys Ostapienko and the Bandura Ensemble of Ridna Shkola (School of Ukrainian Studies) Pittsburgh, under the direction of Chrystyna Hlutkowsky, highlighted the beauty and power of Shevchenko's words.

Following the performance, audience members had an opportunity to meet the artists and socialize in the art-filled Frick Fine Arts Building Foyer.

The commemorative concert was sponsored by the Ukrainian Nationality Room Committee at the University of Pittsburgh in cooperation with the following organizations in the Greater Pittsburgh area: Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, League of Ukrainian Catholics of Western Pennsylvania, New Ukrainian Wave, Poltava Ukrainian Dance Company, Ridna Shkola of Pittsburgh, St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church Choir, "Ukraine in the Heart of Everyone" Radio Program, Ukrainian American Citizens Club of Carnegie, Ukrainian Festival Committee, Ukrainian Independence Day Committee, UNWLA Branch 27, Ukrainian Radio Program, and the Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) of Pittsburgh.

Photos of the commemorative concert can be seen on the UTS website, www.utspgh.org.

Bandurists (from left) Maria Semreka, Yaryna Korenovska, Les Konecky and Chrystyna Hlutkowsky (ensemble director).

NYC School of Ukrainian Studies celebrates Shevchenko's 200th jubilee

by Xenia Ferencevych

NEW YORK – On Saturday, March 8, in honor of the 200th birthday of Ukraine's incomparable poet Taras Shevchenko, students and teachers of the School of Ukrainian Studies of the Self Reliance Association presented a grand jubilee concert.

The program, titled "Poklin Tobi, Tarase" (We Bow to Thee, Taras) opened with fitting remarks made by the school's principal, Ivan Makar, who spoke about Shevchenko as the spiritual father of the Ukrainian nation, and emphasized that the great bard's words are as relevant for Ukraine today as they were when he wrote them in the 19th century. Ukrainians today "are fighting for dignity, justice and the opportunity to create a new life; for truth, strength and freedom to reign," said Mr. Makar.

A prayer and a moment of silence in honor of Euro-Maidan's victims rounded out the concert's opening.

History teacher Valentyna Hlushchak ably emceed the program, which encompassed a wide range of Shevchenko's works in conventional and unconventional forms. There were his classic poems, such as "Topolia" (recited by students of Grades 6 and 7), "Perebendia" (Grade 10) and "Naimychka" (Grade 9); songs "Sadok Vyshnevyi Kolo Khaty" (Grades 4 and 5) and "Zatsvila v Dolyni Chervona Kalyna" (kindergarten and Grade 1); and original sketches, "Biography of T. H. Shevchenko" (Grade 8), "How We Understand Shevchenko" (Grade 3) and "From Shevchenko to Maidan" (Grade 12). Individual class performances culminated in a school-wide rendition of Shevchenko's "Zapovit" (Testament) directed by choir teacher Elya Romanyshyn and accompanied by pianist Nastya Antoniv.

Taras Gural

Members of the School of Ukrainian Studies in New York City honor Ukraine's bard, Taras Shevchenko, on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

Accompanying the many recitations and songs, was a smart looking, mini-exhibit featuring various self-portraits of Shevchenko. The exhibit, created by Ukrainian culture teacher and artist Mykhailo Barabash, greeted all those entering the concert hall. Mr. Barabash, who teaches his 10th grade students about Shevchenko's portraiture said, "He was not only a poet, but a genius painter and artist… during his life, Shevchenko painted a lot of portraits, more than 50, and in this particular exposition there are 10 self-portraits created using various techniques."

From pre-school, which is run by Branch 83 of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, to the "maturalna" or 12th grade class, it was clear that each student and teacher had worked hard, expending time and talent to pay appropriate homage to this unsurpassed Ukrainian literary hero.

The jubilee concert concluded with the Ukrainian national anthem, emotionally sung by all and leaving few with a dry eye.

TARAS SHEVCHENKO BICENTENNIAL

Toms River community honors Shevchenko

by Gerry Tchir

TOMS RIVER, N.J. – On Sunday, March 16, the Ukrainian American Club of Ocean County sponsored a concert honoring Ukraine's greatest poet and national hero, Taras Shevchenko, at St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River, N.J.

Slavko Tchir, president of the Ukrainian American Club of Ocean County and Master of ceremonies, welcomed an enthusiastic audience to the celebration of the 200th anniversary of Shevchenko's birth, and thanked them for attending this special event, especially in light of the challenging situation unfolding in Ukraine.

The concert started with the entire audience singing "God Bless America," followed by a stirring presentation by Mr. Tchir on the life and meaning of Shevchenko to the Ukrainian people. His remarks were followed by the singing of Shevchenko's "Zapovit" (Testament), a work that enjoys status second only to Ukraine's national anthem. It was sung when the anthem was banned from public use.

Marta Shevchuk and the children of St. Stephen's Church did a presentation of the personal side of Shevchenko. The Rev. Oleksandr Dumenko, administrator of St. Stephen's Church, presented the spiritual side of the bard.

Olga Tchir

The choral ensemble performs.

Master of ceremonies Slavko Tchir.

Anastasia Tynio recites a poem by Taras Shevchenko.

A choral ensemble directed and accompanied on guitar by Yurij Shevchuk, sang three songs set to Shevchenko's poetry, "My Evening Star," "My Thoughts" and "The Wind Speaking with the Grove," (the last song accompanied on the piano by Marta Cybyk).

The duet of Anna Dzera and Yaroslawa Kochman sang two songs, "Winds Through the Meadow" and "Requiem for Shevchenko."

Poetess Lydia Bargiuk wrote and recited "Tribute to Taras Shevchenko," followed by the audience singing Shevchenko's "Reve Ta Stohne," (The Mighty Dnipro Roars).

Mr. Tchir closed the program with an appeal to all Ukrainians to be proud of their heritage, to contact politicians to support Ukraine, and to pray for our beloved Ukraine.

The concert ended with a great new touching song titled "Ty Ukrainu Blahoslovy" (God Bless Ukraine), composed and sung by the Ukrainian Youth Association in Munich, during the recent turbulence in Ukraine. The audience then joined in singing the Ukrainian national anthem.

Syracuse community commemorates Taras Shevchenko's bicentennial

by Patricia A. Burak

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – For Ukrainians around the world, the commemoration of the 200th birthday of Taras Hryhorovych Shevchenko took on greater significance in 2014. A freedom fighter as well as national poet, Shevchenko has inspired generations in their struggles for independence, recognition and respect on the world stage. This year, in light of recent political events in Ukraine and the tragedy of the "Heavenly Brigade" who gave their lives on Kyiv's Maidan, gatherings of the Ukrainian community were enhanced and very well supported.

In Syracuse, N.Y., two events jointly sponsored by social and church organizations were attended by at least three generations and brought out the passion of all involved.

On Sunday, March 9, after a panakhyda (memorial service) at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Lida H. Buniak, community leader, former teacher in the Lesia Ukrainka School of Ukrainian Studies in Syracuse and a leader of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization, addressed a gathering of almost 100 people at the Shevchenko monument near the Church.

Ms. Buniak noted that the community was gathered that day, the 200th anniversary of the birth of Shevchenko on March 9, 1814, "as citizens of Ukraine rise up in the name of democracy, freedom and their right to self-determination." She said, "Shevchenko's reputation as the 'people's poet' is reflected not only in his humble origins as a son of serfs but, within the expressions of our aspirations as a Ukrainian nation… (His) poetry vocalized the plight of the poor classes and propagated the vision of the Ukrainian national idea as presented in 'Viunishcha.' a poem dedicated to "The Dead, the Living, and to Those Yet Unborn, My Countrymen All Who Live in Ukraine and Outside Ukraine."

Addressing the assembly in Ukrainian, Nicholas Duplak provided further historical and emotional explanations of the significance of the gathering.

Afterwards there was a launch of 100 yellow balloons tied with blue ribbons. All in attendance raised balloons high in the blue sky while singing the national anthem of Ukraine, "Shche ne Vmerla Ukrayina." The idea of a balloon launch was initiated by university students in Ukraine to take place in all corners of the world on this date, with a message of hope that "Shevchenko unites all of the people who are about Ukraine."

This event was followed by a program of Ukrainian folk songs and dances by members of the Odesa Ukrainian Dance Group and other Ukrainians from the area in the hall of St. Luke Orthodox Catholic Church. Speeches, poetry presentations and tributes to both Shevchenko and the fallen heroes of the Maidan were offered.

Good media coverage allowed the Central New York area to really feel the pride Ukrainians have in their heritage and their support for the struggle in their ancestral homeland.

Borys Buniak

The Ukrainian community of the Syracuse, N.Y., area during a balloon launch at the monument to Taras Shevchenko.

COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Michigan Ukrainians meet with Sen. Debbie Stabenow

DETROIT – On Tuesday, March 18, Members of the Ukrainian American community in southeast Michigan met on March 18 with Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) at her Detroit office to discuss the current situation in Ukraine. Sen. Stabenow was very familiar with the events in Ukraine and acknowledged the gravity of the crisis. She expressed her gratitude to the attendees, indicating that she really wanted to directly hear their perspectives and feelings about what is happening in Ukraine. Sen. Stabenow was very sympathetic to the views and concerns expressed, asking for opinions about what the U.S. should do and listening attentively. She agreed that the aggressive behavior of President Vladimir Putin toward Ukraine was unacceptable and stated that the United States should stand with the Ukrainian people.

– Nick Deychakiwsky

Connecticut Ukrainians meet with Rep. Rosa DeLauro

Jerry Lodynsky

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) met on Sunday, March 9, with leaders of the Ukrainian-American community at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Haven. Community members thanked the congresswoman for her support of House Resolution 447 and urged stronger sanctions against the Russian government and Russian oligarchs. Seen above (from left) are: Myron Melnyk, Dr. Larry DeNardis (president emeritus of the University of New Haven), Rep. DeLauro, Orest Dubno, Halia Lodynsky and the Rev. Iura Godenciuc.

Randolph, N.J., Town Council passes resolution on Ukraine

Joyce Bambach

Ukrainians who were present at the Randolph Town Council presentation.

by Matthew Dubas

RANDOLPH, N.J. – Nearly 50 people from the local Ukrainian American community, who were dressed in Ukrainian embroidered attire, gathered at the Randolph Township Municipal Building for a special session of the Town Council on April 3.

Following the reading of the "Pledge of Allegiance," the Randolph Town Council, headed by Mayor James Loveys, presented a series of proclamations and resolutions. The Randolph Town Council includes: Joanne Veech (deputy mayor), Christine Carey, Mark Fosrstenhausler, Michael Guadagno, Roman Hirniak and Allen Napoliello.

