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IRI poll shows opposition to Russian aggression, support for Kyiv government

KYIV – According to a new Ukraine poll released on October 14 by the International Republican Institute (IRI), Ukrainians overwhelmingly oppose Russian aggression in eastern Ukraine. The poll also shows strong support for the Kyiv government as the country prepares for parliamentary elections on October 26.

Despite continued claims to the contrary from Moscow and pro-Russian separatists, 89 percent of respondents oppose Russia sending troops to protect Russian-speaking citizens.

The opposition to Russia's actions is seen across all regions – 78 percent in the east, 89 percent in the south, 93 percent in central Ukraine and 99 percent in the west. It also transcends language. Seventy-nine percent of Russian speakers and 95 percent of Ukrainian speakers oppose the Russian actions. IRI noted that this was the first national poll in some time to include respondents from the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts.

The poll also shows that Ukrainians continue to support an undivided Ukraine. An overwhelming majority – 80 percent – would like Ukraine to remain a unitary country. Only 2 percent of Ukrainians would like to see Ukraine divided into several countries.

Despite continuing concerns over the crisis in eastern Ukraine, a majority of Ukrainians voiced their support for the central government in Kyiv, with 55 percent of Ukrainians approving of the job that President Petro Poroshenko is doing and 35 percent disapproving.

Support for Mr. Poroshenko's policy of joining the European Union also increased from 53 percent in April to 59 percent, representing another indication of support for the Poroshenko government.

On the other hand, support for membership in Russian President Vladimir Putin's Customs Union dropped from 24 percent to 17 percent during that same time. Finally, a large majority (66 percent) of Ukrainians have a negative view of Russia.

Some observers believe that President Poroshenko has been hindered by having to work with a Parliament elected under his predecessor, Viktor Yanukovich. The current Verkhovna Rada, elected in 2012 under former President Yanukovich, registered a 15 percent approval in the IRI poll. "It reinforces the timeliness and impor-

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ANALYSIS: Critics cite Poroshenko's oligarch alliance, self-interest

by Zenon Zawada

KYIV – Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko made clear this week what results he wants from the early parliamentary elections on October 26.

"The new government and new majority in Verkhovna Rada (parliament) will implement the reforms program," he told journalists on October 20, as reported by the Interfax news agency. "I think this majority should be constitutional because the reforms program foresees certain constitutional changes."

A constitutional majority is when the president has the support of at least 300 national deputies, which gives him the ability to amend the Constitution. Yet it's precisely that quest to consolidate power that is disturbing many political observers.

Mr. Poroshenko's actions since becoming president in early June have demonstrated so far that his priorities are serving his own interests and those of the Ukrainian oligarchy, having largely betrayed the Euro-Maidan's ideals, his critics said.

"The threat of creating a new monopolization of power has emerged in Ukraine today," said Serhiy Datsyuk, a contemporary Ukrainian philosopher and political observer. "The newly elected president has reached two oligarchic consensuses, which are oriented against the goals of the Revolution of Dignity because they are practically trying to preserve the oligopoly in Ukraine."



Mykhailo Markiv

The new defense minister, Gen. Stepan Poltorak, allegedly dispatched internal army forces to suppress the Euro-Maidan when he was the director of the Internal Army Academy in Kharkiv. Critics view his appointment as a betrayal of the Euro-Maidan.

The first oligarch consensus was reached in early March, Mr. Datsyuk said, when Mr. Poroshenko put billionaire Igor Kolomoisky in charge of the Dnipropetrovsk region and mega-millionaire Serhiy Taruta in charge of the Donetsk region.

The second consensus currently involves keeping Mr. Kolomoisky as Dnipropetrovsk State Oblast Administration head despite his many allegedly illegal business

schemes, Mr. Datsyuk said.

It also involves maintaining good relations with Donbas kingpin Rinat Akhmetov – who made little effort to stop the separatists – and natural gas kingpin Dmytro Firtash as part of the president's strategy of renewing natural gas supplies to Ukrainian consumers, who were cut off by Russia in June.

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Ukrainian folk artist honored by National Endowment for the Arts

by Ulana Baluch Mazurkevich

PHILADELPHIA – Vera Nakonechny, a prominent master in traditional Ukrainian folk art, has received from the National Endowment for the Arts the country's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts category.

The award also carries a \$25,000 stipend. Ms. Nakonechny, a Philadelphia Ukrainian, is an expert in the art of crafting Ukrainian textiles, including embroidery, beadwork and weaving. She cultivates and preserves these Ukrainian traditions both in the United States and Ukraine. For her outstanding work she has received numerous awards, among them Pew Fellowship in the Arts Award, the Leeway Transformation Award as well as several Pennsylvania Council on the Arts grants and fellowships.

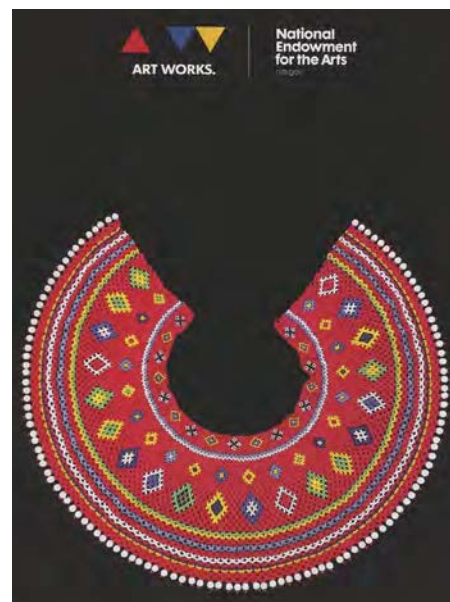
However, the award from the National Endowment for the Arts is the most prestigious and most recognized. The National Endowment was established by Congress as an independent agency of the federal government. The NEA has awarded more than \$5 billion to support artistic excellence, creativity and innovation for the ben-

efit of individuals and communities and Ms. Nakonechny was one of the 2014 awardees.

On September 17, the Great Hall of the Library of Congress hosted, and feted Ms. Nakonechny together with eight other recip-

ients of the NEA National Heritage Fellowships. The gilded and marbled Great Hall of the Library of Congress welcomed the

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The NEA invitation featuring Vera Nakonechny's gerdan beadwork.



Yuri Nakonechny

Vera Nakonechny addresses the 2014 National Endowment for the Arts Banquet.

ANALYSIS

Russia's policy toward Ukraine: strategic design, operational flexibility

by Vladimir Socor
Eurasia Daily Monitor

Russia's grand policy objective toward Ukraine can be defined, broadly, as doing away with Ukraine's sovereign statehood. Toward that goal, Russia is resorting to military power (in a progression from hybrid to conventional), political-psychological warfare, economic pressures and phased-in territorial fragmentation (Donbas partition, Novorossiya project, "federalization" proposals). The Kremlin is successfully excluding the West from any crisis-management role in the Donbas (eastern Ukrainian region encompassing Donetsk and Luhansk provinces) conflict, where Russia's proxies continue hostilities despite the armistice. But the Kremlin will undoubtedly seek Western helpers to promote Ukraine's "federalization" in a likely follow-up stage.

Within those overall objectives, however, Moscow's intermediate goals are continuously evolving, adjusted to Ukraine's internal dynamics and to international constraints.

In the post-ceasefire phase, the Kremlin's intermediate goals are geared to destabilizing Ukraine's October 26 parliamentary elections, promoting political disorder and economic collapse in the country, discrediting its leadership and democracy as such, blocking Ukraine's Western course, fanning disillusionment with the West in the country, and regaining political levers of influence within Ukraine. The Kremlin will continue masking or eschewing its own responsibility for such actions, to an extent that might help the West to remove the more serious economic sanctions on Russia with mutual face-saving.

President Petro Poroshenko has become the key target of Moscow's political operations vis-à-vis Ukraine. The Kremlin seeks to:

1) Entangle Mr. Poroshenko into a bilateral, non-transparent relationship with President Vladimir Putin's administration. This process is an incipient one. Mr. Putin's top advisor Vladislav Surkov has visited Kyiv repeatedly and covertly for talks on the terms of the armistice, post-armistice and post-election political developments. According to some Kyiv insiders, the armistice terms were worked out in that bilateral channel between the presidential administrations, before being formalized in Minsk on September 5 and September 19-20. Borys Lozhkin, head of Ukraine's Presidential Administration, maintains permanent contact by telephone with his counterpart Sergei Ivanov in the Kremlin, apparently beseeching the latter to act as a referee on ceasefire violations by Russia's proxies in Donbas.

2) Pressure Mr. Poroshenko into political concessions, not only for the intrinsic value of such concessions to Russia, but also in order to alienate Mr. Poroshenko's key political supporters from the president. The specific terms of the Minsk armistice agreements, the ill-fated "special status" for occupied territories in Donbas, and Russia's insertion as a third party to re-examine the Ukraine-European Union free trade agreement, are among the presidential decisions that have disappointed and even angered some core elements in the political coalition around the president. Those decisions have also exposed Mr. Poroshenko to strong criticism from electoral competitors, such as Yulia Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna party,

which should become a natural component of a pro-Western parliamentary coalition after the elections, but could instead distance itself from Mr. Poroshenko if the latter is seen as indecisive or concession-prone vis-à-vis Russia (see Eurasia Daily Monitor, September 10, 11, 17 19, 23).

3) Draw wedges between President Poroshenko on one hand and Ukraine's government and military on the other hand. This effort appears to be unsuccessful thus far, but it persists. Moscow's official discourse and its propaganda treat Mr. Poroshenko with a modicum of respect, or at least refrain from attacking him. Mr. Putin is deigning to meet with Mr. Poroshenko occasionally and behaves politely toward him. At the same time, Moscow attacks Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk and pours venom on Ukraine's "party of war," in which it lumps together key members of the government, politicians outside the government and radical-right groups. Russia's investigative and prosecutorial authorities have opened cases against several Ukrainian ministers and generals over "war crimes" and "crimes against humanity" and issued international arrest warrants against them. It is not difficult to anticipate that Moscow may ask Mr. Poroshenko to drop certain ministers and governors from their posts, as a condition to improving relations with Russia, after the parliamentary elections.

Russia no longer treats the Ukrainian government as illegitimate. It actually negotiates with this government, however selectively, about the Ukraine-EU free trade agreement and natural gas supplies. But neither does Russia treat the Ukrainian government as fully legitimate. While Kremlin-controlled television channels denounce Ukraine's "war crimes" on a daily basis (Russian TV Channel One, TV 1 Rossiya, October 1-9), Russian officials from Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov on down tend to avoid using the term "Ukrainian government" altogether. They prefer instead using circumlocutions such as "Kyiv authorities," "those in power in Kyiv" and the like (Interfax, RIA Novosti, October 1-9). Such semantic games seem to hint that Moscow could either continue to withhold full recognition of the Ukrainian government, or alternatively offer it, at least at the verbal level, in return for some Ukrainian concessions at the substantive level, after the parliamentary elections are held and a new government is formed in Ukraine.

In the meantime, however, Moscow is hinting at a fresh non-recognition bargaining card, in connection with Ukraine's parliamentary elections. Russian state propaganda hints from time to time that the voting returns might be dubious, and the overall elections' outcome questionable. This propaganda overemphasizes the agitated character of Ukraine's pre-election campaign, predicts irregularities and worse, and grossly exaggerates the influence of radical-right groups. But, while demonizing these, Russian official commentators allude with barely concealed glee to possible Maidan-type revolts against the president and government, in the event of election results being contested or the economy collapsing in Ukraine.

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NEWSBRIEFS

President comments on Milan talks

KYIV – President Petro Poroshenko noted on October 18 that the Ukrainian delegation fulfilled its tasks for Milan. "Ukraine arrived there with a very important mission: We had to preserve peace. In no way could we allow reconsideration of Minsk agreements. We had to ensure a sustainable peace process," the president said in an interview with Ukrainian TV channels. "All the participants of consultations stressed that our peace plan, the Minsk documents, including both the protocol and memorandum are basic," Mr. Poroshenko noted. He also said that all the participants of negotiations emphasized the importance of implementing all the provisions of the peace plan, including the holding of local elections in certain districts of the Donetsk and Luhansk regions under Ukrainian legislation. "The so-called fake elections of November 2 or any other day will not and cannot be recognized by any participant of consultations unless they are held under Ukrainian legislation, with adherence to the ceasefire regime and presence of international observers," he said. President Poroshenko noted that European leaders had demonstrated full support for Ukraine. "As for today, there is a clear and firm position that the abolishment of sanctions will not be discussed without real progress, constant peace and fulfillment of all the provisions of Minsk memorandum. The EU demonstrated unity and solidarity with Ukraine," he stated. (Press Office of Ukraine's President)

Poroshenko: Ukraine will have gas

KYIV – President Petro Poroshenko says Ukraine will have natural gas from Russia this winter. He said in an interview on Ukrainian television on October 18 that Russia and Ukraine must only agree on the price for that gas. He said the two sides have agreed that Ukraine will pay \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters for gas that was delivered through March 31. Mr. Poroshenko – who met with Russian President Vladimir Putin three times in Milan on October 17 – said Kyiv had proposed to pay \$325 per 1,000 cubic meters for gas used by Ukraine in May and June and to pay \$385 for gas this winter. He said Russia was insisting on the \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters for all parts of the year. Russian, Ukrainian and

European Union officials were scheduled to meet on October 21 in Brussels to discuss the gas-pricing issue. (RFE/RL, with reporting by Reuters and TASS)

Savchenko appeal is delayed

MOSCOW – A Moscow district court has postponed hearings on a captured Ukrainian Air Force pilot's appeal against a decision to put her in a mental clinic for psychiatric evaluation. The decision means 33-year-old Nadiya Savchenko will remain in detention at a Moscow mental clinic for at least another month before her appeal is considered on November 11. First Lt. Savchenko says she was captured in eastern Ukraine by pro-Russian separatists during fighting in June and transferred to Russian custody in July. Russian authorities have charged her with complicity in the killing of two Russian journalists who died covering the conflict in eastern Ukraine. Lt. Savchenko denies the charges and lodged a protest against the psychiatric examination. The Ukrainian government has demanded Lt. Savchenko's release, and her name has become symbolic in Ukraine for the battle against the pro-Russian separatists' insurgency. (RFE/RL, based on reporting by Reuters, the Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, TASS and Interfax)

Conflict Death Toll Surpasses 3,700

UNITED NATIONS – The United Nations says the death toll from the armed conflict between government forces and pro-Russian separatists in eastern Ukraine has reached 3,707. The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported on October 17 that 25 more people had died in the past week. The OCHA said 9,075 people have been wounded in eastern Ukraine in the past six months of fighting. The report says other organizations report a higher death toll. It also says some 842,000 people in Ukraine have fled the fighting, with roughly half of them going to Russia and the rest displaced in Ukraine. Fighting began in mid-April; a shaky ceasefire agreed to in early September has reduced the fighting. (RFR/RL, based on reporting by TASS and a United Nations statement)

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NEWS ANALYSIS: Russia prepares for war against the U.S. on all fronts

Assessment of Russia's defense and foreign policy since the start of 2014

by Pavel Felgenhauer
Eurasia Daily Monitor

In a series of recently published interviews, President Vladimir Putin (kremlin.ru, October 15), Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev (Interfax, October 15) and National Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev (Rossiyskaya Gazeta, October 15) have outlined Moscow's strategic vision of the world after the Ukrainian crisis, Russia's annexation of Crimea, the Moscow-inspired proxy war in the southeastern Donbas region of Ukraine and resulting punitive sanctions imposed by the West.

