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Verveer named U.S. ambassador for women's issues worldwide



Roman Ivasiwka

Lydia Krushelnytsky in 2005 at a luncheon celebrating 40 years of her work with the Ukrainian Stage Ensemble.

NEW YORK – Lydia Krushelnytsky, née Karatnytsky, renowned director of the Ukrainian Stage Ensemble, died March 4 at the age of 93.

She was the widow of Leontij Krushelnytsky, a co-founder and conductor of the Dumka Choir.

Mrs. Krushelnytsky was born on May 1, 1915, in Kutly, Stanislaviv (now Ivano-Frankivsk) Oblast, western Ukraine. After

matriculating from the "Ridna Shkola" gymnasium in Stanislaviv, she studied music and drama at the Lviv Conservatory, where in 1939 she received her diploma as a student of the renowned basso and professor Adam Didur.

After having been forced to leave Ukraine during World War II, she and her husband became active participants in the

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PARSIPPANY, N.Y. – Melanne Verveer, a Ukrainian American known for her work with emerging women leaders of the world, has been tapped by President Barack Obama to serve as ambassador-at-large for global women's issues.

The announcement of the appointment to this newly created position within the State Department headed by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton came on March 6.

The official announcement from the White House provided the following information:

"Melanne Verveer is co-founder, chair and co-CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership, an international non-profit that invests in emerging women leaders – pioneers of economic, political and social progress in their countries.

"Prior to founding Vital Voices, Verveer served as assistant to the president and chief of staff to the first lady in the Clinton administration, and was chief assistant to then First Lady Hillary Clinton in her international activities. Verveer also took the lead in establishing the President's Interagency Council on Women, which serves as a model for governments to address issues of concern to women.

"Previously, Verveer served as executive vice-president of People for the American Way, a civil rights and constitutional liberties organization where she played a key role in the passage of several



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Melanne Verveer

landmark civil rights bills. She was coordinator for civil rights and urban affairs for the U.S. Catholic Conference, field manager of Common Cause, and worked

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John Demjanjuk faces new charges in Germany

PARSIPPANY, N.J. – John Demjanjuk of Seven Hills, Ohio, was charged by German prosecutors on March 11 with 29,000 counts of accessory to murder for his alleged role as a guard at the Nazi death camp in Sobibor, Poland.

German authorities, who say the retired autoworker was a guard at Sobibor between March and September 1943, will seek Mr. Demjanjuk's extradition from the United States.

Spiegel Online reported that experts from the Bavarian State Office of Criminal Investigation recently verified the validity of an ID card, which puts Mr. Demjanjuk in Sobibor during the period when the crimes took place.

The JTA news service quoted Efraim Zuroff, the chief Nazi hunter for the Simon Wiesenthal Center, and director of its Israel office as saying, "We are extremely pleased that the decision was made." He added, "We are only hoping the process can now be expedited. The longer it goes on, the greater the chances he will be able to escape a worthy punishment."

JTA also reported that the Munich court that issued an arrest warrant for Mr. Demjanjuk had relied heavily on material provided by the U.S. Office of Special

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Ternopil residents protest cancellation of oblast elections

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

TERNOPIL, Ukraine – First they supported Viktor Yushchenko, then they flocked to Yulia Tymoshenko.

But turbulent times demand radical steps, and nationalist Oleh Tiahnybok, leader of the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union, has emerged as the most popular politician in the Ternopil region.

Svoboda nationalists were expected to win the pre-term elections to the Ternopil Oblast Council scheduled for March 15, alarming Prime Minister Tymoshenko so much that her parliamentary faction helped the Party of Regions of Ukraine sack Foreign Affairs Minister Volodymyr Ohryzko at the March 3 session of Parliament in exchange for support in canceling the Ternopil vote.

Political observers said it's the first time Parliament canceled an election before it was scheduled to be held, a dangerous and illegal precedent set by the prime minister who stood on Independence Square just four years ago to demand a fair presidential election.

"It's ridiculous for Parliament to vote to cancel an election just 12 days away," said Ivan Lozowy, president of the Institute of Statehood and Democracy in Kyiv. "It shows the Tymoshenko Bloc is running scared with its drop in the ratings. It also shows an anti-democratic streak in her, but she's always had that."

Various polls leading up to the election projected between 23 and 33 percent of the vote for Svoboda, compared to esti-

mates of 16 to 19 percent for the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc and 6 to 13 percent for Our Ukraine. (Oblast council elections are based on a closed-list system, in which voters select a party or bloc of parties, which offer a pre-selected list of candidates.)

As of March 12, it remained unclear whether the Ternopil Oblast Council election would be held. The previous day, a Ternopil district court ruled the local election commission had illegally halted the elections and ordered them restored.

Shortly afterwards, Tymoshenko Bloc national deputies defiantly said they would appeal the decision to a higher court, which would prevent the ruling from taking effect. Furthermore, they insisted no one show up.

However, the Rating Sociological Group in Lviv reported that only 8 percent of Ternopil residents said they wouldn't show up for the election; of those who said they would turn out, 33 percent said they would vote for Svoboda. (The poll surveyed 1,000 Ternopil residents between February 21 and 28; it had a margin of error of plus/minus 3 percent.)

Around its core nationalist platforms that support Ukrainianization policies, Svoboda positions itself as a party that represents the interests of villagers and middle-class Ukrainians, challenging the nation's oligarchs who control the political system through their commercialized parties and blocs.

Mr. Tiahnybok is a handsome, charismatic speaker capable of stirring the passions and resentments of ethnically

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ANALYSIS

Washington's overtures fail to impress Moscow

by Pavel Felgenhauer
Eurasia Daily Monitor

President Barak Obama's administration has been preparing a set of wide-ranging initiatives to "reset" U.S.-Russian relations. Nuclear arms control talks are planned to resume; NATO officials have told reporters that meetings of the NATO-Russia Council, which stopped in August 2008 after the Russian invasion of Georgia, will resume soon; and Washington has hinted that it may reconsider plans to deploy a missile defense system in Eastern Europe. The Russian response to these overtures was overall positive but guarded (ITAR-TASS, March 4).

This week the first train carrying a cargo of non-military supplies to the U.S. troops in Afghanistan passed from Latvia through Russia and into Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (Interfax, March 3). Defense Minister Anatoly Serdyukov announced that German troops and military cargo would be transported to Afghanistan by rail. Russia has similar agreements with France and Spain. In the future Moscow may allow the same privilege to other NATO member-states including the United States (Viedomosti, March 4). Russia has clearly stated that it is ready to support the fight against Islamist insurgents in Afghanistan, conditional on Western behavior.

Last month President Obama wrote to his Russian counterpart, Dmitry Medvedev, apparently proposing an agreement to abandon plans to deploy missile defenses in Poland and the Czech Republic in exchange for Moscow's help in stopping the Iranian

nuclear and ballistic missile programs (Kommersant, March 2; The New York Times, March 3).

The Russian response was unenthusiastic. Speaking at a press conference in Spain, President Medvedev ruled out any deal to "swap" Iran for missile defense. The Kremlin acknowledged a letter from the U.S. president that "contained different offers, but no concrete proposals" (Interfax, March 3).

In turn, Mr. Obama admitted that his letter did not contain a specific proposal for a deal: "What I said... was that, obviously, to the extent that we are lessening Iran's commitment to nuclear weapons, then that reduces the pressure for, or the need for a missile defense system."

U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates stated that Washington wanted to reopen discussions with Moscow on Iran. There were two options, he said: to work together to persuade Iran not to go ahead with its ballistic missile program, or make Russia a "full partner" in the defense shield (Reuters, March 4).

The Obama foreign policy team has demonstrated a grave misunderstanding of Russia's intentions and misgivings. Russia cannot control Iran's nuclear or ballistic aspirations; and from Russia's point of view, this is just another U.S. trap: by tacitly agreeing, Moscow would simply give Washington a solid argument to go ahead with missile defense, using Iranian intransigence as a pretext. A nuclear and ballistic

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Security Service units raid Ukrainian state gas companies

by Roman Kupchinsky
Eurasia Daily Monitor

On March 4 and 5 armed units of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) conducted raids on the headquarters of Naftohaz Ukrainy, the state-owned oil and gas company, and UkrTransgaz, the operator of the Ukrainian gas pipeline company.

According to a March 5 report by the UNIAN press service, the raids were part of a recent SBU investigation into the acquisition by Naftohaz of 11 billion cubic meters of gas that once belonged to RosUkrEnergo (RUE), the shady Swiss-based middleman company, 50 percent of which is owned by Gazprom and 50 percent by Dmytro Firtash and Ivan Fursin, two Ukrainian businessmen.

The gas is kept in Ukrainian underground storage facilities and was formally taken over by Naftohaz after RUE's \$1.7 billion debt to Gazprom was transferred to Ukraine as prepayment for the transit of Russian gas to Europe. Ukrainian authorities took possession of this gas and began clearing it through customs, when the head of the Customs Service, Valerii Khoroshkovskiy, a wealthy businessman with ties to Mr. Firtash, blocked the clearance.

In response, the government headed by

Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko relieved Khoroshkovskiy of his post, but Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko then appointed him deputy head of the SBU, apparently as part of his ongoing conflict with Mr. Tymoshenko.

Mr. Khoroshkovskiy told Parliament that the seizure of RUE's gas was illegal and was carried out by "a criminal group that included the government leadership" (ITAR-TASS March 4).

Interestingly enough, Gazprom, the 50-percent of owner of RUE, did not file any complaint about its gas being stolen by the Tymoshenko government. The only objection apparently came from Mr. Firtash, who was caught in the desperate situation of not being able to meet his contractual obligations to deliver 5 million cubic meters of gas a day to Poland or to supply his clients in Hungary.

Kommersant reported on February 20 that Gazprom had accused Mr. Firtash's Hungarian company EMFESZ Kft of illegally importing gas from Ukraine and had filed an official complaint with the Hungarian Energy Commission. One high-level manager of Gazprom Export was quoted in Kommersant as saying, "We need to sort out why the Hungarians are receiving gas that was not contracted for." However, Alexander Medvedev, the head of Gazprom Export, is also a member of the RUE coordination council and was probably fully aware of what RUE was doing in Hungary.

During the raid on Naftohaz headquarters on March 4, members of Parliament from the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc rushed to the

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NEWSBRIEFS

Nalyvaichenko appointed SBU chief

KYIV – The Verkhovna Rada on March 6 approved Valentyn Nalyvaichenko as chief of the Security Service of Ukraine. A total of 230 national deputies from the ruling coalition cast their votes for the president's appointee. The Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc supported Mr. Nalyvaichenko's appointment despite his firm loyalty to President Viktor Yushchenko. Observers say the YTB did so because the alternative was Valerii Khoroshkovskiy, who has partnered with Mr. Yushchenko and Dmytro Firtash in the gas war against Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. On March 10 Mr. Yushchenko introduced the new SBU chief to the service's personnel. The president pointed to the need for more resolute action against manifestations of separatism, extremism, xenophobia and racism in the country. (Ukrinform, The Ukrainian Weekly Kyiv Press Bureau)

Coalition for Tarasyuk as foreign minister

KYIV – The ruling coalition on March 6 called on President Viktor Yushchenko to nominate Borys Tarasyuk as foreign affairs minister. The coalition statement reads: "The coalition is confident that Tarasyuk's candidacy meets the requirements corresponding to the chief of the MFA [Ministry of Foreign Affairs] during this difficult time for Ukraine; his high professionalism, experience and dedication to Ukrainian interests will help Ukraine carry out an efficient foreign policy [and] prepare worthy answers on a variety of foreign policy challenges the country is now facing." Political observers noted that there were several other potential candidates for the position, including Kostiantyn Gryshchenko, Ukraine's ambassador to Russia and first deputy secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, whose candidacy would be supported by the Party of Regions; Oleksander Chalyi, who worked at the Presidential Secretariat and did a great deal of work related to the president's foreign political activities; and Volodymyr Khandohiy, the acting minister of foreign affairs. (Ukrinform)

Ex-judge Ihor Zvarych detained

KYIV – Officers of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) brought ex-judge Ihor Zvarych to Kyiv late on March 10. The Procurator General's Office (PGO) reported that Mr. Zvarych arrived in Kyiv under police escort. The ex-head of the Lviv Administrative Appeals Court, who was on the wanted list on charges of bribery, was detained in Lviv. On December 2, 2008, the Procurator General's Office had instituted criminal proceedings on large-scale bribery against the former judge. During searches of Mr. Zvarych's place of work and residence and six judges of the Lviv Administrative Appeals Court, SBU and the PGO officials seized \$1 million (U.S.) and 2 million hrv. On December 15, 2008, the SBU of the Lviv region placed Mr. Zvarych on the wanted list after he disappeared from a private clinic where he was undergoing treatment. On December 18, 2008, the Verkhovna Rada approved his resignation and arrest. (Ukrinform)

NATO to support reforms in Ukraine

KYIV – Foreign affairs ministers of NATO countries who gathered in Brussels for the March 5 meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Commission intend to express support to Ukraine in carrying out reforms in the security and defense spheres, NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer stated before the meeting. "We will discuss the internal political situation in Ukraine, as well as a progress achieved in reforms and in development of the so-called first Annual National Program on cooperation with the alliance. Ukraine's participation in NATO operations and missions that is sincerely welcomed by the allies will also be a theme of discussion," he underscored. (Ukrinform)

Kyiv: course toward NATO invariable

KYIV – Ukraine confirmed the invariability of its course toward achieving full-fledged membership in NATO and is ready to make efforts toward the goal, said acting Minister of Foreign Affairs Volodymyr Khandohiy at a March 5 meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Commission in Brussels. In his opening speech, NATO Secretary

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Correction

A typographical error in the story "Art works by Chrystyna Kinal exhibited in Washington" (March 8) rendered the name of Barnard College as Barbard.

The post-Soviet generation: a roundtable with Kyiv university students

by Zenon Zawada

Kyiv Press Bureau

The post-Soviet generation: This year's college freshmen, most of whom were born in 1991, represent the first generation of Ukrainians to have never known the Soviet Union. The Weekly conducted roundtable interviews with freshmen in Luhansk, Kyiv and Lviv to examine their views, acquired mostly from family, school and mass media. This article is the third and last in the series.

KYIV – Like any society, the Soviet Union had its pluses and minuses, said Kateryna Hryshchenko, who was born exactly two months after Ukraine declared independence on August 24, 1991.

She wouldn't want to live in the Soviet Union because she values the individuality and freedom to think and speak that she has now.

At the same time, the quality of life was better during the Soviet Union's latter years than in the Ukraine she lives in, Ms. Hryshchenko said, based on what she heard from family and relatives.

"At present, people are not thinking about how they have freedom of speech and freedom of thought," she said. "They are thinking about how to feed their families and how to exist at all."

This year's freshmen at Ukraine's colleges and universities, most of whom were born in 1991, represent the first generation of Ukrainians who never knew the Soviet Union.

A roundtable discussion with law department freshmen at Ukraine's elite National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy revealed that, regardless of their diverse backgrounds and views, they would have faced oppression in one way or another, as intelligent students conscious and expressive of their unique identity.

They were unanimous in their view that the Ukrainian intelligentsia had been decimated after 70 years of Soviet rule, the Holodomor was genocide against Ukrainians and Joseph Stalin also destroyed other nations in his quest to create the Soviet citizen.

"In the Soviet Union all nationalities, except the titular Russian one, were oppressed," said Aishe Memetova, a Crimean Tatar from Symferopol whose grandparents were violently deported in 1944 to Uzbekistan, where she was born. "Very many people suffered as a result of belonging to a different nationality."

Her uncles died from the brutal conditions under which the Crimean Tatars were deported and forced to live, under which families were even split apart. After sitting in prison, her grandmother violated curfews and fled with her children to relatives.

"That way she was able to survive with the help her relatives gave her, because people simply died on their own," Ms. Memetova said, adding that the deportations were genocide. "Everything was done to completely destroy nations."

The perspectives of Ms. Memetova and Ms. Hryshchenko, a native of the depressed central Ukrainian city of Kirovohrad that was once a Soviet industrial powerhouse, confirmed that geography plays a critical role in how college students view the Soviet Union.

Western Ukrainians are almost unanimously critical, eastern Ukrainians largely favorable, and the central Ukrainian soul is able to see the good and the bad. Ms. Hryshchenko's views were particularly insightful, in that sense.

"In the times of the Soviet Union, people didn't have to think about how they were going to exist," she said. "At the

same time, their lives ended at that, which was existing and nothing more. You had no creativity, and you had no freedom. But now, although we have a lot more, everything is being reduced to a state in which a person, as a creature, as a natural organism, can't even live."

Students' views of the Soviet Union were also shaped by how their family was treated by that regime.

Ms. Hryshchenko, for example, said her great-grandmother was "dekurkulized" and her great grandfather was imprisoned. (A kurkul was a well-off Ukrainian peasant and Soviet authorities confiscated their property in "dekurkulization" campaigns.)

That family suffered during the Holodomor, but everyone survived, including five children. The brutal treatment made them conform to the Soviet Union. After serving a 10-year sentence, her mother's grandfather served in the Red Army during World War II. Meanwhile, her grandmother worshipped Stalin.

"Look, your parents were dekurkulized, and your family was left with practically no means of existence!," Ms. Hryshchenko said she told her grandmother, adding, "Whether out of fear, or loving and fearing Stalin at the same time, his portrait hung in her room. And that was quite strange to me. And she still believes the Soviet Union wasn't something so bad."

So, while the persecution in Ms. Hryshchenko's family was endured three generations earlier, other students heard first-hand accounts of terror that were more recent, particularly during World War Two and the years after.

Sharing Ms. Memetova's disdain for the Soviet Union were the roundtable's Halychyna natives – Yaroslav Kuzyshyn of Ivano-Frankivsk and Stepan Berko of Lviv, both of whom had family deported and murdered by Soviet authorities.

In the case of Mr. Kuzyshyn, his grandfather's parents were dekurkulized for the crime of owning too much land and deported to Karaganda in Kazakhstan.

Upon returning to their native lands, they found them confiscated and were sent to work on the collective farm, where his grandfather spent his whole life.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kuzyshyn listened to his father describe how university students read Mykhailo Hrushevsky's historical works in secret – a deed that could have led to their expulsion if caught.

Well-versed in history, Mr. Kuzyshyn pointed out the Bolsheviks twice suppressed attempts to create the Ukrainian state, both in 1917-1921 during the launch of the Ukrainian National Republic and the Western Ukrainian National Republic, and during World War II, when the Ukrainian Insurgent Army fought.

"They didn't allow for the Ukrainian state to develop and, if not for them, the Ukrainian state would have been more than 100 years old," he said. "And who knows, maybe it would have developed a lot quicker."

For example, Poland was not controlled by the Soviets until 1945, said Mr. Kuzyshyn. Despite being a Soviet satellite since then, Soviet doctrine didn't influence the Poles as much as the people of Ukraine.

So, while Poland and Ukraine have been independent from the Soviet influence for nearly equal periods, the Poles have progressed much further, he said.

If not for Akcja Wisla, Mr. Berko's grandparents would have been born in present-day Poland. After being forced to leave their farmstead in the Nadsiannia region of present-day Poland, once populated by ethnic Ukrainians, the Soviets



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Kyiv native Mykhailyna Marchenko (left), 17, said she's glad her street's name was changed to Holosiyivskiy Boulevard from 40th Anniversary of October Boulevard. Crimean Tatar Aishe Memetova, 17, said all ethnic minorities were suppressed in the Soviet Union, except the titular Russians.



Ivano-Frankivsk native Yaroslav Kuzyshyn (left), 17, believes Soviet symbols should be removed from the public sphere, while Lviv native Stepan Berko, 18, thinks the government should do more to promote patriotic organizations like Plast.

resettled them in the Halychyna countryside and gave them nothing more than a stable – "that is to say, no means of existence," he said.

His great-grandmother and grandmother were deported to Siberia after dekurkulization. It didn't help that one of his grandmother's brothers was a soldier in the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) and another served in the Galicia Division.

These incidents led him to hold a negative view of the Soviet Union.

However even Mr. Berko, a self-described nationalist, acknowledged "many positive moments, which are missing in the present-day independent Ukraine," such as the Soviet pioneers, "which raised children in a patriotic spirit."

"If the majority of Ukrainian children were raised in the Ukrainian patriotic spirit, then I believe the country would develop a lot more progressively and these remnants from the Soviet past would simply very quickly disappear into the past," he commented.

Mykhailyna Marchenko, born nearly three months after Ukraine's independence, pointed out that the Ukrainian scouting organization Plast was created before the Soviets launched the Pioneers, which adopted some of the same scouting principles.

Growing up in Lviv, Mr. Berko knew of Plast, but felt the government should implement such a program on a wide scale. As for current efforts to revive the Pioneers in eastern and southern Ukraine, Mr. Berko said he clearly didn't support them.



Kateryna Hryshchenko, 17, of Kirovohrad said removing Soviet symbols would be perceived by many as a sign of disrespect.

"The positive role of the Pioneers was that all children, well not everyone, but the majority were members," he said. "This meant that society, the country's future, developed in a patriotic spirit. Not many children are members of Plast. It seems to me that we need to adopt that

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part of the Pioneer idea."

The roundtable's other Halychyna native, Mr. Kuzyshyn, didn't have much positive to offer about the Soviet Union, which he said was a state without justice.

His grandmother's brother was sent to Siberia for standing as a guard to an assassination attempt against a Soviet judge who ruthlessly confiscated property after the war. After serving his sentence and returning to his native village, he was sent again to Siberia for the same crime, after which he was never heard from again.

In Mr. Kuzyshyn's view, 70 years of Soviet oppression did more damage to Ukraine than 300 years of Russian tsarist rule because "the very morals of Ukrainians was undermined."

"If you go to your average contemporary Ukrainian village, you can see quite a lot of amoral behavior, alcoholism and a lot more that in my view was the influence of the Soviet Union," he said. "When people worked a lot and didn't have intellectual freedom, their single way out was alcohol."

Mr. Kuzyshyn's mother isn't so critical of the Soviet Union, recalling a fairly good life with employment, weekends and vacations, all memories of a faraway past.

However Mr. Kuzyshyn, who was born about one month after Ukrainian independence, said anything honoring Vladimir Lenin, Felix Dzerzhinsky or Sergey Kirov ought to be changed, "since they did nothing positive for us," and Ukrainian heroes, such as Ivan Mazepa, Stepan Bandera and Mykola Mikhnovskiy, should be recognized.

Growing up in Kyiv, Ms. Marchenko said she was raised in a family in which the Soviet Union was viewed negatively, and she's glad the name of the street she grew up on was changed to Holosiyivskiy Boulevard from 40th Anniversary of October Boulevard.

At the same time, Ukraine is a pluralistic society, she said, and "the government shouldn't impose its view. We shouldn't repeat the mistakes of the Soviet Union, where the government imposed its view on the community."

She recalled how her grandparents couldn't express their views of the government, "and they closed themselves in the kitchen so that the children wouldn't hear how they discussed life in the country at that moment."

"At present, it seems to be the government is doing everything in its efforts to illuminate all events and all aspects of that Soviet life, and Ukrainians have to form their views themselves on the basis of real facts, which the government gives us," Ms. Marchenko said.

However, this pluralism has created a certain instability in society, in which citizens are not sure of "who is guilty and who has the truth," Ms. Hryshenko said. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, offered a single, clear ideology, giving Ukrainians a basic understanding of what was good and bad.

"This pluralism of ideas, or what some believe to be simply a kind of indeterminism, a kind of chaos, doesn't give us the chance to make conclusions as to what is the truth, what is false, what is good and what is bad," she said. "Many say we need a 'strong hand,' which would implement order, which would not establish a dictatorship, but some form of order."

While the average Ukrainian citizen is ignorant about many aspects of Soviet history, the Kyiv Mohyla freshmen demonstrated an impeccable knowledge of Ukrainian history and events, spanning the period from Lenin's New Economic Policy to Stalin's purges to the Rukh movement for independence.

In her school studies of the Soviet Union too much time was focused on the history and intrigues of the Communist Party, and not enough on the repression of Ukrainians, Ms. Marchenko said.

Meanwhile, the Russian Federation continues to actively undermine the attempt to consolidate Ukrainian history, Mr. Berko said. Contemporary Russian school textbooks justify Stalin's dictatorship, explaining that all the crimes against humanity were ordered for the sake of building a strong Soviet state.

"On a government level, it's necessary to organize some kind of system to stop the influence of such ideas, ideas of Russian chauvinism, which pass from bookstore shelves into some schools," he said. "That's simply offensive and anti-Ukrainian."

None of the roundtable's students supported any political parties, except Ms. Marchenko, who said she would cast a vote for the Svoboda All-Ukrainian Union. They were unanimously disgusted with Ukrainian politics and "fed up with all those faces which pop up there all the time," Ms. Hryshenko said.