The Rev. Roman Mirchuk of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Whippany, N.J., representing the Ukrainian American community in Morris County, N.J.; and representing Ukraine, the Consul General of Ukraine in New York, Igor Sybiga, received copies of resolution 105-14 on independent Ukraine, that was voted unanimously by the Town Council. Mounted plaque copies of the resolution were presented to the Rev. Mirchuk and Consul General Sybiga by Mr. Hirniak, who commented on Ukraine's struggle by using excerpts from President Abraham Lincoln's 1863 Gettysburg Address.

Democracy and representative government is something that is taken for granted by many Americans. Ukrainians, Mr. Hirniak said, have the memory of the deaths caused by their aggressive neighbors. Mr. Hirniak also noted that a Sister City initiative has begun to find a partner city with a similar-sized population in Ukraine.

State Assemblyman Anthony Bucco (25th District), along with Morris County Freeholders David Scapicchio (deputy freeholder director), William "Hank" Lyon and John Krickus, were also in attendance.

"In Ukraine's fight for freedom against its larger neighbor, it needs a friend, and I want Ukrainians to know that Ukrainians have many friends," Mr. Bucco said, prior to presenting citations to Consul Sybiga and the Rev. Mirchuk.

Mr. Sybiga thanked Mayor Loveys and the Randolph Town Council for its demonstration of solidarity with Ukrainians, who suffer the deterioration of human rights under Moscow's puppet regime in the Crimea region after the so-called "referendum" that resulted in Russia's annexation of that region of Ukraine. Ukraine, he said, rejects Crimea's annexation by Russia as illegitimate and illegal. This "travesty of travesties" is an outrageous violation of international law, Mr. Sybiga added.

Mr. Sybiga urged Ukraine's U.S. partners to stop attempts by Russia that threaten security, to preserve the country's territorial integrity and sovereignty, to secure Ukraine's eastern border with Russia; he urged for the Russians to return to dialogue. Crimea, he reminded, is an integral part of Ukraine. Mr. Sybiga thanked Ukraine's friends around the world, including in Morris County's Randolph township, for its support of Ukraine in its struggle to free itself from Moscow's pressure and intervention.

The Rev. Mirchuk thanked the Town Council for its support for Ukraine. Noting that Ukrainians are fighting for freedom of religion, languages and culture – the very values that the European Union promotes – the Rev. Mirchuk also noted that Randolph's town blue-and-yellow town banner above the Town Council's presidium already showed the town's support for Ukraine.

Mr. Krickus, on behalf of the Morris County Freeholders, stated their support of Ukrainians with the initiation of the solidarity pin. Mr. Krickus, who is of Lithuanian descent, said he knows well the Soviet legacy and underscored that it must not be allowed to repeat. He recalled Pope John Paul II's famous line when confronting the Soviet Union: "Be not afraid." It looks impossible, difficult and yet, hopeful, Mr. Krickus said.

A brief reception after the presentations allowed guests to chat with Ukraine's representative and learn more about the concerns of Ukrainian Americans.

Tucson Ukrainians protest Crimea's annexation

TUCSON, Ariz. – Ukrainians in Tucson gathered on March 21 to protest Russian President Vladimir Putin's annexation of Crimea and to urge a boycott of Lukoil gas.

– the Rev. Andriy Chirovsky

COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Yonkers City Council expresses solidarity with people of Ukraine

by Roman G. Kozicky

YONKERS, N.Y. – The City of Yonkers – through the initiative of Mayor Michael Spano, City Council President Liam McLaughlin, the entire City Council, as well as the department heads and staff – desired to acknowledge the current struggle of Ukraine against the onslaught of Russian aggression and to stand in solidarity with the nation of Ukraine in the quest for the democratic self-determination of their future.

On the afternoon of March 25, public officials donned blue and yellow ribbons, some with a black ribbon in memory of those civilians who heroically gave their lives at Kyiv's Maidan, as the department heads and staff stood for a group photograph holding a "Yonkers Stands with Ukraine" banner. Their hope is that this photograph will find its way via the media and the Internet to the people of Ukraine.

Later that evening, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing the historic struggle of Ukraine for its independence, the important contributions of the Ukrainian American community in Yonkers and the illegal nature of the Crimean referendum, and resolving that:

"The City of Yonkers stands with the nation of Ukraine in their desperate struggle for genuine democracy and dignity during this crisis and call upon all citizens of Yonkers and the world to respect the territorial integrity of Ukraine, its independence and sovereignty, and condemn Russia's draconian aggressive invasion."

Among the speakers at the Council meeting supporting the resolution were former Mayor John Spencer, former City Council President Chuck Lesnick and Andrew Horbachevsky, a representative of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Westchester branch. Mr. Horbachevsky was joined at the meeting by the Very Rev. Kiril Angelov, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church; Walter Kozicky, president and CEO of the SUMA Federal Credit Union; and Roman G. Kozicky, president of the Yonkers branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association.

Special thanks for coordinating these activities were given to Wilson Kimball, commissioner of planning and development; Helen Henkel, director of office services; and the staff of the Office of the Mayor.

courtesy of A. Horbachevsky

At the Yonkers City Council are: (front row,from left) Walter Kozicky, Andrew Horbachevsky, Roman G. Kozicky, Councilman John Larkin, and (back row) Council Members Michael Sabatino, Christopher Johnson and Corazon Pineda, Council President Liam McLaughlin, Councilmen Mike Breen and Dennis Shepherd.

New Haven community recalls fallen protesters of the Maidan

by Halia Jurczak-Lodynsky

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – On Sunday, February 23, the Rev. Iura Godenciuc, pastor of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Haven, celebrated a memorial service for the protesters killed during the recent violence on Kyiv's Maidan.

A solemn panankhyda followed the divine liturgy, as people lit candles and prayed for the repose of the dead and for the speedy recovery of the thousands injured. After the services, the participants led a procession to the church hall to a community meeting attended by political dignitaries and the press.

Among the dignitaries who addressed the gathering were: U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Mayor Toni Harp of New Haven and former U.S. Rep. Lawrence DeNardis.

Myron Melnyk, director of the New Haven School of Ukrainian Studies (Ridna Shkola), led the program.

The program started with a prayer, which was followed by a solemn remembrance ceremony conducted by Halia Lodynsky, teacher at the Ridna Shkola, who read the names and ages of the deceased, whose photos were posted in the hall, and asked for a moment of silence.

Sen. Blumenthal described his work as a sponsor of the Senate resolution on sanctions and explained the sanctions that were being implemented against the Ukrainian leadership under President Viktor Yanukovych. He expressed his complete support for the peaceful demonstrators in Ukraine and for their democratic ambitions.

Newly elected Mayor Harp addressed the assembly and welcomed the opportunity to get acquainted with the local Ukrainian American Ccommunity and its concerns.

Dr. DeNardis, former congressman and president emeritus of the University of New Haven, spoke of his recent experiences in Ukraine as an election observer and educator.

Nick Savaria, representing U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), read a letter from the congresswoman, who was co-sponsor of H.R. 447, the House resolution on sanctions.

During the event, donations were collected for medical assistance, as well as for aid to those families in Ukraine who have lost loved ones. Over $4,000 was collected.

The meeting ended with a prayer and the singing of the American and Ukrainian national anthems.

Connecticut media showed great interest in the event: there was coverage in print, online and on TV.

Philadelphia joins New York in protest outside United Nations

Borys Pawluk

NEW YORK – On Thursday, March 27, Philadelphia joined New York in a demonstration outside the United Nations. The protesters rallied in support of Ukraine, chanting, "Crimea is Ukraine" and "Putin, hands off Ukraine." The noontime demonstration attracted attention from drivers, who showed their support for Ukraine by pressing their car horns. Later in the day, the U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution in support of Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty and condemning Russia's annexation of Crimea. After the rally, the participants attended a special program at the U.N. that marked the bicentennial of the birth of Taras Shevchenko.

– Ulana Mazurkevich

Rep. Maloney leads rally at Four Freedoms Park

Office of Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney

NEW YORK – On the eve of the March 16 referendum on whether Crimea should join the Russian Federation, Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-N.Y.) led an Independence Rally on Roosevelt Island that was attended by many Ukrainian New Yorkers and organizations. The Ukrainian community joined Rep. Maloney in denouncing Russia's aggressive actions in Crimea, and its violation of the Constitution of Ukraine and the 1994 Budapest Memorandum, in which the signatories, including Russia, pledged to respect Ukraine's sovereignty. Significantly, the rally was held at Four Freedoms Park, which is dedicated to the freedoms – freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear – that President Franklin D. Roosevelt said on January 6, 1941, should be the right of people around the globe. In the photo above, Rep. Maloney denounces the sham referendum in Crimea.

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in gas debt to Moscow. Mr. Medvedev said that the $2.2 billion was only part of Ukraine's debt to Russia. He said Kyiv also owed Russia some $11.4 billion for discounted gas Ukraine received under a 2009 agreement that was just annulled, and another $3 billion for loans Moscow extended to Kyiv since December 2013. He added that given the amount of the debt, Ukraine should pay for future gas shipments in advance. (RFE/RL, with reporting by Reuters, Interfax, and Deutsche Presse-Agentur)

EU, Ukraine hold gas crisis talks

BRUSSELS – Ukraine's energy minister and European Union officials met in Brussels to discuss maintaining energy supplies while at the same time cutting reliance on Russian natural gas. EU Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger met with Ukrainian Energy Minister Yuriy Prodan on April 8 to review options after Russia's Gazprom said Ukraine had failed to make a payment on a $2.2 billion gas bill and threatened to suspend supplies. Mr. Prodan said, "Under such circumstances there is a threat of interruption of gas supplies to Ukraine and subsequently there is a threat of interruption of gas transit to Europe as well." Some 40 percent of Russian gas exports to Europe pass through Ukraine, which could mean if Ukraine is cut off, Europe would also lose gas supplies transiting Ukraine. Mr. Prodan said Ukraine cannot pay the $2.2 billion nor can it afford to pay nearly $500 per 1,000 cubic meters of gas, the price Gazprom announced it would charge Ukraine last week. Ukraine's Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk has said that the price Gazprom was demanding Ukraine to pay for gas was the highest in Europe. Mr. Prodan argued that previous agreements between Kyiv and Moscow were not being honored by Russia and that the price Ukraine is being asked to pay were crippling for his country's economy. Mr. Prodan mentioned efforts by European countries to help Ukraine with gas supplies, adding that officials in Slovakia had told Ukrainian officials it would be possible to reverse the gas flow and help supply Ukraine but that could create a problem with Slovakia's contract with Gazprom. (RFE/RL, based on reporting by Reuters and Agence France-Presse)

Kerry: Russian agents create 'chaos'