The view from Moscow is uninviting – A new Cold War with the West is in the making; Russia is under attack and will use all means at its disposal to resist, including the nuclear option. Mr. Putin accused Washington of deliberately provoking the Ukraine crisis by supporting extreme nationalists in Kyiv, which in turn ignited a civil war. "Now they [the United States] accuse us of causing this crisis," exclaimed Mr. Putin, "It is madness to blackmail Russia; let them remember, a discord between major nuclear powers may undermine strategic stability" (kremlin.ru, October 15).

Under mounting Western pressure this year, Russian leaders have been repeatedly and unambiguously reminding the West of the ultimate weapon at Moscow's disposal – nuclear mutual assured destruction. The Russian military is also rearming and conducting massive exercises, preparing for a possible global war. The consensus view in Moscow within the political, military and intelligence community is that relations with the United States are beyond repair and, quoting Mr. Medvedev, there is no possibility of any new U.S.-Russian "reset." Moscow has come to believe that there is

no possibility of any genuine détente with Washington until 2020 at the earliest.

Indeed, National Security Council Secretary Patrushev's interview in the official government-published Rossiyskaya Gazeta newspaper has the title "Second Cold War." Mr. Patrushev openly describes the U.S. as Russia's eternal foe and accuses Washington of planning for many decades to fully isolate Moscow and deprive it of any influence in its former dominions in the post-Soviet space. Mr. Patrushev announced (what seems to be an officially held policy opinion) that the U.S. is today fulfilling a strategic plan to marginalize and destroy Russia – a strategy that he says was initiated in the 1970s by Zbigniew Brzezinski, then the U.S. national security advisor to President Jimmy Carter.

The U.S. is now seen in Moscow as irredeemable and determined to destroy Russia, which must resist by reinforcing and rearming its military, investing in technological independence (the so-called import replacement or "importozamesheniye"), and by building a worldwide anti-U.S. alliance. To that effect, over the past year, Moscow has been strengthening its ties with Beijing. In particular, Russia has been opening itself up to Chinese investment, seeking much-needed hard currency liquidity in the Chinese banking system, as well as looking for Chinese technologies (including civilian, double-use and maybe eventually military) to replace those technologies, materials, components and investments that are not forthcoming from the West because of punitive sanctions.

Mr. Patrushev, in his interview, confirmed that Russian strategic planners see in the future a divided multipolar world with increasingly scarce natural resources (oil, gas, food, clear water) where Russia could dominate resource-poor Europe (see Eurasia Daily Monitor, October 9). Moreover, Washington is believed to have deliberately provoked the Ukrainian crisis to reinforce the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and blackmail its allies into full submission. As Mr. Patrushev

argues, Russia, in turn, must build alliances with non-European emerging powers like China, while working to undermine the trans-Atlantic link to liberate Europeans from US domination.

Mr. Patrushev spells out what most of the Moscow ruling elite believes: Europeans, as well as misguided Ukrainians, will soon inevitably see reason and understand that without Russia and its supplies of various natural resources, they cannot survive; whereas, Russia can do without them thanks to its warm strategic embrace with China. Moscow will not withdraw from Crimea and will not give up on its attempts to prevent Ukraine from moving closer to NATO or the European Union. Actual fighting in the Donbas region may die down as the ceasefire line of control continues to be slowly and painfully established, but the overarching new cold war with the U.S. will endure and Ukraine shall be a major battleground – though not the only one.

Therefore, the Kremlin is preparing to fight the United States on all possible fronts to push back U.S. attempts to "contain" Russia. In line with the plans reiterated this year, additional Russian forces will be deployed in the Arctic to fend off a possible U.S. assault. Moreover, dozens of Cold War-era military bases and airfields will be reinvigorated across the whole of the Russian Arctic; troops will be deployed together with bombers and MiG-31 interceptors. In addition, new or reinforced military garrisons will be deployed in Crimea, Belarus and Kyrgyzstan (Rossiyskaya Gazeta, October 15).

Thanks to months of sanctions and falling oil prices, the ruble is sliding against the dollar and euro. The Russian economy has continued to stagnate and may go into recession in 2015. A contraction in household income is also expected. The Finance Ministry is considering cuts in budget spending, but it seems defense expenditures will continue to grow. The defense budget in 2015 is planned to reach an all-time post-Cold War high of 4.2 percent of GDP or 3.3 trillion rubles (\$81 billion). In

2012, defense spending was 3 percent of GDP; in 2013, it reached 3.2 percent; and in 2014, it was 3.4 percent (Interfax, October 16). Overall federal budget spending to finance Russia's massive intelligence services and other militarized services is almost as big as the defense budget per se. And as the new cold war-type standoff widens in scope and the Russian economy flounders, the Russian people will be increasingly paying for guns instead of butter.

But the population, which has continued to be fed vicious state propaganda – especially after the Ukraine crisis began to escalate – seems to agree with the Kremlin. According to the latest poll by independent pollster Levada Center, a majority believe Western sanctions are designed to punish the overall population, but the majority have not yet felt any sanction effect. Furthermore, some 60 percent agree that the property and assets of Western companies in Russia may be confiscated as a practical reply to sanctions, and 58 percent agree with a possible boycott of foreign produce. Fifty-nine percent believe that Western punitive sanctions and Russian countermeasures like the ban on Western food will, in fact, enhance Russia's economic development. And the vast majority of Russians – 79 percent – are against giving up Crimea (Interfax, October 16).

During all of 2014, Russia's rulers and most of the population seem to have been living together in a daydream. Consequently, Russian defense and foreign policy plans, as well as the country's decision-making apparatus have, for months, been based on little more than strange fantasies and outlandish assumptions. Yet, these fantasies are backed up by a formidable military machine, billions of petrodollars and a nuclear superpower arsenal of weapons of mass destruction. And this is a truly dangerous mix.

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Defense minister: Kyiv's least secure job

by Glenn Kates
RFE/RL

With more than 3,500 people killed in ongoing fighting between pro-Russian separatists and Ukrainian troops, it is perhaps fitting that the position in Kyiv with the least job security appears to be post of defense minister.

President Petro Poroshenko nominated National Guard commander Stepan Poltorak as his new defense minister on October 13, one day after accepting the resignation of Valerii Heletey, who had served in the position for just three months.

Like Mr. Heletey, who was forced to step down following outrage over heavy casualties suffered by Ukrainian troops during an ambush in Ilovaisk, all three of Mr. Poltorak's predecessors have struggled to get a handle on Moscow's interventions on Ukraine's Russian-speaking regions.

Ihor Tenukh: From Euro-Maidan to annexation of Crimea

A former naval commander and a member of the far-right Svoboda party, Mr. Tenukh joined Ukraine's "kamikaze Cabinet" as acting defense minister in February, in the heady days that followed the two-month Euro-Maidan revolution that ousted pro-Moscow President Viktor Yanukovich.

He gained popularity during the Euro-Maidan demonstrations, where he warned military personnel to resist any potential "illegal" orders to suppress protesters.

But during his one-month tenure, Russian

troops invaded Crimea and Moscow annexed the territory. Ukrainian soldiers on the peninsula, apparently stuck in limbo, spoke of a lack of direction coming from Kyiv and both national deputies and protesters accused Mr. Tenukh of costly indecisiveness.

Following a speech in which he said he would "not cling to my post," the Verkhovna Rada voted to accept his resignation on March 25.

Mykhailo Koval: From indecision in the east to war in Donbas

Just weeks after Russia annexed Crimea, armed pro-Russian separatists began occupying state administration buildings in the eastern regions of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Kyiv's initial response appeared confused, with clearly unprepared soldiers in tanks forced to face off with unarmed pro-Russian civilians who formed a corridor around the militants' positions.

With fears that Russia would attempt to repeat the "Crimea scenario" in Ukraine's east appearing to become a reality and with many suspecting the army would be unable to fend off the challenge on its own, armed battalions, nominally run under the auspices of the Internal Affairs Ministry, began to take shape.

Fighting intensified just after Petro Poroshenko was elected president in late May. And after a failed ceasefire in June, the new Ukrainian president resolved to launch a full-scale military campaign to win back the east with his own team in place. On July 3, he replaced Mykhailo Koval with Valerii Heletey, who was previously in charge of

presidential and parliamentary security.

Valerii Heletey: Some military gains, a 'massacre' and a 'ceasefire'

Valerii Heletey set the bar high for himself at the outset. "Believe me, there will be a victory parade in Crimea," he told lawmakers after being confirmed by Parliament.

Throughout July and most of August, Kyiv's aggressive campaign appeared to put fighters from the self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk "republics" on the defensive and by mid-August pro-Ukraine forces had the major holdout cities of Luhansk and Donetsk nearly surrounded.

But with the help of what is widely believed to have been thousands of Russian troops, the separatists in late August managed to open up a new front along the Azov Sea from the border with Russia and close to the crucial port city of Mariupol.

And in a crushing blow to public confidence in Ukraine's armed forces, the military failed to protect National Guard troops surrounded by pro-Russian units in Ilovaisk, east of Donetsk. Over 100 troops died during a surprise attack and others were taken prisoner.

According to the editor-in-chief of the LB.ua news website, whose colleague was embedded with pro-Kyiv fighters in Ilovaisk, Mr. Heletey was so unprepared for the events there that he texted to ask her for the coordinates of Russian troop movements.

A ceasefire negotiated between President Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin in early September has slowed the vio-

lence slightly, but intense fighting around Donetsk's airport has continued and, according to the United Nations, at least 331 people have died since.

Stepan Poltorak: a safer choice?

Moscow has announced that troops on the border will be sent back to their bases.

The new defense minister will likely be tasked with maintaining the territorial status quo – with Ukraine at least temporarily accepting the existence of a breakaway outpost while trying to prevent it from spreading further.

The appointment of Stepan Poltorak appears to be a recognition of the importance of the battalions making up Ukraine's National Guard – who have served in the front lines in key battles.

Popular among Ukraine's armed forces, and having accomplished the task of creating the volunteer National Guard after Crimea's annexation, the hope may be that his experience over the past six months in this new kind of war is what a new Ukrainian military leadership needs.

At least that's Mr. Poroshenko's hope. "I talked to the generals and met regular soldiers, battalion commanders," he said. "These conversations convinced me about the accuracy of my choice."

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Yale Medical School trains Ukraine professionals to treat trauma/PTSD



All the program participants with Dr. Steven Southwick (center), the program organizer.

by Myron Melnyk

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – They were a diverse team of young psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses and clergy from various regions of Ukraine united around a common goal: to provide support to those suffering from trauma and mental health problems resulting from violence during last winter's Euro-Maidan, the ongoing anti-terrorist operations in Ukraine's east and the turbulent events of the last 10 months in Ukraine.

They were active participants in the Euro-Maidan. What sets this group of volunteers apart, however, is that they served those most in need of help there, spending nights walking from tent to tent and barricade to barricade. Some worked in makeshift hospitals, others visited the homes of families who lost loved ones, still others coordinated efforts to help the injured.

After the protests ended, they continued their mission, organizing mobile brigades of psychologists to go into the anti-terrorist operation (ATO) zone, providing support and assistance to the soldiers there. The team also worked with children and displaced families from Crimea and Donetsk, served as chaplains to military units and hospitals, and ministered to homeless families.

And then, for 10 days in August, they came to Yale University.

How they got there is testimony to the initiative and creativity of two women, a Ukrainian American post-doc at Yale and a Ukrainian American physician, and the power of their idea – an idea so compelling that it mobilized a leading U.S. medical school, a U.S. government agency, a Ukrainian American humanitarian organization and members of the Ukrainian American community to bring it to fruition.

An idea takes shape

Dr. Martha Bojko is an applied medical anthropologist who has been conducting public health research at Yale aimed at expanding access to medication assisted ther-

apies (MAT) for HIV treatment in Ukraine.

Dr. Ulana Suprun is a radiologist who serves as the director for humanitarian initiatives for the Ukrainian World Congress and has been actively working to help Ukraine.

Both became consumed by the events of the Maidan in the winter of 2013-2014.

Yale University School of Medicine houses one of the top programs in the world for PTSD training and research. The Yale Clinical Neurosciences PTSD Research Program investigates the neurobiology of traumatic stress, PTSD and resilience to stress, and develops new biological approaches to the treatment of trauma-related disorders.

Yale medical school's Prof. Steven Southwick, deputy director of the National Center for PTSD, is a recognized world authority on treating PTSD. Working closely with Dr. Bojko, Dr. Southwick agreed to design and host a special program at Yale on treating PTSD.

Two other partners were engaged to handle the logistics needed: Open World Leadership Center and the United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC).

Open World is a congressionally funded agency that supports outreach to Eurasia and other countries. It facilitates training programs to establish professional relationships between the young leaders of Open World countries and Americans.

The UUARC has been a fixture in the Ukrainian American community since 1945. Under the leadership of Dr. Larissa Kyj, this relief agency provides humanitarian aid, assists immigrants, runs educational programs and aids the victims of natural disasters. Motrja Watters Bojko worked closely with Dr. Kyj to manage details related to the Ukrainian delegation's arrival and stay in the U.S.

Wall Street executive Orest Kzyk facilitated needed financial support from KyivStar, the Chopivsky Family Foundation, the British law firm Dentons and the New

York Chapter of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America.

The delegates arrive in the United States

The delegation arrived in Washington on August 20 and spent a day as guests of Open World and the UUARC, touring Washington, visiting the Library of Congress and the U.S. Capitol. A welcome reception was organized at the Ukrainian Embassy. Then it was on to Connecticut.

When Dr. Kyj reached out to Myron Melnyk in New Haven and Myron Kolinsky in Hartford to host the delegates, assist with program preparation and logistics, raise funds, and coordinate day-to-day support in Connecticut, they were happy to help. Communities in both Hartford and New Haven volunteered to host the guests, contributed funds to support the initiative, and organized special trips and events for the participants during their nine-day stay in the state.

When they arrived in New Haven, they were warmly received at Union Station by a group of volunteers from the local community headed by Halia Lodynsky and traveled to Hartford that evening for a welcome reception. The next day, under the guidance of Mr. Kolinsky and Ivan Kebalo, the delegates travelled to New York City to visit the Ukrainian Village, view the Shevchenko exhibit at The Ukrainian Museum, and tour New York harbor. They returned to Glastonbury to attend a Ukrainian Independence Day picnic.