Despite the disappointments and obstacles, Ukrainian society has justified its existence 17 years after independence, Ms. Hryshenko said. "People wanted something else, something new," she said. "They wanted to try to change something, improve something. If people wanted to improve something, that meant they lacked something in the Soviet Union."

Having achieved independence, the best way to make Ukraine a better country is to start with yourself, Mr. Kuzyshyn suggested.

"Be a moral person who loves his country and tries to destroy those negative traits within," he said. "And then you can start to influence your neighbors and surrounding people. And then, when we realize ourselves as Ukrainians, that we are a separate nation and we should have a strong state, then maybe we will get somewhere. Not even maybe ... but definitely, I think we'll get somewhere."

Lydia Krushelnytsky...

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Ukrainian artistic community in Austria. In 1949 she, her husband and their young son, Lubomyr, immigrated to the United States and settled in New York. There she joined and performed with the theatrical group of Josef Hirniak and in 1965 took over the youth studio Ukrainian Stage Ensemble from Olympia Dobrovol'ska.

Under Mrs. Krushelnytsky's direction, the studio not only staged performances, but also taught students correct pronunciation, accents and the melody of the Ukrainian language, and, most importantly, introduced them to their poetic and dramatic heritage.

Members of the ensemble performed at community and literary evenings, and staged plays in the United States, Canada and Ukraine. The troupe's repertoire focused on classics of Ukrainian drama.

Mrs. Krushelnytsky was widely recognized for her work in the development of Ukrainian theater. She was named an hon-

orary member of both the Ukrainian National Women's League of America and the World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations. In 1989 she was honored with an achievement award presented by the New York-based Ukrainian Institute of America, and in 1997 she and choreographer/dancer/teacher Roma Pryma Bohachevsky were co-recipients of The Washington Group's Friend of Ukraine award.

In 2002 she was awarded the title of Honored Artist of Ukraine; in 2005 she received the Gold Medal Award of St. Volodymyr the Great from the Ukrainian World Congress, as well as the Kyiv Pectoral, an award from Kyiv governmental and cultural organizations; and in 2007 President Viktor Yushchenko bestowed on her the Order of Princess Olha, 3rd degree.

She was honored for four decades of work with the Ukrainian Stage Ensemble with a luncheon at the posh Pierre Hotel in New York City on April 17, 2005. The event, attended by family, friends and former students, was also a celebration of Mrs. Krushelnytsky's 90th birthday.

She was a longtime member of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America and of the board of trustees of The Ukrainian Museum in New York.

Memorial services were held on Friday evening, March 6, at the Andrett Funeral Home; the next morning a funeral liturgy was held at St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church in New York, followed by burial at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery in South Bound Brook, N.J.

Surviving are Mrs. Krushelnytsky's son, Lubomyr Krushelnycky, with his wife, Oksana; and grandsons Mark (with his wife, Ana, and children Luke and Julia) and Paul (with his wife, Stephanie).

The family has requested that memorial donations be made to The Ukrainian Museum of New York City.

(Editor's note: Although Mrs. Krushelnytsky's first name has often appeared as Lidia, family members note that the name on her official documents was Lydia.)



Lydia Hrushelnytsky

Verveer...

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in the U.S. House and Senate as legislative director and special assistant, respectively. Verveer is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Women's Foreign Policy Group, the Washington Institute on Foreign Affairs and Women in International Security.

"The president's decision to nominate an ambassador-at-large for global women's issues is unprecedented and reflects the elevated importance of global women's issues to the president and his entire administration."

Ms. Verveer, nee Starinshak, traces her Ukrainian heritage to her maternal and paternal grandparents, who arrived in the United States more than 100 years ago. She was raised in Shamokin, Pa., where she attended Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic School, and she received her high school diploma from St. Mary's Villa Academy in Sloatsburg, N.Y. Both institutions are run by the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Ms. Verveer attended Georgetown University, where she received a bachelor's degree in languages and a master's in Russian studies.

She was the highest ranking Ukrainian American in the Clinton administration, and she accompanied President Bill Clinton (1995) and Mrs. Clinton (1998) on their visits to Ukraine.

On April 16, 2008, Ms. Verveer received Ukraine's Princess Order of Olha during a special ceremony and

reception in her honor at the Embassy of Ukraine. (See Yaro Bihun's report in The Ukrainian Weekly, April 27, 2008.)

Ambassador Oleh Shamshur, who presented the award on behalf of President Viktor Yushchenko, cited Ms. Verveer's work at Vital Voices, which, he said, "plays an especially important role in the world in promoting the equality of women, helping the empowerment of women, combating such things as trafficking of women and promoting many other very noble causes."

Ambassador Shamshur praised the third-generation Ukrainian-American for never having forgotten Ukraine. "(She) made sure that people in power in Washington understand Ukraine and help Ukraine to solidify its independence, promote reforms and democratic change in Ukraine — which was very important."

The Ukrainian ambassador also noted the honoree's work in helping the victims of the Chernobyl disaster through the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund (CCRDF), in which she serves on the board of directors.

Speaking at the awards ceremony at the Embassy, Ms. Verveer said her grandparents and parents "raised me to value my heritage, to cherish my heritage and to always care about Ukraine and the Ukrainian people."

"That's a huge part of who I am, and why this is especially meaningful to me," she said. "I think I was very privileged to be in the U.S. government when Ukraine was newly independent and the U.S. was in a position to help."

Verveer recalls visit to Ukraine

In his April 27, 2008, report in The Ukrainian Weekly about the awards ceremony at the Embassy of Ukraine during which Melanne Verveer was presented the Order of Princess Olha, Yaro Bihun reported the following.

Ms. Verveer said there are many memories she cherishes from those years, the most memorable among them was accompanying President Clinton to Ukraine in 1995 — the first-ever official visit of an American president to a democratic and free Ukraine.

"I will never forget standing with the American delegation in front of Mariyivskiy Palace and the band playing the American national anthem and then the Ukrainian national anthem, 'Sche Ne Vmerla Ukraina,' the anthem she sang so many times as a child.

"And I thought of my parents and I wished they were alive, because they would have been so proud of that moment," Ms. Verveer said.

"There I was, the granddaughter of four people — my paternal and maternal grandparents came from Ukraine, and they had to immigrate to the United States in search of a better life — and their granddaughter returned with the president of the United States."

"It was an especially meaningful moment that I know they would have been proud of. And I think they would be proud of this afternoon, too," she added.

Ukraine celebrates 195th anniversary of Shevchenko's birth

KYIV – President Viktor Yushchenko, Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and Verkhovna Rada Chairman Volodymyr Lytvyn on March 9 laid flowers before the Taras Shevchenko monument in Kyiv. The ceremony marked the 195th anniversary of the national bard's birth.

The president also toured the Taras Shevchenko Museum in Kyiv, located in a house where the national bard of Ukraine lived during his last visit to Kyiv in the summer of 1859.

In 1964, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Shevchenko's birth, a memorial plaque was placed on the building. Later the Kyiv City Council decided to establish a branch of the Taras Shevchenko National Museum in the Kyiv building.

President Yushchenko also attended festive celebrations of the Shevchenko anniversary at the National Opera House.

He presented the prestigious Taras

Shevchenko National Prize to five cultural activists: actress Larysa Kadyrova, poet Pavlo Hirnyk, artist Viktor Honcharov, folk artist Viktor Nakonechnyi and historian Volodymyr Melnychenko.

One of the country's highest cultural awards, the Shevchenko Prize includes a monetary award of 160,000 hrv (about \$19,000 U.S.). Established in 1961, it honors achievements in literature, fine art, music, theater, cinematography, architecture, performance and journalism.

Shevchenko, a poet, painter and philosopher who is considered to be Ukraine's national bard, was born on March 9, 1814, in the village of Moryntsi in central Ukraine. Shevchenko's first collection of poetry, "Kobzar," was published in 1840. He died on March 10, 1861.

Sources: Ukrinform, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Official Website of Ukraine's President.



Official Website of Ukraine's President

Ukrainian leaders and dignitaries after the ceremony during which they placed flowers at the foot of the Shevchenko Monument.



The festive gathering at the National Opera House during which the Taras Shevchenko National Prize was presented to five laureates.



Actress Larysa Kadyrova accepts the Shevchenko Prize from President Viktor Yushchenko.



The president of Ukraine during a visit to the Taras Shevchenko Museum in Kyiv.

Security Service of Ukraine arrests judge accused of corruption

by Zenon Zawada
Kyiv Press Bureau

KYIV – Ihor Zvarych, the Lviv appellate judge exposed for rampant bribe-taking and other corruption, was arrested by Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) officers on March 9 after evading authorities for three months.

Officers found Mr. Zvarych in his Lviv home on Tarnavskiy Street and transported him to Kyiv under armed security, where he was jailed without bail and awaits trial.

Mr. Zvarych came to symbolize the unbridled corruption of the Yushchenko era after Kyiv prosecutors placed a secret video camera in his office and recorded hundreds of incidents of bribe-taking and other shameful deeds, including hostility to investigators and even alleged orgies.

While searching Mr. Zvarych's office

and home on December 4, a day after the Procurator General's Office filed criminal charges against him for accepting a \$100,000 bribe, investigators found \$1 million (U.S.) and 2 million hrv.

The scandal had forced the resignation in January of Presidential Secretariat Vice-Chair Petro Oliinyk, who also served as the president's representative to the Verkhovna Rada.

Prosecutors released reports confirming that as Lviv Oblast State Administration Chair, Mr. Oliinyk brokered a \$100,000 bribe between a businessman named Zaliznyi and Mr. Zvarych, overseeing the transfer of funds in his Lviv office in October 2007.

The scandal turned into a farce when Mr. Zvarych called a press conference on December 12, 2008, and claimed he had money in his office because the court had changed locations and in keeping with

Ukrainian tradition the new office had to be scattered with coins.

Other bags of money contained donations made by judges for the court's renovation, Mr. Zvarych claimed, as well as his own personal savings and funds borrowed from friends.

That same day he was dismissed from his post and soon checked into a hospital. He vanished by the time investigators declared an official search on December 15, 2008.

Mr. Zvarych's arrest could lead to other politicians becoming exposed, which is why he is being guarded under heavy security out of concern for his safety.

Although Ukraine's judicial system is infected with corrupt judges, Mr. Zvarych was in the wrong place at the wrong time, said Volodymyr Fesenko, the board chairman of the Penta Center for Applied Political Research in Kyiv.

"Zvarych became the symbol for corruption in the courts," he said. "But truly, it's not an isolated incident. It shows how a drop of water reflects a systemic corruption of the judicial system."

It's also possible that Mr. Zvarych failed to fulfill a bribe, leading the disappointed client to contact SBU officials, Mr. Fesenko noted.

However, Hennadii Moskal of the Parliamentary Committee on Organized Crime said he believes the exposure of Mr. Zvarych had political aims. It was launched by the Procurator General's Office to dismiss Petro Oliinyk, he said, who was appointed a vice-chair in the Presidential Secretariat without the approval of Viktor Baloha, the Secretariat chair.

That would confirm what most Ukrainians believe – that politicians in power selectively enforce Ukraine's laws in order to gain some personal advantage.

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Obama deals with Russia

The news on March 3 sent a collective shudder through parts of the Ukrainian community. On that day, a New York Times headline read: "Obama Offered Deal to Russia in Secret Letter." We all recall secret protocols from history that meant nothing but bad news for Ukraine...

The Times reported that back in February a letter from U.S. President Barack Obama was hand-delivered to Russian President Dmitry Medvedev; it said that the U.S. would not need to proceed with deploying a missile defense system based in Poland and the Czech Republic if Moscow would cooperate in stopping Iran's nuclear program. The letter (whose text was not released) was widely reported as being part of the Obama administration's efforts to "press the reset button" – as Vice-President Joe Biden famously put it on February 7 – on U.S.-Russian relations.

Asked about the letter by reporters, Mr. Obama explained that it was not "some sort of quid pro quo," but a reflection of the reality that if the Iranian threat is lessened then the need for a missile defense system is reduced. The president added that such discussion with Russia did not "diminish my commitment to making sure that Poland, the Czech Republic and other NATO members are fully enjoying the partnership, the alliance and U.S. support with respect to their security." Nonetheless, leaders in Central and Eastern Europe and many Americans are nervous.

Praise did come from Sen. Charles Schumer who noted that he had made a similar proposal last year to President George W. Bush but that the administration rejected the idea. In fact, Sen. Schumer's proposal was even more troubling and his words were particularly disturbing to those who see Russia as a bona fide threat to its neighbors.

Writing in *The Wall Street Journal* on June 3, 2008, the senator suggested a three-pronged approach in bringing Russia "on board" in dealing with Iran: "First, we must treat Russia as an equal partner when it comes to policy in the Caspian Sea region, recognizing Russia's traditional role in the region. Second, we must offer to make Russia whole if it joins in our Iranian boycott and forgoes trade revenues with Iran. ... Third, we should tell Mr. Putin we will cease building the ineffective anti-nuclear missile defense sites in Eastern Europe in return for him joining the boycott."

Recognize "Russia's traditional role," "make Russia whole"? Just what did Mr. Schumer have in mind? The senator also gently characterized Prime Minister Vladimir Putin as "an old-fashioned nationalist who seeks to regain the power and greatness Russia had before the fall of the Soviet Union" and obligingly noted that the missile defense system "mocks Mr. Putin's dreams of eventually restoring Russian hegemony over Eastern Europe."

Sen. Schumer's former fellow senator from New York, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, spoke of a renewed relationship while meeting in Brussels on March 5 with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. In the days leading up to the meeting she sent signals, according to *The Washington Post*, that the U.S. will seek cooperation "while aggressively pushing back against Russian efforts to dominate its neighbors and European energy supplies." After the meeting she said "the United States will not recognize any nation having a sphere of influence over any other nation."

The stage is now set for Presidents Obama and Medvedev to meet face to face in early April during the London summit of the Group of 20 industrialized and developing states. Most certainly, a clarification of the Obama administration's position on Russia is called for, as it has the potential of harming Russia's neighbors. And, any bargain with Russia cannot come at the cost of U.S. principles and U.S. allies in Central and Eastern Europe.

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Turning the pages back...

Two years ago, on March 15, 2007, the Party of Regions of Ukraine (PRU) proposed that President Viktor Yushchenko select a new candidate as Ukraine's minister of foreign affairs. Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich approved Volodymyr Ohryzko's nomination a day before the outcry by his party.

"First of all, he's supposed to learn the Russian language," Vasyl Kyseliiov, PRU vice-chair, told the Verkhovna Rada television network. "When he's addressed in Russia, he stubbornly replies in Ukrainian. When he is questioned, he stubbornly holds his line."

On March 14, 2007, President Yushchenko met with Mr. Yanukovich and Verkhovna Rada Chairman Oleksander Moroz at the Presidential Secretariat and announced that an agreement had been reached after the three-hour meeting.

During the parliamentary session the following day, Viktor Tykhonov, personnel committee chairman, requested that Parliament delay the vote on the nomination until March 20, 2007, at the request of Viktor Baloha, chairman of the Presidential Secretariat. The vote received 245 votes in favor.

As a possible explanation to the voting, Viacheslav Kyrylenko, chairman of the Our Ukraine parliamentary faction, suggested, "The coalition agreed in the evening, and in a single night backed off from voting, not having received the Kremlin's agreement."

Mr. Baloha responded that a delay in the vote was suggested because Mr. Ohryzko was scheduled to travel with the president on a two-day visit to Copenhagen, Denmark.

The proposal was deferred after President Yushchenko reached an accord with the coalition leaders and arranged for Mr. Ohryzko to remain in Kyiv during his trip to Denmark.

Part of the agreement with the coalition leaders included the president's agreement to have the Our Ukraine faction end its boycott of parliamentary sessions, declared on March 13, 2007, with the Yulia Tymoshenko Bloc.

In an interview with 1+1 television, Yulia Tymoshenko, who returned from a trip to Zhytomyr to re-affirm the opposition's unity in spite of the agreement, said, "It seems to me that while I left Kyiv for a half day, the criminal government again entangled Viktor Andriyovych [Yushchenko] in its plans and again tried to pull him toward a road that doesn't have an end."

Source: "Ohryzko as foreign minister: deal or no deal is the question," by Zenon Zawada, *The Ukrainian Weekly*, March 18, 2007.

IN THE PRESS: gas as a weapon, human rights in U.S. foreign policy

"Fueling European Cooperation," commentary by Viktor Yushchenko, *The Wall Street Journal*, February 17:

"For those of us who lived under the Soviet Union, there is a certain irony about energy supplies. We may have been in a Cold War with the West, but Soviet gas always flowed uninterrupted across the Iron Curtain.

"Nowadays, thankfully, the Soviet Union is no more – and yet Russian gas has become a strategic weapon. Those of us who are net importers cannot help but wonder: Is Moscow saying that gas supplies will be a problem unless it can have its sphere of influence once again?

"So long as those countries which rely on Russian gas are divided, we put ourselves in a dependent position. Since 2006, though, alarm bells on the gas issue have been largely ignored. Of course Russia deserves a fair price for the exploitation of its natural resources, but the relationship needs to be rebalanced. The politics need to be taken out of the equation and a more normal commercial relationship established.

"Whether Moscow is motivated by political concerns or simply a desire to increase the return on its assets, it is in the interests of all importing countries to coordinate our response. Only by cooperating can we maximize our collective bargaining power and secure our individual national interests.

"As significant net importers of energy, Ukraine and the European Union have a

clear common interest. Energy security for Ukraine, a major transit country, is also the best guarantee of energy security for our European neighbors. The energy security of the wider European space is therefore indivisible. ...

"European solidarity can bring warm homes – and warmer relations with Russia."

"How to Speak Human Rights," column by Anne Applebaum, *The Washington Post*, February 24:

"...I find I increasingly don't care what Hillary Clinton says about human rights to the leaders of China. ... Clinton is right; these exchanges have become ritualized. ... Grandiloquent human rights speeches that amount to nothing have been a hallmark of American foreign policy since at least 1956, when we didn't come to the aid of Hungarians taking part in a rebellion we helped incite. ...

"Politicians often talk about 'morality' in foreign policy as if it were a choice between all or nothing. In fact, there is a vast middle ground. ...

"Certainly, we can help by directing small, even tiny, amounts of money at the people who promote debate, not armed rebellion, inside repressive countries. One could argue that the pennies we spent funding Radio Free Europe or anti-communist magazines such as the now-defunct *Encounter* during the Cold War were far more effective than the billions

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Quotable notes

Question: Madame Secretary, as you know, some of the new NATO members have interpreted your recent overtures to Russia as potentially the U.S. making deals behind their back. I wonder – I know that you've been emphasizing that you'll be consulting before any decisions are made anywhere – in Asia, in Middle East and Europe, everywhere you go. But what did you do today to give assurances to those allies that you will not indeed make any deals over their heads, whether it be with the Lithuanians, the Czechs or the Poles?

Hillary Clinton: I think I reiterated that as members of this alliance, we share a common defense commitment – an Article 5 requirement – that we take very seriously. We intend to work with and support all of our NATO allies. We are well aware of the particular concerns that a number of nations in Europe's east, who have long experience with Russia, have voiced about any kind of dialogue with Russia, whether it be NATO-Russia, the United States-Russia, or any kind of discussion.

I certainly have emphasized, not only today but repeatedly, as have the president, the vice-president and others that we support the rights of sovereign nations to make their own decisions. As Vice-President [Joe] Biden said in his well-received speech in Munich, the United States will not recognize any nation having a sphere of influence over any other nation.

I reiterated again today – in our meetings with Ukraine and Georgia – the United States' firm commitment to each of those nations moving toward NATO membership and our equally strong commitment to work with them along with NATO to make clear that they should not be the subject of Russian intimidation or aggression.

But I think – as we decided today after lengthy, thoughtful debate – there are benefits to re-energizing the NATO-Russia Council, just as there are potential benefits for the discussion that I will begin with Foreign Minister [Sergey] Lavrov tomorrow in Geneva. We have areas where we believe we not only can, but must cooperate with Russia – nonproliferation, arms control, antiterrorism, anti-piracy efforts. There are a number of important matters that should be discussed between us and Russia.

There are equally serious matters that we need to not stop talking to Russia about. I don't think you punish Russia by stopping conversations with them about matters, whether it be the misuse of energy supplies or the failure to comply with the requirements set forth by the OSCE and others concerning their actions in Georgia.

I think that what we have to be is willing to vigorously press the differences that we have while seeking common ground wherever possible. That's what we intend to do. I believe that our allies understand that. They are well aware that the United States supports them and their national aspirations.

We think that this kind of dialogue with Russia has the potential of easing tensions and solving problems and we pursue it with our eyes wide open. We are certainly not in any way speaking for any other nation whose sovereignty and territorial integrity we respect. We also intend to stand firmly behind our values and principles. That's our position and that's how we will proceed.

– U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, speaking to the press on March 5 in Brussels following a meeting of NATO foreign ministers, recorded by the Department of State.

PERSPECTIVES

BY ANDREW FEDYNSKY



The Denial Complex

Apology, for many, doesn't come easily. Consider Bishop Richard Williamson. In January, Pope Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication against him and three other ultra-conservative bishops over issues going back to Vatican II more than 40 years ago. Hardly anyone knows or cares about the other three bishops or the issues that led to their excommunication. Bishop Williamson, on the other hand, has become famous or to choose a better word, notorious, for asserting that the Nazis never gassed any Jews and only 200,000 to 300,000 Jews were killed in World War II, not 6 million – historical facts confirmed by documents and overwhelming testimony.

Not surprisingly, a German pope rehabilitating a Holocaust denier, regardless of what the original issue was, provoked a crisis in the Vatican. And so, following considerable pressure and many weeks, Bishop Williamson apologized, sort of: "To all souls that took honest scandal from what I said before God I apologize." In other words, the offense was not in what I said, but rather in your reaction to it. Sorry about that.

Something similar happened when the New York Post, referring to the President's Economic Stimulus Bill, published a cartoon that some said depicted Barack Obama as a chimpanzee, lying dead after having been shot by the police. Given America's history where black people were dehumanized by comparing them to apes (not to mention the stain of political assassination) it's again not surprising that public outrage ensued, followed by a ritualistic apology from publisher Rupert Murdoch: "Today I want to personally apologize to any reader who felt offended, and even insulted..." (Not our fault for what was published; yours for being offended, even insulted – if you happen to be one of those readers).

Which brings me to Walter Duranty, reporter for the New York Times who wrote extensively about the Soviet Union's First Five-Year Plan more than 75 years ago. At one time a contentious issue, the history of that era is no longer in dispute. Most educated people know the story: in 1929 the Soviet Union decreed the collectivization of agriculture, requiring farmers to turn over their fields and livestock to the state and then work as laborers on what had once been their land. Rather than evoking utopia, this program reminded the population of serfdom.

With the program falling well short of his goals, Stalin in 1932 responded with genocidal fury, deploying an army into Ukraine with the mandate to seal the borders and seize every scrap of food. At the same time, the political police – the NKVD – conducted mass arrests, executions and deportations of poets, teachers, artists, minstrels and others who were working to develop Ukraine's national culture.

The result was unprecedented horror – historian Robert Conquest compared the entire country to the future Nazi concentration camp, Bergen-Belsen. Few outsiders were permitted to see what was happening. Journalists who tried to describe the atrocity ran afoul of Soviet censors who blocked transmission of reports to the outside. Duranty, who cynically worked with Soviet censors to debunk what other reporters managed to publish, had no problems getting his stories printed.

"There is a serious food shortage but no deaths from starvation, [merely] widespread mortality from diseases due to malnutri-

tion." Yet, even as he wrote that, Duranty knew that millions were dying. According to the British Embassy in Moscow, as well as his fellow reporters, Duranty privately gave the number 10 million. Ten million – the same number Joseph Stalin is said to have given Winston Churchill at the 1945 Yalta Conference.

In return for cooperating with Soviet propaganda, Duranty was given unique access to Soviet officialdom, including Stalin himself. Indeed, in the book Duranty published in 1935, "I Write as I Please," he boasts how the dictator personally edited an interview prior to its submission to The Times editors in New York. For his work Duranty not only won a Pulitzer Prize, but also Stalin's praise: "You have done a good job in your reporting of the USSR although you are not a Marxist." Duranty returned the compliment: "Am I wrong in believing that Stalin is the greatest living statesman?"

Not surprisingly, Ukrainians bear an enormous grudge over The Times' cover-up of the Holodomor – no less than Jews feel about Holocaust denial or African Americans about racism. Denying a genocide; asserting a dehumanizing stereotype: that makes it possible to rationalize injustice and hatred, opening the door to repeat what could never be justified or explained and yet happened.