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says Russian agents have been sent to eastern Ukraine to create "chaos." Testifying before a U.S. Senate panel in Washington on April 8, Mr. Kerry also said that Russia's actions in eastern Ukraine could be a contrived pretext for military intervention just like in Crimea. He said, "Everything that we've seen in the last 48 hours, from the Russian provocateurs and agents operating in eastern Ukraine, tells us that they've been sent there determined to create chaos." Mr. Kerry called these efforts "illegal and illegitimate." He said the United States and its European allies were willing to impose tough new sanctions on Russian energy, banking, and mining entities if Russia continues to infringe on Ukraine's sovereignty. He also said he would meet with Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov and with Ukrainian officials next week in Europe. Later, EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton announced she would meet with Mr. Kerry, Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergey Lavrov and Ukraine's acting Foreign Affairs Minister Andriy Deshchytsia next week, although the date and location remain unclear. (RFE/RL, based on reporting by Reuters, Agence France-Presse and the Associated Press)

15 arrested in alleged overthrow plot

KYIV – In a statement issued on April 5, the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) said it had detained 15 people who "planned to carry out an armed seizure of power on April 10 in the Luhansk region through the intimidation of the peaceful population and the use of weapons and explosives." It said 300 machine guns, an antitank grenade launcher, a large number of grenades, plus handguns and petrol bombs had been seized in the security operation. No names or additional details about the alleged plot were provided. The announcement came after Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) said earlier that week that it had detained 25 Ukrainians on suspicion of planning attacks in Russia. (RFE/RL)

Body of activist found in woods

KYIV – The body of a nationalist Ukrainian activist and reporter who played a role in protests that led to the ouster of President Viktor Yanukovych has been found in a forest outside Kyiv a day after his abduction. In a statement on April 6, the Svoboda nationalist party said the body of one of its members Vasyl Serhiyenko bore marks of torture and was hidden under rubbish in the woods near the village of Vygrayev, 120 kilometers southeast of the capital. The statement said Mr. Serhiyenko's head was bashed in, his kneecaps mangled, and there were stab wounds near his heart and neck. He had helped organize the protests in February and was a member of one of the nationalist opposition's self-defense groups that periodically clashed with the police. The local prosecutor's office confirmed the discovery of the body. (RFE/RL , based on reporting by Agence France-Presse and Interfax)

Merkel: EU united on Russia sanctions

BERLIN – German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said "nobody should doubt" the European Union's willingness to introduce tougher sanctions against Russia if it takes further steps to infringe the territorial integrity of Ukraine. Addressing a meeting of her Christian Democratic Party on April 5, Merkel said "We are all different in Europe, but we have the good fortune of being united, and together we will take this decision." The EU and the United States have already imposed sanctions against Russian and Ukrainian individuals follow-

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Last week, Yuri Tereshenko, the acting general director of Ukroboronprom – a state-owned arms-producing Ukrainian conglomerate – announced Ukraine was suspending all shipments of arms and other military-connected produce to Russia "until the conflict deescalates." Mr. Tereshenko said, "We will lose money, but it is prudent not to arm an enemy," (http://zn.ua/UKRAINE/ukroboronprom-nakonec-to-zamorozil-postavki-oruzhiya-v-rossiyu-142213.html). The Russian defense industry is dependent on Ukrainian-made helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft engines, guided air-to-air missile equipment, SS-18 silo-based intercontinental ballistic missile components, maintenance service and other items. The announcement of a possible Ukrainian arms embargo caused alarm in Moscow (www.ng.ru/armies/2014-03-31/1_nuclear.html).

However, in Brussels, acting Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Minister Andrii Deshchytsia told Jamestown (April 1) there was no decision by the government in Kyiv to impose an arms embargo on Russia and that Mr. Tereshenko was merely "expressing an opinion." According to Mr. Deshchytsia, "Ukrainian industry will lose money if they stop trading arms with Russia." Minister Deshchytsia called for a peaceful resolution of the conflict with Russia and insisted, "Ukraine does not want to fight."

At the same time Mr. Deshchytsia told Jamestown: "There has been no withdrawal of Russian forces from the border – only some units have been replaced. The government in Kyiv has submitted a list of military-technical equipment it would want to get from the West." This list has not been published, but Mr. Deshchytsia insists there are only nonlethal supplies (no weapons). Apparently the West is nevertheless unwilling to provide Kyiv with any weapons, so as not to offend Moscow.

If the West is hesitant to follow up its strong words with action for fear of offending Moscow, the interim government in Kyiv is in no position to stand up to Mr. Putin out of fear this may provoke a massive military response.

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ing Russia's annexation of Crimea. At an informal EU meeting in Greece on April 5, EU foreign ministers pledged to continue dialogue with Russia to ease tensions. However, the ministers again warned the EU must be ready to impose further sanctions on Russia if Moscow continues to threaten the region. Speaking at the meeting, EU foreign-policy chief Catherine Ashton said the EU will continue to consult with Russia as the bloc prepares to sign trade and political accords with former Soviet states Moldova and Georgia in June. Some ministers said they were uneasy about how Russia could respond. Amid concerns over steep price hikes Russia is imposing on Ukraine for Russian gas, German Foreign Affairs Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said it was not in Russia's interest to have a "collapsing state" on its border. (RFE/RL, based on reporting by the Associated Press, Reuters and Agence-France-Presse)

U.S. meals for Ukraine's military

YAVORIV, Ukraine – The United States provided its first delivery of non-lethal aid to the government of Ukraine over the weekend of March 29-30. The aid came in the form of approximately 300,000 meals-ready-to-eat (MREs), which were delivered to the Ukrainian military. The meals were transported from the Defense Logistics Agency European Distribution Depot in Gemershiem, Germany. Ukrainian authorities received the shipment near the city of Krakovets, along Ukraine's western border with Poland, and provided the final delivery to the International Security and Peacekeeping Center on March 28-29 in Yavoriv. The cost of the meals, fuel and transportation was approximately $3 million, which was authorized by U.S. Defense Secretary's Emergency and Extraordinary Expense (EEE) funds. The Office of Defense Cooperation, U.S. Embassy Kyiv, the Defense Logistics Agency and the U.S. European Command worked closely with the Ukrainian government to provide this assistance. More non-lethal items are being considered for future delivery. (U.S. Embassy Kyiv)

Ukrainian as second language in Russia?

KYIV – Ukraine has proposed that Russia grant official status to the Ukrainian language, Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said. "The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry has made a statement on the matter. The Ukrainian-speaking community is the largest in Russia, and it would be completely natural if Ukrainian was a second state language in Russia, or at least had a special status," he said during Dragon Capital's 10th annual investment conference in Kyiv on April 2. Mr. Yatsenyuk said Ukraine was also asking the Russian authorities to open Ukrainian schools in Russia. "It's also necessary to give an answer to the religious beliefs of Ukrainians in Russia so that the principle of freedom of religion was not just declared, but also carried out," Mr. Yatsenyuk said. "I see that Russia is very concerned about the Ukrainian Constitution and about the Ukrainian state system, and we are also really concerned about our Russian neighbors. We wish them all the best, so that all is well in their country, so that $65 billion per quarter does not run away from their economy, and so that Visa and MasterCard credit cards could operate in their country," he added. (Interfax-Ukraine)

OSCE on changes to information law

TORONTO – The representative on freedom of the media of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Dunja Mijatović on March 28 welcomed the adoption by the Verkhovna Rada of amendments to Ukrainian legislation introducing long-awaited and competent democratic mechanisms of access to information. "These amendments will enhance government transparency and democracy in Ukraine," said Ms. Mijatović, who was in Toronto at an international conference on Internet freedom. "I call on the authorities to ensure the effective implementation of the new law, ensuring the people of Ukraine their full right to freely seek and receive information." On March 27 the Ukrainian Parliament adopted amendments to a set of laws that enable better implementation of the 2011 law on access to information and broaden the scope of information accessible to the public. Ms. Mijatović reiterated her office's readiness to continue supporting media legislation reform in Ukraine and providing policy recommendations to bring it closer in line with international standards and OSCE media freedom commitments. (OSCE)

The day...

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hope and struggle for basic human rights, freedom, and national integrity and unity. We pray that they may always keep in mind that Easter speaks of hope and that the Savior walks with them always and keeps on reminding them and all of us, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still and trust in me" (Jn. 14:1). Since Christ's Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection, no oppression, no injustice, no hard life is without hope. We experience these things, but we also know that they are temporary and no longer have an eternal hold on us.

All of us need to realize that the Resurrection of Christ has effected radically the life of each man, woman and child. It is for us to grasp the significance of the words spoken by the angel to the myrrh-bearing women who went to the tomb early on Easter morning to anoint Jesus' body: "Why look for the living among the dead? You won't find Him here. He is Risen" (Lk. 24:5-6).

The Good News of New Life bursting through the tomb of death is cause for rejoicing. Christ crucified and resurrected is surely not among the dead, and will not be encountered among the dead. "He has been raised" and has vanquished the power of death, thereby robbing death and sin of their victory: "Oh, death, where is your victory; oh, death, where is your sting?" (1Cor. 15:55).

Christ's Resurrection is mirrored in our lives today, when we reflect courage as we "work out our salvation" (cf. Phil. 2:12) even in the most difficult of situations. Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we need to count our blessings assured of the Risen Lord's words: "Courage, for I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33).

Hope indicates an aspiration to go beyond. To the extent we Christians in the marketplace (i.e., home, workplace, school, church and society) champion the cause of justice, honesty and fair play, to that extent Peace will follow. On the evening of the first day of the week, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Jn.20:19).

Our hope and our prayer is that all of you may have a truly happy, holy and blessed Easter. May our Lord's victory – his conquest over sin and death, and His promise of peace and eternal life, be yours always. The Blessings of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be always with you!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

+ Stefan Soroka
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in the United States

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Easter, 2014

The Resurrection...

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Resurrection, the first greeting of our Lord Jesus Christ was: "Peace be with you." He repeated these words on many occasions and they carry great meaning. With His Holy Resurrection, the Lord provides us with an opportunity for the forgiveness of sins and for unity with Him, and through Him, peace and harmony with oneself, with our neighbors and with all creation in the world. In this year 2014, from the time of the Nativity of our Lord, Ukraine continues to experience its greatest trial since achieving independence. With pain, anxiety and prayers, we beseech that our Risen Lord bestow peace upon the long-suffering people of Ukraine so that, after the anguish and tribulations which they continue to endure, our Ukrainian nation will witness the light of the Holy Resurrection on its own land in peace.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He has Risen!