On Sunday, August 24, the visitors participated in a liturgy co-celebrated by the priests in the delegation at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hartford, and continued to New Haven to tour the Yale campus. The tour ended just as the Ukrainian Independence Day commemoration ceremony was beginning on the central town Green. There was a palpable sense of emotion and solidarity when the guests joined in the bittersweet flag-raising ceremony, in the singing of the Ukrainian national anthem, and in a moving

prayer for Ukraine led by Father Andriy Lohin from Ternopil.

The Yale program

Prof. Southwick was the designer of the training program for the Ukrainian mental health professionals, and he engaged 22 of his colleagues in its implementation. Some of them are still treating the survivors and families of the terrible December 2012 massacre of children at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

The program focused on effective disaster response, administration of psychological first aid and promotion of recovery through the evocation and nurturing of the resilience potential inherent in all humans. The latest and most successful evidence-based techniques were presented.

When asked how members of the clergy fit into this program, Prof. Southwick gave an interesting response. Based on his extensive experience, a multi-layered holistic approach is most effective in treating mental trauma. This requires engaging available resources in a sequential manner and incorporating them as needed, escalating treatment from basic conversational engagement (albeit in a structured manner), moving on to engage the support of the family and friends, and ending with heavy pharmacological intervention at the other extreme if necessary.

So, different people can play a role at each treatment stage depending on their expertise and the needs of the patient. Furthermore "spiritual response" has a measurable neurobiological effect, which can be beneficial. Prof. Southwick was well aware that in Ukraine people often turn first to their priest in their hour of need.

When one of the priest participating in the program was asked the same question, his response was moving. He described in detail a recent retreat that he helped organize in Zarvanytsia for the families of the Heavenly Brigade who perished on the Maidan. All the participants were in deep mourning and reaching out to him and other priests in attendance. He himself was overcome with grief and felt intensely the limits of his ability to help. And so, he said, he wanted to learn more about the ways in which he could help. In addition, he said he sometimes felt that he himself could benefit from the therapy.

The organization of the program was exemplary as would be expected. On the first day, all participants received along with the schedule and syllabus all slides and supporting materials to facilitate preparation, note-taking and documentation for future training use. Multimedia materials were prepared and distributed on flash

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UNA at UACCNJ's Ukrainian Festival



WHIPPANY, N.J. – The Ukrainian National Association was well-represented here at the fifth annual Ukrainian Festival of the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey on Saturday, October 4. Seen at the UNA's display table (from left) are: Stephan Welhasch, Maria Drich, Nancy Bohdan, Oksana Stanko, Michael Bohdan and Yuriy Symczyk. Messrs. Welhasch and Symczyk and Mmes. Drich and Stanko are all professional agents from the UNA Home Office, as is Nina Bilchuk, who also represented the UNA at the festival but is missing from the photo. Mr. Symczyk also serves as the UNA's fraternal coordinator. The Bohdans are UNA activists from the New Jersey District Committee, and Mr. Bohdan is the district's events coordinator.

Roma Hadzewycz

UNA at Philadelphia-area festival



JENKINTOWN, Pa. – The third annual Ukrainian Festival was held here at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center on Wednesday through Saturday, October 8-12. The UNA was represented at the festival with an information table manned by Advisor Lubov Streletsky, who happens to be one of the UNA's top organizers of new members. Ms. Streletsky is also secretary of UNA Branch 10.

UNA at Connecticut Ukrainian Day



Roma Hadzewycz

STAMFORD, Conn. – The Ukrainian National Association participated in the 47th annual Connecticut State Ukrainian Day Festival here on September 14. Amidst the beautiful setting of St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, the spectacular weather, the wonderful stage show and, of course, the delicious Ukrainian food, visitors stopping by the UNA booth had the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of UNA's permanent insurance and deferred retirement plans. Seen above (from left) are Gloria Horbaty of Wallingford, Conn., UNA advisor, secretary of UNA Branch 414 and one of the festival organizers, and professional agent Oksana Stanko from the UNA Home Office in Parsippany, N.J.

Young UNA'ers



Sofiya Elizabeth Wynnycky, daughter of Jason and Susan Wynnycky of Arlington, Va., is a new member of UNA Branch 47. She was enrolled by her great-grandmother Patricia Wynnycky.



Mark Pidlusky, son of Adrian and Liana Pidlusky of Alexandria, Va., is a new member of UNA Branch 37. He was enrolled by his parents.



Sonya Lyn McKay, daughter of Daria and Steve McKay of Westminster, Colo., is a new member of UNA Branch 175. She was enrolled by her grandparents Roman and Victoria Maksimowich.

THE UKRAINIAN WEEKLY

Time is running out for the Crimean Tatars

Since Russia forcibly annexed the Crimean peninsula at gunpoint in February, Crimean Tatars – the indigenous people of the territory that make up 12 percent of the 2 million people of Crimea – are disappearing.

Led by Sergey Aksyonov, the Kremlin-installed puppet president, Crimean authorities have targeted the Crimean Tatars and its elected assembly the Mejlis, as well as continued to label them as “extremists” for their opposition to the Russian-orchestrated occupation and transition to the Russian system of “governance.”

“Human rights abuses committed by the armed groups in the areas under their control include abductions, killings, physical and psychological torture, ill-treatment and other serious crimes,” stated United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights Ivan Simonovic. Crimean Tatars face discrimination “particularly in the areas of education, employment and property rights.”

Reports, statements and legislative actions by the Council of Europe, the OSCE, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and other international bodies are important to disseminate information. However, in the meantime Crimean Tatars continue to disappear or are being killed with indications of torture or post-mortem abuse. The intellectual heritage of the Crimean Tatars is also under threat, with the burning of books and the destruction or confiscation of Crimean Tatar texts deemed “extremist.”

Economic sanctions have worked to a point, but no one has ever won a war or reversed an illegal occupation simply through economic sanctions. Since the Russian invasion, 18 Crimean Tatars have been reportedly kidnapped. Among the recent victims is Edem Asanov, 25, of Yevpatoria, who disappeared on September 29; his body was discovered on October 6, with reports that his family had been intimidated into reporting his death as a suicide, when the evidence suggested otherwise.

Ongoing in Crimea is a Moscow-requested census on October 21-25. However, judging from the lack of participation of Crimean Tatars and the pro-Ukraine population in the Kremlin-rigged elections and illegal referendum, there can hardly be an accurate accounting for whatever purposes Moscow has in mind.

More terror is coming for the Tatars on November 4 with the annual “Russian March” demonstration that is planned to take place across Russia, including the major Crimean cities of Sevastopol and Symferopol. These demonstrations attract various Russian nationalist organizations, and in 2009 there were visitors to Russia from the Ku Klux Klan.

This pattern of behavior of the Crimean authorities indicates steps toward committing ethnic cleansing according to international standards, if it is not already happening. Dear readers, let us work quickly and efficiently with our freely-elected representatives so that we will not see the forced deportation and genocide against the Crimean Tatars, as occurred under Soviet dictator Joseph Stalin in 1944. Time is running out.

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Turning the pages back...

Last year, on October 30, 2013, Russian strategic forces conducted a large-scale exercise with launches of ballistic missiles from silos and submarines, patrol flights by Tu-95MC bombers, and tests of the airspace defense system. On October 29, 2013, Russia's state-owned gas monopoly Gazprom announced that Ukraine had failed to pay a gas bill for \$882 million, with

Gazprom demanding pre-payments for further gas deliveries.

Pavel K. Baev of the Eurasia Daily Monitor writes: “The durability of the Putin regime is secured by the free abuse of police power and an effective conversion of the legal system into an instrument of politics. The traditional sources of strength, which Moscow is still putting on international display, such as the under-reformed and poorly trained military and increasingly inefficient gas industry, have become unreliable. Consequently, institutionalized lawlessness has become the central pillar of the self-serving and severely corrupt regime.”

As examples of the lawlessness in Putin's Russia, Mr. Baev cites the cases against Greenpeace activists, the Pussy Riot music group, as well as activist Alexei Navalny and imprisoned oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky.

Mr. Baev explains: “This escalating abuse of legal instruments changes the atmosphere in the divided and disoriented society so that anger against the arrogant injustice translates into readiness to break the arbitrarily enforced law. The traditional day of remembrance of victims of political repressions has acquired new significance in Russia as the lengthy old lists receive new additions; ecology-conscious non-governmental organizations (NGO) find encouragement in the example set by the Greenpeace ‘pirates’; while Khodorkovsky and Navalny achieve unassailable moral authority.”

In late October 2013, thousands in Moscow protested in support of political prisoners, while thousands more marched on November 4, 2013, under Russian far-right banners. “As the fear of punishment for dissenting from the official ‘patriotism’ recedes, growing in its place is the liberating feeling – among both the disappointed urban middle classes and the angry ‘have-nots’ – of freedom from the ever-tightened rules and laws.”

Russian Prime Minister Dimitri Medvedev's “modernization” efforts have been at the least disappointing, and are “blending with concerns about possible expropriations of private businesses as the power-holders grow irritated with the economic stagnation. This combination causes further capital flight from Russia and prompts renowned economists, like Sergei Aleksashenko, to take their research abroad,” Mr. Baev writes.

“...Lawlessness might appear to be a source of strength for the ruling regime: it can choose how and when to prosecute its opponents and can discipline the predatory bureaucrats with the ever-present threat of confiscating their ill-gained fortunes,” Mr. Baev adds. “But, in fact, it is a major source of weakness and vulnerability because law-

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COMMENTARY

Weapons for Ukraine, now

by Gordon Humphrey

A new Hitler has arisen in Europe, and Ukraine is his first victim. Tragically, the response of the Western powers is the same as in 1938: appeasement. Meanwhile, Vladimir Putin continues to bully and bleed a country whose only offense is to passionately desire freedom.

Ukraine deserves and desperately needs our help. In courageously fighting Mr. Putin's invading forces, she has suffered a great many casualties and the loss of most of her heavy weapons. Yet, she struggles onward, bravely. A month ago, President Petro Poroshenko delivered a moving address to a joint session of Congress, pleading for replacement weapons. President Barack Obama refused and sent him home empty-handed and humiliated.

End of story? That depends on you and each of us who cares deeply about Ukraine, freedom and justice. It also depends on the Ukrainian American organizations in Washington. They must become much better organized, unified and coordinated. Hold them accountable. Ask each to tell you what it is doing.

A president is not a dictator in foreign policy. He takes an oath to faithfully execute the laws, like them or not. Because Congress makes those laws, it can change White House policy.

There are already 44 United States senators on record supporting defensive weapons for Ukraine. As a former U.S. senator, I assure you, that's a very high starting number for a measure so profound, especially in opposition to the president. No doubt it can be raised substantially higher.

Senators cannot prevail against the White House when acting in small numbers. They need to form a Task Force on Ukraine, with a robust staff, to bring to bear the full strength of their numbers and the very great combined powers of their offices. Their staffs need to work energetically every day to discover and aggressively exploit opportunities to undermine and change White House policy.

First, in committees and on the floor, senators must convincingly refute White House arguments against providing weapons. They must take testimony from experts, such as Leon Panetta, President Obama's CIA director and secretary of defense until 2013. Mr. Panetta recently called for going beyond economic sanctions to provide military aid. Yet, seven months after Mr. Putin annexed Crimea, there hasn't been a single Senate hearing on the two bills that would authorize such weapons, S 2277 and S 2828. No hearings. No witnesses. No testimony. No serious, organized, team effort to refute Mr. Obama's arguments. The White House is winning the policy debate by default.

Second, senators must assertively advance legislation to overturn President Obama's policy. S 2828, the Menendez bill,

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would authorize weapons, “including anti-tank and anti-armor weapons.” Sen. Robert Menendez, the bill's author and powerful chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stated the case in a recent NPR interview, “If a tank is coming at you and you're firing with a peashooter, you're not going to be able to stop that tank.”

S 2828 awaits floor action, which might or might not take place after the election. The White House will try to prevent the bill from being debated. When the Senate adjourns a few weeks later, all bills not enacted die. If the Senate Task Force on Ukraine was already in being today, its members and staff could be working even now, pressuring the leadership to bring the bill up before Congress adjourns and even rounding up support for offering the bill as an amendment to must-pass legislation.

Even if enacted, S 2828 is not enough. It only says the president may provide weapons, it does not say he must. The Senate and House must pass an appropriation bill that provides funding for S 2828. The president will then be duty-bound to spend the funds as directed.

Third, senators need to play hard ball. At present they're not even in the game, because they haven't organized a team. They can't win with only one or two players on the field at a time. Nor can they win by being nice guys. Working together in a Senate Task Force on Ukraine, senators can both advance S 2828, and when necessary, engage in serious parliamentary combat, blocking legislation the White House wants as well as the confirmations of presidential nominees. These and similar tactics are used frequently in Congress.

There is a precedent. In the 1980s, Democratic and Republican senators formed a Task Force on Afghanistan to overturn a White House ban on supplying weapons to those fighting the Soviet army in that country. The chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at that time, Sen. Claiborne Pell, was one of its active members, as was one of the Senate's most senior current members, Sen. Orrin Hatch.

Ultimately, Congress forced the administration to provide greater levels of humanitarian assistance and, most importantly, lethal defensive weapons, including Stinger anti-aircraft weapons, that changed the war and persuaded the Soviets to withdraw. This very important lesson should not be lost.

In summary, Congress can change White House policy. But it can only do so when senators are willing to use fully the great powers conferred on them by the Constitution. To sufficiently marshal those powers and to coordinate the efforts of many offices, the Senate needs to create a Task Force on Ukraine.

This noble cause needs a leader. One senator among 44 now supporting weapons for Ukraine should stand up, take charge and form the task force. Many others from the 44 would surely join in with commensurate staff.

Where is the Winston Churchill, who will lead the fight in the Senate against the dangerous White House policy of appeasement? We must help Ukraine. Her battle is our battle.



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Putin needs more pain

Bravo to freedom fighters holding Ukraine's front against Russia's terror. Nearly 1,000 men – husbands, fathers, sons and friends – have given their lives for freedom. Ukrainians, generally, continue paying too high a price for President Vladimir Putin's excesses. Ukraine's bad news stories need to change to good news.

What's to be done?

Of immediate attention is the need to adequately prepare Ukraine's forces against Russia's anticipated winter offensive. It's unacceptable to learn that soldiers go without personal and military necessities while rich Ukrainians parade their excessive lifestyles without consequence. National coffers, and morale, would improve somewhat, were a 10 percent tax levied on luxury goods and services – expensive consumer goods, restaurants and clubs, alcohol, travel to Cyprus – to fund the soldiers. No, make that 20 percent! Their lives are worth it and the commander-in-chief, President Petro Poroshenko, has the power to make the change.