Starting in the 1980s, Ukrainians have been challenging The New York Times to repudiate Duranty and the Pulitzer Prize he won for shilling for Stalin during the Holodomor. Inexplicably, its management has refused to seriously address the enormity of what Duranty and the newspaper did. A 1990 item under the heading "The Editorial Notebook" by Karl Meyer, for example, is an embarrassing whitewash. Mr. Meyer gently characterized Duranty's falsifications as "lapses"; failure to report the deliberate starvation of as many as 10 million people was due to "indifference..."

Editor Bill Keller's 2003 response to a campaign to have Duranty's Pulitzer Prize rescinded – as well as Columbia University Prof. Mark von Hagen's recommendation that the Pulitzer should be taken away "for the greater honor and glory of The New York Times" – was downright insulting. Mr. Keller maligned Duranty's critics as if they were latter-day censors: "As someone who spent time in the Soviet Union while it still existed, the notion of airbrushing history kind of gives me the creeps."

The operative word here is "denial": not only Holodomor denial – twin brother of Holocaust denial – but also denial in its psychological meaning: "in denial."

Apology is not a bad thing. It stems from shame which begins with guilt. In 1970 German Chancellor Willi Brandt showed the world how genuine apology looks. Falling to his knees at the Monument to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, he wordlessly bore witness to what his countrymen had done. No man has ever stood taller or been more eloquent. The management at The New York Times doesn't have to emulate Brandt. His gesture stands by itself. Still, in response to what Duranty wrote and his editors published during the Holodomor, you'd think that an institution employing some of the best writers and buying ink by the barrel could figure out how to apologize and then take action to atone. You'd think.

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Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas



The Szmagala gala

On March 1, Katherine (Midge) and Taras Szmagala Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Parma, Ohio, with some 150 family and friends in attendance.

The gala was unique for three major reasons. These days very few couples achieve this milestone in their married lives. It is, as Deacon Michael Kulick pointed out, "a modern miracle." Both Midge and Tary come from distinguished Ukrainian families that trace their roots to the turn of the century in the United States. Both have carried on their Ukrainian heritage and passed it on to their son, Taras Szmagala Jr.

Midge is the daughter of Gregory Herman, born in Mosty Velyki, Ukraine, in 1896. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1908. After completing his B.A. and M.S., he enlisted in the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of captain during World War I. He remained in the army reserve at war's end.

Following the war, he became a teacher of German in the Wilkes-Barre school system and was active in the Ukrainian National Association as a youth coordinator. Elected UNA supreme vice-president in 1937, he also took on the role of sports coordinator. He organized the first baseball game between UNA teams from Wilkes-Barre and McAdoo, Pa., in 1938.

With the death of UNA President Muraszko in 1949, Mr. Herman briefly assumed the UNA presidency. He was elected UNA supreme secretary at the 1950 UNA convention, remaining at that post until his untimely death in 1957.

A staunch Ukrainian nationalist, Mr. Herman was elected national president of the Organization for the Rebirth of Ukraine (known as its Ukrainian based acronym as ODVU) at its founding convention in 1931. Forced to temporarily resign his U.S. army commission in the wake of Soviet disinformation about the organization, Mr. Herman was later reinstated in the U.S. Army with the rank of major.

Midge's mother, Ann, was born in Brooklyn, in 1906. The family later moved to Wilkes-Barre. Ann joined the local chapter of Youth of the UNA, where she met Gregory. Also active in the UNA, Ann was elected national vice-presidentess in 1958, a post she retained until 1966.

Midge graduated magna cum laude from Misericordia College in Dallas. She

taught in the Maywood, N.J., school system, and after marrying Taras she was a high school teacher of German and math in the Cleveland suburbs. Now retired, she is looking forward to her new role as grandmother of Gregory Lewis Szmagala, the son of Taras Jr. and Helen, two successful attorneys. Taras Jr. is a former UNA advisor, and a columnist for The Ukrainian Weekly.

Taras Sr. is the son of Dmytro and Bronyslava Szmagala. Dmytro came to America in 1913, worked for a time as a coal miner and eventually became a successful businessman in Cleveland. He too was active in the UNA and ODVU. He was elected UNA Supreme Auditor in 1946. His significant local activities included serving as treasurer of the Ukrainian section of the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, which were inaugurated with the erection of statues of Volodymyr the Great, Taras Shevchenko and Ivan Franko, all sculpted by Alexander Archipenko. Bronyslava, a homemaker, limited her local involvement in the Ukrainian community to church activities and the Gold Cross, the women's affiliate of ODVU.

Taras graduated from Allegheny College and later obtained a master's degree from John Carroll University. He has worked as a foreman for United States Steel, a teacher and assistant principal, director of the office of Sen. Bob Taft Jr., nationalities outreach director during the 1972 re-election campaign of President Richard M. Nixon, and more recently, as a consultant with the Regional Transit Authority in the Cleveland area.

Taras began his Ukrainian community

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At the first Szmagala gala – January 7, 1959.

Mea Culpa

I recently received an e-mail from Michael Koziupa calling attention to my column of March 1, wherein I claimed that an OUN (M) cadre established itself in Kyiv, and after creating a national council in September, 1941, went about "quickly declaring Ukraine's independence." Mr. Koziupa was aware of the council and its subsequent fate but the "declaration" was a surprise. "Could you let me know where this 'declaration of

independence' is documented," he asked. "I can't seem to find it anywhere." After checking my sources again, I was chagrined to discover that no documentation exists. In short, I was wrong. There was no such declaration. I commend Mr. Koziupa for his careful reading of my column and apologize to him and other readers who may have been misled by my misinformation. Mea culpa.

– Myron B. Kuropas, Ph.D.

Beloved composer/song writer Ivasiuk remembered in Kyiv

by Yuriy Borysov

Special to The Ukrainian Weekly

KYIV – On what would have been Volodymyr Ivasiuk's 60th birthday on March 4, his admirers gathered at the Ye bookstore in central Kyiv for a commemorative evening to honor one of the brightest cultural icons to have emerged in Soviet Ukraine.

"It wasn't possible to calmly perceive Ivasiuk's music," said Paraskovia Nechayeva, compiler of the collection of essays, titled "Volodymyr Ivasiuk – Life

as a Song." She explained, "It was full of such energy, such internal strength, that one immediately began to reach to it in some way."

The author of 107 songs, 52 instrumental compositions and numerous theater works, Ivasiuk was born in the small Bukovyna town of Kitsman to a pair of schoolteachers, Mykhailo and Sofia Ivasiuk.

Ms. Nechayeva, the first director of the Ivasiuk Museum in Chernivtsi, described how Ivasiuk's father inculcated in his children a love for creativity and their native land. He did this in a very original way, writing letters to his children describing the cultural figures for whom the streets where they played were named.

It wasn't surprising that, upon becoming an artist, Ivasiuk took a different path than the limited Soviet writers who sang the praises of the Communist Party. He preferred to write songs about his dear Bukovyna region.

The Ukrainian classic "Chernova Ruta" (Red Rue) brought Ivasiuk national glory in 1971. He took the image of the mystical flower from Ukrainian folk tales.

The musical success of the 22-year-old medical student from a small Bukovyna district center proved to be a shock, according to his peers. In the stagnant

Brezhnev era of total Russification and destruction of Ukrainian culture, a man wearing an embroidered shirt and singing in the Ukrainian language won the most prestigious song festival in the USSR.

The young composer received fan mail from the farthest corners of the Soviet Union, Ms. Nechayeva said, including a letter from the Zabaikallia region of Russia to the "author of the 'Red Rue' song from the Bukovyna village."

"Without a doubt, it's a national breakthrough!," the letter said. "Ivasiuk's songs were full of love for his native land. They were evidence that Ukraine lives!" It was like a breath of fresh air for the tired, persecuted Ukrainian spirit.

Halyna Tarasiuk, a close acquaintance of Ivasiuk's, spoke of the difficulty of those times, which made the young star's emergence all the more surprising.

"I couldn't find work," she said. "My cousins didn't understand why I was kicked out of the literary institute in Moscow. They didn't understand why I needed an independent Ukraine. Few held the Ukrainian idea."

Ivasiuk's art was a protest, Ms. Nechayeva said. Not satisfied with his successes, the tireless Ivasiuk gained entry into the Lviv Conservatory and kept working. "He had some internal feeling that he would leave life early and wouldn't have enough time," Ms. Tarasiuk said. "He was indefatigable."

In 1974, with the song "Vodohrai" (Fountain) Ivasiuk became a laureate of the Sopot International Song Festival. It was sung by a then unknown young Moldovan singer, Sofia Rotaru, who went on to fame performing Ivasiuk's works.

The event had enormous significance for Ukrainian culture, marking the first time a Ukrainian song was heard at an international contest.

Ms. Rotaru repeated her victory at the Sopot festival in 1977 performing Ivasiuk's "U Doli Svoya Vesna" (Fate Has Its Own Spring).

Speakers at the commemorative evening in Kyiv described an unbelievable talent who could have become a world star, if not for the times in which he lived. They noted that Ivasiuk openly met with dissidents, spoke Ukrainian and didn't sing the praises of the Communists – and that this was troublesome to many.

The Communist Party constantly pressured Ivasiuk, creating problems for him in education, his colleagues said. He was told outright that he needed to join the party. Others might have been broken, but not Ivasiuk.

His last resonating work, the music to Oles Honchar's play "Praporonosti"



Courtesy Taras Tkachenko

Popular Ukrainian composer Volodymyr Ivasiuk...

(Flag Bearers), clearly expressed his undisguised love for Ukraine. No longer able to tolerate such displays, Soviet authorities denied Ivasiuk a candidacy for the well-regarded Ostrovsky Prize in the sciences and arts.

On April 24, 1979, Ivasiuk left his home in Lviv on his way to the conservatory, never to be seen alive again. A Soviet soldier found Ivasiuk's lifeless body on May 18 in the Briukhovetskyi Forest, not far from Lviv.

No one attending the commemorative evening believed the official Soviet account that Ivasiuk committed suicide. It was odd, for instance, for a medical doctor to hang himself when far easier and painless ways to die were at his disposal.

"He was a very famous person in the world, and they couldn't forgive him for that," Ms. Tarasiuk said.

The speakers confirmed that a new investigation of Ivasiuk's death has been launched.

An attempt to uncover the mystery was already made by the creators of the documentary film "Volodymyr Ivasiuk – My Life, A Broken String" produced by Vasyl Ilaschuk, which was viewed at the evening's conclusion.

The film's screenwriter, Taras Tkachenko, was showered with questions afterwards.

He explained that the film began as an investigation into the mysterious circumstances surrounding the composer's death, but afterwards the film's creators decided to shed light on Ivasiuk work.

On March 1 President Viktor Yushchenko posthumously awarded Ivasiuk the Ukrainian government's highest honor, the title Hero of Ukraine, remarking that he "displayed a forgotten, lost consciousness through his song for millions of Ukrainians."



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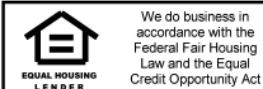
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BOOKNOTES: American expats in Stalin's Soviet Union

"The Forsaken: An American Tragedy in Stalin's Russia" by Tim Tzouliadis. New York: The Penguin Press, 2008. 436 pp. Hardcover, \$29.95.

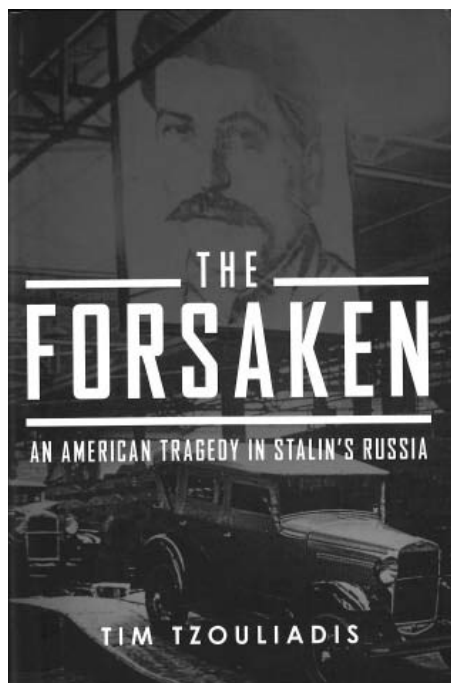
The immigrants' story – leaving behind all that is familiar in search of a better life in a foreign land – is one familiar to all Ukrainians abroad. The various waves of Ukrainian migration, be it for economic and/or political reasons, match that familiar narrative. In the 20th century, most Ukrainians who fled their native land were running away from Russian or Soviet persecution, and many ended up in the United States. To them, America was the land of freedom and opportunity.

However, for thousands of Americans during the Great Depression, the United States was the exact opposite. The history of one of the most curious waves of immigration was a very murky chapter of our past, until now. "The Forsaken: An American Tragedy in Stalin's Russia" by Tim Tzouliadis is a thorough, sobering, highly readable account of what the author calls "the least heralded migration in American history," Americans who left the United States during the Great Depression in search of work and a socialist utopia in the heyday of Stalin's rule, but wound up facing the full fury of the Soviet terror apparatus.

The success of this book rests not only on the author's ability to present a wide-angle perspective of this dark chapter, but also on the many personal narratives that bring to life what really went on and connect the reader to the victims. Learning the names and the stories of these individuals shows us the complexities of the situation.

Enticed by promises of excellent jobs and benefits for newcomers, Americans (most of them working-class individuals, not intellectuals) from all parts of the country joined the migration. After all, these were the early 1930s, and the Great Depression had cast a large question mark over the future of capitalism. While unemployment reached 25 percent and millions took to breadlines and shantytowns, the glowing reports of the economic miracle that was Soviet Union proved to be an all-too-alluring prize.

Notables such as playwright George Bernard Shaw, journalist Walter Duranty (whose whitewashing of the Ukrainian Famine and other Soviet crimes is discussed by Mr. Tzouliadis) and black actor/



singer Paul Robeson assured Western audiences that capitalism was on its way out, and the future was with Stalin and his bold, enlightened leadership. Mimicking the settlers of a bygone era, thousands packed up and headed out in search of opportunity on the Soviet frontier.

In the early happy years, jobs in various fields were indeed to be found, particularly at the Ford automobile plant that was built from scratch in Nizhni Novgorod (then called Gorky) as part of Stalin's Five-Year Plan for industrialization. American expats formed communities in various Soviet cities, founding their own English-language newspaper and amateur baseball leagues. The Soviets were more than accommodating, welcomed these eager foreigners to their great social experiment, and even caught on to American baseball fever.

However, when the purges of the Great Terror commenced in the second half of the decade, Americans were subject to torture, imprisonment, deportation to the Gulag and mass graves like other targeted groups. Mr. Tzouliadis's account quickly enters a dark phase that will mesmerize even those familiar with accounts of Soviet oppression.

Weren't these victims U.S. citizens? The regime did not care. Stalin's secret police believed that these Americans, left to their own devices, would either sow dissatisfaction among Soviet citizens or, if allowed to return home, expose the

great lie. The Americans who had surrendered their passports upon entering the country never saw them again; others were promised better pay and living quarters if they signed "paperwork," so they did, not knowing they were signing away all their rights to protest. Many of those who kept their citizenship and passports and demanded to speak to U.S. Embassy officials were laughed at by their guards as they were dragged into the depths of the Lubianka and Lefortovo prisons.

"The Forsaken" is a wrenching story of the American expats, and also an exposé of the all-too-cozy diplomatic relationship between Moscow and Washington. The U.S. Embassy knew that thousands of American citizens were disappearing throughout the USSR. Some were seized literally steps from Embassy grounds by waiting NKVD officers after unsuccessfully petitioning their Embassy for assistance in leaving the country.

However, Embassy staff either felt powerless to intervene because of the Soviet regime's lack of cooperation and their inability to determine if these Americans had voluntarily or forcibly taken Soviet citizenship, or because their own officials dissuaded them from pursuing justice.

The first two U.S. ambassadors to the Soviet Union, William Bullitt and Joseph Davies, spent too much of their time fawning over the Soviet leadership and throwing soirees for them to be bothered. Ambassador Davies himself sat in on many of the great Moscow show trials, and in his personal dispatches and memoirs wrote that he believed all of the countless public confessions to be true.

In January 1949 a secret memorandum written by a U.S. diplomatic official confessed to the Embassy's failure to aid its own citizens for more than 10 years: "perhaps never have so many American citizens been subjected to comparable discriminations, threats, police interrogations and administrative punishment, all for no greater offense than that of attempting to assert their American citizenship and depart from a country whose regime they abhor more strenuously than many of their more fortunate citizens residing in the United States."

Even the American Red Cross wouldn't intervene, saying that, after "careful consideration to this problem, ...it would be best to avoid raising the question [of imprisoned Americans] which would be considered by

the Soviets as a political issue."

Mr. Tzouliadis, an Oxford-educated documentary filmmaker and television journalist, sheds light on the extent to which the American government trusted Stalin, particularly during the war period, with a series of mind-boggling, exasperating vignettes.

For instance, shortly before President Franklin D. Roosevelt had his first face-to-face meeting with Stalin in November 1943, former Ambassador Bullitt, who came to see Stalin's deceptions only later in his Moscow stint, cautioned FDR about the Soviet dictator during a White House visit.

The president fired back: "Bill, I don't dispute your facts, they are accurate," Roosevelt explained: "I don't dispute the logic of your reasoning. I just have a hunch that Stalin is not that kind of man. Harry [Hopkins, a chief advisor to FDR and an emissary to the Soviets] says he's not and that he doesn't want anything but security for his country, and I think that if I give him everything I possibly can and ask for nothing from him in return, noblesse oblige, he won't try to annex anything and will work with me for a world of democracy and peace."

Bullitt countered that "when [Roosevelt] talked of noblesse oblige he was not speaking of the Duke of Norfolk but of a Caucasian bandit whose only thought when he got something for nothing was that the other fellow was an ass."

Roosevelt would not budge: "It's my responsibility and not yours, and I'm going to play my hunch."

The American government's infatuation with the Soviets would not end until after the second world war, but in the preceding years more than enough damage had been done. Washington had been duped into silence or collaboration, not just on the issue of American expats during the Great Terror who languished for decades in the Gulag, but in many other spheres that Mr. Tzouliadis also describes in great detail. (The U.S. government's connections to the Gulag camps in the Kolyma region is a particularly distressing example.)

"The Forsaken" is very accessible to the reading public; at the same time, its exhaustive footnotes and bibliography ensure that the book will remain a key work when it comes to studying this troubling era in both American and Soviet history.

Holodomor conference story next week

The multi-part story about the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute's conference on the Holodomor ("HURI breaks new ground in Holodomor studies" by Peer T. Woloschuk, March 8) will continue next week with detailed reports about the conference session.

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Syzokryli ensemble to celebrate 30 years of dance

by Chryzanta Hentisz
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NEW YORK – Dancers of the Syzokryli Ukrainian Dance Ensemble spent the first weekend of the New Year at Soyuzivka, rehearsing for the upcoming celebration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the group by Roma Pryma Bohachevsky. The anniversary concert will take place on Saturday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the New York University Skirball Center for the Performing Arts, which is located at 566 LaGuardia Place.

Mrs. Bohachevsky founded the group in the 1978-1979 season, realizing her dream of creating an ensemble of dancers to preserve and promote the art of Ukrainian dance and culture.

The members of the ensemble come from varying backgrounds. Some are professional dancers who perform with major dance companies across the United States,

as well as on television and in films. These dancers, as well as many others, are the product of one of the many schools in the tri-state area that Mrs. Bohachevsky founded to perpetuate her love of Ukrainian dance and culture.

Several current members of the ensemble continue Mrs. Bohachevsky's legacy by providing instruction in Ukrainian dance in many communities across the United States. There are currently several hundred students being instructed by members of the Syzokryli family.

The one thing all of the dancers have in common is their tremendous love for the art form passed on to them by Mrs. Bohachevsky and nurtured by their current artistic director, Orlando Pagan, who was himself trained by Mrs. Bohachevsky. Whether on the road, rehearsing at home in New York City or at the summer dance workshop now held at Soyuzivka, the dancers are constantly working to preserve the rich culture of Ukrainian dance

and broadening the range of expression found in their unique choreographies.

The Syzokryli have showcased their art at such varied venues as the Alice Tully and Avery Fisher Halls in Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, and the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York; the Academy of Music and Robin Hood Dell East in Pennsylvania; the PNC Arts Center and Newark Symphony Hall in New Jersey; and Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. In 1992 the group conducted a highly successful tour of Ukraine with performances in several major cities, including Kyiv, Lviv, Kharkiv and Ivano-Frankivsk.

The anniversary concert will include dances choreographed by Mrs. Bohachevsky, Mr. Pagan and Boris Bohachevsky, ranging from traditional folk dances and romantic evocations of life in the Carpathian mountains to a modern interpretation of New York City culture.

Mrs. Bohachevsky's "Fight for Freedom" will be performed in honor of the victims of the Holodomor and Chernobyl.

Famed violin virtuoso Vasyl Popadiuk will appear as a guest artist and will entertain the audience with his vibrant interpretations of classic Ukrainian music. A native of Ukraine, Mr. Popadiuk fell in love with the violin and began his studies at Kyiv's Lysenko School for gifted children at the age of 7. He later studied at Ukraine's Tchaikovsky Conservatory of Music. Mr. Popadiuk, now based in Canada, has performed for audiences in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Tickets for the performance may be obtained by calling the NYU Skirball Center at 212-352-3101; by e-mail at www.skirballcenter.nyu.edu or at the box office at 566 LaGuardia Place on Tuesday through Saturday, noon-6 p.m. Readers may also contact Emilia Liteplo at elitemplo@hotmail.com or 718-435-0190 for tickets and more information.

Ternopil residents...

(Continued from page 1)

conscious Ukrainians who had their expectations for a better life devastated by President Yushchenko and Prime Minister Tymoshenko.

He has drawn criticism for making allegedly anti-Semitic comments that refer to the heavy influence of Jews in Ukrainian politics.

The surge of Svoboda's popularity was apparent at a March 8 rally in front of the Shevchenko Drama Theater in the heart of Ternopil.

Despite heavy snowfall and the International Women's Day holiday revered by Ukrainians, more than 2,000 residents gathered to support Svoboda's leaders in demanding that the oblast council election take place.

They listened to Svoboda's leaders criticize the Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine as "business projects" full of former Communists and oligarchs who enriched themselves during both the Kuchma and Orange eras.

"Ukraine has two parties – Svoboda and the Communists – and the rest is all business," said Kvitoslava Hryhorschuk. "And even the Communists have joined the rest."

"They don't have an understanding of what a 'batkivshchyna' is," said Svoboda politician Iryna Farion, referring to the

Batkivshchyna (Fatherland) political party founded by Ms. Tymoshenko that is part of her eponymous bloc. "They only understand one thing – territory, and on this territory these filthy people are implementing their financial operations."

Svoboda supporters admitted they voted for the Tymoshenko Bloc and Our Ukraine in prior elections, but were no longer interested.

"I voted for Our Ukraine but lost faith," said Yuri Kuznetsov, a Ternopil resident and father of two sons. "We waved our flags in 2004 and it ended at that. I hope Svoboda will offer some improvement."

The new converts to Svoboda said they wouldn't support Ms. Tymoshenko if she challenged Viktor Yanukovich in the upcoming presidential election.

"Tymoshenko has prepared a trampoline for herself in the presidential election, but I think she will lose out in the end," said Mr. Kuznetsov, who had his salary cut in February. "She had a large rating in the Ternopil Oblast but has lost a lot of her pluses. They stuff their pockets, but no one thinks about the people. Factories are closing, people are losing jobs, wages are being cut, wages aren't being paid. How much can we take?"

Indeed, Ms. Tymoshenko has lost enormous support among Halychyna residents because of her overtures to the Russian leadership, widely perceived as not only undermining President Yushchenko's credibility and standing, but pulling Ukraine toward Moscow instead of Europe.

The Tymoshenko Bloc is a political force formed upon former Communist cadres, said Oleksander Sych, a top Svoboda leader, identifying two Tymoshenko Bloc leaders in his native Ivano-Frankivsk who are former Communists.

"The Tymoshenko Bloc, just like the Party of Regions, are pro-Communist forces," he told the crowd. "They never were democratic. The Party of Regions doesn't hide that. It never called itself national-democratic. But the Tymoshenko Bloc always speculated on that and always said it was a national-democratic force."

Svoboda's unrelenting attacks on "pro-Kremlin, pro-Muscovite" forces have begun to resonate with Halychyna residents.

"I voted for that long braid – that traitor. She's a 'moskovka' [Muscovite]," said Oleksander Petrovych, who declined to give his last name, adding that he sees no difference between Ms. Tymoshenko and Mr. Yanukovich.



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Svoboda supporters at a March 8 rally in Ternopil hold a sign, "Betrayal Should be Punished," referring to the government of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

But even if the oblast council election is held and Svoboda takes control, it won't influence local politics in a significant way, Mr. Lozowy commented.