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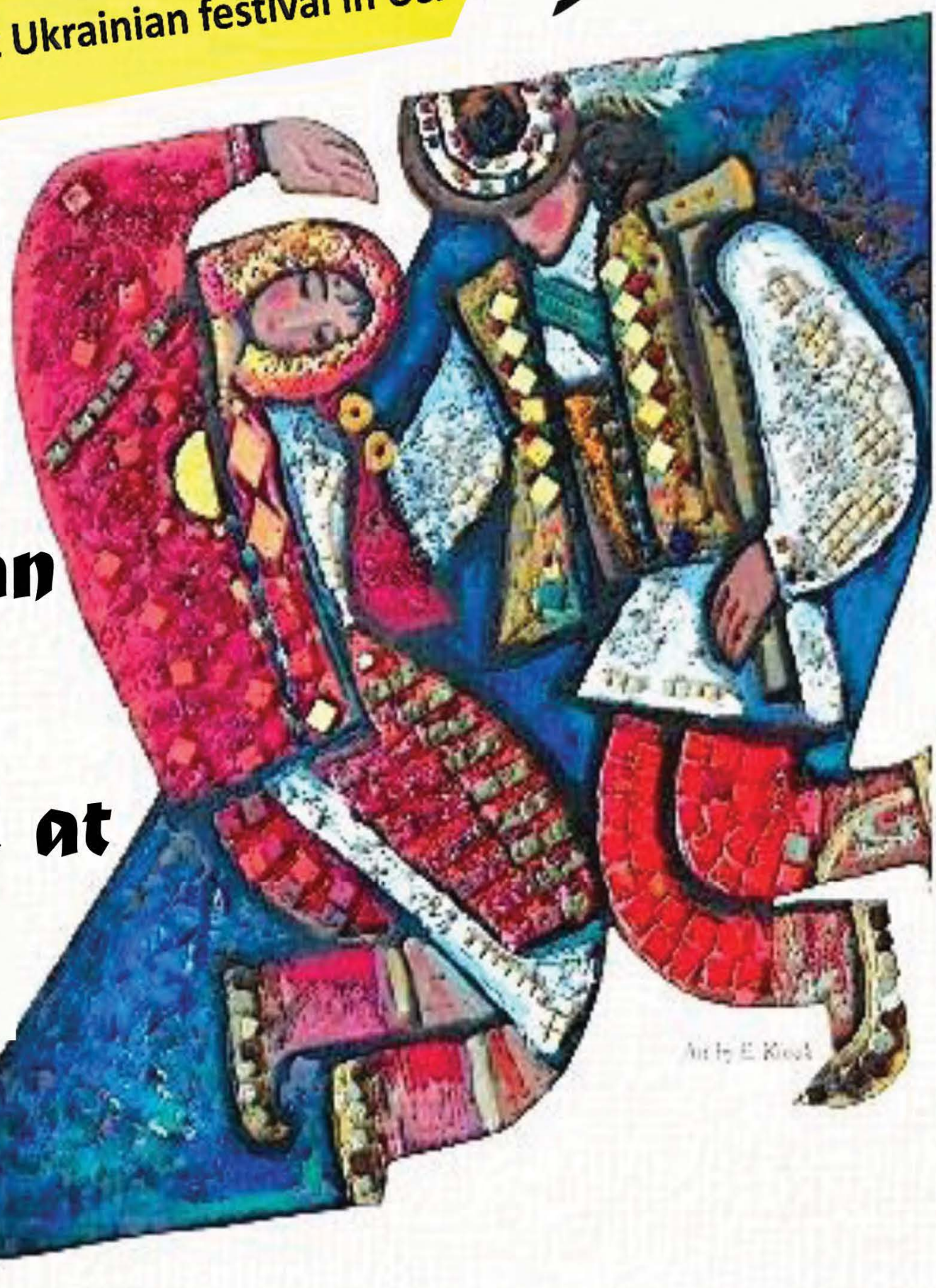

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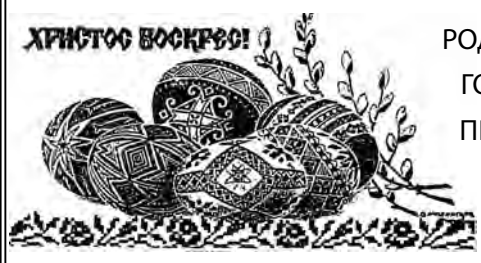

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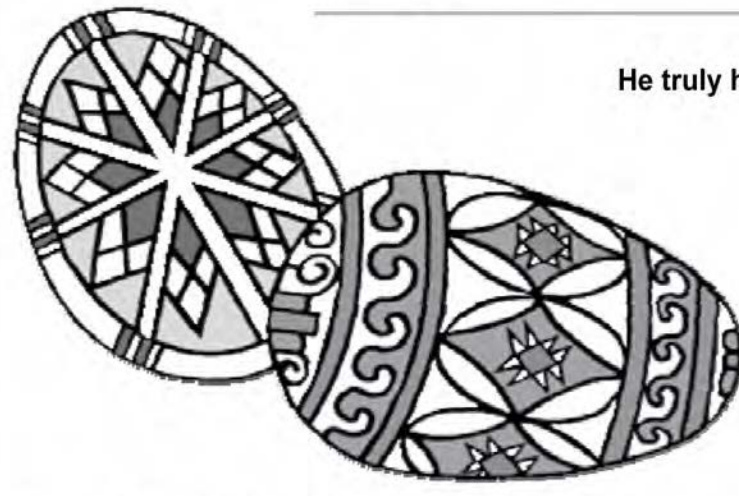

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Happy Easter
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Kyiv Mohyla Academy opened a Center for Psychological and Stress Related Assistance, for those who experienced traumatic situations during the last few months of national crisis. Psychologists work with students who found themselves or their friends or family in situations of danger, violence or abuse, and with medical personnel and volunteers who helped the injured, and with journalists who witnessed acts of violence.

NAUKMA WELCOMES STUDENTS FROM CRIMEA

On March 1, Kyiv Mohyla Academy issued a statement of condemnation of Russia's illegal invasion in violation of international order and agreements and called upon the international community to support Ukrainian territorial integrity and independence. The university also published procedures for Crimean students who wish to be admitted to Kyiv Mohyla Academy. Students from Crimea are already being admitted to the university.

LEADERS FROM KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY IN UKRAINE'S NEW GOVERNMENT

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Dr. Serhiy Kvit, President of National University of NaUKMA was named Ukraine's Minister of Education.

Pavlo Sheremeta, the first Dean of Kyiv Mohyla Business School (KMBS) was named Minister of Economy.

Ostap Semerak, Kyiv Mohyla graduate (Political Science 1998), co-founder of the NaUKMA Student Association was named Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Stanislav Shevchuk, Professor of Law at Kyiv Mohyla School of Law, who serves as Judge on the European Court on Human Rights, was elected to serve as Judge on Ukraine's Constitutional Court

KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY INITIATIVES

Students on campus, together with many of their faculty members, began the first rallies to protest the government's refusal to sign the EU Association Agreement. Kyiv Mohyla students were the first to announce a strike and called upon all students in the nation to join them at the EuroMaidan.

Together with graduates of NaUKMA, students established centers to facilitate the flow of information to global media about events in Ukraine in various foreign languages.

StopFake. An initiative of the Kyiv Mohyla School of Journalism, to counter the disinformation and false information about events in Ukraine. Volunteers from around the world joined the digital project. The site was created in English and Russian to enable the largest possible use of information by the global community. www.stopfake.org

UkraineCrisisMediaCenter. From the beginning of March, the Ukraine Crisis Media Center was established to function around the clock to provide the world's media information about events in Ukraine with objectivity and accuracy. Academy graduates continue to work in key positions in this project. www.uacrisis.org

Kyiv Mohyla Indicator of Democratic Governance. Vira Nanivska, former CEO of the International Center of Policy Studies and Academy of Government Administration, leads Kyiv Mohyla Academy's project on democratic governance. Ms. Nanivska is a leading authority in the area of desovietization of government and introduction of democratic methods in national decision-making.

E-Maidan. Kyiv Mohyla digital technology experts and analysts in partnership with the Civic Sector of EuroMaidan, established the E-Maidan project to monitor transparency in decisions, and how they reflect the will of civil society, the community of experts and functionaries.

EuroRevolution. A partnership of Kyiv Mohyla Academy with the Hromadskyj Sektor of Maidan (Civic Sector), to promote a change in the political/economic system. http://euro-revolution.org/

The New Citizen. A partnership with civic organizations, to strengthen changes in the social and political order in UKraine, and search for new methods of pressure and control on the government. http://newcitizen.org.ua/

CyberBatallion. A Twitter project. A collaboration of Ukrainian internet activists known as @cyber100ua. Member shipis open to all who have access to the internet and are willing to take part in the group's activities.

Euromaidan Newsletter. English language newsletter about ongoing events, decisions and challenges of EuroMaidan. Edited by Kateryna Maksym, alumna of Kyiv Mohyla Academy. Press-center of Civic Sector of EuroMaidan

A CALL FOR SUPPORT ON THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF KYIV MOHYLA ACADEMY

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- Support for the Doctoral School.
- English language academic journal, the Kyiv-Mohyla Journal.

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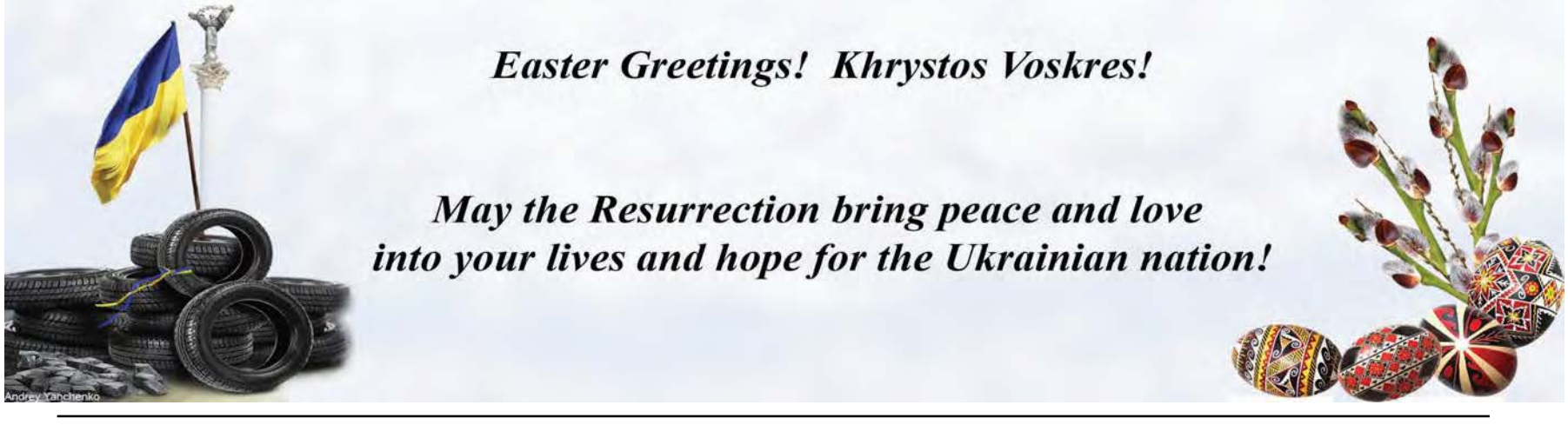

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Bright Saturday: 26 April, 2014

10:00AM Divine Liturgy in St. Andrew Memorial Church

6:00 PM Vespers and Confessions in Saint Andrew Memorial Church

Sunday: 27 April, 2014

9:30 AM Eucharistic Liturgy. Celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Antony, Bishop Daniel and pastors of local and distant parish communities.