Meanwhile, the volunteer groups providing military support – fund-raising, purchasing, and distributing materiel from body vests to food – continue to be indispensable. My reports tell me that support is waning while outreach to non-Ukrainians is practically nonexistent. Christmas, the season of giving, is approaching. Have diaspora leaders mounted worldwide and national fundraisers for our communities and, more importantly, beyond?

Recently, a Canada Ukraine Foundation Toronto gala generated some \$200,000. One goal, to support reconstructive surgery on mutilated fighters, will see six Canadian doctors working pro bono on the initiative. Prime Minister Stephen Harper was the star attraction at the event. So was Wayne Gretzky, in attendance with Eugene Melnyk, owner of the Ottawa Senators Hockey Club. He's working to stop the 2018 World Cup of soccer in Moscow.

High-profile support attracts high donors. This, and main street press engagement remain an underdeveloped art in our community. Even social media are underutilized; they serve more as information exchanges than opinion leaders. We react with rage against pro-Russia "useful idiots" who influence the hearts and minds of Westerners, but few lead the counter charge for Ukraine. Leadership takes learning and practice. It took the Ukrainian Canadian Congress months to switch from referring to "separatists" in eastern Ukraine to "Russia-supported terrorists." It has yet to call them "Russia-led terrorists."

We need statements from leaders that strike at issues and produce victories. Although sanctions are beginning to bite, Mr. Putin himself needs to be atop the sanctions list. Countries collaborating with Mr. Putin by sidestepping sanctions must be exposed and made to comply. For example, Canada needs to explain why two of the three Russian banks on its sanc-

tions list have been removed. And, by the way, we should know who received the planeload of Canadian military cargo flown to Ukraine.

Despite NATO's position that individual members may send military aid to Ukraine, none appear to have done so. Here, U.S. leadership is critical, yet some sources say that a post-November Democratic Senate majority will not support military aid to Ukraine. Furthermore, it is bewildering that the policy of the United States and coalition partners is dramatically different towards the terrorists of ISIS than towards Russia. Where's the consistency?

Clearly, more pressure from the diaspora working on various democratic governments, from Ukraine and others is needed.

Furthermore, the double-headed monster of sedition and corruption needs immediate public exposure and censure in Ukraine. While some lustration is happening, the anti-Ukraine insiders are mounting an offensive. Not enough names are being made public in dismissals. The move to look at all former defense ministers as having been responsible for the collapse of the country's defense is like the old political tactic: water down blame and prolong investigations. Drawing attention away from Mr. Putin's Yanukovich-era culprits gives them time to cover up or leave the country. Many have.

It is disturbing that no one has been found responsible for the deaths of the Heavenly Brigade fatally shot on the Maidan. Dmytro Sadovyk, a Berkut commander accused of murdering over 30 peaceful protesters, has been released from incarceration to house arrest. He avoids court appearances by looking sick, then disappearing. Others like him have fled to Moscow. Meanwhile, an internal military inquiry is publicly blaming the Ilovaysk massacre on the ATO commander before the proceedings are completed. This is prejudicial to the outcome; it's just plain wrong.

Such charades, masquerading as "democratic" processes, enrage decent Ukrainians and weaken President Poroshenko's reforms. That calls for more pressure from the diaspora leadership. Traitors, seditionists, beneficiaries of Mr. Putin's meddling must not be allowed to continue profiteering in Ukraine, nor should they run as candidates in the October election. The very high level of public frustration is demonstrated by such people being dumped in garbage bins, beaten or burned in effigy.

President Poroshenko needs to address this now. He must stand behind the values of the Maidan: dignity, ending corruption and the European choice. He was elected to do so. Meanwhile, international friends must be true to their democratic values and keep after Mr. Putin to back down.

And the diaspora's leadership? Now, more than ever, it needs to be the watchdog insisting that right not might rule. This is a huge job that requires more than their available resources can handle. Therefore, it needs each of us to be knowledgeable, be a pro-Ukraine opinion leader and donate funds to help Ukraine's freedom fighters. That will ensure good news out of Ukraine.

Tato and The Great War

This year we commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War I, originally referred to as "The Great War." That was before the onset of World War II.

My father was in the army during the Great War; Tato recounted his experiences in his Ukrainian-language "Memoirs from Ukraine and 60 Years in America."

Tato was born in Galicia (Halychyna), then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in the village of Selyska. He was attending Peremyshl Gymnasium when the war broke out and was drafted into the Austrian army along with the rest of his classmates. He was the shortest member of his class and remembers his professor jokingly saying, "If they're taking men like Kuropas, Austria has surely lost the war."

Tato served on the Albanian front along with his uncle, Mykola, age 52. He recalled a night attack by black Senegalese troops during which his entire unit jumped out of their trenches and ran for their lives. "They had never seen black people before and thought they were being attacked by devils," Tato wrote.

When the war ended, Tato joined the Ukrainian Galician Army (known by its Ukrainian acronym as UHA) fighting the Poles for Ukraine's freedom and independence. The Poles won and Tato's brigade found itself in the newly formed nation of Czechoslovakia, where he was interned in a prisoner of war camp. The Czechs greeted Ukrainians as "natural brothers," Tato wrote. "Life in the internment camp was rather easy." There were curfews, but internees could visit Prague and even enroll at the university. Tato decided to study agronomy in the fabled city that he came to love, and in 1924, following an internship on a dairy farm in the country of Liechtenstein, he completed his studies in Prague.

Ukraine, meanwhile, was divided among Poland, Russia, Romania, and Czechoslovakia. For Tato, the Great War for Ukrainian freedom was not over.

Tato returned to Galicia, now under Polish occupation, where he became involved with New Word, a publication of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) in Lviv. The next thing he knew he was drafted into the Polish cavalry. During his service, a horse accidentally kicked him in the head, leading to some hearing loss later in life. Immigrating to the United States, Tato eventually settled in Chicago.

In Chicago, he hung out with UHA veterans and helped organize the Chicago branch of the Ukrainian Military Organization (known by its Ukrainian acronym as UVO), a precursor to the OUN in Ukraine. After OUN leader Col. Yevhen Konovalets visited Chicago, the local UVO became Branch 2 of the Organization for the Rebirth of Ukraine (ODWU), an American affiliate of OUN, dedicated to the restoration of a free, sovereign and independent Ukrainian state.

At about the time I was born, Tato was involved with the creation of the Ukrainian pavilion at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair. He served as secretary of the organizing committee that raised money to finance the erection of a Ukrainian-style structure on the fair grounds. Soviet Ukrainian officials protested the planned pavilion, claiming that only the Soviets were the true representatives of the Ukrainian people. Leaders of the Chicago Fair Committee rejected the specious claim. The only national structure

not funded by a foreign government, the Ukrainian pavilion included a cultural museum – featuring the works of the world-renowned sculptor Alexander Archipenko – a restaurant and a meeting hall.

A "Ukrainian Week" was proclaimed at the fair, attracting thousands of Ukrainians from all over the world to Chicago. Stephen Shumeyko, editor of The Ukrainian Weekly at the time, initiated a drive to bring officers of various Ukrainian youth organizations to Chicago for a conclave. The result was the birth of the Ukrainian Youth League of North America.

ODWU, meanwhile, was thriving. By 1938, there were 79 branches throughout the United States, openly and unabashedly committed to the collapse of the Soviet Union. This was anathema to America's Communists and their fellow travelers who used their considerable influence to smear ODWU and Ukrainian nationalists, first as fascists and later, once the United States declared war on Hitler's Germany, as Nazis. So successful was the Left during the 1930s that ODWU came under investigation of the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1939. A Svoboda associate editor, Emil Revyuk, a socialist, testified, mentioning among other things that ODWU had its own airplane, former ODWU President Gregory Herman was an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and OUN leaders traveled to the United States from Berlin.

The smear campaign against ODWU reached its pinnacle in 1942 with the publication of "Sabotage! The Secret War Against America," authored by Albert E. Kahn (revealed to be a Soviet agent) and Michael Sayers. In a chapter titled "Bombers and Killers," ODWU was described as one of "the most dangerous espionage-sabotage organizations in the world..." Enthusiastically endorsed by Walter Winchell, America's leading radio announcer, "Sabotage!" was condensed by Reader's Digest in the October 1942 issue. Once the FBI began to investigate ODWU, Tato's bank account was frozen and he was told to inform federal agents when he traveled outside of the city.

ODWU survived, but lost most of its members, many of whom were fearful that Soviet demands for their extradition to the USSR would be heeded by the Roosevelt administration. By 1941, only 39 ODWU branches were still active. Tato's branch was one of them. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover never did believe the Soviet canards and pushed for exoneration of ODWU, which occurred formally and quietly in 1943. Once the FBI returned to investigating the Communist threat to America, Tato was asked to reveal all that he knew about Ukrainian Communists in Chicago. He was happy to oblige.

Tato lived to see Ukraine become an independent and sovereign state. Fortunately, he is not around to see what is happening today. Ukraine's present nationalist leadership is once again being defamed as being part of a "fascist junta" by the neo-Soviet leadership of Russia. The Soviet ideals of disinformation and deceit have survived in Vladimir Putin's Russia.

For Ukraine, the Great War never ended!

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Critics cite...

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While the first consensus was done in patriotic interests, the second one "is in the interest of Russia's counter-revolution," he said.

Mr. Poroshenko had all the opportunities to become the locomotive of the revolution by implementing reforms, gaining victory in the anti-terrorist operation and beginning preparations for revolutionary changes to the Constitution, Mr. Datsyuk said.

Instead, he hasn't begun to seriously eliminate Ukraine's counterrevolutionary forces, concentrated in the courts, the military leadership, Russian-oriented business and corrupt local state officials.

Mr. Poroshenko has also failed to support the reforms launched by Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk, instead proposing the Reforms Strategy 2020 program, which Mr. Datsyuk characterized as a "profanation" that doesn't even have a document to back up its indicators, benchmarks and goals.

In another slap in the face of the Euro-Maidan and "in violation of practically all constitutional norms and the election law that forbids state officials from campaigning, the president created a bloc in his name, to which among those recruited were influential people of the prior regime, enabling them to remain within the walls of the new Parliament," he said.

Among those influential people are four members of the Baloha clan, which controls a significant chunk of the Zakarpattia region's economy. Pavlo, Viktor and Ivan Baloha, as well as Vasyl Petiovka, are competing for single-mandate districts from the Poroshenko Bloc.

(Half of the parliamentary seats will be determined by single-mandate districts, in which voters select an individual, and the other half will be determined by closed party lists, in which voters select a party.)

Another player from the past is Oleksandr Tretiakov, among the "liubi druzi" (beloved friends) of former President Viktor Yushchenko who stood accused of abusing his access to power to pressure judges and manipulate privatizations to enrich themselves. He's competing for a single-mandate district in Kyiv from the Poroshenko Bloc.

David Zhvaniya was also among the "liubi druzi" to get an endorsement from Mr. Poroshenko's party to compete for a single-mandate district, in his case in the Odesa region.

Mr. Poroshenko vowed to journalists at a September 25 press conference that "the election list of my political force doesn't have those who were former Regions deputies or those who voted for the January 16 (dictatorship) laws, no one who I'm supposed to be ashamed of."

Yet besides Mr. Zhvaniya, who joined the Party of Regions in 2012, among his party's candidates for a single-mandate district is Vladyslav Atroshenko, who raised his hand in favor of the January 16 vote as a member of the Party of Regions faction. (He's competing in the Chernihiv region.)

Someone who raised two hands, literally, during the January 16 vote was Yaroslav Moskalenko, who is not an official candidate from the Poroshenko Bloc but received the support of its campaign workers, who distributed his brochures and newspapers in the single-mandate district that he's competing for in the Kyiv region.

The Poroshenko Bloc has 11 politicians with corrupt histories, reported the Chesno parliamentary monitoring organization (chesno.org), including Artur Palatnyi (No. 24), an accused corporate raider and kum (parent of god-children) to Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko; and Lev Partskhaladze (No. 93), a top Kyiv real estate developer accused of illegal construction projects.

Among the particularly controversial candidates is Stepan Kubiv (No. 59), who served as the head of the National Bank of Ukraine between February and June this year.

Most Ukrainian economists agree that Mr. Kubiv abused his authority by pursuing a reckless policy of allowing connected banks to speculate on the hryvnia's exchange rate and then even offering refinancing to these same banks through loans and hryvnia printing.

These corrupt activities fueled the hryvnia's devaluation by about 23 percent during his tenure, falling from 9.16 hrv per dollar to 11.85 hrv per dollar when he left in mid-June.

"Kubiv is among the organizers of the criminal schemes of the oligopoly and among the betrayers among the pro-Moscow fifth column in devaluing the hryvnia," said Dr. Oleh Soskin, the director of the Institute of Society Transformation in Kyiv. "He represents the old Communist Youth League nomenklatura who were possibly recruited to the KGB still in the Soviet era. That's why he should have been arrested and forced to testify on how schemes were developed to artificially devalue the hryvnia by printing state bonds and hryvni through the refinancing of banks. We need to prove how banks received refinancing, who their owners are and how it was converted into cash through fake contracts on VAT tax compensation."

[Indeed Mr. Kubiv served in the Communist Youth

League of Lviv between 1988 and 1990.]

In mid-July, the Procurator General of Ukraine filed criminal charges against Mr. Kubiv for abusing his authority with the goal of profiting off currency speculation, reported the URA-Info news site.

Prosecutors sent him several summonses requesting his presence for questioning, which he ignored while in Europe in the weeks following the charges, reported pravda.if.ua, an Ivano-Frankivsk news site that cited an anonymous source in the Procurator General's office.

Finally, he was arrested on August 24 at the luxury Bukovel resort in the Ivano-Frankivsk region and transferred to Kyiv for questioning, reported antikor.com.ua, also citing an anonymous source. Yet Andriy Novak, the head of the Committee of Economists of Ukraine, said he wasn't surprised that criminal charges were never filed.

"There was an attempt to question him, yet he used the resources that he had during his tenure as NBU head and the case has been tucked away," Mr. Novak said. "Anyone who steals a lot, as a rule, earmarks enough to ensure his protection from the law to buy out police, prosecutors and judges."

Officials in the Poroshenko Bloc duly rewarded Mr. Kubiv with a guaranteed seat in Parliament, which will give him immunity from criminal prosecution.

"It's an absurdity that speaks for itself," Mr. Novak said. "There must have been something in it for the president or his entourage to have awarded Kubiv to place him high enough to ensure his entry into the Rada."

Perhaps the most scandalous Poroshenko Bloc candidate is Artur Gerasimov, who competed for a single-mandate district in the Donetsk region city of Horlivka in 2012 but now is guaranteed a parliamentary seat with his No. 43 position on the party list.