Most of the power at the oblast level, such as allocating money, is concentrated with the local state administrations, which are controlled by the Presidential Secretariat, rather than the oblast councils, he said.

"It's a situation largely out of control, with very little rule of law," Mr. Lozowy said. "What can Svoboda even influence if it wins the election? It's petty and stupid on Tymoshenko's part."

At the same time, Svoboda needs to do everything to make sure the election takes place. Otherwise, submitting to the Tymoshenko Bloc's bullying tactics will cause it to lose much credibility and support.

All of Ukraine is watching Ternopil, Mr. Tiahnybok told the gathered audience, wearing fur hats and thick winter coats. "Ukraine understands that if we stand on our knees, if we're pressed, if we're denied our rights, then the same will happen in all of Ukraine very quickly," he said, urging the people to go to their local polling stations to vote on March 15.

Mr. Tiahnybok also called upon the president to dismiss Parliament, a decree he issued in September 2008, that was ignored and successfully undermined by Ms. Tymoshenko.

Meanwhile, party spokesman Yuri Syrotiuk said more than 3,000 Svoboda party members will be working on election day.

A third of them are election commission

members, a third will serve as observers, and another third will act as journalists throughout the oblast's polling stations.

However, it remained unclear whether polling stations would even be open, despite 7 million hrv having already been invested, said Yuri Chyzhmar, the chair of the Ternopil Oblast State Administration. About 120 local elections will occur in Ukraine on March 15, he told a March 6 press conference, yet Parliament chose to single out the Ternopil Oblast Council election to cancel.

The state administration has already spent 1.5 million hrv on that election and owes local election commissions between 5 million and 5.5 million hrv that must be paid, he said, dismissing claims from the Tymoshenko Bloc that the elections are too costly in a time of crisis.

When the Verkhovna Rada decided to call the Ternopil pre-term election in a December 2008 resolution, it cited the oblast council's gridlock and inability to function as a violation of the Constitution of Ukraine, Mr. Chyzhmar said. Yet the Tymoshenko Bloc violated the Constitution in canceling the election, he said.

If the Tymoshenko Bloc succeeds in subverting the March 15 election, Mr. Tiahnybok called on Ternopil residents to support a local referendum drive to hold pre-term oblast council elections.

A functioning oblast council is needed to approve the oblast's socio-economic development plan for 2009, Mr. Chyzhmar said, which includes a list of priority sites recommended for between \$20 million and \$25 million in capital investment.



Svoboda leader Oleh Tiahnybok addresses a March 8 rally to protest the cancellation of the oblast council election.

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NEWSBRIEFS

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General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer reiterated mutual interest in advancing Ukraine's Euro-Atlantic course and related reforms. He underlined that the Annual National Program the country is developing for the first time is a tool designed to help Ukraine plan and continue to implement political, economic, defense and security sector reforms. Mr. Scheffer said that "NATO and the allies remain ready to assist Ukraine in these efforts, as in other key reform areas. At the same time, it should be recognized that the primary responsibility rests with Ukraine. This underlines the necessity for Ukraine's political forces to engage in a constructive dialogue and work towards a common platform of the country's strategic goals." Mr. Khandohiy, in turn, recalled that the year 2008 was important in the context of implementing the country's Euro-Atlantic course. In particular, the NATO summit in Bucharest gave a powerful impetus for Ukraine's future membership in the alliance, and the December 2008 decision of NATO's foreign ministers relative to a new format of cooperation with Ukraine provided a real opportunity to develop bilateral relations. Mr. Khandohiy noted that in 2009 Ukraine intends to focus efforts on the practical aspects of implementing the decisions taken - in particular, preparation of the Annual National Program, amendments to the Charter on a Distinctive Partnership between Ukraine and NATO, as well as assistance in the activity of the NATO Information and Liaison Office in Kyiv. "We will be continuing defense and security reforms and in other key areas. We recognize that the result of these reforms is important for the development and implementation of our objective relative to NATO membership," Mr. Khandohiy underlined. (Ukrinform)

Kuchma may run again

KYIV - Ukraine's second president (1994-2004), Leonid Kuchma, said on March 6 that he does not rule out his participation in the country's presidential elections. "We'll see," he said during the TV bridge Kyiv-Moscow-Baku-Chisinau-Tbilisi-Yerevan while answering journalists' questions about whether he intends to participate in the future elections. Mr. Kuchma noted that during his leadership Ukrainians lived better than now. "Primarily, the people had confidence in tomorrow," he said. Mr. Kuchma was

elected president of Ukraine in July 1994 and was re-elected in November 1999. He now heads the charitable organization Leonid Kuchma's Presidential Foundation Ukraine. (Ukrinform)

UNESCO inspects Kyiv landmarks

KYIV - A UNESCO commission last week was in Kyiv to check the state of the Kyiv Pecherska Lavra monastery and St. Sophia Cathedral, which are inscribed on the World Heritage List and are under protection of this international organization. Sources at the Kyiv City State Administration assured the news media that the commission's work "will in no way result in the exclusion of these monuments from the list." (Ukrinform)

IMF mission chief calls for truce

KYIV - The International Monetary Fund's mission chief to Ukraine, Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, on March 6 stressed the need for a political truce between senior Ukrainian leaders and welcomed such a truce declared by Ukrainian leaders the previous week. Speaking at the Washington-based Peterson Institute, Ms. Pazarbasioglu said that "the country's recovery from an economic crisis depends on global conditions and the government's commitment to structural reforms." She said that an IMF mission would visit Ukraine within a "couple of weeks" to discuss adjustments to the country's \$16.4 billion IMF stand-by loan agreed in October 2008 in the face of a sharper-than-expected contraction in the domestic economy. Ms. Pazarbasioglu also said that cutting Ukraine's budget would require harsh measures, since expenditures mostly comprise wages, pensions and social transfers. (Ukrinform)

Crimean Tatar Mejlis attacked

KYIV - On the morning of March 5 in Symferopol, Crimea, unknown people shattered windows in the premises of the Crimean Tatars Mejlis (Council). According to information of the Mejlis press service, investigators determined that unknown persons threw several large stones, and two of them broke double-paned metal-plastic windows and entered the building. One of the stones fell in the reception office of Mejlis Chairman Mustafa Dzhemilev. The attack was recorded by outdoor surveillance cameras. The Mejlis said it considers the incident to be a "provocation aimed at destabilization of the situation in Crimea." (Ukrinform)

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With deep sorrow
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Fourth Anniversary

Dr. Wasyl Kostrubiak

departed to God on March 15 of 2005.

He is remembered dearly, by his wife, Regina, and family
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(Spain), Sunday, March 15.

Wife,
Regina P. Kostrubiak, M.D.

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to keep thee in all thy ways"



On the fifth anniversary of the death of

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and active member of parish and community,

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Lilea, Bohdanna, Taras, Ihor, Maureen, Leo, Maria

and grandchildren:

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- Христина Каратницька з мужем Джаном
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Андрієм і Юлією
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ZENON KOSSAK



70-year anniversary of his heroic and tragic death at the hands of the Hungarians, while he was fighting for the independence of Carpatho-Ukraine in Transcarpathia



Member of Ukrainian Scouting Organization Plast in Drohobych



Born April 1, 1907 in Drohobych
Died March 19, 1939 in Soloyovyna



Lieutenant Carpathian Sich
Zenon Kossak



Vuyko Zenko in Drohobych

Born in Drohobych, Zenon was an organizer of the Ukrainian national youth movement in Halychyna. He was a member of the Ukrainian Military Organization (UMO) where he, as lieutenant, directed the combat unit. He was a member of the Home Executive of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN). He was an active member of Plast and studied law at Lviv University. In January 1932 he was imprisoned by the Polish government for his underground activities. Upon his release from prison in 1938, Zenon Kossak became an ideological instructor and then deputy commander of the Carpathian Sich National Defense Org. He was killed by Hungarian fascists in Solotovyna on March 19, 1939, while defending the independence of Carpatho-Ukraine.

“Zenko, you remain a part of my consciousness and my memory – a truly extraordinary human being... And always a question arises within me; what would have happened to the organization and in what direction would it have developed and, with this, the politics of Ukraine, if a Hungarian bullet had not pierced the chest and ended the life of this person – a true patriot and an exemplary revolutionary.”

– A. Dragan, past editor of Svoboda who spent time in a Polish prison with Zenon Kossak



Vuyko Zenko in Lviv



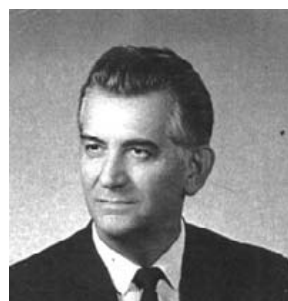
Dear “Vuyko Zenko”

We will never forget you and your last words “Slava Ukrayini.”
You are our hero!

Lydia Kossak Kernitsky and husband
Roman Kernitsky



Andrew Zenon Kernitsky



Bohdan Kossak
Brother of Zenon Kossak

A memorial in Drohobych where once stood the home of the Kossak family that raised three famous Sich riflemen – Hrihory, Ivan, and Vasyl – and where Zenon was nurtured as a boy.



Alexander Roman Kernitsky

Washington's...

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Iran is undesirable, but the U.S. missile defense plans are seen in Moscow as a much worse prospect. Russia does not want to be a "full partner" in building a missile defense shield. On the contrary, Russian Defense and Foreign Ministry officials have once again confirmed that Moscow is demanding that the United States fully scrap its global missile defense plans, which are felt to be aimed at Russia's nuclear deterrent (Interfax, March 3).

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has stated that Russia will not agree to prolong the START arms limitation treaty, which expires next December, while new arms-control negotiations continue (Interfax, March 2). According to the Russian General Staff, "the START treaty is extremely disadvantageous for Russia and should not exist." Russia will not agree to the radical reduction of strategic nuclear weapons put forward by the Obama administration, so long as the United States continues to develop a global missile defense shield. Russia is also demanding strict controls over the number of U.S. delivery systems, including cruise missiles (Interfax-AVN, March 3).

There is no quick fix in sight to mend U.S.-Russian relations while mistrust and misunderstanding are dominant and points of common interest are few and wide apart. There is not much common ground even with regard to fighting the Mujahideen in Afghanistan. Moscow does not believe the U.S. and its NATO allies have a serious chance for success in Afghanistan, despite

the planned surge of new U.S. troops. In any event, future cooperation on issues the U.S. deems important is conditional on U.S. concessions on issues that are important to Moscow.

In an article in an official government newspaper, Konstantin Kosachov, the chairman of the Duma Foreign Relations Committee, proclaimed that it was not true that Russia wanted to "return" Georgia, Poland or the Baltic republics to "our sphere of influence." Instead, Moscow was interested in "specific things"—the deployment of weapons, the plight of Russian-speaking populations and the possibility of renewed aggression. "This is not a question of influence but an essential response to foreign actions that concern our interests," Mr. Kosachov wrote (Rossiyskaya Gazeta, March 3).

Fair enough. The common language of all post-Soviet states continues to be Russian; there are also sizable ethnic Russian minorities and Moscow demands a right to look after all of them. Russia also demands veto power over the deployment of a Western military infrastructure, such as missile defense in Poland and the Czech Republic, in a region it is reluctant to call a "sphere of influence" by name but, according to Mr. Medvedev, is a "region of privileged interests" (www.kremlin.ru, August 31). A tacit recognition of such a region by Washington may indeed be a button to reset relations.

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Security Service...

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building to intervene with the armed SBU unit and prevent them from seizing the original signed copy of the January 19 contract with Gazprom on gas purchases and transit. Serhii Davydenko, the chief of Naftohaz's legal department, told the press that the original contract was needed in order to clear customs for Russian gas bound for Europe and for domestic Ukrainian consumption (Moscow Times, March 5).

First Vice Prime Minister Oleksander Turchynov told a press conference that he had urged the security agents to ignore their orders: "You must not become a tool of criminals and corrupt officials who, with the consent of the president, run the [Security] Service or coordinate its activities" (Moscow Times, March 5). According to the Ukrayinska Pravda website, the SBU agents eventually left the building without the original contract.

The key question in the dispute is why Gazprom, an interested party, is not contesting the legality of Naftohaz taking possession of the gas. The entire episode points to the possibility that Messrs. Yushchenko and Khoroshkovskiy are, in fact, protecting Mr. Firtash's interests. This would support Ms. Tymoshenko's long-held view that Mr. Firtash was not only helping the pro-Russian Ukrainian Party of Regions but also Mr. Yushchenko personally.

What Ms. Tymoshenko carefully avoids mentioning is that Mr. Firtash enjoyed the

long-time support of Vladimir Putin and Gazprom. As Gazprom's (and Mr. Putin's) reputations began to suffer from their association with Mr. Firtash and RUE, they decided to break ties with the company. The RUE scheme was so muddled and opaque, however, that when it began unraveling it backfired on all the involved parties.

In a related matter, the Russian and Ukrainian auditing chambers announced they had begun a joint investigation into the financial dealings of RUE (UNIAN, March 5). The Russian auditing chamber will look into RUE's books for 2007 and 2008, while the Ukrainian auditors intend to begin looking as far back as 2006. One unnamed Ukrainian expert told UNIAN that the use of the state auditing commission to conduct such an investigation was highly unusual, since legally it could only audit state-owned companies, which RUE is not.

The 11 billion cubic meters of gas formerly owned by RUE, which is hidden in an underground cave in western Ukraine, is critically important as technical gas for powering the compressing stations that keep Russian gas flowing to Europe. If the Yushchenko administration returns it to Mr. Firtash, it would only harm Ukraine's ability to transit gas reliably and would give aid and comfort to one of the most bizarre gas scams of the century.

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John Demjanjuk...

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Investigations in making its decision to prosecute Demjanjuk. The court has been investigating the case since December 30, 2008, researching German, Israeli and American archives.

Back in November 2008, Germany's chief Nazi war crimes investigator in Ludwigsburg, Kurt Schrimm, asked prosecutors in Munich, where Mr. Demjanjuk once lived before he emigrated to the United States, to charge him with involvement in the murder of 29,000 Jews.

According to the DPA news service, a key piece of evidence in the new case is the Trawniki ID card that had been used as evidence in Mr. Demjanjuk's previous trial on other war crimes charges in Israel.

The U.S. Supreme Court had refused last May to hear Mr. Demjanjuk's appeal of a deportation order handed down in 2005; thus, there appear to be no legal obstacles to him standing trial in Germany.

Speaking to Spiegel back in November 2008 Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld of Paris said he welcomes the initiative to try Mr. Demjanjuk but hopes that a potential trial does not end in another acquittal. "That would be the worst thing, because an acquittal would make it seem as if the crimes for which he was being tried never happened," he said.

Mr. Demjanjuk, who will turn 89 on April 3, had previously been accused of being the notorious camp guard known as "Ivan the Terrible" at the Treblinka death camp. He was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1981 for concealing his wartime activity at the time he applied for entry into the United States, and he was extradited in 1986 to Israel, where he

stood trial and was sentenced to death in 1988.

However, the guilty verdict and sentence were overturned on appeal by Israel's Supreme Court in 1993 after it was learned that the real "Ivan" was one Ivan Marchenko.

Mr. Demjanjuk then returned to the United States, where he had lived since 1952. His citizenship was restored in 1998. But the U.S. Justice Department once again filed a case against him in 1999, saying that he had concealed his service as a guard at three other Nazi camps: Sobibor, Maidanek and Flossenberg. He was once again stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 2002, and in 2005 an immigration judge ruled that Mr. Demjanjuk could be deported to his native Ukraine, Poland or Germany.

Mr. Demjanjuk's wife, Vera, told Spiegel Online that her husband is too old and frail to be extradited, and that he is innocent. Her family, she said, has neither the energy nor the means for a new court case, especially not in far-off Germany. "We are poor and have no money," she told the German publication's correspondent in Cleveland.

Mr. Demjanjuk's son, John Jr. told Spiegel there is "absolutely no case to convict my father of anything in a criminal trial." He added, "My dad never killed anybody in his life. There's no evidence to say that he was personally involved in killing anybody in his life."

"He isn't a murderer. He is a very gentle, kind person. I know my dad and I know in my heart that he did not kill anyone. He was a Red Army soldier who was caught up in what was happening in World War II," he explained.

Sources: Spiegel Online, DPA, Reuters, JTA.



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COMMUNITY CHRONICLE

January and February herald a busy new year for the UECC

by Andrea Zharovsky

JENKINTOWN, Pa. – Events sponsored by the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center in January and February kept the main office and the board of directors of the UECC very busy, underscoring the fact that the Center is indeed the center of Ukrainian life in the Philadelphia area.

New Year's Eve

Frigid conditions and arctic winds did not keep the revelers away from the annual UECC New Year's Eve "zabava" on Wednesday, December 31, 2008. Guests danced until the early morning to the music of Tempo.

As a special treat, Brian Hamburg and John Wernega, two Philadelphia Mimmers of the Fralinger String Band, entertained all on banjo and sax. They performed two Fralinger songs dressed in costume – as a cowboy and a pirate. They also performed traditional Ukrainian songs to the delight of the UECC guests. John Wernega, who also sings with the Prometheus Ukrainian American Male Chorus of Philadelphia, a UECC program, is the music arranger and music director for the Fralinger String Band and has participated in 21 Philadelphia Mimmers Parades.

Unity Day

Ukrainian diplomats, guests and representatives of Ukrainian organizations met on Thursday, January 22, at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center for coffee and sweets prior to the memorial service (panakhyhda) and wreath-laying at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery commemorating the 90th anniversary of Ukraine's Act of Union of January 22, 1919.

While at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States Dr. Oleh Shamshur and Consul General of Ukraine in New York Mykola Kyrychenko met with the children of the Svitlychka Ukrainian Cooperative Nursery, a program of the UECC, and toured the facility.

Since 1964 the Svitlychka has provided a nurturing Ukrainian education for children age 3-5 years of age. As a non-profit organization, Svitlychka has developed a quality-driven educational program thanks to many years of work by dedicated teachers, parents and volunteers.

Currently, full-day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) classes are offered Monday through Friday to meet the needs of the Greater Philadelphia Ukrainian community. In addition, a Saturday program is offered during the hours of 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Svitlychka's Ukrainian environment instills a love and appreciation for heritage, language and culture. At an early age, children are provided with a lifelong foundation of multicultural awareness and respect. For additional information, readers may call Svitlychka at 215-663-0381.

"Shchedryi Vechir"

On Sunday, January 27, the UECC celebrated its annual traditional Ukrainian "Shchedryi Vechir" with its members. Guests enjoyed a delicious holiday meal of borsch, holubtsi, varenyky, kutia and sweets. The Accolada Chamber Choir performed a collection of traditional and modern Ukrainian Christmas carols under the direction of Bohdan Henhalo. A chil-



Dr. Oleh Shamshur (second from left), ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, and Mykola Kyrychenko (third from left), Ukraine's consul general in New York, are seen during their visit to the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center with Andrea Zharovsky (third from right), UECC vice-president of communications, and Taras Lewyckyj (right), artistic director of Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and a Svitlychka parent, with children and staff of the Svitlychka.

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January...

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dren's "vertep" from St. Michael the Archangel Church in Jenkintown, and Julia Kurylec, Vita Kurylec and Ustyna Danylovych delighted the audience with their interpretation of the story of the Nativity with a Ukrainian twist.

Guests learned about time-honored Ukrainian winter traditions from MC Iryna Galai. Not wanting the day to end, they joined together and sang Ukrainian carols, filling the Main Hall with beautiful song.

Lviv cabaret

Love was in the air on Saturday, February 14 at the UECC. Over 320 guests were treated to an encore performance of the now famous Lvivska Kavyarnya's "Yazykata Dzhezva" and a "vechirka" (an informal dance). Gossip, "old" news, Galician anecdotes and Ukrainian humor along with the trademark black coffee were once again on the menu created by Adriana Sydoriak and Marichka Dukh, and produced by Vera Kobuley.

The sold-out show featured a St. Valentine's Day act – a Ukrainian version

of the famous ABBA song "Mamma Mia" as its finale.

A decorated UECC main hall provided the background for a very romantic evening – tables were lit by candlelight and couples danced the night away. Myroslava Deneha, of the restaurant 7th Heaven, provided tasty nibbles featuring traditional Ukrainian "zakusky" (appetizers).

Film festival

The UECC celebrated International Mother Language Day on Saturday, February 21, by hosting the third annual Ukrainian Cartoon Festival. The UECC and the Plast sorority Chortopolokhy, Philadelphia branch, jointly organized the event.

The festival began with a few short Ukrainian cartoons, including "Kapitoshka," "Rukavychka" and "Litachok Lip," and featured the first installment of "Lys Mykyta." Although there were slight technical difficulties, the attendance at the event – over 140 people – showed that the community supports these kinds of events.

At its 30th session (1999) the General Conference of UNESCO decided to observe International Mother Language Day on February 21 every year. UNESCO

states: "Linguistic and cultural diversity represent universal values that strengthen the unity and cohesion of societies. The recognition of the importance of linguistic diversity led to UNESCO's decision to celebrate International Mother Language Day."

Meals for seniors

On Tuesday, February 24 the UECC passed an inspection of the Montgomery County Congregate Meals Program with flying colors. The Montgomery County Department of Aging delivers and provides lunches to the UECC for Ukrainian senior citizens to enjoy (no reservations are required).

The UECC invites all seniors to catch up with friends, enjoy Ukrainian music videos or shows, and enjoy a tasty lunch at a reasonable price every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the UECC Club Room.

Also, there is a weekly exercise program for seniors in the UECC's "green room" at 10 a.m. before lunch. For more information readers may call the UECC office at 215-663-1166.

Selfreliance

The long-anticipated Ukrainian

Selfreliance Federal Credit Union (USFCU) branch opened at the UECC on Friday, February 27. The USFCU has relocated its Henrietta Avenue branch to the UECC to better serve the Ukrainian community. For more information, including hours of operation, readers may call USFCU at 267-627-5317 or visit online at www.ukrfcu.com.

The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, founded in 1980, is a non-profit organization whose objective is to preserve and promote awareness of Ukrainian heritage throughout the Philadelphia community. The UECC is located at 700 Cedar Road in Jenkintown, PA 19046 and can be reached at 215-663-1166 or contact@ueccphila.org; website, www.ueccphila.org.

The Szmagala...

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activities with the Ukrainian Youth League of North America (UYLNA), becoming national president in 1959. He was elected as a UNA supreme advisor in 1966 and later as a UNA supreme auditor. He initiated his long career in national American politics as co-president of Ukrainian American Youth for Nixon-Lodge.

Today, Taras has one major love in Cleveland's Ukrainian community: The Ukrainian Museum-Archives, where he serves as president and spends much of his free time.

The March 1 Szmagala gala began with a Divine Liturgy at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church celebrated by the Rev. Ihor Kasiyan, pastor, and Deacon Michael Kulick. As a tribute to their devotion to the Ukrainian Church and the community, Taras and Midge were presented with a beautiful icon. "The two of you are an exemplary couple," Deacon Kulick told them, "and an inspiration for all of us."

The reception following the liturgy was held at the church hall. Among the many Cleveland Ukrainian luminaries were UNA First Vice-President Zenon Holubec and Andrew Fedynsky, distinguished columnist for The Ukrainian Weekly. Lesia and I were also present.

I fulfilled the same role I did 50 years ago when I was best man at the first Szmagala gala. I proposed a toast and wished the Szmagalas a blessed and joyous "Mnohaya, mnohaya lita."


Myron Kuropas's e-mail address is kuropas@comcast.net.

In the press...

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we spent on military equipment. Although the modern equivalent, Radio Free Afghanistan, reaches more listeners in Afghanistan than any other broadcaster, we aren't increasing its funding; to the contrary, we've been slashing its budget in real terms. ...

"We could also use traditional tools of public diplomacy to greater effect. Instead of appointing cronies and fund-raisers to ambassadorships, Obama could, over the next few months, appoint people with the talent to act as real spokesmen for U.S. policy – on local television, speaking the local language, writing in the local press. ...In Russia, a country that is ambivalent about its repressive past, all prominent visiting Americans should make a point of visiting a memorial to the victims of Stalin. Without even using the phrase 'human rights,' many people would get the point. ..."