11:30 AM A procession to the Cemetery's Great Memorial Cross for the celebration of a Panakhyda for the repose of the souls of the departed servants of God, His Holiness Patriarch Mstyslav, Metropolitan John, Metropolitan Constantine, and all departed hierarchs, clergy and faithful of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church of USA, along with the victims of Stalin's genocidal famine of 1932-33, the victims of the Chornobyl disaster, those who sacrificed their lives for the freedom and independence of Ukraine and the USA and the victims of the 11th September 2001 terroristic attack upon America as well as our fallen soldiers throughout the world.

Activities:

Sat. & Sun. afternoons: Ukrainian Food and Crafts

Sat. & Sun. afternoons: Youth Activities

Sat. 3:00PM: Picnic at St. Sophia Seminary

PARKING REGULATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

As directed by the Consistory, all parking on Memorial Church and Cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited on Saturday, 26 April and Sunday, 27 April. Parking is permitted only on Consistory grounds located at 135 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ. Round trip transportation of pilgrims to the Memorial Church and Cemetery will be provided.

Cultural exhibits and all commerce will take place on Saturday, 26 April, 2014 from Noon to 6 pm and Sunday, 27 April, 2014 from Noon to 6 pm in the main auditorium of the Cultural Center. Permits for sales must be obtained from the Consistory. No business will be transacted during the Liturgy and Panakhyda. Any individuals conducting unauthorized sales will be removed from the property.

The Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, the clergy and the Office of Youth Ministry encourage children and youth of our Holy Metropolia to enrich their lives by participating with their parents and family members in the various liturgical services, especially the Holy Mystery of Confession and the Holy Eucharist during this year's Holy Pilgrimage. Youth activities scheduled for Sunday, 27 April, 2014 will emphasize a relationship based on our relationship to Christ.

All other Panakhydy (Memorial Services) are permitted only after the conclusion of the above Panakhyda at the Great Cross.

PLEASE NOTE: MEMORIAL SERVICES ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING BRIGHT WEEK - MONDAY TO FRIDAY (21 – 25 April, 2014). THESE DAYS ARE RESERVED FOR GRAVE CLEANING AND CEMETERY PREPARATION FOR ST. THOMAS SUNDAY (PROVIDNA NEDILA).

May the souls of our beloved find rest among the saints and their memory be eternal!

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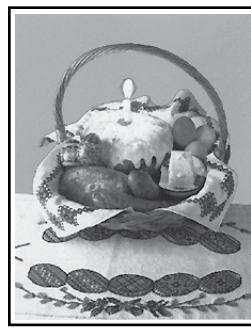

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Воістину Воскрес!

ОЛЕКСАНДЕР ПРОЦЮК, Голова

We wish all Ukrainians throughout the world

A Most Joyous Easter Season!

Best wishes to our members and the officers of our branches, as well as to the leadership of the World Federation of Ukrainian Lemko Associations (SFULO)!

Christ is Risen! Let us Glorify Him!

The National Board of The Organization for the Defense of Lemkivshchyna (OOL)

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At this uncertain time, let us have faith that Christ the Savior will bring peace and tranquility, harmony and prosperity to our Fatherland, and that our Ukrainian nation will finally be released from the yoke of oppression.

May the source of our faith, hope and love for Ukraine
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Christ is Risen! He has truly Risen!

May God bless you, America and Ukraine!

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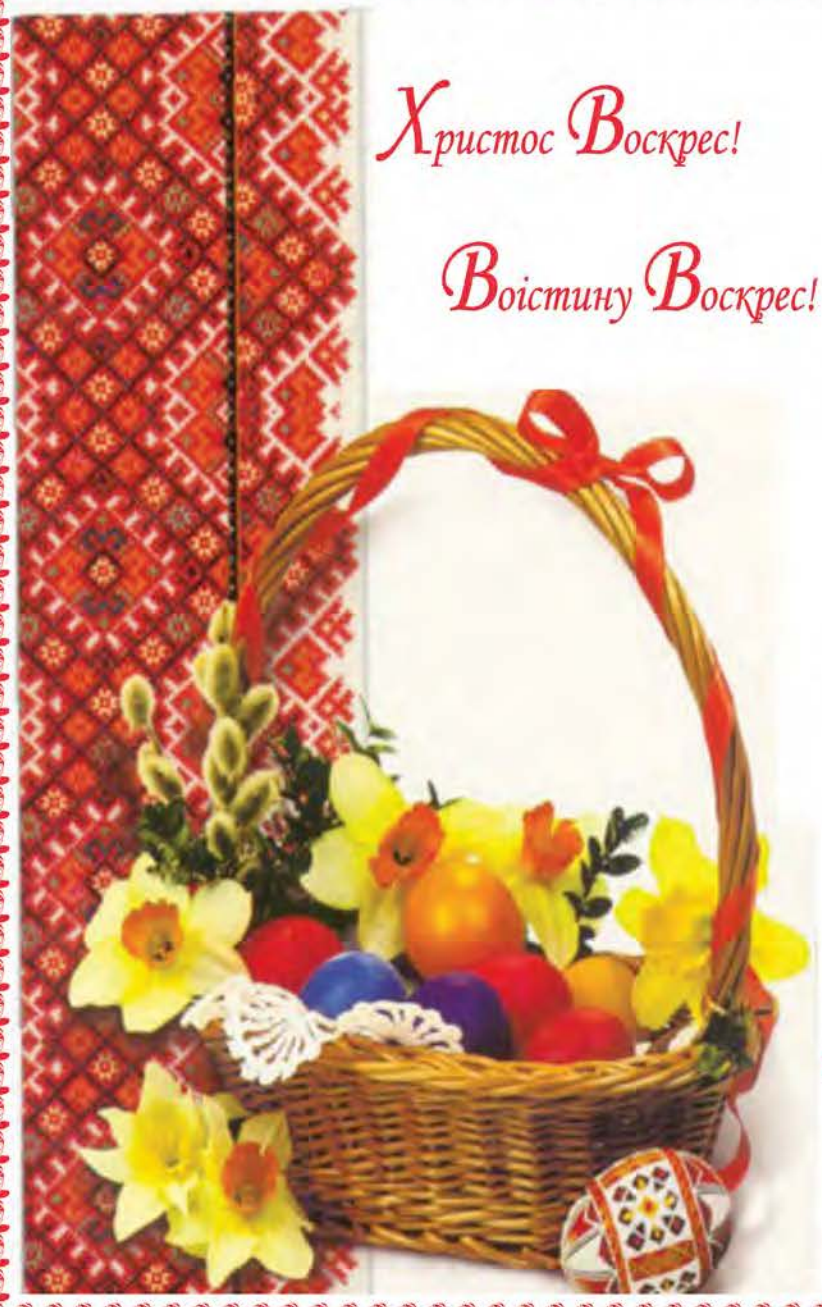

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Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face (Ps. 68:1)

Christ is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!

Let us celebrate the Salvation that the Resurrection brings.

May you feel the love that God gave you when He conquered death.

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Ukrainian World Congress Easter Greetings

The Ukrainian World Congress sincerely greets the Hierarchs and clergy of Ukrainian Churches, the Acting President of Ukraine, the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the presidents of Ukrainian World Congress member organizations and Ukrainians worldwide with the celebration of Christ's Resurrection!

Easter represents the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is the celebration of all celebrations for the entire Christian world. On this Holy Day we praise the Son of God who was crucified and rose from the dead to rid humankind of the powers of death and sin.

Easter celebrations this year are dampened by the troubling events in our spiritual homeland Ukraine where our attention is focused. Only recently our Ukrainian nation won, with unbelievable fortitude, a victory over internal destructive forces for which numerous Ukrainian Heroes sacrificed their lives. And now our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are fighting an external evil empire, guarding the country's territorial integrity and independence.

On this day of Christ's Resurrection, the Ukrainian World Congress calls upon Ukrainians around the world to say an Easter prayer to the resurrected Christ, and ask Him to protect Ukraine and grant the Ukrainian people peace and prosperity.

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection safeguard and unite our great Ukrainian family and remain the source of light, courage and faith in the victory of goodness over evil!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

UKRAINIAN WORLD CONGRESS
Eugene Czolij, President

З Воскресінням Христовим

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During this glorious time of the Resurrection of our Lord

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

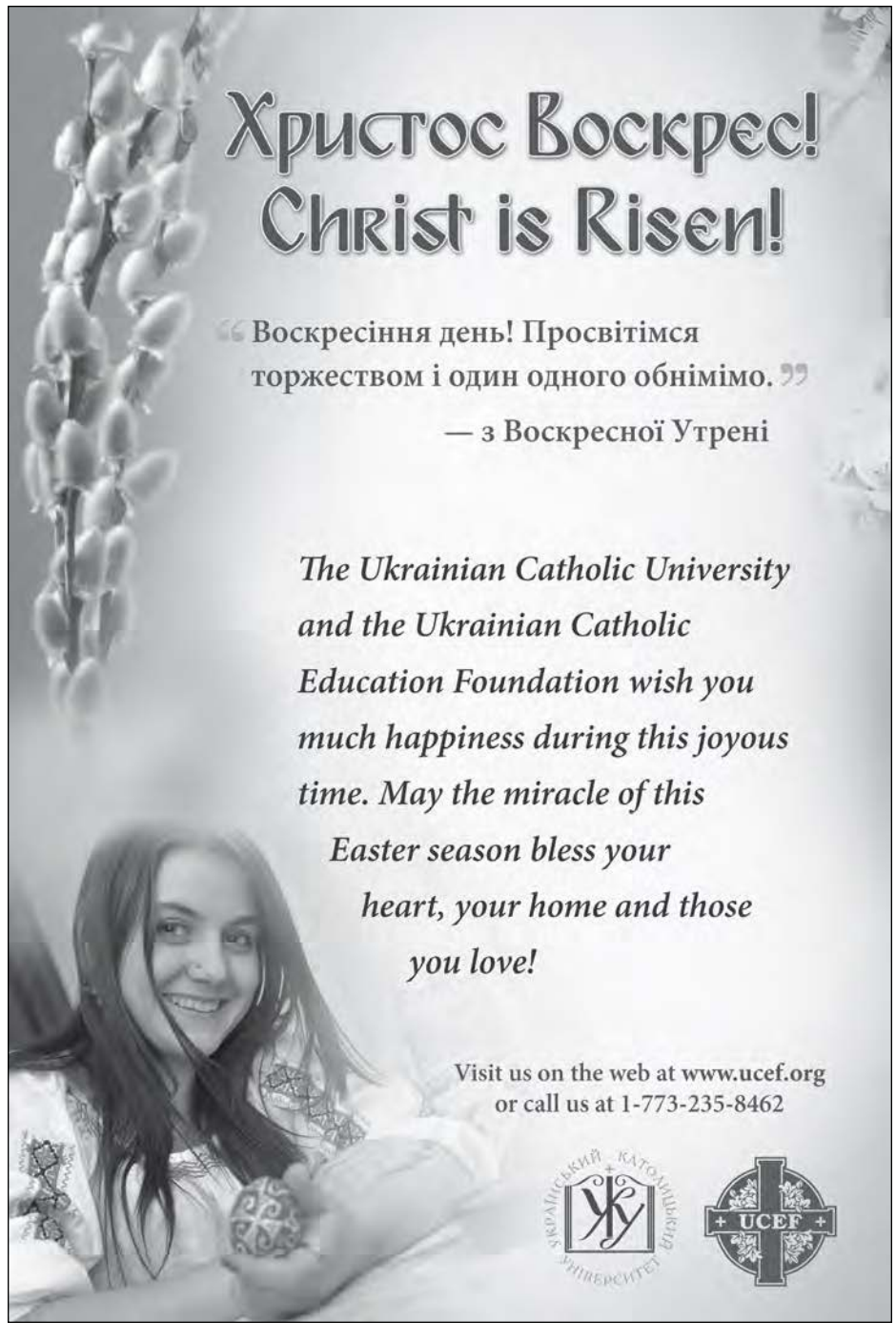
would like to extend its warmest greetings for a