During the 2012 elections, the security chief of Mr. Gerasimov's campaign was Igor Bezler, the notorious Donetsk separatist leader who filmed executions. Mr. Gerasimov didn't return calls from investigative journalist Dmytro Hnap on whether he still is working with Mr. Bezler.

"Such dark stains have been helping candidates get appointed or promoted rather than hurting them," said Petro Oleshchuk, a political science lecturer at Taras Shevchenko National University in Kyiv. "It's a Soviet tradition in personnel policy of selecting those who have tainted pasts and are therefore utterly dependent on their superiors. Poroshenko is selecting personnel with the notion that it's better to have a loyal person, not only to him but previous presidents, rather than a professional who may be politically unpredictable. He thinks the tainted ones will be better to manage."

A recent appointment which falls under that category is Defense Minister Stepan Poltorak, Mr. Oleshchuk said, who served as the commander of the National Guard before having his promotion approved by Parliament on October 14.

He spent most of his career training cadets at the Internal Army Academy in Kharkiv, which would make him hardly experienced in administering the hardware and armaments needs of Ukraine's armed forces.

Yet Mr. Poltorak also was responsible for dispatching these cadets to suppress the Euro-Maidan, said Stepan Khmara, the legendary Soviet dissident.

"On February 19, when young Kharkiv residents blocked the exit of the academy to prevent their cadets' travel to Kyiv, Poltorak called the police and Berkut forces to clear the way, who used pepper spray and batons against the protesters," Mr. Khmara said. "Poltorak rejected calls to come to his senses and stop fulfilling the criminal orders of Yanukovych. In particular, National Deputy Mykola Palamarchuk turned to him with such a proposal, but he remained loyal to the Yanukovych regime."

It's precisely such blind loyalty to one's superiors that Mr. Poroshenko was looking for in promoting Mr. Poltorak to defense minister, Mr. Oleshchuk said.

The president's biggest betrayal of the Euro-Maidan is not having prosecuted or convicted anyone who was involved in the murders, critics said. Those who face criminal charges have consistently managed to escape and go into hiding, whether it's former President Viktor Yanukovych and his entourage, or those at the lowest ranks.

In early October, Berkut commander Dmytro Sadovnyk disappeared into hiding while under house arrest. About a week later, an unnamed suspect in the murder of journalist Viacheslav Veremyi was released under house arrest by a Kyiv court, which reduced the criminal charges to hooliganism.

Former Naftohaz Board Chairman Yevhen Bakulin, a key figure in the Yanukovych administration's corruption, remains under arrest but has yet to be charged with any crimes. Another key corruption figure, former Vice Prime Minister Yuriy Boiko, is competing for Parliament under the Opposition Bloc.

A reliable poll released on October 23 indicated that the Putin-aligned party could earn 6 percent of the vote in this Sunday's parliamentary election, which would give Mr. Boiko and other Euro-Maidan persecutors prosecutorial immunity.

"After the Maidan, not one high-ranking Yanukovych official was arrested," said Oleksandr Palii, a political author and graduate of the National University of Kyiv

Mohyla Academy. "We know that [former National Security and Defense Council head Andriy] Kliuyev came to Kyiv after the revolution before leaving again ... I think it was a betrayal. The country's new government was afraid to put these people on display in court because a lot would have been said about our political establishment."

Indeed it's been the establishment itself that has made itself immune to betrayal, observers said, with Mr. Poroshenko enjoying the most security.

The assets of his International Investment Bank have surged more than 50 percent in value during the first eight months of this year, compared to a 5 percent appreciation for the assets of Ukraine's entire banking system, reported on October 16 journalist Oleksii Komakha.

To achieve such asset value growth, it doesn't hurt to have a top accountant in your business empire serving as the head of the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU).

Valeriia Gontareva, whose nomination by Mr. Poroshenko was approved in mid-June, has worked closely with him since the early 2000s, helping to develop his banks and structuring deals to attract financing for the Russian expansion of Roshen, the president's confectionary enterprise.

Another conflict of interest surfaced in late August, when the president selected Investment Capital Ukraine, where Ms. Gontareva had served as the board chairman since December 2007 until her NBU appointment, to be involved in a consortium with the Rothschild Cie & Gestion bank in preparing and selling his business assets, as required of the Ukrainian president.

"Many serious conflicts of interests are preventing Poroshenko from acting in the state's interests," Mr. Novak said. "Gontareva's not an independent figure administratively. She fulfills the president's orders. She can't fulfill the central bank's function as an independent regulator."

Ms. Gontareva's four months as NBU head have been disastrous, numerous economists have said. The hryvnia began to behave radically in August and September, falling as much as 14.7 percent (from 11.85 hrv per \$1 when she took over to 13.89 hrv per dollar on August 27).

One dollar is currently worth 12.96 hrv, which is an 8.5 percent drop during her tenure.

Ms. Gontareva is responsible for the same corrupt schemes as her predecessor, Mr. Kubiv, Mr. Novak said, in allowing bankers and speculators to manipulate the foreign exchange market and gain access to refinancing through uncontrolled and unprincipled lending by the National Bank.

She's also pursued irresponsible policies such as allowing the NBU to purchase state debt through the printing of hryvni and refinancing commercial banks at prime interest rates, said Dr. Soskin.

All the alleged corruption and incompetence at the NBU this year has led the Ukrainian government on a path towards default on its foreign debt, which will need to be restructured to avert further disaster, as confirmed by The Economist magazine in an editorial published on October 11.

"Gontareva has been ruining the national banking system and the national monetary unit, the hryvnia," Dr. Soskin said. "The president should have Gontareva arrested or resign himself."

While bankers are usually in the background of politics, Ms. Gontareva has managed to become a target of the public's discontent. Her suburban mansion was pelted with eggs and bags of paint during the early morning of October 6.

With such scandals and failures during Mr. Poroshenko's brief tenure as president, observers said the Ukrainian people face threats to their statehood not just from the Russian government, but from the rampant corruption that is flourishing in their own government.

A growing number of observers have said the president is on a dangerous path that could end disastrously for him, and the Ukrainian people too. They won't allow the Parliament to survive for more than a year if Mr. Poroshenko gains his constitutional majority, said Mr. Datsyuk.

"It's the very attempt by every Ukrainian president to create a subordinate parliamentary majority that ruined our hopes for a democratic government every time," he said. "Now a large part of the ruling class again wants to repeat the same mistake. The Ukrainian public should prevent that. No matter how much the president's authoritarian power grows, checks and balances must remain inviolate."

Mykhailo Besarab, a Kyiv political consultant, said Mr. Poroshenko is playing with fire and Dr. Soskin predicted his presidency won't survive long if he doesn't start acting in the interests of the Ukrainian people and state, instead of his own interests and those of the oligarchy.

Borys Filatov, the deputy head of the Dnipropetrovsk State Oblast Administration, said the people will take matters into their own hands if the government doesn't start acting on their demands.

"A wave of political assassinations awaits our country," he said in late September on his Facebook page. "Either the government starts to cleanse itself, or those who sat in the trenches under Grad rockets will take arms into their hands and begin to seek their own vigilante justice."

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Toronto's Ukrainian Festival presents weekend of show-stopping culture



Anna Jacyniak

The Saturday night crowd at the Northland Power Festival Stage enjoys the concert by Ukraine's TIK band.

by Sonia Holiad

TORONTO – Visitors of widely diverse backgrounds from North America and beyond caught the Ukrainian spirit on September 12-14, as the 18th annual Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival served up a long weekend of non-stop entertainment, traditional food, stunning cultural displays and activities for all ages.

Located on Toronto's Bloor Street West, the outdoor festival covered eight city blocks, making it one of the world's largest Ukrainian street festivals.

On Friday evening, following a warm welcome from the festival's founder and chair, Jurij Klufas, visitors enjoyed a lively program of song and dance as perennial local favorites, the Desna Ukrainian Dance Company, DoVira jazz group, Oshawa's Colors Duo and Mosaic Duo were joined by Calgary's Suzirya Dancers and Montréal's Zvook band on the Northland Power Festival Stage. Edmonton's renowned Ukrainian Shumka Dancers made their first highly anticipated appearance at the festival, treating the packed street of viewers to a taste of what was to come throughout the weekend.

Violin virtuoso Vasyl Popadiuk then took over, joining forces with the band Rock-H from Ukraine for a lengthy set that had the audience cheering. The evening's performances were anchored by MC Marta Czurylowicz of Kontakt and the Sun News Network. Audience members then danced until midnight at the street "zabava" featuring Zvook, while many others chose to attend the festival after-party at a nearby venue, featuring festival headlining band TIK from Ukraine, as well as Toronto's Hudi a Mocni band.

Elsewhere on the eight city blocks of festival grounds, visitors enjoyed a full program of performances on the smaller "Teach Me to Dance" Stage, shopped at the many vendor kiosks and the sidewalk sale offerings of local businesses, tried out the midway attractions, and explored the pavilions of the Ukrainian Jewish Encounter, Kontakt Ukrainian Television Network, the Shevchenko Foundation, CUPE Local 79, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund, the Ukrainian National Federation, the Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada, and a pavilion highlighting tourism to various areas of Ukraine.

Nearby, as part of the festival, award-winning investigative journalist and author Victor Malarek launched his latest book, a work of fiction titled "Orphanage 41."

Saturday morning's light rain didn't dampen spirits, as crowds gathered along Bloor Street West for the popular festival parade, led by 2014 Festival Marshal Paul Grod, president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, who rode in an open vintage car with his children. The parade featured more than 70 entries, including marching bands, a veterans' color guard, floats, historically garbed re-enactors, and some 2,000 participants from a wide array of associations, businesses, political associations and performing ensembles.

The award for Best Non-Commercial Parade Entry was presented to the Canadian Lemko Association, while Turner and Porter Funeral Directors earned the Best Commercial Parade Entry award. Honorable mention went to the Yavir Dance Group.

Following the parade, politicians from all levels of Canadian government gathered onstage for the opening ceremonies with John Turner, former Prime Minister of Canada, and Sen. Raynell Andreychuk, as

well as Liudmyla Davydovych, consul of Ukraine to Canada, leaders of the Ukrainian community, major festival sponsors, and past festival marshals. The Canadian and Ukrainian national anthems were played by the Baturyn Concert Marching Band under the baton of Petrusia Chornopyski.

Bernard Trottier, member of Parliament for Etobicoke-Lakeshore, brought greetings on behalf of the government of Canada, while Ted Opitz, MP for Etobicoke Center, representing Shelley Glover, minister of Canadian heritage and official languages, announced a substantial grant for the festival. Yvan Baker, member of the Provincial Parliament for Etobicoke Center, brought greetings on behalf of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne.

UCC President Grod, ranked among the top 80 most influential people in Canadian foreign policy, was introduced as the 2014 festival marshal. After his stirring remarks, he was joined by past festival marshals Mr. Turner, Sen. Andreychuk and Mr. Malarek to cut the red ribbon, thereby officially opening the 18th annual Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival.

Away from the stage, historic and modern culture were in the spotlight as the festival showcased the central Dnipro region of Ukraine. As an emotional and provocative tribute to those who stood and continue to stand for freedom and democracy in Ukraine, the festival partnered with the UCC-Toronto Branch and the Euromaidan Committee of Toronto to create "A Journey through Maidan," a recreation of the streetscape of the Maidan (Independence Square) in Kyiv.

This interactive exhibit allowed festival-goers to experience a medical aid tent, a kitchen tent, a storytelling area, the "Free University of Maidan" complete with lectures, a wall-of-poppies memorial to the "Nebesna Sotnia" (Heavenly Brigade) heroes, the famous blue-and-yellow piano, a discussion/lecture area, and an area where children could write letters and draw pictures. Photos of actual Maidan activity were displayed throughout, while a monitor screened short films of the recent civil protest made by the cinema collective Babylon '13, whose filmmakers were in attendance. The centerpiece of the recreation was the Christmas-tree-shaped struc-

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Orest Dorosh

The color guard marches through the rain during Saturday morning's festival parade.



Orest Dorosh

2014 Festival Marshal Paul Grod, president of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

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ture that became one of the media symbols of the Euro-Maidan movement.

The Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Ontario Branch, once again created and hosted the elegant Ukraine Pavilion, exhibiting antique costumes, handcrafts, ceramics, books and other treasures from the central Dnipro region, which includes the capital city, Kyiv.

Art-lovers were treated to two exhibitions throughout the weekend. The first, housed in the gallery of the Runnymede Public Library at the east edge of the festival, was titled "From Ukraine with Music: Images of Ukrainian Musicians on Stage in Canada" by photographer Orest Dorosh. The second was a collection of mixed media works by the Ukrainian Association of Visual Artists of Canada.

On Saturday, film fans crowded into the Runnymede Public Library screening room where they were able to take in two offerings: "Folk," a 73-minute documentary by director Roxy Toporowych, about the unique, underground and acrobatic world of Ukrainian folk dancing, and "The Winter that Changed Us," a 45-minute film by directors Julia Gontaruk and Roman Ljubyj that documents the social resistance and revolution in Ukraine in 2014 with searing images and eyewitness interviews recorded by the artistic collective Babylon'13. Cinematographer brothers Andrew and Phillip Rojen of Ukraine were in attendance to introduce the film and to answer questions afterwards.

Back at the Northland Power Festival Stage, renamed this year in honor of the longstanding, generous financial support of the Temerty Family and their company Northland Power, some of North America's finest performers were keeping the crowds enthralled, with long-time festival MC Borys Sirskyj of Ottawa at the helm.

Performers included vocalist Yana Bilyk, the Chervoni Maky Trio, the Gerdan Ensemble from Washington, the Kalyna Dance Ensemble from Hamilton, the Lira Trio, Rosa (The Dew) from Montréal, the Suzirya Dancers from Calgary, the Ukraina School of Arts, the Vesnianka Dancers, as well as Edmonton's powerhouse duo: the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers and the Viter Choir, who not only captivated the audience on stage but also busked among the crowds on the Festival grounds.

Later in the afternoon, MC Justine Lewkowicz of Newstalk 1010 radio welcomed the Dzvin Choir of Philadelphia, the



Lisa Kruchak

The Barvinok Ukrainian Dance School of Mississauga, under the artistic direction of Fedir Danylak, performs its crowd-pleasing two-tier Hopak at the closing ceremonies.

Hloptsi z Mista band, New York's Hrim band, renowned bandurist and vocalist Victor Mishalow, young bandurist Borys Ostapienko, the Suzirya Dancers from Calgary, the Ukraina School of Dance, Zoloti Struny bandurist ensemble, and perennial festival favorites the Zubrivka Folk Band.

Mr. Sirskyj returned to MC the Saturday evening show, which also saw the return of Shumka with its enchanting "Harvest Angels" dance, as well as festival darlings Barvinok Ukrainian Dance School, the Gerdan Ensemble of Washington, Troista Muzika, featuring Orest Sushko on tsymbaly (hammer dulcimer), the Suzirya Dancers of Calgary and Edmonton's Viter Choir. Shumka closed the show with a "Hopak" that earned a standing ovation and brought tears of amazement to the eyes of both dancers and audience, including the festival's veteran entertainment manager, Ivanka Podilchak.