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OUT AND ABOUT

- March 19
Washington
Concert with violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv and pianist Marianna Humetska, The Washington Group Cultural Fund, Embassy of Ukraine, 202-364-3888
- March 20
Whippany, NJ
Varenyky dinner, Ukrainian American Youth Association, Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey, 973-713-6956 or 973-479-8715
- March 20-21, 27-28
Cleveland, OH
Pysanka Workshop, Ukrainian Museum-Archives, 440-289-9600 or nina_kostrzyk@yahoo.com
- March 20-22
Jenkintown, PA
Ukrainian Embroidery Exhibit, "A Metamorphosis in Beauty and Function," Ukrainian National Women's League of America Branch 88, Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 215-675-2616 or renya@aol.com
- March 21
New York
Fund-raiser for Ukrainian Youth Association of Australia Oselia Karpaty, Ukrainian American Youth Association, Bar 82, 718-938-9106
- March 21
Baltimore, MD
Klitschko-Gomez fight broadcast, Ukrainian American Sports Club Dnipro, ukisteve@aol.com
- March 21
New York
Concert by violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv, Shevchenko Scientific Society, 212-254-5130
- March 21
Philadelphia
Klitschko-Gomez fight broadcast, Ukrainian League of Philadelphia, 215-684-2180 or 215-684-3548
- March 21, 28
Chicago
Pysanka Workshop with instruction by Vera Samyca, Ukrainian National Museum, 312-421-8020
- March 22
Scranton, PA
Ukrainian Cultural Exhibit and Craft Sale, League of Ukrainian Catholics - North Anthracite Council, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, 570-759-2824
- March 22
Hillside, NJ
Pysanka-Writing Workshop, Immaculate Conception Ukrainian Catholic Church,

908-289-0127 or
www.byzantines.net/immaculateconception

March 24
Red Bank, NJ
Ukrainian Village Folk Dance Party, featuring Tamara Chernyakhovska, United Methodist Church, 732-530-1107 or 732-747-4831

March 25
New York
Lecture by Anna Procyk, "Independence or Federation: Ukraine and Russia during the Revolution and the Civil War," Ukrainian Studies Program, Columbia University, 212-854-4697

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PREVIEW OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 21

NEW YORK: The Shevchenko Scientific Society (NTSh) invites all to a concert by the violinist Solomiya Ivakhiv (Stony Brook College). Ms. Ivakhiv is a recipient of an NTSh scholarship from the Zenon and Julia Petesh Fund. She will perform Valentin Silvestrov's "Post Scriptum"; Gary Kulesha's "...and dark time flowed by her like a river..." and Cesar Franck's "Sonata." The concert will take place at the society's building, 63 Fourth Avenue (between Ninth and 10th streets) at 5 p.m. For additional information call 212-254-5130.

Wednesday, March 25

NEW YORK: The Ukrainian Film Club of Columbia University invites all to enjoy rare footage – a screen adaptation of the Ukrainian opera classic by Semen Hulak-Artemovsky "Zaporozhets Beyond the Danube" (Zaporozhets za Dunaie), 1938. Made with funds raised by Ukrainian immigrants in North America at a time when Ukraine, its people and culture were under massive attack by Bolshevik henchmen, this film-opera is a celebration of Ukrainian song, humor and vitality. Produced by Vasyl Avramenko and directed by Edgar Ulmer, it features such iconic Ukrainian arias as the comical "Oi Odarko, Hodi Bude!" (Hey Odarka, Enough Already) and the majestic "Vladyko Neba i Zemli (Lord of Heaven and Earth). The screening begins at 7:30 p.m. at 703 Hamilton Hall, Columbia University. The film will be shown in its original Ukrainian-language version with English subtitles. Yuri Shevchuk will introduce the film and mediate the post-screening discussion. The event is free and open to the public. For information call 212-854-4697 or e-mail sy2165@columbia.edu.

Friday, March 27, and Sunday, March 29

NEW YORK: Two special screenings with director/producer Roxy Toporowych of her wonderfully entertaining documentary film "Folk!" (2008), an often funny look at life between a traditional Ukrainian

American community and an increasingly modern world. Following the untimely passing of choreographer Roma Pryma Bohachevsky, retired dancers fly from far and wide to rejoin the New York company, and prepare for a sold-out performance at Lincoln Center. With tensions high and bodies out of shape, the dancers struggle through and uphill battle of body and mind. The film also features dance troupes from Philadelphia, Cleveland and Kyiv. Shows: Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, at 2 p.m. The Ukrainian Museum is located at 222 E. Sixth St., New York, NY 10003. Donation (includes reception): \$15; members and seniors, \$10; students, \$5. RSVP to 212-228-0110 or send an e-mail to info@ukrainianmuseum.org. Reservations are recommended.

Saturday, March 28

NEW BRITAIN, Conn: The 15th annual Easter Festival will be held at St. Mary's Ukrainian Orthodox Church hall, 54 Winter St. (behind Newbrite Plaza) from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (snow date, Saturday, April 4). Featured will be pysanky, egg-decorating supplies and Easter breads. Other highlights are varenyky, stuffed cabbage, borsch, homemade cakes and desserts, a raffle and a tag sale. Lunch and takeout will be available. Admission and parking (behind the church) are free. For information call 860-229-3833 or 860 677-2138.

Sunday, March 29

ALEXANDRIA, Va.: The Washington Group Cultural Fund, in its mission to support Ukrainian arts and artists, has the pleasure to introduce two talented young performers, Solomia Dutkevych, soprano, and Solomia Gorokhivska, violin, in a diverse program of classical, Ukrainian and Latin American works for voice and violin. Meet the artists at a reception immediately following the program. The events will take place at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., beginning at 3 p.m. Seating is unreserved; suggested donation is \$20, free for students. For information call 301-229-2615.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS GUIDELINES

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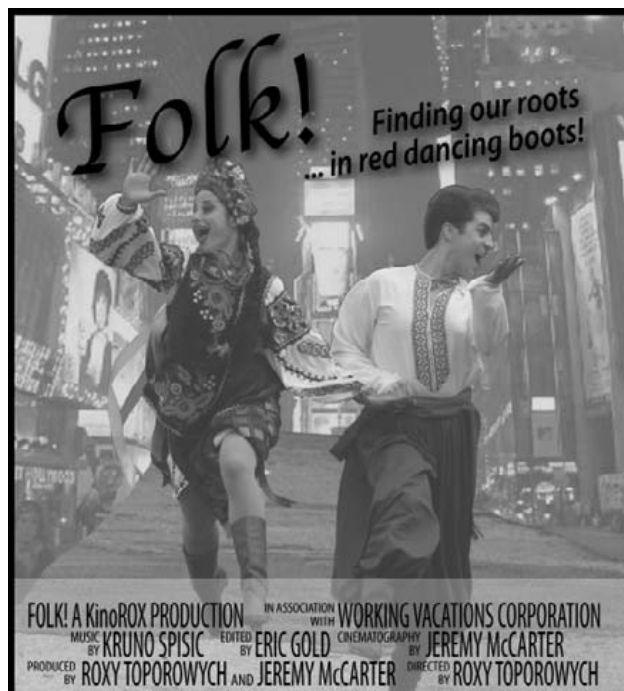
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 2008, SOYUZIVKA
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**ПРОТОКОЛ РІЧНОГО ЗАСІДАННЯ
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НА СОЮЗІВЦІ В ДНЯХ 12-14 ВЕРЕСНЯ 2008 р.

Friday, September 12, 2008

The Ukrainian National Association General Assembly Meeting began with Stefan Kaczaraj UNA President, welcoming the General Assembly members to the meeting with a special welcome to UNA Honorary Member Myron Kuropas and his wife Lesia. Everyone present sang the American, Canadian and Ukrainian national anthems ending with the Zapovit. Zenon Holubec, UNA First Vice-President, Zenon Holubec began the meeting with a prayer. A moment of silence was observed for those secretaries of the UNA that passed away in the last year: Wolodymyr Bilyk – Branch 170, Katherine Panchishyn – Branch 378, Helen Slovik who served as secretary of Branch 7 for over 54 years, Lev Bodnar – Branch 131 and Stefan Hawrysz former UNA Honorary Member, Supreme Advisor, National Organizer, UNA Auditor, Philadelphia District Head, and Secretary of UNA Branch 83. In addition a moment of silence was also observed to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor Victims of the Famine Genocide.

The following General Assembly members were present at the meeting:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stefan Kaczaraj – President
Zenon Holubec – First Vice-President
Michael Koziupa – Second Vice-President
Myron Groch – Director for Canada
Christine E. Kozak – National Secretary
Roma Lisovich – Treasurer

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Gerald Tysiak, Wasyl Szeremeta

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Maya Lew
Gloria Horbaty
Eugene Oscislawski
Olya Czerkas
Eugene Serba
Lubov Streletsky

HONORARY MEMBER

Myron Kuropas

The following members were not present:

Auditor: Vasyl Luchkiw – excused
Advisors: Nicholas Fil – excused
Myron Pylypiak – not excused
Al Kachkowski – excused
Bohdan Kukuza – not excused

In addition, the Editor-in-Chief of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, Roma Hadzewycz was present.

1. OPENING

Stefan Kaczaraj, UNA president, called the meeting to order, welcomed all the General Assembly members to the meeting and presented the Agenda.

1. Opening
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Acceptance of minutes of prior Special Meeting, at Soyuzivka, September 14-16, 2007
4. Calling of the following Committees: Financial, Organizing, Soyuzivka, Fraternal, Canadian and Press
5. Reports of the General Assembly Members July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
6. Report of Editor-in-Chief of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly
7. Report of General Manager of Soyuzivka
8. Discussion of the reports of the General Assembly Members
9. Discussion of UNA in Canada
10. Report of the Auditing Committee
 - a) Report of Conflict of Interest Review
11. Recommendation to accept reports as presented
12. Committee Recommendations and Resolutions
13. Proposal and Acceptance of Budget for 2009
14. Assign dates for UNA General Assembly Meeting in 2009 UNA 2010 Convention
15. Miscellaneous
16. Adjournment

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

To accept the agenda as presented.
Proposed by Zenon Holubec, seconded by Michael Koziupa
Accept Agenda as presented.
No discussion
Motion passed unanimously.

3. ACCEPT MINUTES OF PRIOR ASSEMBLY MEETING

MOTION:

To accept minutes of the General Assembly Meeting of September 14-16, 2007
Proposed by Zenon Holubec, seconded by Eugene Serba
Minutes accepted from the last meeting as presented
No discussion
Motion passed unanimously

4. CALLING OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

Financial, Organizing, Fraternal, Canadian, Soyuzivka, Press

FINANCIAL: Zenon Holubec, Myron Groch, Roma Lisovich, Eugene Serba, Michael Koziupa, Stefan Kaczaraj

ORGANIZING & FRATERNAL: Christine E. Kozak, Gloria Horbaty, Eugene Oscislawski, Maya Lew, Michael Koziupa, Lubov Streletsky

CANADIAN: Myron Groch, Gerald Tysiak, Eugene Serba, Stefan Kaczaraj, Maya Lew, Olya Czerkas

SOYUZIVKA: Maya Lew, Olya Czerkas, Gloria Horbaty, Roma Lisovich

PRESS: Eugene Serba, Olya Czerkas, Gloria Horbaty, Roma Hadzewycz, including standing committee members, Taras Szmagala Sr., (not present) and Myron Kuropas

**5. Report of UNA President
Stefan Kaczaraj**

The Mission Statement states that the Ukrainian National Association exists:

- To promote the principle of fraternalism;
- To preserve the Ukrainian, Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Canadian heritage and culture; and
- To provide quality financial services and products to its members.

As a fraternal insurance society, the Ukrainian National Association reinvests its earnings for the benefit of its members and the Ukrainian community. This has been our mission since 1894. The past leaders of the UNA experienced many difficult times. Today is no different.

We face economic swings, competitive pressures, and changes in the marketplace, changes in demographics, shifts in technology, assimilation and regulatory requirements.

It should be noted that the sale of insurance policies and yield on investments provide the UNA with the funds necessary to sustain the publications Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly and the operation of our beloved Soyuzivka as well as other cultural and social activities.

During the year ended December 31, 2007, and six months ended June 30, 2008, the Executive Committee focused on meeting challenges by making changes to move our organization forward, continuing the tradition of securing our members' financial and fraternal tomorrows. Our members, who place their trust in us, should expect no less.

It should be noted that this year Svoboda is celebrating its 115th anniversary, the oldest Ukrainian publication in the world and The Ukrainian Weekly is celebrating its 75th anniversary of its founding. "Mnohaja lita" to both of the papers.

Ukrainian National Association is definitely moving in the right direction. I would like to highlight some of the most noteworthy accomplishments achieved in the period beginning January 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008:

Financial improvements in operations:

Net profit from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008	\$ 22,000
Net (loss) from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2007	\$ (492,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the year ended December 31, 2007	\$ (1,206,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the year ended December 31, 2006	\$ (1,412,000)



Stefan Kaczaraj

Improvements in sale of annuities:

Income from sale of annuities for the six months ended June 30, 2008	\$ 6,486,000
Income from sale of annuities for the six months ended June 30, 2007	\$ 1,041,000
Income from sale of annuities for the year ended December 31, 2007	\$ 2,868,000
Income from sale of annuities for the year ended December 31, 2006	\$ 912,000

Improvements in investment income:

Investment income for the six months ended June 30, 2008	\$ 1,938,000
Investment income for the six months ended June 30, 2007	\$ 1,665,000
Investment income for the year ended December 31, 2007	\$ 3,606,000
Investment income for the year ended December 31, 2006	\$ 3,187,000

Financial improvements in Soyuzivka operations:

Net profit from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008	\$ 60,000
Net (loss) from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2007	\$ (336,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the year ended December 31, 2007	\$ (463,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the year ended December 31, 2006	\$ (636,000)

Financial improvements in Publications operations:

Net (loss) from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2008	\$ (52,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the six months ended June 30, 2007	\$ (50,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the year ended December 31, 2007	\$ (296,000)
Net (loss) from operations for the year ended December 31, 2006	\$ (353,000)
Sale of our headquarters building increased surplus by	\$ 4,627,000

Continue to hire professional sale agents.

Websites of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly have been redesigned. The current issues as well as archives can be viewed as they appear in the printed versions. Currently the latest issues of both papers are available on line and are free of charge. However, in the near future we will switch to paid online subscriptions. Currently 30 years of The Ukrainian Weekly and 22 years of Svoboda have been archived. The plan is to have all 115 years of Svoboda and 75 years of the Ukrainian Weekly available anywhere in the world.

Negotiating with buyer for the purchase of 250 acres of surplus land at Soyuzivka.

Still searching for buyer to sell 1.5 acres of land owned by a foundation in which the UNA has a 60% interest;

A second successful Ukrainian Cultural Festival was held at Soyuzivka this summer.

Making plans to renovate and downsize our Home Office.

We the officers, whether past or present, and members of this organization need to stand together as one and realize that in order to grow and prosper we must change, and that change isn't always a popular idea. We must learn to try and bring people together.

We must unify. When we stand together, whatever political persuasion, whatever immigration wave, whatever age, we become stronger and more powerful. Our Ukrainian heritage is a rich and valuable asset. It is one we must try to preserve.

We have survived because we have changed and adapted. We should always look to the future for new ideas and concepts but with a keen eye locked onto the past so as not to forget whence we have come.

It is imperative that all members of the General Assembly employees of the Ukrainian National Association and all branch secretaries promote the UNA and our products. We have to reverse the trend of declining membership if we want to grow, prosper and continue to fulfill our mission.

Meeting Held By The Executive Committee

For the reporting period beginning July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, the Executive Committee had meetings on the following dates: September 14, 2007, March 28, 2008 and September 12, 2008.

Overview of the Financial Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

The 2007 statutory financial statement showed a net increase in surplus of \$3,921,000. The net loss from operations of \$447,000, subsidies to Soyuzivka in the amount of \$463,000, and subsidies to Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly in the amount of \$296,000 decreased surplus by \$1,206,000. The decrease in surplus of \$1,206,000 was offset by change in reserve in UNURC of \$4,423,000 and net unrealized gains from investments and other adjustments in the amount of \$704,000.

See Exhibit A for detailed analysis of financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

The statutory financial statement for the six months ended June 30, 2008 showed a net decrease in surplus of \$465,000. Subsidies to Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly in the amount of \$52,000 and net unrealized losses from investments and other adjustments in the amount of \$539,000 decreased surplus by \$539,000. The decrease in surplus of \$539,000 was offset by the net profit from operations of \$14,000 and net profit from Soyuzivka in the amount of \$60,000.

See Exhibit A for detailed analysis of financial statements.

Overview of the Organizing Department for the Year Ended December 31, 2007

The organizing results for 2007 showed a decline in number of policies sold when compared to 2006. 33% of the yearly-organizing quota of 834 new members was attained. Total insurance amount sold was \$7,155,000. In 2006, 40% of the yearly-organizing quota of 854 new members was attained. Total insurance amount sold was \$3,474,000.

Overview of the Organizing Department for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

The organizing result for the period ended June 30, 2008 showed a decrease since

41 less policies were sold than in same period in prior year. 13% of the yearly-organizing quota of 834 new members was attained. The insurance amount for the 112 new member applications sold was \$1,623,000.

Our best three organizers in life insurance premiums for the six months ended June 30, 2008 were Lubov Streletsky, Eugene Gulycz, and Stephan Welhasch. 193 annuities were sold in the six months ended June 30, 2008 with \$5,952,000 in premium with application.

The top three producers in annuity premiums for the six months ended June 30, 2008 were: Kirk Weston, George Herbert and Steve Woch.

Membership Statistics

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the UNA had 37,916 certificate holders with life and ADD policies combined. Only 44% or 16,593 were still active policies; another 21,323 were inactive or paid-up policies. As of the end of June 30, 2008 total membership dropped to 37,332, showing a loss of 584 or 1.54%. The drop is due mostly to death claims.

Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly Subscribers

As of December 31, 2007 Svoboda had 5,259, showing a loss of 323 subscribers for the year. The Ukrainian Weekly had 5,749 subscribers and also lost 113 subscribers. As of June 30, 2008 Svoboda had 5,078 subscribers, showing a loss of 181 subscribers for the six-month period. The Ukrainian Weekly had 5,587 and showing a loss of 162 subscribers. Both papers have been marketed at various festivals and conferences.

Overview of the Financial Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2006

Total income for year ended December 31, 2007 decreased by \$81,000 and total expenses decreased by \$138,000 when compared to the year ended December 31, 2006. The subsidy for the year ended December 31, 2006 was \$296,000 (\$112,000 for Svoboda and \$184,000 for The Ukrainian Weekly), \$57,000 less than for the year ended December 31, 2006 that was \$353,000 (\$192,000 for Svoboda and \$161,000 for The Ukrainian Weekly).

See Exhibit C for detailed income and expense statements.

Overview of the Financial Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

Total income for the six months ended June 30, 2008 when compared to the same period in 2006 had an increase in income of \$56,000 and a decrease in expenses of \$58,000. The net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2008 was higher by \$2,000 when compared to the same period in 2006.

The Ukrainian National Association subsidized both papers in the amount of \$52,000 (\$8,000 for Svoboda and \$44,000 for The Ukrainian Weekly) in 2008 and \$50,000 (\$14,000 for Svoboda and \$36,000 for The Ukrainian Weekly) in 2007 during the six-month periods.

See Exhibit C for a detailed income and expense statements.

SOYUZIVKA**Overview of the Financial Results for the Year Ended December 31, 2007**

Total net loss for year ended December 31, 2007 decreased by \$173,000 from \$635,000 for the year ended December 31, 2006 to \$463,000 for the year ended December 31, 2007.

See Exhibit B for a detailed income and expense statements.

Overview of the Financial Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008

For the six months ended June 30, 2008 Soyuzivka had a profit of \$60,000 and for the six months ended June 30, 2007 Soyuzivka incurred a loss of \$268,000. The decrease between the two six months periods 2008 and 2007 is \$396,000.

See Exhibit B for a detailed income and expense statements for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and the year ended December 31, 2007. See Exhibit B for a detailed income and expense statements.

Ukrainian National Urban Renewal Corporation

See Exhibit D for a complete income statement for the six months ended June 30, 2008 and year ended December 31, 2007 and Exhibit D-1 for a balance sheet as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007. The net income (loss) for the six months ended June 30, 2008 is \$7,000 and for the year ended December 31, 2007 is \$4,423,000. As of June 4, 2007, the Home Office Building was sold for \$11,000,000 at a net profit of \$4,627,000.

See Exhibit D for a detailed income and expense statements and Exhibit D-1 for balance sheet.

CLOSING

In closing, I would like to thank each of my fellow colleagues on the Executive Committee, especially my in-house colleagues Christine Kozak and Roma Lisovich for their dedication, commitment and teamwork. I would also like to thank Editor-in-Chief Roma Hadzewycz for her perseverance and commitment to Ukrainian National Association Publications. I would also like to thank Nestor Paslawsky, General manager of Soyuzivka for his hard work and dedication. I would be remiss in not thanking all the numerous people who volunteered their time and expertise to help the Ukrainian National Association continue its various fraternal activities and to improve the facilities at Soyuzivka. Many thanks to the General Assembly Members who actively promoted the UNA in their respective areas and to all employees who work with dedication for the benefit of the UNA.

EXHIBIT A

Ukrainian National Association, Inc. Statement of Operations For Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 and for Year Ended December 31, 2007

	US & Can. 6/30/08	US & Can. 6/30/07	US & Can. 12/31/07
INCOME			
Dues from members	\$521,760	\$701,898	\$1,375,560
Annuity premiums from members	6,486,301	1,041,225	2,867,888
Dues-Universal Life	56,227	56,456	105,220
Reinsurance premium paid	-22,888	-21,396	-30,882
Net premium income	\$7,041,400	\$1,778,183	\$4,317,786
Investment income (excluding Soyuzivka):			
Banks	\$2,087	\$1,686	\$3,799
Bonds	1,741,449	1,391,256	3,057,766
Certificate loans	8,166	8,399	16,661
Mortgage loans	104,392	104,633	213,355
Short term investments	49,027	25,765	58,006
Stocks	32,794	63,332	186,042
Urban Renewal Corporation-Mortgage	0	70,415	70,415
Interest income accrued			
Total interest and dividend income	\$1,937,916	\$1,665,487	\$3,606,044
Amortization of interest maintenance reserve	\$6,204	\$9,778	\$12,408
Other Income:			
Donation to Fraternal Fund	\$3,688	\$8,185	\$11,618
Dues To/From Adp(CV & PD by UNA)	0	0	-68
Due To The Ukrainian National Foundation	120	-393	0
Total other income	\$3,808	\$7,793	\$11,550
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,989,327	\$3,461,240	\$7,947,788
Deductions for the benefit of members:			
Annuity surrender, partial withdrawal, and death benefits	\$1,403,654	\$1,030,084	\$1,910,548
Cash surrender	209,466	281,088	490,961
Death benefits	629,061	596,704	1,120,516
Endowment matured	272,213	229,309	601,415
Interest and adj on cert. Or depost-type contract funds	97,113	19,238	45,944
Payment on supplementary contracts with life contingencies	12,715	12,715	25,431
Scholarships	0	-150	17,400
	\$2,624,222	\$2,168,988	\$4,212,215
Increase(decrease) in reserve for life and accident and health certificates	\$5,059,332	\$213,527	\$1,826,132
Deducting for organizing:			
Advertising	\$54,928	\$35,083	\$71,316
Field conferences	697	3,116	6,071
Medical inspections & Medical Examiner's fee	5,981	5,905	11,801
Refund of branch secretaries expenses	212,806	99,324	164,492
	\$274,413	\$143,428	\$253,680
Deductions: payroll, insurance and taxes:			
Canadian corporation taxes and premium taxes	\$2,103	\$1,889	\$1,923
Employee benefit plan	94,245	76,426	165,285
Insurance-general	32,065	9,118	19,557
Insurance-workmen's compensation	960	1,321	4,059
Salaries of Executive officers	133,514	128,750	264,354
Salaries of office employees	246,123	228,295	470,482
Taxes-Federal, state and city on employee wages	30,720	41,843	75,832
Total	\$539,730	\$487,642	\$1,001,494
Deductions: General Expenses			
Actuarial and statistical expenses	\$105,437	\$116,979	\$228,333
Annual session expenses	957	362	9,904
Auditing committee expenses	377	1,714	2,054
Bank charges	1,021	251	660
Bank charges for custodian account	6,066	4,133	6,610
Books and periodicals	4,128	5,397	8,895
Certificate loans adjustments	149	-2,281	-2,179
Depreciation of EDP equipment	2,201	858	4,402
Donations	7,150	7,200	11,250
Dues to fraternal congress	4,189	2,860	3,675
Fraternal activities	810	2,756	4,883
Furniture and Fixtures	0	0	0
General office maintenance	14,524	8,883	18,747
Increase in reserve for convention expenses	15,000	15,000	30,000
Increase in reserve for orphan's fund	30	265	243
Increase in reserve for deposits payable	3,611		3,820
Increase (decrease) in reserve for employee benefits			
Increase (decrease) in loading	-342	403	-342
Insurance department fees	35,896	35,770	71,127
Investment expenses	0	-475	-875
Legal expenses general	22,415	73,601	140,988
Operating expenses of Canadian office	14,423	1,590	5,830
Postage	19,850	24,159	37,799

EXHIBIT A (Continued)