Happy and Blessed Easter

to the Hierarchies of the Ukrainian Churches, the Leadership of the Ukrainian World Congress, the Executive Boards of our member organizations, the boards and members of our UCCA branches and Ukrainians throughout the world.

We ask that the Lord grant our brothers and sisters in Ukraine the strength to stand united against those who would compromise Ukraine's freedom and territorial integrity, and to provide them with the fortitude to continue their struggle for the right to realize their aspirations to live in a democratic and European country.

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!



Christ is Risen! *He Truly has Risen!*

Wishing a Blessed Easter to the leadership, employees and all the members of Ukrainian credit unions. May the risen Christ fill your heart with joy, bring you hope and bless you with peace.

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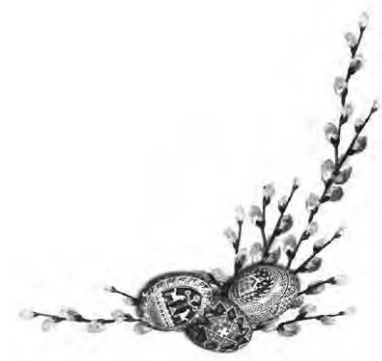

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How to rescue...

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the sources of his and their wealth, attack the Russian banking system as we have done with Iran and the ruble as President Dwight D. Eisenhower did in 1956 against the pound during the Suez crisis.

This program of action also entails fundamentally revising U.S. and NATO defense strategy. The defense budget for fiscal 2015 should be withdrawn and a new one sent to Congress. We need more defense spending supporting a greater role for land forces and a stepped-up information warfare campaign – conducted as does Russia through large-scale media and channels like Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. The revised budget must also systematically expand the quality and scope of our intelligence capabilities, and not only regarding Russia. We must restore programs intended to train specialists in regional and area studies, be they educators or analysts, in order to impart more knowledge throughout U.S. society and our elites.

The new defense budget must also reflect the need for permanent and forward-deployed land, naval, anti-tank and air defense forces in Europe, construction of an effective transportation network into Poland and the Baltic states, permanent air and air defenses bases in Poland and the Baltic states with U.S. and NATO ground and naval forces there. Since Russia broke all of its agreements with Ukraine and many of its accords with the West, we should scrap the NATO-Russia Founding Act that barred permanent deployments in Poland and the Baltic states. We and our NATO allies should also acknowledge that the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty is gone and build up to the levels allowed by it.

Furthermore, to deprive Russia of the means to intimidate Poland, the Baltic states and Germany, as well as the Balkans, with its intermediate and short-range conventional and nuclear missiles, we should place missile defenses and an air-based, offensive, conventional, missile strike capability in Poland and the Baltic states, specifically the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile (JASSM). We also no longer need argue that missile defense is just about Iran, because Russian aggression is clear to everyone and Moscow never believed our argument anyway. Moreover, since Russia is cheating on the *Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty* (INF), there is a genuine need for such defenses in Poland and the Baltic states.

In the information sphere, we must expose the networks of pro-Russian "think tanks," political movements and media figures suborned by Russian money here and in Europe, break them up or neutralize their capabilities. We must therefore greatly magnify our media and professional interest in these areas and our media exposure as well. This also means a comprehensive program to educate our elites about the realities of Eastern European politics and security.

None of these measures fires a shot, nor are they intended to start a war. Quite the opposite, their purposes are the classic ones of deterrence and reassurance. They demonstrate resolve, expand both reassurance and deterrence – the cardinal purposes of a U.S. military presence in Europe – and create future opportunities for Ukraine to recover its territory and integrity peacefully under much stronger circumstances.

Many will claim this brings back the Cold War. But that is a false claim. The Cold War ended, but geopolitical rivalry did not. Indeed, Moscow first claimed the former Soviet Union as an exclusive sphere of influence in Boris Yeltsin's speech to the United Nations in 1993, well before NATO enlargement was on the table. It is Russian analysts like Sergei Karaganov who claim that the Cold War never ended or that Russia must defend its interests with an iron fist. It is Moscow that has committed open acts of war and now arrogantly believes that the West is corrupt and weak. Indeed, Russian diplomats and officials clearly say that Russia can do anything it wants.

Actually, however, Russia's economy is much weaker and much less flexible than the West's. A long-term display of Western resolve and deterrence using all the instruments of power can not only restore the status quo but also engender a change of perspective in Russia through exclusively peaceful means. Today's logic of containment is the same as before. By foreclosing the imperial option, we peacefully generate the internal tensions within Russia that will inevitably force it to reform. And, if we play our cards right, it will not take 45 years to achieve that goal, since Putinism already carries within it the seeds of its own destruction.

But to achieve this objective we must employ all the available means consistently and for a long time. Since the balance of capabilities overwhelmingly favors the West, once it accepts the inevitable but manageable and relatively short-term cost of a unified coherent strategy that will almost surely prevail, it can then gain greater security and prosperity over time. And so can Ukraine and other parts of the former Soviet Union.

All the arguments for accepting Russia's fait acompli, acknowledging the division of Europe and conducting business as usual have been tried and found wanting. Ultimately these arguments merely encourage further war, and not only in Europe. To the extent that the United States leads and reinvigorates the alliance, the U.S. and Europe, including Ukraine, can save Europe by their exertions and international security by their example.

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TRAVELS

Ola Movchan Novak at the gravesite of Ivan Puluj in Prague, the Czech Republic.

The Ivan Puluj monument in Hrymailiv, Ukraine.

Ivan Puluj's lasting legacy at Ternopil National Technical University

by Ola Movchan Novak

Our trip to Europe had been planned for almost a year; we would visit my husband Steve's family in Hungary, then my family in Ukraine and, in between, Prague. It had been eight years since our last joint family visit. The year 2013 was special, as the city of Zhytomyr was celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of my father Dr. Julian Movchan, a "native son" who had been a well-known journalist, author and physician in the diaspora.

And then a small photo and caption in a winter monthly newsletter from the Ukrainian Cultural Center (UCC) in Warren, Mich., caught my eye. The article announced a liaison between the UCC and students of the Ternopil Ivan Puluj National Technical University. Two words stood out for me: "Ternopil," because we would visit the city to see relatives from my mother's side, but especially "Ivan Puluj," because he was my maternal grandfather's uncle, therefore family. So I contacted my second cousin Yuriy Kryvoruchko in Ternopil to arrange a visit at the university.

While looking up information about Prof. Ivan Puluj – a researcher, physicist, translator, promoter of Ukrainian culture, discoverer of the first primitive x-ray tube, expert in cathode rays, university professor – who was born in the small town of Hrymailiv close to Ternopil, Ukraine, in 1845, I learned that he died and was buried in 1918 in Prague, the Czech Republic's capital. So, of course, I was determined to visit his grave. My husband, a non-Ukrainian, does not understand the pull of cemeteries for Ukrainians, and how we always must visit everyone's grave during every visit to Ukraine. But to the cemetery we would go, even though only two full days were planned in Prague.

But I couldn't find the name of the cemetery through any Google search. Finally, via e-mail I asked a Prague tourist office for help, and it provided the name of Malvazinky Cemetery, Section A2, grave 25, Prague 5, along with a Google map. Even more interesting was an e-mail I received a few days afterwards from the tourist office, saying that a friend from Ukraine volunteered that she had studied about Prof. Puluj at a technical school in Ukraine and that a building in Prague had a memorial plaque mounted on it as the place where Puluj lived and died. The tourist site sent me the address of this building, Preslova St. 1268/15, Prague 5, along with a Google image of the building and the plaque. Another coincidence: the tourist guide's friend owned an apartment in that same building, rented it out to tourists and didn't even know it had a plaque until his friend told him.

Dr. Ivan Puluj

Rector Petro Yasniy and Ola Movchan Novak in the library of Ternopil Ivan Puluj National Technical University.

And so we had another stop to make in Prague. On June 17, 2013, we visited both the grave and the building where Puluj lived and died, taking the subway, a streetcar, then a bus to the locations. The grave is close to the main entrance of the cemetery, while the building is on the corner of a busy street, but close to a very nice small park. I was hoping that Puluj could have enjoyed that park while he was living at Preslova Street.

After arriving in Ternopil, we visited Hrymailiv, just 20 kilometers from Ternopil, the birthplace of both my mother and Puluj. In 1995, for the 150th anniversary of his birth, an imposing bust of Puluj was unveiled in the center of town, with a large and well-publicized celebration, including the participation of dignitaries and government officials from the Ukrainian central government. Puluj's relatives from Germany were present, as were my sister and mother, who gave one of the speeches at the unveiling of the bust. The bust is still there, but surrounded now by tall grass, weeds and a neglected building. The gala celebration of 18 years ago is just a memory in Hrymailiv, it seems.