After a brief sound check, TIK, the evening's headlining band from Vinnytsia, Ukraine, got the audience rocking and kept them that way for the next 90 minutes. A folk-rock band with influences of ska and shanson, a solid downbeat and a playful

stage presence, TIK did not disappoint. Its performance was made possible by a generous grant from Celebrate Ontario and through the sponsorship of Ukrainian Credit Union Limited. The Celebrate Ontario grant also allowed the festival to present some of North America's most popular performing groups, including Shumka, Gerdan, Hrim, Vasyl Popadiuk, Suzirya and Zvook.

After the performance by TIK, Hrim played for another street zabava, while nearby, TIK, Rock-H, Skopa and Vasyl Popadiuk performed at the after-party, eventually joined by Hrim.

On Sunday, September 14, the festival opened its third day with the annual ecumenical church service on the Northland Power stage, featuring the ministers and pastors of churches in the festival's neighborhood. The Boyan Choir of Toronto participated by singing hymns. After the service, the performance stages were once again the setting for more fine talent.

The youth program featured an array of young performers, both solo and group, followed by performances by Barvinok, DoVira, Gerdan, violinist

Stephanie Hutka, Shumka, Suzirya, Viter and the Yavir Dancers. Filmmaker and actor Ryan Boyko handled the MC duties.

Jason Kenney, Canada's minister of employment and social development and minister for multiculturalism, joined Messrs. Klufas and Grod on stage for the closing ceremonies. Minister Kenney, who was wearing the embroidered sorochka (shirt) that was presented to him at last year's festival, was made an honorary member of the Festival Committee and presented with a volunteer T-shirt.

He then stayed on to enjoy the traditional festival finale – the double-tier "Hopak" performed by the Barvinok Ukrainian School of Dance, which took to the stage and the ground level below in a dizzying display of artistry and color, topped off with an explosion of blue and yellow streamers shot from the stage.



Orest Dorosh

Members of the Zoloti Struny bandurist ensemble perform during Sunday's Youth Program.



Anna Jacyniak

A recreation of the iconic Christmas tree from the Maidan in Kyiv, which featured prominently in the festival's exhibit "A Journey Through Maidan," created by the Euromaidan Committee of Toronto.

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Putin criticizes Moldova on EU pact

MINSK – Russian President Vladimir Putin has criticized Moldova for refusing to hold consultations with Moscow on an accord that strengthens ties between Chisinau and the European Union. Speaking at a Commonwealth of Independent States summit on October 10 in Minsk, which was also attended by Moldovan President Nicolae Timofti, Mr. Putin said Moldova's Association Agreement with the European Union may affect economic ties between Russia and Moldova. Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia rattled Russia by signing Association Agreements with EU in June. Mr. Putin pointed out that implementation of the free-trade portion of the EU-Ukraine deal was postponed until December 31, 2015, as a result of the Kremlin's "intense consultations with the EU and Ukraine." He said Chisinau had not responded to Moscow's "numerous calls" to do the same. (RFE/RL, based on live TV broadcast and Interfax)

Armenia signs up to Eurasian union

MINSK – President Serzh Sarkisian signed the agreement to join the Eurasian Economic Union (EES) at a meeting of regional heads of state in the Belarusian capital, Minsk, on October 10. The Caucasus nation is now set to join Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan in the economic bloc when it comes into force on January 1, 2015. The project builds on the existing Customs Union among Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Landlocked Armenia, which is heavily reliant on its ties to Russia, ditched

plans last year to sign an agreement on closer trade and diplomatic ties with the European Union. Also in Minsk, Kyrgyz President Almazbek Atambaev expressed hope that his country would join by year's end. And President Emomali Rahmon said Tajikistan is analyzing the EES legal documents and does not rule out that it might join. Earlier, Belarusian President Alyaksandr Lukashenka signed a law on the ratification of the EES, advancing a Russian-led drive to strengthen ties among former Soviet republics. Mr. Lukashenka signed the law hours after both houses of the Belarusian parliament voted to ratify the treaty, which was signed by the presidents of Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus on May 29. (RFE/RL, based on reporting by Agence France-Presse, TASS and Interfax)

Turkish Crimean war graves vandalized

SEVASTOPOL – Graves of Turkish soldiers and officers killed in the Crimean War have been vandalized in the Crimean port city of Sevastopol. The leader of Azeri community on the Black Sea peninsula, Raqim Qumbatov, said on October 13 that metal Islamic crescents and stars on gravestones in a Sevastopol cemetery had been removed or damaged. A video report by online news site Vesti.az also showed that road signs pointing to the graveyard and a memorial to Turkish soldiers who died during the 1853-1856 Crimean war had been removed. Mr. Qumbatov said that before Russia annexed Crimea from Ukraine in March, the signs and cemetery had been cared for properly. Crimean authorities have not commented on the vandalism. It comes amid what activists say is a crackdown on Crimean Tatars, a Muslim minority group whose members largely opposed the annexation. (RFE/RL,

based on reporting by Vesti.az, crimea.kz and e-crimea.info)

Batkivshchyna ousts hundreds in lustration

KYIV – Ukraine's Batkivshchyna party has kicked out hundreds of members from its ranks as part of the country's lustration campaign. The party's leader, Yulia Tymoshenko, told the ICTV television channel on October 12 that 1,518 members of her party had been expelled after their "dishonest" activities were revealed during implementation of the lustration law. According to Ms. Tymoshenko, checks revealed that some individuals representing her party in Ukraine's Parliament and regional power structures "dishonestly" voted for "illegal" land distribution and state budget allocations during the last two and a half years. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko signed the lustration bill into law on October 9. Under the law, up to 1 million public servants, including Cabinet ministers, will be screened for loyalty to root out the corrupt practices associated with the administration of former President Viktor Yanukovich. (RFE/RL)

Russian lawmakers won't monitor elections

MOSCOW – A lawmaker says Russian Parliament members will not go as monitors to the upcoming parliamentary elections in Ukraine. According to October 18 news reports, Aleksei Pushkov, the chairman of the Russian State Duma's International Affairs Committee, said no members from either the Duma or the Federation Council will be at the October 26 elections due to security concerns. Mr. Pushkov said that Russian legislators could have been part of an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) delegation that would monitor the election. But he said Russian lawmakers "fear they will not enjoy proper security, bearing in mind the conditions in which the election campaign in Ukraine is proceeding and the extremely high level of anti-Russian sentiment." (RFE/RL, based on reporting by TASS and Interfax)

Russian budget suffers as oil price falls

WASHINGTON – A balanced budget for Russia depends on an average price of crude oil between \$110 and \$115 per barrel. But with prices recently falling below \$90 and signs that the price may stay low for the foreseeable future, the country may experience shortfalls. (RFE/RL, based on U.S. Energy Information Administration)

Sikorski: Putin offered to divide Ukraine

WASHINGTON – Polish Parliamentary Speaker Radoslaw Sikorski says Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2008 proposed to Poland's then-prime minister that they divide Ukraine between themselves. Mr. Sikorski, who until September served as foreign affairs minister, told the U.S. website Politico that Mr. Putin made the proposal during Prime Minister Donald Tusk's visit to Moscow in 2008. Mr. Sikorski was quoted as saying in the interview dated October 19, "He wanted us to become participants in this partition of Ukraine... This was one of the first things that Putin said to my prime minister, Donald Tusk, when he visited Moscow." Mr. Sikorski told Politico, "Luckily, Tusk didn't answer. He knew he was being recorded." Mr. Sikorski also said that Mr. Putin "went on to say Ukraine is an artificial country and that Lviv is a Polish city, and why don't we just sort it out together." (RFE/RL, based on interview on politico.com with additional reporting by Reuters)

Germany says separatists downed MH17

PRAGUE – On October 19, Spiegel Online reported that Germany's foreign intelligence service, the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), has concluded unambiguously that "it was pro-Russian separatists" who shot down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over Ukraine on July 19, killing all 298 people aboard. The separatists were firing a Buk air-defense missile system that they had seized from a Ukrainian military base, the BND said. Spiegel also quoted BND President Gerhard Schindler as having told a parliamentary

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lessness, once unleashed, is impossible to control."

As the size of the financial pie begins to shrink, competition among the clans of "siloviki" (security-service personnel) becomes

vicious, Mr. Baev notes. Manipulation of the legal system erodes and will eventually destroy the legitimacy of the political order even in the eyes of its stake-holders and beneficiaries.

Source: "Lawlessness as the central pillar of Vladimir Putin's authority," by Pavel K. Baev (*Eurasia Daily Monitor*), *The Ukrainian Weekly* November 17, 2013.

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Yale Medical...

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drives. All of the slides – hundreds of them – were in two languages, English and Ukrainian, and were simultaneously displayed during the interactive sessions on two large monitors on opposite sides of the presenter. Professional translators provided simultaneous translation from English to Ukrainian via FM to wireless headphones worn by those participants who did not understand English. During the discussions the translations flowed both ways.

The program had a “train the trainer” emphasis – the participants were expected to return to Ukraine and use their newly acquired knowledge to train other mental health workers. For this training purpose, Yale brought in from Hawaii the premier trainer in the field of psychological first aid, Dr. Patricia Watson, who delivered intensive lectures for several days. In addition to psychological first aid and PTSD treatment, other topics included cognitive processing therapy, exposure therapy, pharmacological treatments and special approaches to treating children.

In the evenings and early mornings, additional sessions were arranged with the West Haven VA hospital, the Errera center for treatment and rehabilitation of veterans, and the Yale Global Health Initiative, which sets up and helps run health care programs in many impoverished world countries. Ample time was allotted for individual participants to meet individually with the experts.

Yale Press Conference and VIP Reception

In the afternoon of August 27, Yale organized a press conference on the PTSD training program for local media and the Yale community.

Participants included Dr. John Krystal, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry; Prof. Southwick, program organizer; Dr. Steven Marans, professor of child psychiatry and director of the Child Trauma Service at Yale; Dr. Bojko; Volodymyr Pogorilyy, head

of the NGO Ukrainian Association of Overcoming Consequences of Traumatic Events; the Rev. Andriy Lohin from the Lviv archdiocese of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church; Marta Pyvovarenko, a psychologist from Lviv; Dr. Kyj; Lewis Madenek, program manager at the Open World Leadership Center; Mr. Kyzuk; and Mr. Melnyk, who represented the local Ukrainian American community.

In the evening, the Yale School of Medicine in cooperation with the UARC and Open World organized a VIP reception and cultural exchange with the Ukraine delegates. Attending the reception were both U.S. senators from Connecticut, Sens. Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal; members of the Yale community; prominent New Haven area civic and business leaders; and leaders from the Connecticut Ukrainian American community.

Other events

The week's activities were closed out by two memorable events: a visit to the home of Prof. Timothy Snyder and a farewell reception for the delegates organized by parishioners of St. Michael Catholic Church in New Haven.

Prof. Snyder is well-known for his book “Bloodlands,” which documents the tragic history of Central and Eastern Europe and Ukraine from 1930 - 1945. In the past year he has written prolifically on developments in Ukraine in the New York Review of Books, the New Republic and European publications. In May the Yale professor organized an international conference of scholars and intellectuals, titled “Thinking Together,” which was held in Kyiv.

The delegates enthusiastically accepted an invitation to visit Prof. Snyder at his home, where he welcomed them speaking fairly fluent Ukrainian, which impressed the visitors. After a wine and cheese reception hosted by his wife, Prof. Marci Shore, the delegates had ample opportunity to engage in discussions related to events in Ukraine, Russia and Europe.

The busy week at Yale ended with a farewell reception at St. Michael's on the night before the delegates' departure. The dele-

gates were warmly received by a large crowd that assembled to meet the guests and to thank them for their continuing service. Each delegate spoke about his or her work and plans for the future. A brief concert ensued with performances by local talent, including Oksana Kit, Stefania and Melania Korenovsky, and Natalka Danczuk.

And then a big surprise: an ad hoc on stage performance of the “Psychiatrists and Psychologists A Cappella Choir” from Ukraine that opened with a hilarious rendition of “Nese Halia Vodu” intended to honor Halia Lodynsky who had organized local volunteers and stayed with the delegates throughout their time in Connecticut. This was followed with patriotic songs, Taras Shevchenko poems set to music, and solo performances of contemporary pop music. The evening took on a life of its own with music and socializing late into the night.

Return to Ukraine

Upon returning home the delegates quickly returned to their work. Some were dispatched to military hospitals in Kyiv, Dnipropetrovsk and Lviv. Others set out to the war-torn east. Still others are immersed in adapting their newfound knowledge and developing training programs in Ukraine.

On September 29, Dr. Watson conducted specialized sessions for Lviv participants via Skype. More than 100 additional train-

ers from Kyiv, Lviv, Cherkasy and Mariupol have already been trained in the various ongoing programs.

Dr. Andriy Sydorenko is adapting the Yale material for the medical journal Forum of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy that is published in Lviv. A methodological field handbook on psychological first aid is being prepared. A blog has been set up to coordinate activities and communication between the participants and the Yale instructors.

Dr. Pyvovarenko is coordinating with Bishop Benedict and the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv to run a School of Psychological Renewal after Extreme Stress at the university.

Father Lohin is working to develop a nationwide program of PTSD training for spiritual leaders in Ukraine and is coordinating with more than 100 priests who are serving as chaplains in military hospitals and with military units in the field.

In a recent communication, Dr. Sydorenko summed up the impact of the Yale PTSD program: “One of the greatest impressions of this trip for me was the reinforced understanding that we are united in our work for a common cause: an independent and flowering Ukraine. The optimism and inspiration which I received from you in America I am conveying to my colleagues in Ukraine.”



Roma Korchynsky

Roma Korchynsky died with dignity on Tuesday September 2, 2014 - in the home she so dearly loved - with her only son, Stephen, by her side. She was 61 years old. She is survived by loving family and friends who will miss her greatly. She may have left us, but her memory will always remain strong in our minds and hearts.

Roma grew up in Syracuse, NY, where she graduated from Bishop Ludden High School and then Le Moyne College. Soon after, she married the love of her life, her late husband, former UNA advisor, Walter Korchynsky, and moved to Horseheads, NY, where she started her family and lived until her passing. She worked nearly 30 years for Chemung County before retiring. She was a member of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira Heights, NY.

Roma will be remembered for her sweetness and positivity. She had a loving, motherly way about her. She enjoyed the simple things in life like - spending time with family, taking trips to the beach, laughing, and thrifty shopping. And she loved all things Ukrainian - she was very fond of her rich heritage. In her later years she was the epitome of strength and stamina, battling a series of challenges on her health - all with a courageous spirit. She wanted her passing not to evoke sadness, but instead to inspire a celebration of life. Her love will live on.