Ukrainian National Association, Inc. Statement of Operations For Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 and for Year Ended December 31, 2007

	US & Can. 6/30/08	US & Can. 6/30/07	US & Can. 12/31/07
INCOME (Continued)			
Printing and stationery	14,408	13,926	22,801
Professional fees	70,623	45,793	76,729
Rent	98,286	127,266	262,841
Rental of equipment and services	40,573	34,639	81,259
Telephone and telegraph	5,946	6,949	13,003
Transfer account	-4,428	6,957	-6,280
Traveling expenses-general	2,540	1,456	5,786
Youth sports activities	0	0	1,230
	\$485,838	\$536,411	\$1,043,193
Total deductions	\$8,983,535	\$3,549,996	\$8,336,714
(Net loss) before fraternal benefits	\$5,792	-\$88,756	-\$388,926
Fraternal benefits	44,535	55,882	109,285
Net(Loss) from operations before net realized capital gains (losses)	-\$38,743	-\$144,638	-\$498,211
Net realized capital gains (losses)			
Gain(Loss) on bonds and stocks	53,090	39,966	51,202
Loss on foreign exchange(transfer funds from Canada to US)	-2	0	256
Total capital gain (losses)	53,089	39,966	51,458
(Net loss) from operations	\$14,346	-\$104,672	-\$446,754
Soyuzivka:			
Income	\$592,162	\$392,925	\$1,676,464
Expenses (excluding depreciation)	\$482,826	\$680,816	\$2,040,833
Depreciation	49,188	48,405	98,377
Total expenses	\$532,015	\$729,221	\$2,139,210
(Net loss) from Soyuzivka operations	\$60,148	-\$336,296	-\$462,746
Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly			
Income	\$515,271	\$504,129	\$953,016
Expenses excluding depreciation	\$620,706	\$562,364	\$1,202,291
Depreciation-printing plant	4,951	4,951	9,903
Increase in reserve for unexpired subscriptions	-57,906	-12,768	36,923
Total expenses	\$567,751	\$554,547	\$1,249,117
(Net loss from Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly operations)	-\$52,480	-\$50,418	-\$296,100
(Net loss) from operations including Soyuzivka & Publications	\$22,013	-\$491,386	-\$1,205,600
Change in net unrealized capital gains(losses):			
Common stock	-\$133,687	\$62,548	-\$130,833
Foreign exchange	-205,943	316,041	684,870
Certificate loans	88	-152	-79
Real estate-Soyuzivka	-126,649	42,021	81,221
Interest maintenance reserve	-6,204		-9,780
Net gain (loss)	-\$472,396	\$420,458	\$625,399
Change in nonadmitted assets:			
Unpaid premium-past due 90 days	\$0		-\$1,344
Printing plant-USA	4,951	4,951	9,903
	\$4,951	\$4,951	\$8,559
Change in asset valuation reserve	-\$19,400	\$110,992	\$69,940
Net Income(loss)-Building-UNURC	0	4,460,546	4,422,576
Net change in surplus for the period ended	-\$464,831	\$4,505,562	\$3,920,873
Unassigned surplus, beginning of year	6,772,509	2,851,636	2,851,636
Unassigned surplus, end of period	\$6,307,678	\$7,357,198	\$6,772,509

EXHIBIT A-1

Ukrainian National Association, Inc. ASSETS

	Assets 6/30/08	Assets Not Admitted 6/30/08	Net Admitted Assets 6/30/08	Net Admitted Assets 12/31/07
Bonds	\$62,781,224	\$0	\$62,781,224	\$57,781,692
Stocks:				
Preferred stocks	649,999		649,999	649,999
Common stocks	928,607		928,607	1,062,295
Common stocks-UNURC	137,597		137,597	137,597
Mortgage loans First liens	3,621,056	104,551	3,516,505	3,599,180
Certificate loans and liens	294,915	30	294,885	293,298
Cash and short-term investments	4,573,208		4,573,208	4,328,955
Other invested assets	2,770,903	2,770,903	0	0
Interest maintenance reserve	9,780	9,780	0	0
Subtotal, cash and invested assets	\$75,767,290	\$2,885,264	\$72,882,026	\$67,853,015
Electronic data processing equipment	18,401		18,401	12,696
Life insurance premiums and annuity considerations deferred and uncollected on in force business	52,414	3,018	49,397	49,397
Accident and health premiums due and unpaid	1,086	0	1,086	1,086
Investment income due and accrued	883,746	0	883,746	897,610
Net adjustment in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates	0		0	109,534
Printing plant	21,255	21,255	0	0
Totals	\$76,744,191	\$2,909,536	\$73,834,655	\$68,923,338

EXHIBIT A-1 (Continued)		Ukrainian National Association, Inc. ASSETS	
LIABILITIES, SPECIAL RESERVES AND UNASSIGNED FUNDS			
	Net Admitted Assets 6/30/08	Net Admitted Assets 12/31/07	
Aggregate reserve for life certificates and contracts	\$63,941,240	\$58,880,840	
Aggregate reserve for accident and health certificates	16,693	17,761	
Supplementary contracts without life contingencies	443,222	376,186	
Certificate and contract claims-life	635,285	595,913	
Premiums and annuity considerations received in advance less.....\$ NON discount;	705,428	594,626	
Commissions to fieldworkers due or accrued - life and annuity	27,297	10,896	
General expenses due or accrued	75,956	99,238	
Taxes, licenses and fees due or accrued	126,647	101,595	
Unearned investment income	627	840	
Amounts withheld or retained by Society as agent or trustee	10,165	7,332	
Net adjustment in statements in assets and liabilities due to foreign exchange rates	96,408	0	
Asset valuation reserve	512,950	493,550	
Drafts outstanding	18,266	18,693	
Aggregate write-ins for liabilities	916,792	953,360	
Total liabilities	\$67,526,977	\$62,150,831	
Unassigned funds	6,307,678	6,772,507	
TOTALS	\$73,834,655	\$68,923,337	

EXHIBIT B – Soyuziva Income And Expense Summary For The Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 And For The Year Ended December 31, 2007							
	Six Months Ended June 30, 2008	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2007,		Six Months Ended June 30, 2008	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007	Year Ended December 31, 2007
INCOME				DISBURSEMENTS (Continued)			
Room	\$89,887	\$111,807	\$439,155	Bar Liquor	16,898	18,527	54,966
Room Non - Tax	6,948	8,955	34,871	Bar Misc.	4,520	4,475	15,872
Deposits	27,586	38,240	31,211	Snack Bar Food	0	3,144	24,849
Festival	0	0	20,000	Snack bar Misc.	0	437	4,042
Restaurant Food	92,895	80,889	246,940	Gift Shop	6,788	7,261	29,410
Banquet Food	36,875	11,595	63,102	Kitchen Misc.	770	3,817	14,023
Food Non - Tax	15,500	17,499	119,641	Dining Room	-1,048	8,680	39,614
Gate	1,296	2,380	9,885	Housekeeping	3,203	11,678	46,472
Pool	111	0	3,711	Electric, Gas, Oil	74,258	89,246	168,626
Taxable Misc.	0	27	38	Camps	0	0	42,516
Banquet Bar	14,494	4,334	18,870	Sundries	10,259	12,753	66,104
Main Bar	3,108	4,431	35,766	Maintenance / Repairs	17,231	38,263	86,003
Dining Room Bar	3,801	6,006	14,235	Sanitation	8,064	4,464	11,033
Outdoor Service Bar	8,830	8,915	73,934	Real Estate Tax	25,832	25,202	61,320
Gift Shop	3,629	8,518	48,516	Insurance	44,804	54,874	115,126
Snack Bar	3,681	4,363	51,968	Transportation	2,409	1,425	6,832
Pepsi	0	6	44	Telephone	5,070	7,654	18,770
Non - Tax Misc.	12,350	9,734	9,051	Office Expenses	1,707	4,192	12,264
Rents	5,100	5,100	10,200	Professional Fees	240	428	12,245
Postage	5	9	73	Refunds	150	1,767	3,667
Phone / Fax	0	6	9	Entertainment	7,200	4,500	52,800
Camps	9,604	8,265	95,053	Advertising	2,175	905	6,003
Tennis Camp	0	0	0	Bank charges / Bad chokes	1,902	4,667	32,234
Gratuities	36,892	39,031	141,061	Furniture / Equipment	26,123	4,519	44,142
NY State Sales Tax	20,689	19,462	80,494	Gratuities	0	13,725	78,105
Occupancy tax	1,931	2,271	8,800	NY State Sales Tax	2,279	12,379	97,169
Miscellaneous donation	2,220	3,532	16,648	Payroll & payroll taxes	62,919	204,784	521,567
Redeposited bad checks	1,263	375	375	Employee benefits	16,883	35,543	69,739
Amex Charges	-1,533	-2,825	-22,188	Workmen's compensation	0	427	427
Miscellaneous -Festival	0	0	15,000	Furniture & Fixtures	0	0	2,500
Donations received	195,000	0	130,000	Tips	0	15,200	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$592,162	\$392,925	\$1,676,464	Miscellaneous	1,612	300	395
DISBURSEMENTS				TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$482,826	\$680,816	\$2,047,283
Food	\$1,804	\$85,063	\$281,482	NET PROFIT (LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$109,336	-\$287,891	-\$370,819
Sin catering payroll	42,281	0	0	DEPRECIATION	49,188	48,405	98,377
Sin catering functions	96,490	0	0	NET GAIN (LOSS)	\$60,148	-\$336,296	-\$469,196

**EXHIBIT C – Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly Publications Revenue and Expenses For Six Months Ended
June 30, 2008 and 2007 and for Year Ended December 31, 2007**

	Svoboda	The Ukrainian Weekly	Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 Total	Svoboda	The Ukrainian Weekly	Six Months Ended June 30, 2007 Total	Total Increases (Decreases)	Svoboda	The Ukrainian Weekly	Year Ended Dec. 31, 2007 Total
INCOME:										
Advertising revenue	\$98,747	\$66,885	\$165,632	\$115,187	\$77,477	\$192,663	-\$27,031	\$208,690	\$128,378	\$337,067
Subscriber-members	63,502	56,296	119,797	67,449	61,458	128,907	-9,110	137,410	126,966	264,376
Subscriber-nonmembers	48,233	50,266	98,499	53,451	56,699	110,151	-11,652	112,419	121,617	234,036
Press fund	10,364	12,467	22,831	9,480	13,034	22,514	317	23,171	33,035	56,206
Back-issues	18	31	50	104	87	190	-141	158	263	421
Address change	20	3	23	20	7	27	-4	29	14	43
Misc. income	25,058	26,596	51,655	1,312	1,341	2,653	49,001	1,355	3,036	4,391
Preview of events		1,650	1,650		3,627	3,627	-1,977		7,504	7,504
Income-Almanac	27,946		27,946	29,932		29,932	-1,987	31,259		31,259
Advertising revenue – Almanac(Svoboda), UW 2000	565	0	565	1,770	0	1,770	-1,205	3,884	0	3,884
Books	644		644	532		532	112	1,306		1,306
Misc.	15,377		15,377	792		792	14,585	1,756		1,756
Almanac-PF	10,568		10,568	10,370		10,370	198	10,728		10,728
UW 2000		35	35		0	0	35		30	30
UW 2000 P/F		0	0		0	0	0		10	10
TOTAL cash income	\$301,042	\$214,228	\$515,271	\$290,399	\$213,730	\$504,129	\$11,142	\$532,164	\$420,853	\$953,016
received directly by publications										
Increase (decrease) in income due to amortization of deferred subscription income	26,961	30,946	57,907	7,592	5,177	12,769	45,138	-15,170	-21,753	-36,923
TOTAL INCOME	\$328,003	\$245,174	\$573,178	\$297,991	\$218,907	\$516,897	\$56,281	\$516,993	\$399,100	\$916,094
EXPENSES PAID BY PUBLICATION:							0			
Postage	\$61,363	\$62,493	\$123,856	\$51,000	\$51,000	\$102,000	\$21,856	\$112,041	\$114,285	\$226,325
Printing	53,091	45,453	98,544	38,351	32,252	70,603	27,941	108,256	96,124	204,380
Correspondents	1,205	4,825	6,030	-20	2,325	2,305	3,725	8,173	4,050	12,223
Contract	26,550	32,887	59,437	21,540	7,567	29,107	30,330	42,340	40,510	82,850
Commission	6,908	4,860	11,768	9,163	6,161	15,324	-3,556	16,103	9,985	26,087
Expenses	1,045	545	1,590	1,777	1,127	2,904	-1,314	4,787	3,142	7,929
Misc.	4,423	3,802	8,225	4,470	3,184	7,654	571	8,561	7,557	16,118
Office supplies-60%	1,957	654	2,611	2,466	2,553	5,019	-2,408	4,695	4,783	9,478
Repairs-60%	0	0	0	1,507	1,004	2,511	-2,511	1,507	1,004	2,511
Office expense-60%	2,489	1,652	4,141	1,141	805	1,946	2,195	4,389	3,703	8,092
Correspondent-Almanac	3,740		3,740	4,675		4,675	-935	4,675		4,675
Commission-Almanac	4,450		4,450	877		877	3,573	877		877
Printing-Misc	0		0	10,953		10,953	-10,953	10,953		10,953
Postage-Misc	11,407		11,407	4,620		4,620	6,787	4,620		4,620
Books	-189		-189	-15		-15	-174	-15		-15
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID BY PUBLICATION	\$178,439	\$157,171	\$335,610	\$152,504	\$107,978	\$260,483	\$75,128	\$331,961	\$285,142	\$617,103
EXPENSES PAID BY UNA:							0			
Salaries and Payroll Taxes	\$115,387	\$101,036	\$216,423	\$114,597	\$112,635	\$227,232	-\$10,809	\$203,264	\$229,652	\$432,915
Workmens compensation (allocated)	0	0	0	395	459	854	-854	460	536	996
Employee benefits allocated from UNA	32,943	26,490	59,433	32,489	26,996	59,485	-52	62,404	48,167	110,571
Miscellaneous Svoboda expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	400
Telephone-allocated – 65% & 35 %	1,950	1,050	3,000	1,950	1,050	3,000	0	3,900	2,100	6,000
Postage-paid by UNA	4,226	2,391	6,617	8,280	4,618	12,898	-6,281	16,565	8,679	25,244
TOTAL EXPENSES PAID BY UNA	154,507	130,966	285,473	157,711	145,757	303,468	-17,995	286,793	289,334	576,126
Depreciation-60% & 40%	2,971	1,982	4,952	2,971	1,982	4,952	0	5,942	3,962	9,904
Accruals-Net	-189	-189	-377	-794	-794	-1,587	1,210	4,531	4,531	9,062
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$335,728	\$289,930	\$625,658	\$312,393	\$254,923	\$567,316	\$58,343	\$629,227	\$582,968	\$1,212,195
NET INCOME (LOSS)	-\$7,725	-\$44,756	-\$52,481	-\$14,402	-\$36,016	-\$50,418	-\$2,062	-\$112,233	-\$183,868	-\$296,101

EXHIBIT D – UNURC Income Statement For Six Months Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007 And The Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Six Months Ended 6/30/08	Six Months Ended 6/30/07	Year Ended 12/31/07
INCOME			
Rental Income	\$0	\$574,298	\$578,507
Electric reimbursements	0	39,777	39,777
Interest Income	-231	36,364	130,582
Net profit from sale of Building	0	4,626,558	4,626,558
	-\$231	\$5,276,996	\$5,375,424
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Accounting	\$7,000	\$8,010	\$8,010
Bank Service Charge	35	240	567
Commissions	0	293,369	293,369
Depreciation Expense-Building	0	58,425	58,425
Depreciation expenses-F&F	0	0	0
Donations	0	100	100
Employee Benefits	0	3,525	3,048
Elevator Maintenance	0	2,658	2,658
Heat & A/C Maintenance	0	22,528	22,528
Insurance	0	32,014	34,963
Interest expenses-UNA Mort	0	70,415	70,415
Interest expenses-UNA Memb	0	72,209	140,365
Janitorial Services	0	21,664	18,467
Management Fee	0	23,711	92,305
Maintenance & Supplies	0	25,060	25,106
Permits & Fees	0	380	380
Postage & Travel	0	712	712
Professional Fees	0	1,750	1,750
Rubbish Removal	0	3,169	3,169
Salaries	0	10,807	10,807
Security Guard Services	0	2,081	2,081
Taxes-Payroll	0	965	965
Taxes-Real Estate	0	68,238	66,088
Utilities	0	80,375	80,375
Water & Sewer	0	14,045	16,195
	\$7,035	\$816,450	\$952,848
NET INCOME	-\$7,266	\$4,460,546	\$4,422,576

EXHIBIT D-1 – UNURC Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007

Assets	6/30/08	12/31/07
Current Assets		
Cash in Bank-Summit-Checking	-\$4,846	-\$17,846
Cash in Bank-Self Reliance UA FCU-Checking	14,304	27,493
Cash in Bank-Self Reliance UA FCU-Savings	141	5
Rents receivable and Prepaid Expenses	30,965	37,692
Misc.	-486	0
Sundry Receivable	75,000	75,000
	\$115,078	\$122,344
Other Assets		
Escrow Deposit	15,000	15,000
Total Assets	\$130,078	\$137,344
Liabilities and Deficiency in Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Misc.	-\$253	-\$253
	-253	-253
Net Assets		
Balance at Beginning of Year	\$137,597	\$1,205,964
Net (loss) profit	-7,266	4,422,576
Withdrawal of capital	0	-5,490,943
Net deficiency in Assets at End of Period	\$130,331	\$137,597
Total Liabilities and Net deficiency in Net Assets	\$130,078	\$137,344

**Звіт першого заступника Предсідника УНСоюзу
Зенона Голубця**

Як член ексекютиви я брав участь у засіданні цього тіла 15-го вересня на Союзівці, а відтак у пленумі головного уряду 15-го й 16-го вересня 2007 р. Я також брав участь у засіданні ексекютиви 28-го березня 2008 р. у головному бюро в Парсипані.

На усіх засіданнях я брав активну участь у дискусіях і рішеннях, ділившись своїми думками й порадами, що я уважав були на добро Українського Народного Союзу. Зокрема, на засіданні ексекютиви 15-го вересня 2007 р. я висловив незадоволення, що члени ексекютиви поза межами головного бюро є мало інформовані про рішення домашніх ексекютивів, в імені цілої ексекютиви. Було обіцяно, що всі члени ексекютиви будуть періодично інформовані електронічною поштою про прогрес проєктів, якими займається ексекютива. З огляду на це, що засідання ексекютиви



Зенон Голубець

скликано тільки один раз поміж пленарними зібраннями Головного Уряду, таких періодичних інформацій було замало.

У березні ц.р. я брав участь у річних загальних зборах клівлендської округи як секретар відділу й представник головного уряду УНС. Я інформував присутніх секретарів про діяльність ексекютиви, як і про поточні справи, що торкаються проєктів над якими ексекютива працює. В Клівлендській округі я займаю позицію секретаря 102-го й 358-го відділів. За звітний час я приєднав п'ятьох нових членів.

Перший заступник предсідника УНС, Зенон Голубець придбав 5 нових членів за цей звітний час.

**Report of UNA Second Vice-President
Michael Koziupa**

Michael Koziupa

The Executive Board consists of three full-time employees (President, Treasurer and Secretary), and 3 volunteer members (First and Second Vice-Presidents and the Director of Canada operations).

I have attended all the Executive Board meetings. In my capacity as Second Vice-President, I have the opportunity to advise and to input ideas; to be a new set of eyes; to help approach situations from a different perspective. My responsibility is to bring a new perspective based on my over 30 years of being involved in a number of Ukrainian American community organizations and institutions, as well as my educational business background, and my varied practical experience in the business world.

I take every opportunity, at whatever function I attend, to promote the interests of the UNA and its members. On many occasions I have attended functions at the Consulate of Ukraine in New York City, and at the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations. I have been appointed by the Governor to be a member of the New Jersey Ethnic Advisory Council, and I attend their meetings and represent Ukrainian Americans in New Jersey on the Council. In my role on the Advisory Council, I underscore my position as Second Vice-President of the UNA and the value of the UNA and its long history in the state of New Jersey. I have stressed the UNA's importance in the past, as well as the present, not only to Ukrainian Americans, but also to all Americans in New Jersey.

This year continues to be a major transition period, as I had stated in my last report. The 21st century brings us new challenges. 'What does not evolve and adapt, can not survive.'

We have seen major internal changes in the past year. Some hard decisions had to be made for the benefit of all of our insurance policy holders. We are confident that we are on the right road to make sure the UNA will continue to be a strong and profitable insurance institution. We accept as our responsibility as a fraternal insurance company, to continue to offer fraternal benefits to our members. We also recognize our obligations to the Ukrainian American community as a whole.

Let us all be representatives for the UNA. Let us remind our friends of the value of the UNA. Let us work hard to make sure that "Bat'ko Soyuz" continues to be recognized as an important, valuable, and necessary organization in the Ukrainian community.

UNA Second Vice-President, Michael Koziupa, did not sign up any members during this reporting period.

**Звіт Директора для Канади УНСоюзу
Мирона Гроха**

Мирон Грох

Мій звіт охоплює час від початку вересня 2007 року, по кінець серпня 2008 року.

В тому часі я брав участь в нарадах Ексекютивного Комітету Українського Народного Союзу. Один раз особисто, а один раз 28 березня 2008 року через телефон.

Також мав нагоду репрезентувати УНСоюз на 55-й річниці ювілею священства нашого довголітнього секретаря, і також бувшого Директора на Канаду, всесвітлішого Отця Мирона Стасіва в неділю, 9 грудня 2007 року.

Рівночасно тримав контакт і переговори з секретарями Торонтської округи, яка вже майже не існує, бо нема кому її очолити.

Думка в мене була, і далі є, щоб злучити Ніагарську округу з Торонтською, але то буде залежати від Головного уряду, щоб скликати всіх секретарів з Торонто і Ніагари в Торонто. Більше на цю тему поговоримо на наших нарадах. Як секретар, старюсь виконувати свої обов'язки, і по зможі приєднувати нових членів.

На закінчення мого звіту я складаю найщирішу подяку членам Головної Ексекютиви, зокрема складаю щирю подяку для Головної секретарки, організаторки, Окружним комітетам Канади і Америки, як рівнож усім працюючим секретарям, що причинились до придбання нових членів для розбудови нашого Батька Союзу.

Директор для Канади УНСоюзу, Мирон Грох, придбав 3 нових членів за цей звітний час.

**Report of UNA National Secretary
Christine E. Kozak**

Christine E. Kozak

The Ukrainian National Association's adopted slogan – UNA and the Community; Partners for Life, is steeped in much history beginning over 100 years ago in 1894 in the State of Pennsylvania. This slogan encompasses what UNA was, is and continues to be. From its humble beginnings of helping coal miners bury those who perished in the mines to supporting the Ukrainian American community since 1894 and still going strong. As a fraternal organization the UNA not only supports its members with various benefits but the UNA supports the Ukrainian American, Ukrainian Canadian communities and supports many projects and causes in Ukraine.

Through the sales of life insurance and annuity products UNA is able to provide benefits to its members and non-members alike. Individuals insured through the UNA or who have purchased an annuity are more than

just "policy holders." They are members of an organization whose membership affords special benefits.

UNA's fraternal benefits are varied; one of the benefits UNA members and non members alike utilize are UNA's publications. The Ukrainian National Association publishes the Ukrainian language weekly newspaper "Svoboda" and the English language newspaper, "The Ukrainian Weekly." Both newspapers have a world wide circulation, the majority of subscribers being in the U.S. and Canada. UNA members receive the publications at a discounted rate.

Many members and non-members continue to visit and experience the wonderful Ukrainian Heritage Center at Soyuzivka located in the Catskill Mountains of New York State. Both young and old have a chance to participate in various reunions, summer camps and dance camps for the youth, festivals, meeting old friends or making new ones. UNA members receive discounted rates. Other benefits range from Scriptsave, a prescription drug discount card accepted in over 55,000 pharmacies nationwide to Hertz rent a car discounts. Additional benefits include a scholarship program, Guaranteed Issue Life Insurance and discounts for pre-paying your life insurance or endowment policy.

The publications and the Heritage Center at Soyuzivka, are the most popular benefits provided to the community and are supported by the sale of life insurance policies, endowments and annuities purchased by UNA members. For over 114 years the UNA has actively supported the community by selling solid, affordable, straightforward life insurance products and annuities and we must continue to do so. The various UNA life insurance products are designed to fulfill the financial needs of our members without too much cost.

From our permanent life insurance to our term life plans, endowment policies to our annuities, the UNA is still here 114 years later continuing to help protect members' financial future.