On the other hand, perhaps Puluj's legacy is not in his statue, but in the educational opportunities offered at the university bearing his name. Our visit to the Ternopil Ivan Puluj National Technical University (TNTU) took place on June 24, 2013. And what a glorious reception we received! Our entourage consisted of my husband, my cousin Yuriy Kryvoruchko, his daughter-in-law Vita, and me. We not only met the rector of the University, Dr. Petro Yasniy (who holds a doctorate in engineering and is a professor), but also were escorted by him and three faculty members on a tour.

We first visited the school's museum dedicated to Puluj. A bright sunny room with large exhibits from Puluj's life, including his educational achievements, then his work as a professor at various universities, such as the University of Strasbourg, Navy Academy in Croatia, University of Vienna, and Higher Technical School in Prague, where he became a director in 1888-1889. We saw books and scientific articles written by him, especially related to his discoveries on the cathode ray tube. And just as impressive was Puluj's never-ending support for Ukrainian culture and knowledge. He was one of the three translators of the Bible into the Ukrainian language – a first. Our very able guide in the museum was a doctoral candidate in historical sciences and assistant professor of physics, Oleksandr Rokitskyj.

We also visited the Scientific and Technical Library of the University, where another bust of Puluj is on display. We were joined by the executive director of the Oleksandr Smakula Fund, Vasyl Lypovetskyj, and by Director of International Cooperation Valerij Lazaryuk. The library is very large and feels welcoming to all who enter, students and visitors. We saw books on display written by and about Puluj.

I mentioned that my grandfather in the 1970s had started writing a book about his uncle, trying to somehow let the world or at least the Ukrainian community know about one of its greatest scientists and inventors. My grandfather Volodymyr Skibicky had even traveled to Germany when he was in his 70's to try to gather data for the book. I promised the rector of TNTU that I would send what I could find from my grandfather's work to the university.

We ended our visit at Rector Yasniy's office for refreshments and accepted a gift from the university as a memento. I took information about the school back with me. There were a total of 6,319 students – with 3,413 on campus and 2,906 by correspondence. There are 224 foreign students from 28 countries. The university offers bachelor's degrees in 21 majors, specialist degrees in 23 majors and master's degrees in 22 subjects. There are also doctoral programs. There are a total of 465 instructors. The university has agreements to work with 43 foreign universities. The school also has an athletic program for its students, and various social and non-academic clubs and organizations. In short, this is a university not unlike those in the U.S.

I was immeasurably moved by the hospitality of the university. I saw how Ivan Puluj's legacy is alive and active in the student atmosphere and learning community of TNTU. Bravo to Rector Yasniy and all the faculty and staff in showing their pride in and continuity of Puluj's memory and work! The busts, plaques and gravestone of Ivan Puluj speak of the past, but the present and future of Ivan Puluj is in the students at his namesake university: Ternopil Ivan Puluj National Technical University.

(For those interested in seeing a report from the university's website on my visit, see http://tntu.edu.ua/?l=uk&p=news/1505.)

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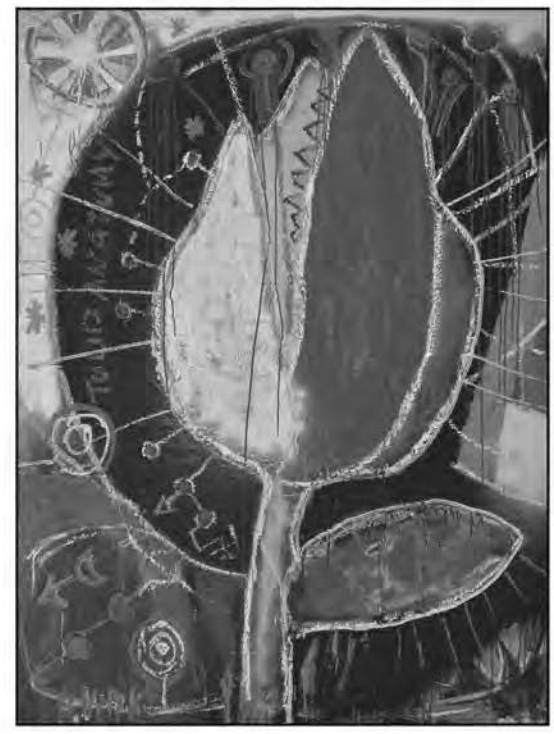

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April 17 Athens, OH	Concert, featuring violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv, Glidden Hall at Ohio University, www.solomiyaivakhiv.com
April 17 Winnipeg, MB	Presentation by Orysia Tracz, "The Pysanka in North America," Elizabeth Dafoe Library, Archives and Special Collections, University of Manitoba, 204-474-9986
April 18 Stanford, CA	Presentation by Jeremy Hicks, "Challenges of Analyzing Soviet Newsreel Footage of the Holocaust," Stanford University, 650-725-2563 or creeesinfo@stanford.edu
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Turning...

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bilizing Afghanistan, as well as promoting trade and investment (27 points in all), while disregarding "temporary" obstacles like human rights violations.

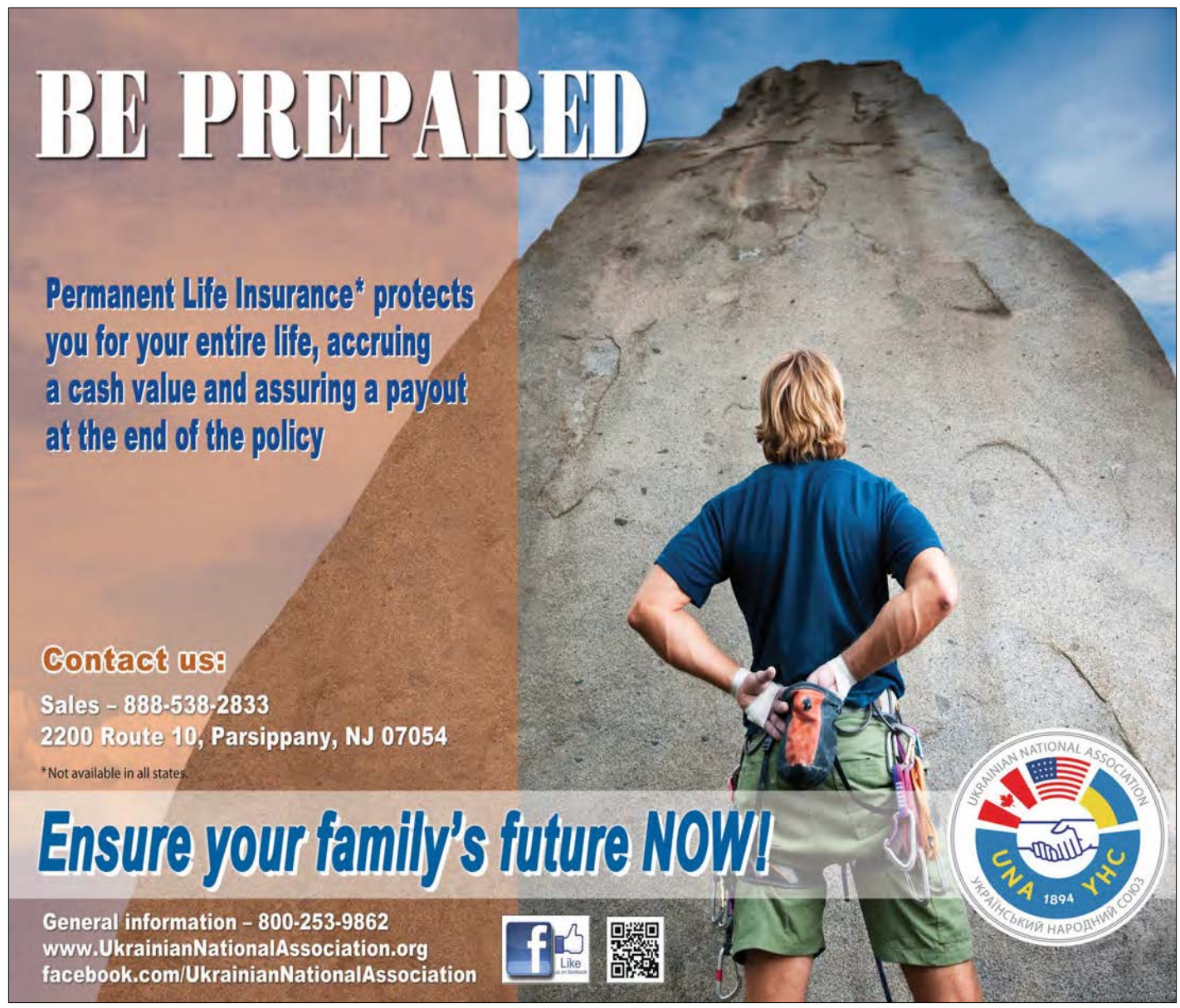
President Obama's attempt to overlook repressions and human rights violations in Russia in order to get concessions from the Kremlin on U.S. interests was a dismal failure. "The Magnitsky list did not impress the Russian bureaucracy, while the possibility of any serious Kremlin concessions on Syria, Iran or anything else appears as remote as ever," wrote Pavel Felgenhauer of the Eurasia Daily Monitor. "This exercise in realpolitik is not only cynical, it is also extremely shortsighted. The Obama administration does not seem to understand either Mr. Putin or Russian society and its possible future development."

Mr. Putin's anti-Americanism, Mr. Felgenhauer said, "is the basis of Mr. Putin's internal and external policy; it will not change an inch, no matter how many letters the White House writes, or how many top U.S. officials come to Moscow to flatter the Russian president."

Russian pro-democracy proponents are smeared by the Kremlin as "foreign agents" acting as part of a U.S.-led initiative to destabilize Russia. "The Kremlin's overall understanding of compromise with Washington is to accept a public U.S. capitulation on major issues to demonstrate Putin's all-powerfulness, ensure internal loyalty and undermine the Russian opposition," Mr. Felgenhauer said. The Magnitsky list, he added, is therefore seen by many in the Russian pro-democracy opposition as a realpolitik sellout.

Pro-democracy and anti-corruption activist Alexei Navalny, who at the time was standing trial on trumped-up charges in Moscow, said: "Either way they will imprison us, or we will overthrow them. Or, most likely, they will first imprison us and later we will overthrow them anyway. [...] The system can hardly survive two years."

Source: "Moscow and Washington exchange blacklists of undesirables," by Pavel Felgenhauer (Eurasia Daily Monitor), The Ukrainian Weekly, April 28, 2013.



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FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Taras Shevchenko: A day of remembrance

by Tetiana Winiarskyj

HARTFORD, Conn. – To Ukrainians worldwide, the poet Taras Shevchenko has always been recognized as a figure of courage, patriotism and national pride. Every year, we celebrate his life, works of art and literature, and what he did for our country.

This year was no exception. In fact, since it was the 200th anniversary of his birth on March 9, 1814, it was the most monumental celebration of Shevchenko yet.