Panakhya was held on Friday, September 5, 2014, at the James D. Barrett Funeral Home in Elmira, NY. Divine Liturgy was held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Elmira Heights, NY, with Father Robert Batcho as celebrant. Interment followed at the St. Nicholas Cemetery.

Remembering her most:

- Son - Stephen
- Brother - Russ Zackevich with wife Mary Ellen and daughter Natalie
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- The Lotocky family - Walter, Irene, Peter, Tammy, Sophia, William, Alexander, Taras, Vera, and Nicholas
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control committee that “Russian claims that the missile had been fired by Ukrainian soldiers and that a Ukrainian fighter jet had been flying close to the passenger jet were false,” in the paper's words. It also said there were telltale signs that Ukrainian photos had been manipulated, without providing details. Spiegel quoted German prosecutors as saying that a case has been opened into the shooting-down, in which four German nationals died, as a possible war crime. Andrei Purgin, the self-styled deputy prime minister of the separatist “Donetsk People's Republic” immediately rejected the claim, saying such missiles could “only be fired by well-trained experts.” The chairman of the Russian Duma's International Affairs Committee, Aleksei Pushkov, said via Twitter that the German report shows “Russia had nothing to do” with the tragedy and did not rule out that the missile “could have been launched by Ukrainian armed forces.” (RFE/RL, with reporting by Reuters and Agence-France-Presse, Interfax and TASS)

Progress reported in gas talks

BRUSSELS - European Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger has announced that substantial progress was reached in talks between representatives of Ukraine and Russia on gas supplies in Brussels on October 21. Mr. Oettinger said as part of tentative deals, Ukraine planned to purchase some 4 billion cubic meters of gas from Russia before the end of this year. Mr. Oettinger also said Ukraine would pay

\$1.4 billion of its debt to Russia for gas supplies already received before the end of October and another \$1.6 billion by the end of this year. The head of Russia's delegation to the talks, Energy Minister Aleksandr Novak, said the price of gas for Ukraine would be \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters, or \$100 less than Russia was demanding just weeks ago. Mr. Novak said that price would be in force from October of this year until late March 2015. Mr. Novak added that the European Union should take responsibility for guaranteeing Ukraine will pay its \$5.3 billion debt for gas to Russia before the end of 2014. Mr. Oettinger announced another meeting would be held in Brussels on October 29. (RFE/RL, based on reporting by Reuters, TASS and Interfax)

Lavrov: Russia will not do West's bidding

MOSCOW - Russian Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov said Moscow will not do the West's bidding in order to have sanctions removed. Speaking on October 19 on Russia's NTV channel, Mr. Lavrov said, “We are told, ‘If you help settle the crisis in Ukraine, we will cancel the sanctions. Let us name a criteria for you – take one step, see to it that the militia would allow monitors to the border with Russia,’ and so on.” He said: “Our answer is very simple – we will not fulfill or agree to any criteria or conditions.” Mr. Lavrov also accused Western powers of using the Ukraine crisis as a pretext to press Russia “to alter its approach to key, crucial issues for us and force us to accept the approach of the West.” But he called that “bygone century, bygone epoch, colonial thinking of the past.” (RFE/RL, with reporting by Interfax and TASS)

COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

Ukrainians in Illinois commemorate Holodomor of 1932-1933



Archbishop Jevstratij of Chernihiv and Nizhyn, Ukraine, speaks at the Ukrainian community's commemoration of the Holodomor held in Bloomingdale, Ill.

by Victor W. Groszko

BLOOMINGDALE, Ill. – The Ukrainian community of Chicago and suburbs and parishioners of St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral – Kyiv Patriarchate in Bloomingdale, Ill., on September 23 participated in a commemoration of the Famine-Genocide in Ukraine – the Holodomor of 1932-1933.

The community gathered at the Holodomor Memorial in Bloomingdale for the event, organized annually by the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation U.S.A. Inc.

This year's ecumenical panakhyda (memorial service) for the millions of victims of the Holodomor was led by Archbishop Jevstratij of Chernihiv and Nizhyn, Ukraine. Archbishop Jevstratij

serves as secretary of the Holy Synod and director of the Informational Media Service of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate. Clergy participating in the memorial panakhyda represented various eparchies of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the diaspora.

At the invitation of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation U.S.A. (UGFF-U.S.A.), the panakhyda was recited by the choir of the Ukrainian American Youth Association's Mykola Pavlushkov Branch of Chicago under the direction of choirmaster Volodymyr Popovych.

The memory of Holodomor victims was honored by Archbishop Jevstratij; Ukraine's

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Montreal marks centennial of internment operations

MONTREAL – At exactly the same time as other communities across Canada, 11 a.m. local time, Montreal's Ukrainian community marked the 100th anniversary of the Canada's first national internment operations and unveiled a memorial plaque on August 22 at the Ukrainian Youth Center.

"Project CTO" (100 in Ukrainian) recalled the internment operations of 1914-1920 and the 24 internment camps established across Canada. It marked the 100th anniversary of the War Measures Act that led to the unjust internment as "enemy aliens" of Ukrainians and other Eastern Europeans. Of the over 8,500 interned, the majority were Ukrainians.

At Montreal's commemoration, coordinated by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Montreal branch, a memorial service was first offered by the Revs. Ihor Oshchipko and Yaroslav Pivtorak in remembrance of those unjustly interned. Both priests served at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Parish in Iberville-Montreal, from which 60 Ukrainian families, – men women and children – were taken to be interned at Spirit Lake, Quebec. Spirit Lake was the second largest internment camp and held

1,200 prisoners, most of them Ukrainians.

Opening remarks were given by Bohdanna Klecor-Hawryluk, chair of the UCC Montreal's Cultural and Educational Committee. She mentioned the importance of remembering this dark chapter in Canadian history and remembering the difficulties early Ukrainian immigrants underwent in their new homeland.

She paid tribute to the many individuals who, over the many decades, contributed in bringing attention to the almost-forgotten history of the unjust internment of Ukrainians. Among those early pioneers named were Dr. Michael Marunchak, Ihor Bardyn (chairman of the UCC Internment Redress Committee in the early 1990s), John Gregorovich, Yuriy Luhovy (who began researching internment in the early 1970s), Peter Melnycky and Myron Momryk.

Their work helped reawaken community interest in the internment issue and helped lay the early groundwork for general public awareness of the unjust internment. This led to continued hard work, successful negotiations and the redress agree-

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James Slobodian (left) at the unveiling of the internment plaque at Spirit Lake Internment Interpretative Center.

Hartford UAYA begins educational year



HARTFORD, Conn. – The Hartford branch of the Ukrainian American Youth Association opened its educational year on Sunday, September 21, at St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church with a liturgy and assembly. Youth meetings are held at the Ukrainian National Home at 961 Wethersfield Ave. every Tuesday at 6-7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome and new families unfamiliar with UAYA are encouraged to stop by on Tuesdays to visit.

– Christia Iwanik

Pennsylvanians active in Ukrainian Days



WASHINGTON – Taking part in the Ukrainian Days organized by the Ukrainian National Information Service in Washington on September 16-18, were Ulana Mazurkevich (right) from Philadelphia and Marta Fedoriw (left) from Allentown, Pa. The activists visited numerous congressional offices to lobby on behalf of Ukraine. They met with Reps. Charles Dent (R) and Robert Bradey (D) of Pennsylvania, as well as Sen. Tom Carper (center) of Delaware (D). The activists took part in the joint session of Congress addressed by President Petro Poroshenko of Ukraine and then participated in the demonstration in support of Ukraine held near the White House.

USCAK holds third annual Beach Volleyball tournament

WILDWOOD CREST, N.J. – The third annual Ukrainian Sports Federation of U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK) National Beach volleyball tournament was held on a cloudy Friday, August 22. The tournament was held during “Ukrainian Week” on the beach behind the Pan American motel. Organized and hosted by Lys Sports Academy of Whippany, N.J., the tournament was sponsored by Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union (www.selfreliance.com) and Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union of Philadelphia (www.ukrfcu.com)

Registration began on Thursday, August 21; a registration table was located prominently on the beach, and a volleyball flag flew above it. In order to participate, teams needed to be affiliated with USCAK member clubs, such as Chornomorska Sitch, Lys Sports Academy, Plast, Tryzub or Ukrainian American Youth Association. Six adult teams registered for the tournament.

The tournament began at 10:00 am on



Christine Syzonenko

2014 USCAK Beach Volleyball Finalists “Sitch Seniors A” (2nd-5th from left) and 2014 USCAK Beach Volleyball Champions “Old Style” (3rd-6th from right) with USCAK tournament organizers.



Tournament organizers: (right to left): Irenaeus Isajiw, USCAK President; Myron Bytz, USCAK Vice President; Walter Syzonenko, USCAK Director of Volleyball; Michael Koziupa, Selfreliance Ukrainian American Federal Credit Union.

Friday with opening ceremonies. National anthems of Canada, Ukraine and the United States were played. Walter Syzonenko, Director of Volleyball for USCAK and president of Lys SA, introduced Irenaeus Isajiw, USCAK president, who officially opened the tournament with words of welcome, encouraging participants to play their best, and especially, to have fun. Myron Bytz, USCAK Vice President, reviewed the rules of play.

The teams registered were: “Hartford”, “Nu, Tak Tak”, “Old Style”, “Sitch Seniors”, “Sitch II” and “Team Wildwood”. The play format was round robin, with each team playing all of the other teams. The teams were then ranked by the number of their wins and losses. The top four teams qualified for the semi-finals.

For the second year in a row, the finals were held between two very competitive and talented teams, “Sitch Seniors,” with

only 1 loss, and “Old Style”, with 2 losses. A large crowd gathered to watch the finals, and the beach around the net was crowded with spectators anticipating a hotly contested match. The finals match was exciting, with a high caliber of play, and raised the bar for future tournaments. All games in the finals match were very close; in the end “Old Style” from Chicago prevailed for the second consecutive year, to become 2014 USCAK Beach Volleyball Champions.

After the finals match, the tournament trophy was presented to team “Old Style,” consisting of Andre Olexy, Danchyk Gillespie, Bob Gillespie and Mark Olexy. The winner of the tournament’s Most Valuable Player (MVP) award – and a new volleyball – was Danchyk Gillespie.

The tournament was pronounced a great success by all involved, and plans are already being made for next year’s event.

Sitch wins 58th annual USCAK swim championships at Soyuzivka

KERHONKSON, N.Y. – The Ukrainian Athletic Educational Association Chornomorska Sitch won the 58th annual Swim Championships of the Ukrainian Sports Federation of the U.S.A. and Canada (USCAK) that were held at Soyuzivka during Labor Day weekend, August 30-31. Sitch scored 168 points, followed by Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization (54 points) and the Ukrainian American Youth Association (25 points).

The official opening ceremonies of the swim championship and the 59th annual USCAK Tennis Championship were conducted poolside by USCAK tennis director George Sawchak, and included representatives of USCAK, the Ukrainian National Association (UNA), the Carpathian Ski Club, as well as leaders of the various participating teams.

Mr. Sawchak, who spoke in Ukrainian, greeted the athletes, guests, and representatives of the various participating organizations, as well as the UNA, which sponsored the swim medals and tennis trophies. Roman Hirniak delivered the English-language translation.

UNA Treasurer Roma Lisovich and USCAK President Irenaeus Isajiw also greeted the participants, followed by the singing of the Ukrainian, Canadian and U.S. national anthems. Taissa Bokalo, USCAK swimming director and swim director for Chornomorska Sitch, kicked off the first swim races. She was assisted by Mr. Hirniak, starter judge; Christine Peters, head scorer; Nicholas Prociuk, stroke and turn judge; Angelina Kozak, scorer; and

Peter Prociuk, head timer.

Donations were collected for the Soyuzivka pool fund, with \$100 from the registration applications for the swim meet

and an additional \$460 through an exhibit organized by Mr. Hirniak, with the help of Bo Bazylevsky, Tony Dale, Darrick Gerardi, Mike Gerardi, Roman Kochaniwsky,

Markian Kovaluk, Pavlo Kozak, Mark Lonkewych, Olena Odulak, Taras Odulak, Alexandra Petrelak, Taras Petrenko and Vadim Zhurawsky.

Results

100-meter individual medley

Boys: 15 and over:
Paul Kozak (Sitch) 1:1.06
Boys 13/14:
Aiden Kay (Sitch) 1:23.06

100-meter freestyle

Boys 15 and over:
Pavlo Kozak (Sitch) 1:08.71
Girls 15 and over:
Alexandra Kay (Sitch) 1:17.81
Boys 13/14:
Aiden Kay (Sitch) 1:10.13
Girls 13/14:
Anya Oryshkewych (Plast) 1:08.46

50-meter freestyle

Boys 11/12:
Sean Kay (Sitch) 32.06
Boys 10 and under:
Luka Vovk (Sitch) 43.91
Andrijko White (Plast) 44.62
Girls 10 and under:
Eva Kovaluk (Plast) 37.75
Natalia Kay (Sitch) 39.88
Natalia McMeekan (Sitch) 1:11.10

25-meter freestyle

Boys 10 and under:

Ivan Kozak (Sitch) 17.50
Girls 10 and under:
Alexia Kovaluk (Plast) 16.78
Cecelia Kay (Sitch) 17.78
Natalia McMeekan (Sitch) 26.69
Boys 11/12:
Zachary Nepogoda (Sitch) 15.35
Girls 11/12:
Hannah Bazylevsky (Sitch) 22.34

50-meter freestyle

Boys 13/14:
Nicholas Tkachenko (UAYA) 34.56
Girls 13/14:
Anya Oryshkewych (Plast) 30.53
Boys 15 and over:
Darrick Gerardi (Sitch) 28.10
Girls 15 and over:
Alexandra Kay (Sitch) 33.37

25-meter backstroke

Boys 11/12:
Sean Kay (Sitch) 18.50
Girls 11/12:
Hannah Bazylevsky (Sitch) 28.84
Boys 10 and under:
Loka Vovka (Sitch) 22.31
Andrijko White (Plast) 23.41
Girls 10 and under:

Natalia Kay (Sitch) 23.97
Mariana Kay (Sitch) 34.03
Aleksa Bazylevsky (Sitch) 39.00
50-meter backstroke
Boys 15 and over:
Darrick Gerardi (Sitch) 37.50
Girls 15 and over:
Alexandra Kay (Sitch) 39.16
Boys 13/14:
Nicholas Tkachenko (UAYA) 44.85

25-meter breaststroke

Boys 10 and under:
Andrijko White (Plast) 28.38
Girls 10 and under:
Eva Kovaluk (Plast) 21.00
Alexia Kovaluk (Plast) 23.62
Natalia Kay (Sitch) 25.38
Boys 11/12:
Zachary Nepogoda (Sitch) 21.56
Girls 11/12:
Hannah Bazylevsky (Sitch) 28.19
Maria Tkachenko (UAYA) 39.00

50-meter breaststroke

Boys 15 and over:
Pavlo Kozak (Sitch) 40.25
25-meter butterfly
Boys 10 and under:
Luka Vovk (Sitch) 23.16
Girls 10 and under:

Eva Kovaluk (Plast) 18.19
Ceclia Kay (Sitch) 20.19
Alexia Kovaluk (Plast) 21.53
Boys 11/12:
Sean Kay (Sitch) 15.75
Zachary Nepogoda (Sitch) 17.87

50-meter butterfly

Boys 13/14:
Aiden Kay (Sitch) 39.84
Girls 13/14:
Anya Oryshkewych (Plast) 37.72
Boys 15 and over:
Darrick Gerardi (Sitch) 32.56
4x25-meter freestyle relay
Girls 10 and under:
Cecilia Kay, Natalia Kay, Eva Kovaluk, Alexia Kovaluk (Sitch) 1:15.78
Boys 11/12:
Sean Kay, Luka Vovk, Zachary Nepogoda, Andriuko White (Sitch) 1:12.50
Girls 11/12:
Hanna Bazylevsky, Alexia Bazylevsky, Natalia McMeekan (Sitch) 2:06.31
4x50-meter freestyle relay
Boys 15 and over:
Pavlo Kozak, Darrick Gerardi, Aiden Kay, Nicholas Tkachenko (Sitch) 2:44.22

Ukrainian folk...