On Sunday, March 9, we honored Shevchenko – whose legacy will endure far longer than two centuries, who brought hope and courage through his magnificent paintings and eloquent literary works – in a very special way with a ceremony of remembrance and celebration at the Ukrainian National Home in Hartford.

Typically, the annual Shevchenko program, presented by the students of St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic School, consists of recitations of Shevchenko's literary works, interpretations of his plays and songs that have been adapted from his poems. It's always a lovely day of recognition of this national figure for both the students and the audience.

For his bicentennial, there was a need to present a more memorable performance. Thus for this occasion, along with St. Michael School's choral performances and poetry recitations, the professional choral group Yevshan sang Shevchenko's "Zapovit" (Testament) and Hartford's Ukrainian dance troupe, Zolotij Promin, delighted the audience with its fast-paced steps.

Children perform in a program in Hartford, Conn., marking the Taras Shevchenko bicentennial.

A video to pay respect to the protesters who lost their lives on Kyiv's Independence Square – the "Nebesna Sotnia," or Heavenly Brigade – was shown, accompanied by the live music of a violinist and followed by a moment of silence.

Around 400 community members were packed in the Ukrainian National Home for the ceremony, and there wasn't a dry eye during this time. In our mourning for those who gave their lives for Ukraine during the Euro-Maidan and their families, we were reminded to emulate Shevchenko's strength and support for the Ukrainian nation.

PS: Over $3,000 raised from admissions to the program was donated to the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee Inc. (UUARC) for the Euro-Maidan.

Tetiana Winiarskyj, 15, hails from Old Saybrook, Conn.

Whippany UAYA wows audience

Chris Bytz

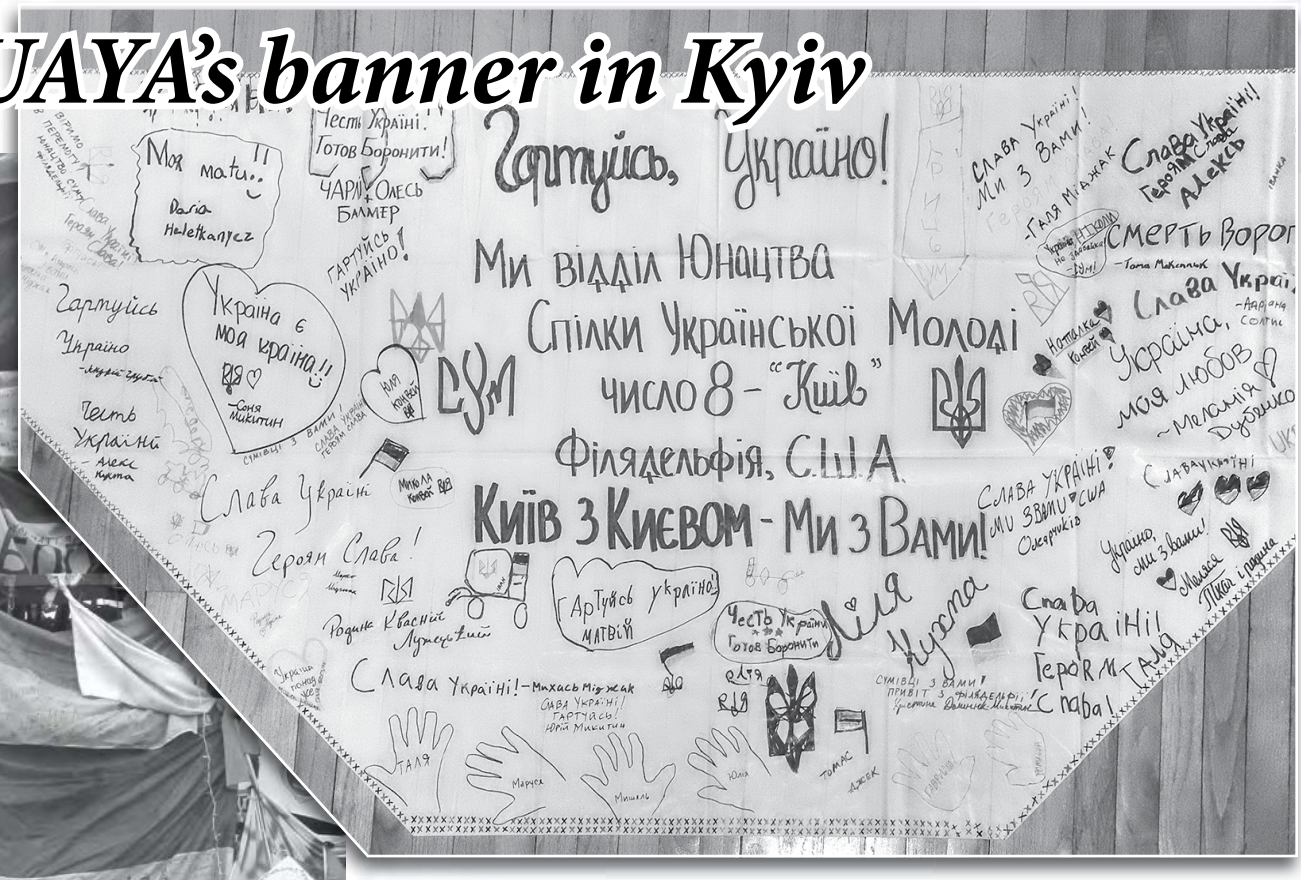
WHIPPANY, N.J. – The Whippany branch of Ukrainian American Youth Association wowed the audience with their singing, dancing and acting at the 23rd annual "Sumivska Yalynka" held on January 19 here at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey. Over 200 guests, many wearing embroidered shirts, anticipated the start of the program with "God Eternal" (Boh Predvichnyi). A sumptuous dinner, which included most of the traditional dishes, was followed by the main program. At the conclusion, St. Nicholas entered the ballroom and distributed gifts to all the good children present.

– Chris Bytz

Teen's photos exhibited at Millburn Library

MILLBURN, N.J. – In February, the Millburn Library introduced the photography of Sophia Polanskyj Stockert in a month-long gallery exhibition. Sophia is a Millburn High School junior who loves 3-D art, photography and science. She has studied art in a variety of settings including the Newark Museum, Montclair Museum, 1978 Art Center and numerous classes in the public school system. She says she is inspired by everything she sees. Her exhibit showcased her nature photography. She is particularly influenced by the work of Ansel Adams and her grandfather Bohdan S. Polanskyj's photos and slides from the 1960s and 1970s. She is seen above hanging her photos in the library's gallery.

Philadelphia UAYA's banner in Kyiv



PHILADELPHIA – The Ukrainian American Youth Association's Youth Division No. 8, named Kyiv, at the beginning of December 2013 started holding its weekly meetings under a new slogan: "Kyiv" is with Kyiv! The intent was to unite the youth of Philadelphia with Ukraine during the Euro-Maidan. All the children signed and decorated a large banner and shipped it to Ukraine. UAYA President Andriy Bihun delivered this placard from the Kyiv Youth Division to Independence Square in Kyiv and placed it in the Maidan on December 31, 2013. The placard contains the following greeting: "Stay strong, Ukraine! We are Youth Division No. 8, Kyiv, of UAYA in Philadelphia. "Kyiv" is with Kyiv – We are with you!" The children added their own words, signatures and drawings as a manifestation of their national awareness. Seen above is the banner on the Maidan Christmas tree; below is a close-up of the banner before it was shipped to the Maidan.

– Leo Iwaskiw

Plast candle-lighting features Bethlehem Peace Light

by Anna Svyatenka

SEATTLE – On January 12, in the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church of Our Mother of Zarvanytsia in Seattle, Plast scouts had their traditional "Svichechka," an annual candle-lighting ceremony that unites members of Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization across the globe.

All of the Seattle Ukrainian scouts were there, along with parents, other relatives and close friends. Pastor Lorellen Nausner of Friedenskirche-Peace Church came to visit, bringing the Bethlehem Peace Light to share during our ceremony.

We started out singing Ukrainian carols and prayers. Pastor Nausner brought a short video about the history of the Bethlehem Peace Light and how it had made its way to Seattle. The Ukrainian girl scouts passed out candles to everyone to light together. After we had finished singing and had blown out our candles, we watched a slideshow highlight all of Seattle Plast's activities during the past year.

I thought the candle lighting was very original. I especially liked that Pastor Nausner came to share the Bethlehem Peace Light with us.

Anna Svyatenka is a member of the Seattle Plast group Chervoni Lysytsi and an eighth grader at Olympic View Middle School.

Andriy Bida

At Seattle Plast's "Svichechka" ceremony.

Mishanyna

This month brings us Easter, the most important holiday for Christians. Find the capitalized words, all having something to do with Easter, hidden in the Mishanyna grid.

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A Ukrainian Summer

Appears May 4, 2014, in The Ukrainian Weekly

We invite readers and community organizations to submit articles, plus photos, on upcoming summer camps, courses, workshops and other events.

Editorial deadline: **APRIL 21** • **staff@ukrweekly.com.**

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 27

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.: The Ukrainian Dancers of Miami Inc., now in their 64th season, present a whirlwind afternoon of Ukrainian folk dance, song and art in their 22nd annual "A Ukrainian Montage" concert, featuring the Ukrainian Dancers of Miami, the musical ensemble Gerdan and the vocal ensemble Trio Maksymowich. The concert in the Amaturo Theater at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, 201 SW Fifth Ave., begins at 2 p.m. Admission is $25. Tickets are available at the Broward Center's Auto Nation Box Office. To charge tickets by phone call 954-462-0222; to charge via Internet log on to www.browardcenter.org. For more information call Donna Maksymowich-Waskiewicz, 954-434-9753, or visit www.UkrainianDancersMiami.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday-Sunday, June 28-29

HUNTER, N.Y.: Save the date! Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization's training school for camp counselors, Lisova Shkola, will be observing its 50th anniversary this weekend in Hunter, N.Y. Program details are still being developed, but all former attendees and friends of Lisova Shkola are invited to help us celebrate this milestone. Mark your calendars now.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS GUIDELINES

Preview of Events is a listing of community events open to the public. It is a service provided at minimal cost ($20 per listing) by The Ukrainian Weekly to the Ukrainian community. Items should be **no more than 100 words long**.

Information should be sent to: preview@ukrweekly.com; payment should be sent to Preview of Events, The Ukrainian Weekly, 2200 Route 10, P.O. Box 280, Parsippany, NJ 07054. **NB: If e-mailing, please do not send items as attachments; simply type the text into the body of the e-mail message.**

ATTENTION, FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS!

To have your festival listed in *"A Ukrainian Summer,"* our special issue to be published on May 5, send information on date, venue and whom to contact for more information (for example: July 11-13, Ukrainian Cultural Festival, Soyuzivka Heritage Center, Kerhonkson, NY, 845-626-5641 or www.soyuzivka.com) to:

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