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guests to the National Heritage Fellowships Banquet. Ms. Nakonechny's stunning, multi colored gerdan beadwork graced the cover of the invitations for the 2014 National Endowment for the Arts Banquet.

In presenting the award to Ms. Nakonechny, the chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, Jane Chu stated: "She grew up fascinated by the intricate Ukrainian embroidery her mother practiced... when traveling to Ukraine she discovered that many of these cherished artistic traditions varied from village to village and were in danger of disappearing. ...She took it upon herself to learn about as many of the distinct practices as she could, while sharing materials and knowledge with those she met. Vera is considered one of the leading experts in Ukrainian textile arts, serving as an important resource for Ukrainian organizations such as the National Center of Folk Culture Ivan Honchar Museum in Kyiv."

Ms. Chu continued: "Vera's powerful story reflects how the arts can connect us

with our heritage, bring us together as a community, and deepen our sense of belonging. Vera has dedicated her life to preserve and perpetuate the artistic traditions of Ukraine, and today we honor her for her remarkable contribution."

In accepting the award, Ms. Nakonechny, in an emotional statement thanked the NEA for the great honor bestowed on her. She also thanked her husband, Yuri, who is a true partner in her artistic endeavors. "God gave me a gift, and with this gift comes a responsibility. I do all this, the beadwork, the weaving, the embroidery, to make sure that our rich folk tradition does not die," she said. "A lot of this art has been lost and I want to make sure that this beautiful tradition keeps on living."

In closing, Ms. Nakonechny, with tears in her eyes stated, "I do all this for my beloved Ukraine."

Attending the banquet were her husband, her sisters Tonia and Olga, her daughter Daria and friends of the family. Ms. Nakonechny requested that all her guests be dressed in Ukrainian embroidered blouses for the awards banquet in keeping with the spirit of the award.

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A group photo of friends and family who attended the awards ceremony: (first row, from left) Yuri Nakonechny, Olga Hecket, Vera Nakonechny, Oresta Starak, Tonia Katruk, (second row) Valia Katruk, Daria Hryckowian, Svitlana Kolomyiets and Ulana Mazurkevich.



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was Oresta Starak, the embassy's first secretary.

As a part of the celebration of the National Endowment for the Arts Awards, on Friday of that week there was a special program at George Washington University, where the awardees presented and spoke about their particular craft.

Montreal marks...

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ment with the Canadian government by Andriy Hladyshesky on behalf of the Taras Shevchenko Foundation, Prof. Lubomyr Luciuk on behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association and Paul Grod on behalf of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Member of Parliament Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet (NDP), representative for Hochelaga, Prof. Roman Serbyn, Evhen Osidacz, president of the Ukrainian National Federation (UNF), Montreal branch, also spoke.

A surprise visitor to the event was the family of Dr. Michel Sadelain from New York. Originally from Quebec, Dr. Sadelain spoke to the nearly 100 participants and mentioned his grandfather, who was interned at Spirit Lake. He was later interviewed by CBC-TV, which covered the Montreal ceremony.

Following a reception sponsored by the UNF Montreal branch, the award-winning documentary "Freedom Had A Price" by Yuriy Luhovy was screened.

Of the 100 internment plaques across Canada, Quebec unveiled nine plaques, seven by Ukrainian organizations or churches, one by the Montreal Armenian community and one by the Montreal Hungarian community. An internment plaque was unveiled, with extensive media coverage, at Spirit Lake Internment Interpretative Center in La Ferme, Quebec, by James Slobodian, the center's chairperson.

The distribution of the 100 plaques was made possible by a grant from the Endowment Council of the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund in association with the Ukrainian Civil Liberties Foundation with project lead Prof. Luciuk. UCC National, through its UCC Internment Committee headed by Emil Yareniuk, encouraged all UCC branches across Canada to help organize ceremonies in their areas.

Montreal's commemorative event was organized by Evhen Struminsky and Orysia Korol for UCC Montreal, with Pavlo Grosko, Bohdan Klymchuk, Valya Kowryha and UCC President Zorianna Hrycenko-Luhova.

Ukrainians in Illinois...

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Consul General in Chicago Andrij Pravednyk; Dr. Maria Korkatsch-Groszko, commissioner of the Illinois Holocaust and Genocide Commission and member of the UGFF-USA; the Rev. Myron Panchuk of St. Joseph the Betrothed Parish and vice-president of the UGFF-USA. Gubernatorial candidate for the State of Illinois Bruce Rauner was present with his wife, Diana, to pay respect to the victims of Holodomor.

Survivors of the Holodomor, most of whom are members of St. Andrew Parish, were recognized during the bilingual memorial program emceed by Tamara Kuzyk-Storie. In the established tradition, wreaths of flowers were laid at the foot of

the memorial monument to the 10 million victims of a death by forced starvation-hunger perpetrated by Joseph Stalin.

Following the religious observance, a traditional "Holodnyi Obid," prepared by the members of the St. Sofia Sisterhood, was served in the parish auditorium. The UAYA Choir performed several lyrical selections which touched the hearts of the audience. Lesya Lesyk, journalist and medic, presented a penetrating insight into the horror of death by forced starvation-hunger.

Lydia Tkaczuk, president of the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago and vice-president of UGFF-U.S.A., presented Nicholas Mischenko a recognition award in acknowledgement of his many years of dedicated service to and on the Ukrainian Genocide Famine Foundation U.S.A.

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IRI poll shows...

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tance of the upcoming parliamentary elections scheduled for October 26," according to IRI President Mark Green, who also noted that "the approval rating of Parliament has declined sharply in this poll."

Despite the ongoing violence and instability in eastern Ukraine, voter enthusiasm for the October 26 parliamentary elections is high, with an overwhelming 73 percent of respondents reporting they either will vote or are likely to vote. Although enthusiasm for the parliamentary elections is highest in the west (91 percent) and center (82 percent), a majority in all regions say they either will or are likely to vote, with 55 percent in the east and 62 percent in the south.

When asked which party they would vote for, 32 percent of likely voters responded the president's political party, the Bloc of Petro Poroshenko. The Radical Party had the support of 10 percent of likely voters, Yulia Tymoshenko's Batkivshchyna Party was third with 7 percent, Civic Position had 6 percent and the People's Front received the support of 5 percent.

Mr. Green said, "The new poll suggests that chances are good that President Poroshenko will gain a solid working majority as a result of the elections."

The poll was conducted in all regions of Ukraine (including Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts) on September 12-25 with a randomly selected sample of 1,200 permanent residents of Ukraine age 18 and older and eligible to vote. The margin of error does not exceed plus or minus 2.8 percent, and the response rate was 63 percent.

The survey was conducted by Baltic Surveys/The Gallup Organization, with field work carried out by Rating Group Ukraine. The survey was funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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Ottawa</p> | <p>Concert, Ensemble Calixa Lavalee under the direction of Prof. Laurence Ewashko, University of Ottawa, concerts@uottowa.ca or 613-562-5733</p> |
| <p>Through December 31
New York</p> | <p>Photo exhibit, "Manhattan Metrospective," featuring works by Stefa Charczenko, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-475-1074 or 212-254-5130</p> | <p>October 30-
November 1
Ottawa</p> | <p>Danyliw Seminar, "Ukraine 2014: Maidan, Insurrection(s), Geopolitics," University of Ottawa, chairukr@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>October 26
New Haven, CT</p> | <p>Book presentation by Diana Howansky-Reilly, "Scattered: The Forced Relocation of Poland's Ukrainians after World War II," St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, 203-269-5909</p> | <p>October 31
New York</p> | <p>Lecture with Ana Gomes, "The EU Response to Deadly Conflict: Iraq, Syria, Libya and Ukraine," Columbia University, 212-854-4623</p> |
| <p>October 27
Cambridge, MA</p> | <p>Film screening with Iryna Vushko and Yuri Gruzinov, "Babylon 13," Harvard University, 617-495-4053</p> | <p>November 1
Toronto</p> | <p>Gala banquet, Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation, King's Garden Banquet Hall, www.ucef.org</p> |
| <p>October 27
Cambridge, MA</p> | <p>Seminar with Roksolana Mykhaylyk, "Bilingualism in Ukraine: Individual Benefits, Social Risks," Harvard University, 617-495-4053</p> | <p>November 1
San Francisco</p> | <p>Film screening, "Pray For Ukraine" by Evgeny Afineevsky, Main Public Library, 650-281-6927 or http://sfpl.org/index.php?pg=1018295201</p> |
| <p>October 28
Storrs, CT</p> | <p>Faculty Showcase Concert, featuring violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv, Von der Mehden Recital Hall, University of Connecticut, 860-486-2106 or www.sfa.uconn.edu/vdm.html</p> | <p>November 1
New York</p> | <p>Presentation on Ira Aldridge and Taras Shevchenko, with performance by Yara Arts Group's "Dark Night Bright Stars," The Ukrainian Museum, www.ukrainianmuseum.org</p> |
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November 12
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Jenkintown, PA</p> | <p>Art exhibit, featuring sculptures by Petro Kapschutschenko, Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, www.ueccphila.org</p> |
| <p>October 29
Winnipeg</p> | <p>Book launch, "The Showman and the Ukrainian Cause: Folk Dance Film and the Life of Vasile Avramenko," by Orest T. Martynowych, Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Center, 204-942-0218 or ucec@mymts.net</p> | <p>November 1-2
Silver Spring, MD</p> | <p>Art show and sale, Holy Trinity Particular Ukrainian Catholic Church, 716-903-5485 or www.holytrinityartshow.com</p> |
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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 1

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society invites all to a film screening of "Salt in the Air," by Enrico Rossini Cullen. Mr. Cullen is a film director, producer and writer. The documentary film paints a portrait of rural melancholia in the provincial Carpathian Mountain village of Solotvyno. Local salt miners' everyday life is recorded and described as it has been since the collapse of the Soviet Union. The screening will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Ave. (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

NEW YORK: Ira Aldridge, the British stage legend, and Taras Shevchenko are the subjects in this presentation, which will feature an introduction by award-winning Broadway performer and director André De Shields, a lecture by Bernth Lindfors, professor emeritus of English at the University of Texas, author of a four-volume set of books on Aldridge, and Virlana Tkacz with the Yara Arts Group, that will present excerpts from "Dark Night Bright Stars," an original theater piece on Shevchenko and Aldridge. Admission (including reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students. The event is at 6 p.m. at The Ukrainian Museum, 222 E. Sixth St. For information see www.ukrainianmuseum.org.

Saturday, November 8

NEW YORK: "Fight and you shall overcome! Shevchenko as Revolutionary in Today's Ukraine," is an evening of poetry, music and images dedicated to Ukraine's ongoing struggle for freedom and depicting the revolutionary, militant side of Taras Shevchenko. The evening will be conducted in Ukrainian and English, and will include readings by Vasyl Makhno and Alexander Motyl, and visuals by Vasyl Lopukh. Admission (including reception, gallery access) is \$15; \$10 for members and seniors; \$5 for students. Join us at 7 p.m. at The Ukrainian Museum, 222 E. Sixth St. For information see www.ukrainianmuseum.org.

Saturday-Sunday November 8-9

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.: The 34th annual Ukrainian AutumnFest will be held at Epiphany of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church at 434 90th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702 on Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival will feature authentic Ukrainian food, (borsch, holubtsi, varenyky and potato pancakes, all available for take-out), Ukrainian beer, Ukrainian arts and crafts, vendors, church tours, children's rides and games, polka lessons, music for dancing both days by Cathy and the Lorelei Band, and dance performances by the Kalyna Ukrainian Dancers. A silent auction and raffle will be held Sunday. For information call 727-576-1001 or 727-576-0400 or e-mail john7119@hotmail.com.

Sunday, November 9

NEW YORK: Join us at 2:30 p.m. for a benefit concert with Natalia Khoma, cello, and Volodymyr Vynnytsky, piano, who will perform works by Bach, Chopin, Popper, Tchaikovsky and Smetana. This is the debut concert for the museum's new addition - a Steinway grand piano generously donated by Jaroslaw and Alla Leshko. Proceeds will be allocated in support of special exhibitions focusing on the current situation in Ukraine. Admission (including reception, gallery access) is \$25; \$20 for members. The Ukrainian Museum is located at 222 E. Sixth

St.. For information see www.ukrainianmuseum.org.

Saturday, November 15

WHIPPANY, N.J.: All members, sports participants and campers (former and current), as well as friends are invited to the 90th anniversary celebration of the Ukrainian Athletic Educational Association Chornomorska Sich at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, located at 60 N. Jefferson Rd. Appetizers and a buffet dinner (cash bar) begins at 6 p.m. An anniversary program featuring the inaugural Sich Hall of Fame inductees will commence at 8 p.m., followed by a dance with music by Svitanok. Tickets may be reserved for the dinner and dance by contacting Lida Lewycky at 973-867-8854 or sitchjubilee@gmail.com. The ticket price for the dinner and zabava is \$75 per person (advance only); \$25 per person for the dance (available in advance or at the door).

Thursday, November 20

NEW YORK: Don your black turtlenecks, berets and dark glasses for the Poetry Café at 6 p.m. - a fun evening of poetry readings with Olena Jennings, Vasyl Makhno, Alexander Motyl, Maria Rewakowicz and Al Rosenblatt. The event is free with museum admission (\$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students, free for members). The Ukrainian Museum is located at 222 E. Sixth St. For information see www.ukrainianmuseum.org.

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