Advertising

The UNA has increased the marketing of products by increasing ad space in UNA's publications of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, expanded advertising in other newspapers including popular 4th wave papers. The UNA added radio ads in new market areas and redesigned marketing material. The UNA is also partnering with churches to place ads in church bulletins listing the branch secretaries names and telephone numbers for contact and increased UNA product presentations at outlet sources. The UNA is utilizing more direct marketing to increase the sales of Home Office agents.

UNA SURPASSES \$6,000,000 IN ANNUITY SALES

Production

Year 2007 saw an increase in the production of both life insurance and annuities. Premium income for life insurance for 2007 was \$234,477 as compared to same time 2006 of \$142,272. Premium income for annuities for year 2007 was \$2,867,888 as compared to same time 2006 \$914,958. The top three producers of life insurance premiums for year 2007 are:

Eugene Oscislowski,	\$12,960.71
Lubov Streletsky	12,604.13
Valentina Kaploun	12,460.73

Mr. Eugene Oscislowski is an Advisor on the UNA General Assembly and secretary of Branch 234, Flemington, N.J.

Mrs. Lubov Streletsky is an Advisor on the UNA General Assembly and secretary of Branch 10, Philadelphia, Pa.

Valentina Kaploun is secretary of Branch 269 and a UNA Home Office employee, Parsippany, N.J.

Congratulations to these three individuals for an outstanding job and congratulations to all of UNA's producers. Yours is not an easy assignment and your hard work is very much appreciated.

The top three annuity producers are:

Kirk Weston	\$271,998.20
Steve Woch	226,227.52
Joseph Zapach	244,037.87

Mr. Weston and Mr. Zapach are independent agents in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Steve Woch is a UNA agent and a UNA Home Office employee, Parsippany, N.J.

Congratulations, on a terrific job. We wish you a prosperous 2008.

Each year the Ukrainian National Association rewards the districts for their production in new business. In keeping with tradition, the following 3 districts sold the most policies for year 2007:

	<u>Policy Count</u>	<u>Face Amount</u>	<u>Quota Achieved</u>
Northern NJ	51	\$1,156,000	51%
Cleveland	26	\$ 252,000	104%
New York	25	\$1,691,000	26%

The top three states to produce the most new business in life insurance and annuity premiums combines for year 2007:

	<u>Life Premiums</u>	<u>Annuities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pennsylvania	\$22,212.33	\$874,490.77	\$896,703.10
New Jersey	40,832.90	564,624.38	605,457.28
Michigan	1,918.45	405,363.10	407,281.55

For this reporting period, January 1 – June 30, 2008, life insurance premium income was \$574,444.76. The twenty payment life policy continues to be the most widely sold permanent insurance plan with a face amount of \$465,000 sold in this reporting period.

The top producers in life insurance premiums for the first six months of 2008 are:

Lubov Streletsky	\$7,980.84
Eugene Gulycz	3,583.70
Stephan Welhasch	2,337.30

Mrs. Streletsky is an Advisor on the UNA General Assembly and secretary of Branch 10, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Gulycz is secretary of Branch 12, Waterford, Conn.

Mr. Welhasch is district chairman of the New Jersey District, a UNA agent and Home Office employee, Parsippany, N.J.

UNA's annuities have sold well this reporting period totaling \$6,486,301.74 in annuity premium income for the first six month of 2008. UNA's 1 year annuity and 5 year annuity comprise a larger percentage of UNA annuities sold, 37% and 49% respectively.

The top three producers in annuity premiums for the first six months of 2008 are:

Kirk Weston	\$985,068
George Hebert	875,052
Steve Woch	619,890

Mr. Weston and Mr. Hebert are independent agents in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Steve Woch is a UNA agent and a UNA Home Office employee, Parsippany, N.J.

Throughout the year the UNA holds several contests or sales blitzes as an incentive for higher production. The last quarter of each year UNA holds an Annual Life Insurance Awareness contest. In September 2007 the UNA began the 4th Annual life Insurance Awareness Blitz which is for the UNA branch secretaries and /or organizers. The winners of the blitz were:

1st place	Eugene Oscislowski – an Advisor on the UNA General Assembly and secretary of Branch 234, Flemington, N.J.
2nd place	Stefanie Hawryluk – secretary of Branch 88, Kerhonson, N.Y.
3rd place	Joe Chabon – chairman of the Shamokin district and secretary of Branch 242, Frackville, Pa.

Congratulations to our winners and to all who participated. We appreciate your contribution.

January 1, 2008 began the GO FOR THE PLATINUM campaign which ended August 31, 2008. Final results to be announced.

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	<u>Policy Count</u>	<u>Face Amount</u>	<u>Quota Achieved</u>
Cleveland	24	\$ 305,000	96%
Philadelphia	16	353,000	11%
Northern NJ	13	170,000	13%

The top three states to produce the most new business in life insurance and annuity premiums combines for year 2007:

	<u>Life Premiums</u>	<u>Annuities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Pennsylvania	\$15,680.74	\$3,569,154.45	\$3,584,835.19
New Jersey	24,186.28	1,568,440.30	1,592,626.58
Connecticut	12,400.12	370,461.56	382,961.68

UNA Branches and Districts

As a fraternal organization, the UNA must have a branch or lodge system form of government. Currently the Ukrainian National Association is comprised of 169 branches, 152 in the United States and 17 in Canada. The branches are organized into districts-19 districts in the U.S. and 4 Canadian districts. The purpose of the districts is to unite all branches within the district. The districts represent the branches, and involvement in the local community is key to reaching out to members and potential UNA members.

An extremely important aspect of the districts is their sharing of information about the UNA, it's purpose, and it's products to the local community. This exposure helps to familiarize the community with the UNA and how the UNA can go about helping individuals and families protect their financial future. It is also the responsibility of the district to aid their branches and help them carry out the obligations as prescribed in the By-Laws of the association.

November 8, 2007, the Detroit district along with Ukrainian Self Reliance Michigan Federal Credit Union organized a seminar for the Ukrainian community which included representatives from UNA Christine E. Kozak and Oksana Trytjak, Ukrainian Self Reliance Michigan Federal Reliance Credit Union, and law professionals specializing in probate law and finances for the elderly.

The New York district organized two events for the community; a district meeting where UNA also made a presentation and a second meeting showing the film "Helm of Destiny" a film documenting the Ukrainian immigration as it is tied to the founding, formation and existence of the UNA.

The UNA has also made it's presence known by attending and participating in various community festivals and functions. It is vital for the UNA branches and districts to represent the UNA in their communities to share information about the UNA,

about its products and teach how the UNA can help protect their family's financial future.

The UNA continued its tradition and for the fourth consecutive year has mailed Gift Packages to Ukrainian/American service personnel overseas during the Christmas Season. The UNA encourages all members to forward the addresses of service personnel that are stationed overseas and we will happily mail them a Gift Package from the UNA. This is but a small thank you to a tremendous job done by our men and women in uniform.

The UNA Executive and its membership bid farewell to the following persons:

Wolodymyr Bilyk, secretary of former Branch 170 for 24 years, Jersey City, N.J. died December 22, 2007.

Katherine Panchesin, secretary of former Branch 378 for 26 years, Woodbine N.J. died December 27, 2007.

Helen Slovik, secretary of Branch 7 for over 54 years, McAdoo, Pa., died January 25, 2008

Stefan W. Hawrysz, Honorary Member of the UNA General Assembly, former Supreme Advisor of the Ukrainian National Association, Former Supreme Organizer, former Chairman of the UNA Auditing Committee, former Chairman of the Philadelphia District former secretary of Branch 83, Philadelphia, Pa., after 54 years of service to the UNA, died on May 5, 2008.

Lew Bodnar, secretary of Branch 131, Chicago, Ill., died August 24, 2008

We will miss them all! Vichna Yim Pamyiat

Agency Building

Recruitment of agents is a constantly revolving door process. The UNA has been working on developing a core group of independent agents who will write UNA business on a consistent basis. An environment of trust is being developed between the UNA, the agents, and those who service the agents.

As part of UNA's business plan, selling annuity products is being used as the catalyst for agent recruitment. Following the historic experience of other fraternal, annuity business leads to the writing of life insurance business which is the ultimate goal.

The key elements in agency building are the recruitment of agents and increased marketing. Along with redesigning of recruitment ads, quick turnaround, personalized customer service and keeping the name of UNA in the forefront, year end 2007 showed an overall increase in new annuity business income by 22% over year 2006. The first six months of 2008 show an increase in new annuity business income over year end 2007 by 42%. The percentages are not taking into consideration any renewals or additional deposits made by members during the year.

65% of the total amount of annuity premium collected with applications comes from UNA traditional states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. However, there is increased production from the non-traditional states of Connecticut, Delaware, Florida Illinois, Michigan and Ohio due to the increased number of agents in those states.

UNA products

Effective March 1, 2008, UNA began its Loyal Member Program for those members that rollover their short term annuity into another short term annuity by rewarding them with an additional .25% interest. This is the UNA's way of saying "Thank You" and showing appreciation to our members for purchasing our products and continuing their support for this organization.

The 2001 CSO products will be rolling out at the end of 2008. This means all of

UNA's policies are being converted to policies with new rates. The conversion process and filing of new products is an extremely long, tedious and time consuming process. Each product must undergo an approval process in each state where the UNA is licensed. The plans will be offered once the entire portfolio is complete.

Due to the strong interest voiced by members, agents and potential members, the Ukrainian National Association is adding on two new products to its sales portfolio; the Twenty Year Term and the Immediate Annuity. The Twenty Year Term rates remain the same for the twenty years, the policy is convertible to a permanent life insurance policy without evidence of insurability and will include a return of premium rider. The Immediate Annuity is available to members who wish to begin receiving an immediate income at competitive interest rates. Information on these and all products will be forthcoming.

The new rates for all plans are based on the 2001 CSO Mortality Table calculated to age 121. The rates will be on 4 separate tables divided into Male/Female/Non-Tobacco/Tobacco. Beside rate changes, other changes have been made in some of UNA's plans in order to comply with regulations and/or make to the product more attractive.

The UNA will continue to sell the following products, albeit some tweaking:

Permanent life

Whole Life
Life Paid up to Age 100
Twenty Pay Life
Single Premium Life

Endowments

Twenty Year Endowment-Present maximum is age 60-will offer to age 80 Endowment to age 18

Term:

5 & 10 year term
20 Year term with return of premium rider
Juvenile Term to age 23 is changing to Juvenile Term to age 30

The Premier Life and Millenium 2 will be addressed at a later time.

With the rate changes, the policy changes and regulatory requirements it is necessary to make certain contract changes. The free look period has been extended, the suicide and incontestability clause has changed and various clauses have been added or eliminated depending on the state where the policy is purchased. Since some of the contracts are state specific all UNA contracts for life insurance will be computer generated. Annuity contracts have been computer generated since 2002.

Thank you to all for the hard work, diligence and persistence as exhibited by the UNA staff at the Home Office to the Branch Secretary to the Field Agent, Advisors of the General Assembly and the Executive Committee to the UNA members for your loyalty and support.

Year 2007 and 2008 have seen very positive signs for UNA and it is exciting to be part of UNA's history. In today's financial uncertainty, UNA's annuity sales are surpassing previous years' productions and are a shining light amongst the roller coaster market. It does however, take a concerted effort from members of the UNA to the Ukrainian American and Ukrainian Canadian community, to come together and work toward a common goal of supporting each other continuing to foster the fraternal and the Ukrainian spirit of community, for

**UNA AND THE COMMUNITY;
PARTNERS FOR LIFE!**

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC. – Agent Life and Annuity Premium Recap Report

New Business – CWA Collected Only – January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

Name	Life	Face Amt	AnnI Prem	Sgl Prm	Life Premium	Annuity	Premium	Life & Annuity
Woch, Steve	3	15,000	349.60	310.00	659.60	4	226,227.52	226,887.12
Welhasch, Stephan	4	560,000	1,338.80	620.00	1,958.80	2	55,000.00	56,958.80
Platosz, Adam						1	42,599.99	42,599.99
Salabay, Nadia	11	210,344	1,906.37		1,906.37	2	18,202.86	20,109.23
Paschen, Gloria	3	30,000	369.60		369.60	3	15,000.00	15,369.60
Hawryluk, Judy	1	56,000		4,510.00	4,510.00	4	9,633.00	14,143.00
**Oscislowski, Eugene	29	404,000	3,970.71	8,990.00	12,960.71			12,960.71
**Streletsky, Lubov	17	376,000	8,844.13	3,760.00	12,604.13			12,604.13
Kaploun, Valentina	20	1,077,999	7,729.73	4,731.00	12,460.73			12,460.73
Trytjak, Oksana	9	228,000	3,746.35	7,562.00	11,308.35	1	1,000.00	12,308.35
**Pylypiak, Myron	12	111,000	6,550.49	1,120.00	7,670.49			7,670.49
Brodyn, Christine	1	20,000		2,320.00	2,320.00	2	3,000.00	5,320.00
**Fil, Nicholas	7	150,000	4,865.30		4,865.30			4,865.30
Chabon, Joseph	5	120,000	393.40		393.40	1	4,000.00	4,393.40
**Serba, Eugene						3	3,500.00	3,500.00
Karachewsky, Helen	2	55,000	74.50	3,185.00	3,259.50			3,259.50
**Horbaty, Gloria	4	17,000	352.05	2,823.00	3,175.05			3,175.05
Bilchuk, Nina	5	132,000	1,404.07	1,686.00	3,090.07			3,090.07
Stanko, Oksana	6	60,000	2,878.30		2,878.30			2,878.30
**Lew, Maya	11	980,000	2,729.65		2,729.65			2,729.65
Holowatyj, John	6	45,000	647.05	1,820.00	2,467.05			2,467.05
Slovik, William	1	100,000	2,257.00		2,257.00			2,257.00
Milanytch, Mortia	1	5,000	179.15		179.15	1	2,000.00	2,179.15
Kotch, Joyce	6	335,000	1,989.65		1,989.65			1,989.65
Gulycz, Eugene	4	60,000	1,929.84		1,929.84			1,929.84

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UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC. – Agent Life and Annuity Premium Recap Report
New Business – CWA Collected Only – January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

Name	Life	Face Amt	Annl Prem	Sgl Prm	Life Premium	Annuity	Premium	Life & Annuity
Banach, Joe	6	46,000	931.90	840.00	1,771.90			1,771.90
Matiash, Eli	6	65,000	1,433.00		1,433.00			1,433.00
Hawryluk, Stephanie	8	60,000	641.40	660.00	1,301.40			1,301.40
Szeremeta, Lubomira	1	20,000	1,247.86		1,247.86			1,247.86
Hawryluk, Joseph						1	1,245.00	1,245.00
Luszczak, Myron	4	70,000	890.50		890.50			890.50
Kuzio, Myron	3	25,000	873.80		873.80			873.80
Romanyshyn, Basil	1	15,000	204.15	600.00	804.15			804.15
Maruszczak, Olga	3	25,000	662.15		662.15			662.15
Prinko, Paul	1	500,000	650.00		650.00			650.00
Lonyszyn, Sophie	2	15,000	628.10		628.10			628.10
Napora, Vera	1	10,000		600.00	600.00			600.00
Olenchuk, Alice	13	67,000	564.70		564.70			564.70
Lawrin, Alexandra	2	20,000	550.60		550.60			550.60
Turko, Michael S	4	20,000	522.80		522.80			522.80
Krywyj, Vira	4	130,000	481.20		481.20			481.20
Lopatynsky, Oksana	1	5,000	435.95		435.95			435.95
Kaczaraj, Swiat	2	10,000	435.10		435.10			435.10
Lysko, Martha	2	10,000	423.95		423.95			423.95
Staruch, Lon	1	10,000	418.00		418.00			418.00
Tsvyakh, Miroslava	1	49,000	373.39		373.39			373.39
Lysiak, Stefan	2	10,000	39.75	330.00	369.75			369.75
Maryniuk, Andrew	1	10,000	354.30		354.30			354.30
Hawrylcw Peter	1	10,000	352.00		352.00			352.00
**Holubec, Zenon	1	5,000		310.00	310.00			310.00
Diakowsky, Nicholas	3	15,000	296.60		296.60			296.60
Boland, Genet	1	10,000	228.60		228.60			228.60
Kotlar, Julian	1	5,000	219.80		219.80			219.80
Shumylo, Lyubov	4	100,000	212.25		212.25			212.25
Podoliuk, Bohdan	1	100,000	181.00		181.00			181.00
Bodnar, Lew	1	100,000	165.00		165.00			165.00
Miahky, Natalie	2	50,000	160.25		160.25			160.25
Borovitcky, Annabelle	3	15,000	82.20		82.20			82.20
Kuropas, Roman	1	10,000	49.70		49.70			49.70
Redko, Alex	1	5,000	28.40		28.40			28.40
UNA						45	381,408.37	381,408.37
Total	257	6,764,343	69,244.14	46,777.00	116,021.14	70	762,816.74	878,837.88

Name	Life	Face Amt	Annual Premium	Single Premium	Life Premium	Annuity	Premium	Life & Annuity
CANADA								
Burij, Anna	1	49,000	73.51		73.51			73.51
Smal, Emelia	1	5,000	605.80		605.80			605.80
Dolnycky, Alexandra	4	25,000	149.75	1,750.00	1,899.75			1,899.75
Groch, Myron	4	60,000	545.05		545.05			545.05
Total	10	139,000	1,374.11	1,750.00	3,124.11			3,124.11
FIELD AGENT								
Weston, Kirk						10	271,998.20	271,998.20
Zapach, Joseph						4	244,037.87	244,037.87
Hordubay Sr., Edward						4	201,012.68	201,012.68
Grant, Joe	1	15,000	1,977.75		1,977.75	2	72,385.74	74,363.49
Zahn, Nathan						3	65,245.78	65,245.78
Neukam, Eldon						1	50,000.00	50,000.00
Kroll, Gail						8	49,422.25	49,422.25
Hopster, Donald						2	36,168.96	36,168.96
Conroy, Michael						1	33,000.00	33,000.00
Shouey, Brenda						1	19,000.00	19,000.00
Petrucci, Mary						1	17,632.58	17,632.58
Dochinez, Peter						1	16,809.44	16,809.44
Story, William						1	5,000.00	5,000.00
Waters Insurance LLC						2	3,970.09	3,970.09
Steingart, Sidney						1	2,000.00	2,000.00
Reeves, Gary	4	85,000	524.90		524.90			524.90
Total	5	100,000	2,502.65		2,502.65	42	1,087,683.59	1,090,186.24
Grand Total	272	7,003,343	73,120.90	48,527.00	121,647.90	112	1,850,500.33	1,972,148.23
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UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC. – Agent Life and Annuity Premium Recap Report
 New Business – CWA Collected Only – January - December 2008

Name	Life	Face Amount	Annual Premium	Sgl Premium	Life Premium	Annuity	Premium	Life & Annuity
Woch, Steve	3	75,000	549.75		549.75	13	619,890.00	620,439.75
Welhasch, Stephan	6	165,000	1,437.30	900.00	2,337.30	14	410,060.00	412,397.30
Trytjak, Oksana						7	278,494.00	278,494.00
Ciapka, Lydia						3	235,000.00	235,000.00
Stanko, Oksana	3	35,000	649.05		649.05	13	218,599.00	219,248.05
Hawryluk, Judith						15	117,574.00	117,574.00
Chabon, Joseph	1	25,000	217.50		217.50	1	21,909.00	22,126.50
Kuzio, Myron	4	25,000	676.55		676.55	2	17,000.00	17,676.55
Bilchuk, Nina						4	14,061.00	14,061.00
Romanyshyn, Basil						1	10,000.00	10,000.00
***Streletsky, Lubov	6	53,000	3,005.84	4,975.00	7,980.84			7,980.84
Gulycz, Eugene	6	30,000	1,043.70	2,540.00	3,583.70			3,583.70
Drich, Maria						1	3,000.00	3,000.00
Hawryluk, Joseph						1	3,000.00	3,000.00
***Oscislawski, Eugene	6	56,000	1,783.10		1,783.10	1	1,000.00	2,783.10
Salabay, Nadia	4	45,000	2,610.30		2,610.30			2,610.30
Kaploun, Valentina	7	145,000	1,446.40		1,446.40	1	1,000.00	2,446.40
***Pylypiak, Myron	3	30,000	1,795.00		1,795.00			1,795.00
***Holubec, Zenon	5	25,000		1,500.00	1,500.00			1,500.00
Boyd, Barbara	2	20,000		1,200.00	1,200.00			1,200.00
***Lew, Maya	3	80,000	1,182.00		1,182.00			1,182.00
***Fil, Nicholas	4	40,000	527.10	600.00	1,127.10			1,127.10
***Horbaty, Gloria	1	20,000	916.60		916.60			916.60
Matias, Eli	5	25,000	343.55	300.00	643.55			643.55
Staruch, Longin	1	10,000		600.00	600.00			600.00
Fedorijczuk, George	3	35,000	435.80		435.80			435.80
Kotch, Joyce	3	35,000	425.60		425.60			425.60
Godfrey, Rodney	1	5,000		300.00	300.00			300.00
Danyliw, Jurij	1	5,000	219.80		219.80			219.80
Luszczak, Myron	1	5,000	176.55		176.55			176.55
Koziak, Oksana	1	5,000	174.80		174.80			174.80
Diakiwsky, Nicholas	1	10,000	161.10		161.10			161.10
Maruszczak, Olga	2	50,000	160.25		160.25			160.25
Boland, Genet	1	30,000	149.10		149.10			149.10
Krywyj, Vira	1	50,000	137.50		137.50			137.50
Banach, Joseph	1	5,000	125.75		125.75			125.75
Majkut, Stephania	1	25,000	80.73		80.73			80.73
Platosz, adam	1	25,000	78.25		78.25			78.25
Karachewsky, Helen	1	50,000	74.50		74.50			74.50
Total	89	1,239,000	20,583.47	12,915.00	33,498.47	77	1,950,587.00	1,984,085.47

Name	Life	Face Amount	Annual Premium	Sgl Premium	Life Premium	Annuity	Premium	Life & Annuity
				CANADA				
Dolnycky, Alexandra	1	5,000	170.45		170.45			170.45
Home Office	2	30,000	809.90		809.90			809.90
Total	3	35,000	980.35		980.35			980.35
				FIELD AGENT				
Weston, Kirk						20	985,068.00	985,068.00
Hebert, George						19	875,052.00	875,052.00
Hopster, Donald						14	234,000.00	234,000.00
Demarco, Darryl						5	212,760.00	212,760.00
Bendetti, Robert						4	210,000.00	210,000.00
Grant, Joseph	5	85,000	401.55		401.55	2	192,369.00	192,770.55
Zakrocky, Frank						2	190,975.00	190,975.00
Storey, William						2	101,000.00	101,000.00
Sipala, Jr., Paul						1	85,143.00	85,143.00
Dochinez, Peter						2	84,765.00	84,765.00
Strenchock, John						1	79,920.00	79,920.00
Zahn, Nathan						4	69,652.00	69,652.00
Zapach, Joseph						2	60,837.00	60,837.00
Daniels, Terry						4	59,979.00	59,979.00
Chavez, Carlos						3	55,768.00	55,768.00
Manz, John						13	55,090.00	55,090.00
Auria, Rodney						1	55,000.00	55,000.00
Shoey, Brenda						3	39,408.00	39,408.00
Neukam, Eldon						1	31,778.00	31,778.00
Salluzzo, Frank						1	25,000.00	25,000.00
D'Intino, Joseph						1	25,000.00	25,000.00
Steingart, Sidney						4	21,000.00	21,000.00
Hordubay, Sr., Edward						2	13,500.00	13,500.00
Maranto, Sam						2	9,950.00	9,950.00
Reeves, Gary	13	277,369	1,252.25		1,252.25			1,252.25
Wike, Jack						1	1,000.00	1,000.00
Devito, Dominic	1	10,000	639.90		639.90			639.90
Total	19	372,369	2,293.70		2,293.70	114	3,774,014.00	3,776,307.70
Grand Total	111	1,646,369	23,857.52	12,915.00	36,772.52	191	5,724,601.00	5,760,393.00
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UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION									
New policies & annuities issued from 01/01/2007 to 12/31/2007									
UNA+AGENTS				UNA			INDEPENDENT AGENTS		
	Number	Face amount	Ann. prem.	Number	Face amount	Ann.prem.	Number	Face amount	Ann.prem.
WSP	44	389,000.00	52,837.00	44	389,000.00	52,837.00			
WL	18	309,000.00	12,931.90	18	309,000.00	12,931.90			
P-20	75	672,000.00	10,754.69	74	662,000.00	10,658.79	1	10,000.00	95.90
P-65	14	152,000.00	6,921.89	14	152,000.00	6,921.69			
T-5	12	1,025,000.00	3,128.75	12	1,025,000.00	3,128.75			
T-10	50	4,033,141.00	13,171.13	47	3,958,141.00	12,742.38	3	75,000.00	428.75
T-23	3	60,000.00	250.00	3	60,000.00	250.00			
E-20	34	355,000.00	12,658.15	34	355,000.00	12,658.15			
E-18	21	115,000.00	5,350.25	21	115,000.00	5,350.25			
Prem.Life	1	15,000.00	1,977.75				1	15,000.00	1,977.75
M2	1	20,000.00	1,247.86	1	20,000.00	1,247.86			
UL	1	10,000.00	418.00	1	10,000.00	418.00			
GTD Issue									
Total Life	274	7,155,141.00	121,647.37	269	7,055,141.00	119,144.77	5	100,000.00	2,502.40
Annuities									
	# pol.	Face amount		# pol.	Face amount		# pol.	Face amount	
10-yr	26	828,564.00		19	461,860.73		7	366,703.27	
5-yr	37	709,172.00		9	80,803.00		28	628,369.00	
3-yr	15	346,391.00		13	312,859.63		2	33,531.37	
2-y	11	148,394.00		11	148,394.00		0		
1-y	20	494,279.00		16	436,199.39		4	58,079.61	
Coverdell	3	3,745.00		2	2,745.00		1	1000	
Total Annuit.	112	2,530,545.00		70	1,442,861.75		42	1,087,683.25	

UKRAINIAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION									
New policies & annuities issued from 01/01/2008 to 12/31/2008									
UNA+AGENTS				UNA			INDEPENDENT AGENTS		
	Number	Face amount	Ann. prem.	Number	Face am.	Ann.prem.	#	Face am.	Ann.prem.
WSP	17	110,000.00	12,915.00	17	110,000.00	12,915.00			
WL	15	128,000.00	6,687.00	7	83,000.00	5,164.00	8	45,000.00	1,523.00
P-20	32	465,000.00	5,839.00	32	465,000.00	5,839.00			
P-65	4	35,000.00	2,205.00	4	35,000.00	2,205.00			
T-5	10	340,000.00	1,057.00	6	240,000.00	840.00	4	100,000.00	217.00
T-10	6	250,000.00	901.00	4	200,000.00	751.25	2	50,000.00	149.75
T-23	1	25,000.00	27.50	1	25,000.00	27.50			
E-20	12	125,000.00	4,635.00	12	125,000.00	4,635.00			
E-18	10	60,000.00	2,528.00	10	60,000.00	2,528.00			
Prem.Life	5	85,000.00	401.55				5	85,000.00	401.55
Total Life	112	1,623,000.00	37,196.05	93	1,343,000.00	34,904.75	19	280,000.00	2,291.30
Annuities									
	# pol.	CWA		# pol.	CWA		# pol.	CWA	
10-yr	6	402,564.00		5	388,547.00		1	14,017.00	
5-yr	96	3,411,882.00		30	558,489.00		66	2,853,393.00	
3-yr	3	45,590.00		1	29,981.00		2	15,609.00	
2-y	2	8,860.00					2	8,860.00	
1-y	72	2,065,178.00		35	1,192,334.00		37	872,844.00	
Coverdell	14	18,224.00		8	9,324.00		6	8,900.00	
Total Annuit.	193	5,952,298.00		79	2,178,675.00		114	3,773,623.00	

Districts totals 7/1/2007 thru 12/31/2007				
Membership qualification – Totals by district				
District	Policy Count	Face Amount	District imposed quota	Quota Achieved %
Albany	11	180,000.00	32	34.38
Allentown	0	.00	30	.00
Baltimore	5	23,000.00	20	25.00
Boston	2	200,000.00	10	20.00
Buffalo	2	46,000.00	17	11.76
Central New Jersey	6	80,000.00	30	20.00
Chicago	4	160,000.00	15	26.67
Cleveland	6	105,000.00	25	24.00
Connecticut	5	32,000.00	40	12.50
Detroit	7	125,000.00	30	23.33
Minneapolis	0	.00	10	.00
Montreal	3	15,000.00	15	20.00
New York	9	295,000.00	95	9.47
Niagara	3	35,000.00	7	42.86
Northern New Jersey	26	682,000.00	100	26.00
Philadelphia	8	640,000.00	140	5.71
Pittsburgh	4	55,000.00	32	12.50
Rochester	0	.00	18	.00
Shamokin	6	220,000.00	45	13.33
Syracuse	4	325,000.00	35	11.43
Toronto	0	.00	23	.00
Various	10	190,000.00	60	16.67
Winnipeg	0	.00	5	.00
Total	121	3,408,000.00	834	14.51

Districts totals 1/1/2008 thru 6/30/2008				
Membership qualification – Totals by district				
District	Policy Count	Face Amount	District imposed quota	Quota Achieved %
Albany	4	40,000.00	32	12.50
Allentown	1	5,000.00	30	3.33
Baltimore	0	.00	20	.00
Boston	2	30,000.00	10	20.00
Buffalo	0	.00	17	.00
Central New Jersey	6	65,000.00	30	20.00
Chicago	3	60,000.00	15	20.00
Cleveland	24	305,000.00	25	96.00
Connecticut	12	100,000.00	40	30.00
Detroit	3	100,000.00	30	10.00
Minneapolis	0	.00	10	.00
Montreal	2	10,000.00	15	13.33
New York	4	85,000.00	95	4.21
Niagara	0	.00	7	.00
Northern New Jersey	13	170,000.00	100	13.00
Philadelphia	16	353,000.00	140	11.43
Pittsburgh	7	45,000.00	32	21.88
Rochester	0	.00	18	.00
Shamokin	4	70,000.00	45	8.89
Syracuse	4	100,000.00	35	11.43
Toronto	0	.00	23	.00
Various	6	60,000.00	60	10.00
Winnipeg	1	25,000.00	5	20.00
Total	112	1,623,000.00	834	13.43

Ukrainian National Association, Inc. – State Recap Report New Business CWA – Life and Annuity Business January 2008 – June 2008			
	Life	Annuities	Total
California			
Connecticut	5,255.10	339,760.80	345,015.90
Delaware		69,652.75	69,652.75
Dist of Columbia		44,885.98	44,885.98
Florida	1,280.75	102,000.00	103,280.75
Kansas			
Illinois	276.35	267,693.70	267,970.05
Indiana		293,979.57	293,979.57
Maryland			
Massachusetts	63.05	29,980.64	30,043.69
Michigan	297.75	255,947.82	256,245.57
Minnesota			
New Jersey	7,855.45	1,511,940.30	1,519,795.75
New York	3,215.25	205,153.90	208,369.15
Ohio	3,370.50	279,238.16	282,608.66
Pennsylvania	12,805.29	2,546,372.22	2,559,177.51
Rhode Island		6,000.00	6,000.00
Washington	1,795.90		1,795.90
Total	36,215.39	5,952,605.84	5,988,821.23
Ontario	83.25		83.25
Quebec			0.00
Saskatchewan	605.75		605.75
Total	689.00		689.00
US & Canada	36,904.39	5,952,605.84	5,989,510.23

Ukrainian National Association, Inc. – State Recap Report New Business CWA – Life and Annuity Business January 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007			
	Life	Annuities	Total
California	174.80		174.80
Connecticut	6,782.84	70,099.99	76,882.83
Delaware	1,247.86	65,245.78	66,493.64
Dist of Columbia	2,565.80		2,565.80
Florida	354.30	10,500.00	10,854.30
Kansas			
Illinois	4,859.40	90,900.00	95,759.40
Indiana		36,168.96	36,168.96
Maryland	310.00		310.00
Massachusetts	352.00		352.00
Michigan	1,918.45	405,363.10	407,281.55
Minnesota			
New Jersey	40,832.90	564,624.38	605,457.28
New York	22,116.67	256,737.57	278,854.24
Ohio	5,623.95	156,414.98	162,038.93
Pennsylvania	22,212.33	874,490.77	896,703.10
Rhode Island	1,502.00		1,502.00
Washington	7,670.49		7,670.49
Total	118,523.79	2,530,545.53	2,649,069.32
Ontario	1,224.36		1,224.36
Quebec	1,899.75		1,899.75
Total	3,124.11		3,124.11
US & Canada	121,647.90	2,530,545.53	2,652,193.43

RECORDING DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT from January to June 2008				
	Juvenile	Adult	ADD	Total
Total Active Members 12-2007	4,934	9,609	2,050	16,593
Total Inactive Members 12-2007	7,407	13,916	0	21,323
Total Members 12-2007	12,341	23,525	2,050	37,916
Active Membership				
Gains from January to June 2008				
New members	49	248	0	297
New members UL	0	0	0	0
Reinstated	19	26	13	58
TOTAL GAINS	68	274	13	356
Losses from January to June 2008				
Died	4	192	0	196
Cash surrender	21	62	0	83
Endowment matured	45	20	0	65
Fully Paid-up	42	39	0	81
Reduced Paid-up	0	0	0	0
Extended insurance	32	52	0	84
Certificates lapsed	40	26	46	112
Certificates terminated	7	14	22	43
TOTAL LOSSES	191	405	68	664
Total Active Members in June 2008	4,811	9,478	1,995	16,284
INACTIVE Membership				
Gains from January to June 2008				
Paid-up	42	39	0	81
Reduced paid up	0	0	0	0
Extended insurance term exp.	15	32	0	47
TOTAL GAINS	57	71	0	128
Losses from January to June 2008				
*Died	10	237	0	247
*Cash surrender	41	55	0	96
Pure endowment matured	7	8	0	15
Reinstated to active	19	26	0	45
TOTAL LOSSES	77	326	0	403
Total inactive members in June 2008	7,387	13,661	0	21,048
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	12,198	23,139	0	37,332

RECORDING DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP REPORT from July to December 2007				
	Juvenile	Adult	ADD	Total
Total Active Members 06-2007	5,064	9,876	2,137	17,077
Total Inactive Members 06-2007	7,464	14,135	0	21,599
Total Members 06-2007	12,528	24,011	2,137	38,676
Active Membership				
Gains from 7/2007 to 12/2007				
New members	42	162	0	204
New members UL	1	0	0	1
Reinstated	19	26	4	49
TOTAL GAINS	62	188	4	254
Losses from 7/2007 to 12/2007				
Died	1	129	0	130
Cash surrender	13	69	0	82
Endowment matured	57	76	0	132
Fully Paid-up	34	61	0	95
Reduced Paid-up	0	0	0	0
Extended insurance	29	51	0	80
Certificates lapsed	52	42	59	151
Certificates terminated	6	27	32	65
TOTAL LOSSES	192	455	91	738
Total Active Members in 2007	4,934	9,609	2,050	16,593
INACTIVE Membership				
Gains from 7/2007 to 12/2007				
Paid-up	34	61	0	95
Reduced paid up	0	0	0	0
Extended insurance term exp.	5	20	0	25
TOTAL GAINS	39	81	0	120
Losses from 7/2007 to 12/2007				
*Died	10	192	0	202
*Cash surrender	58	74	0	132
Pure endowment matured	9	8	0	17
Reinstated to active	19	26	0	45
TOTAL LOSSES	96	300	0	396
Total inactive members in 2007	7,407	13,916	0	21,323
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	12,341	23,525	2,050	37,916

Report of UNA Treasurer Roma Lisovich

It is certainly gratifying to be before you today and report good news – an improving financial condition. The diligent efforts of my colleagues, the branch secretaries, home office staff and agents are beginning to yield positive results. I would like to thank them all for their diligence, effort and support throughout the year. The overall financial position of the UNA has seen a marked improvement over this past year and we are cautiously optimistic that a financial recovery is finally taking place. To quote, Woodrow Wilson, “We may not be there yet, but we are closer than we were yesterday.”



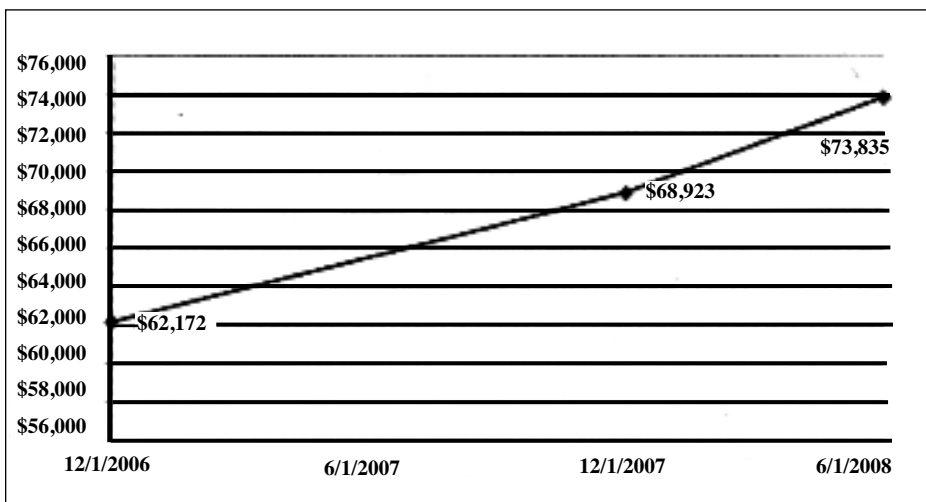
Roma Lisovich

In summary, the financial year can be characterized with the following highlights:

- An increase in premium income with annuity sales being the prime engine of growth
- An increase in investment income
- A reduction in General Expenses due to successful expense control measures
- The achievement of a small net profit from Operations, for the first time in years

Remedial actions, which commenced in 2006, are beginning to generate positive results. Patience and perseverance have resulted in continued progress. The Asset position of the UNA, which had declined in 2006, therefore, is exhibiting noticeable improvement as indicated in the exhibit below. Net Admitted Assets stood at \$68,923,000 as of December 31, 2007, an increase of 11% over the same period, previous year, when they stood at \$62,173,000. Further improvement is seen this year with Net Admitted Assets increasing 7% in the first six month of 2008. They stand at \$73,835,000 as of June 30, 2008.

Figure 1 Net Admitted Assets (in thousands of USD \$)



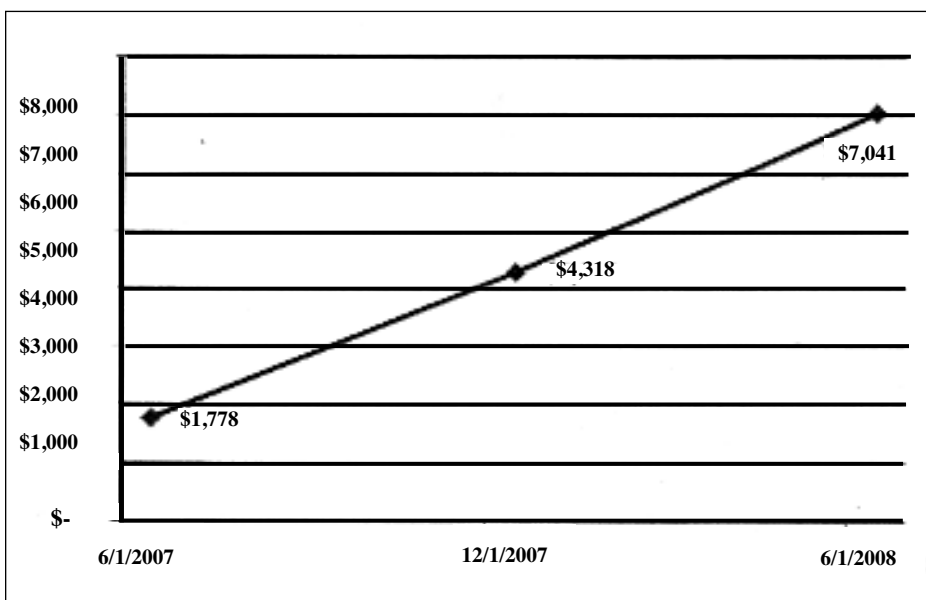
A number of factors are responsible for this. Firstly, was our ability to capitalize on a lucrative real estate market prior to the 2007 economic downturn, selling our corporate headquarters at the height of the market.

Not only did the sale allow us to immediately improve our surplus position, but also, it further led to a greater reallocation of assets toward marketing, promotion and advertising. Needed funds were also utilized for the aggressive recruitment of independent agents. These efforts paid off and revenue increased substantially. We continue to follow our strategic business plan, incorporating carefully implemented remedial measures.

Revenue is the engine fueling the financial improvement. Our staff, agents and secretaries should be commended on this accomplishment. Net premium income from both traditional life and annuity products rose from just \$1,778 thousand at the end of the second quarter ending June 30, 2007 to just over \$7 million at the end of the second quarter of 2008.

With increased sales efforts, revenue, (although this we expect to slow somewhat industry-wide in the last half of the year), the UNA will, nonetheless, show impressive revenue growth. Annuities are spurring sales activity.

Figure 2 Net Premium Income (in thousands of USD \$)

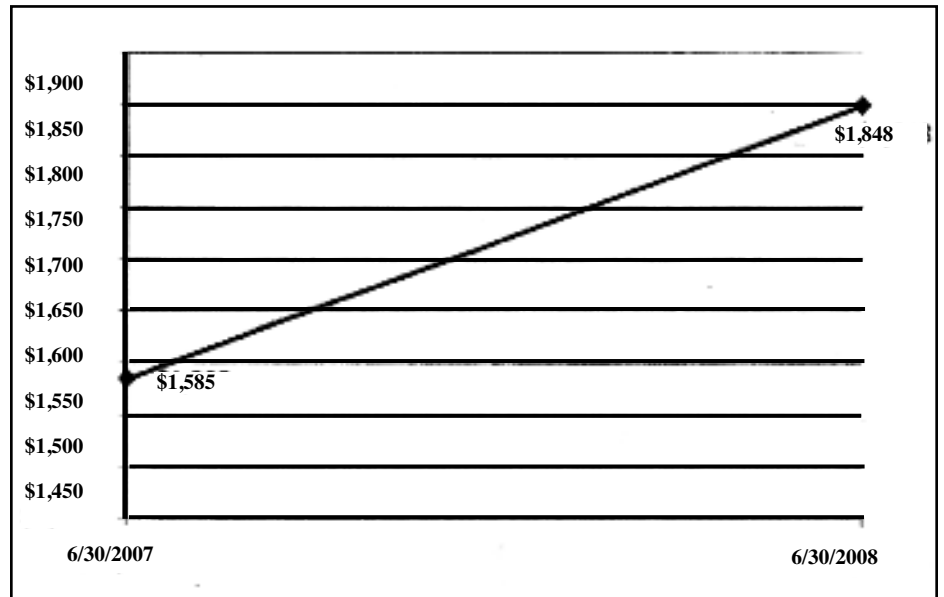


The investment portfolio also performed well and was a strong contributing factor to the positive financial performance. The implementation of a new investment carefully monitored strategy and the engagement of professional advisory services have resulted in the improved performance of our investment portfolio. All these components are interrelated, and the increased yield of our investment portfolio has allowed UNA to offer more competitive annuity rates, which, of course, leads to greater annuity sales.

These days, the market fluctuates widely on a daily, even hourly basis, and requires constant attention.

The investment strategy, which was implemented for the entire 2007, had as its goal, the increase of the yield of UNA's investment the portfolio to 6%. I am happy to report, this goal was achieved. The Charts below demonstrate our progress.

Figure 3 Net Investment Income (in thousands of USD \$)

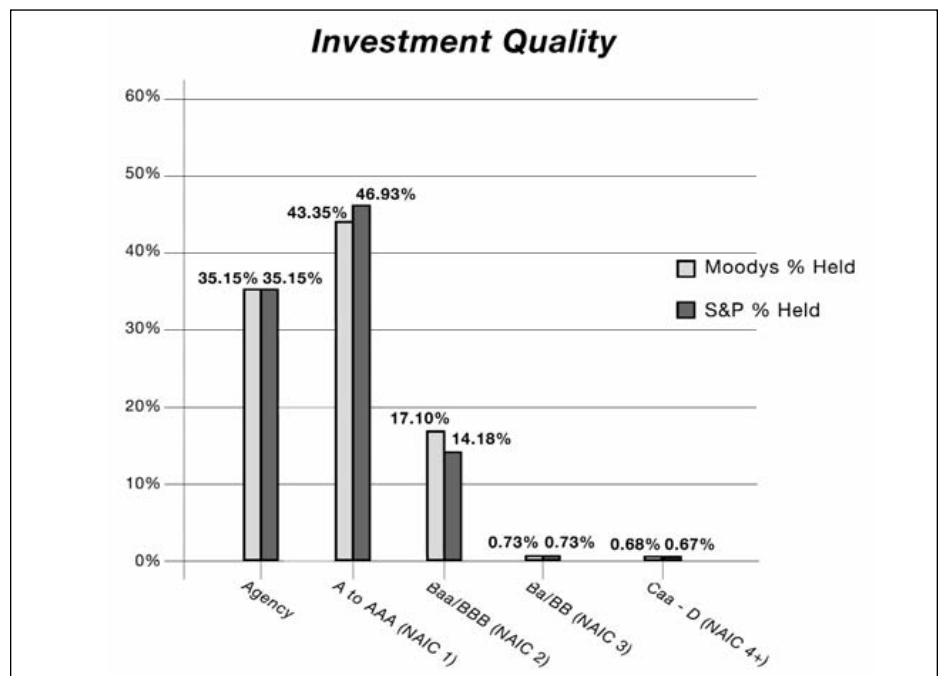


Net Investment Income as of the year ending December 31, 2007 was \$3,474,000. UNA's investment portfolio continues to perform well in 2008. As of June 30, 2008, net investment income rose to \$1,848,000 in comparison with the same period in 2007, when net investment income stood at \$1,585,000. We do expect this to slow somewhat in the latter half of the year, but expect no major downturns. We continue to concentrate on improving the return on the portfolio, increasing yield and lengthening the duration of our maturities –while maintaining a high level of credit quality.

Some of the measures undertaken, such as reducing a reliance on stocks, have resulted in noteworthy changes and resulted in the following distribution of assets by percentage. I include 2006 as a reference point to better exhibit the progress made in the portfolio realignment, in accordance to our investment strategy marked by a reduction in mortgage lending and investments in common and preferred stocks. The volatility of the market remains high.

	6/30/2008	12/31/2007	12/31/2006
Bonds	87%	85%	80%
Stocks	1%	3%	6%
Mortgage Loans	5%	5%	10%
Cash	6%	6%	4%
Other	less than 1%	less than 1%	less than 1%

The asset quality remains excellent despite the chaos in the market. We continue with our strategic plan, which calls for increasing the average portfolio yield without fundamentally decreasing credit quality. We are purchasing, primarily, Agency, AAA to BBB bonds. (B rated bonds are of medium-grade credit risk), which allow us to increase our yield without sacrificing the excellent credit quality of our portfolio. The chart below highlights our investment quality.

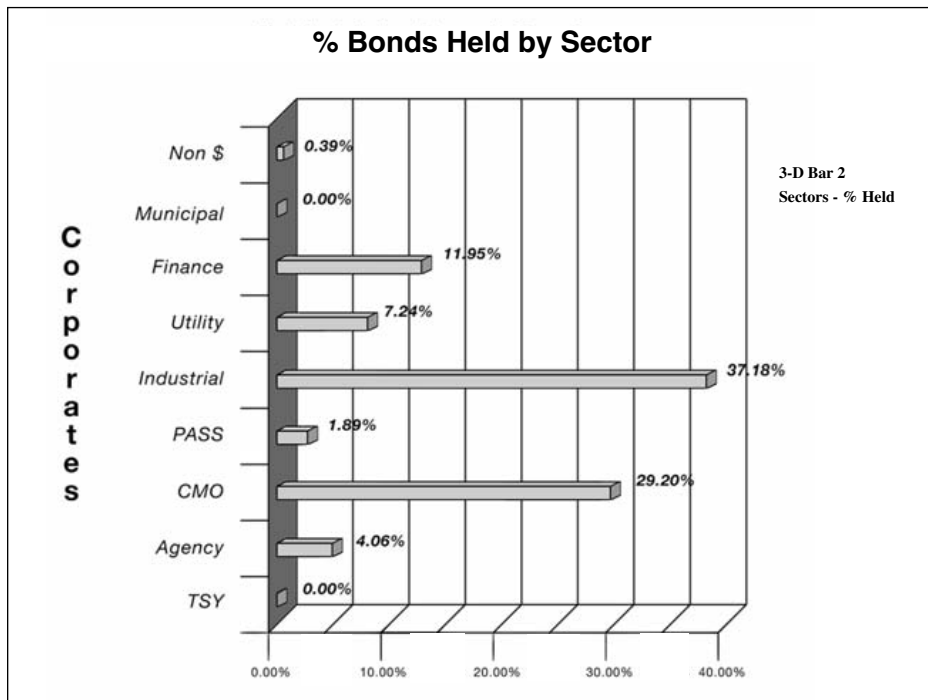


The aforementioned strategy allowed us to increase the average portfolio yield from a little over 5% at the end of 2006 to over 6% today. At the same time, we have successfully extended the average duration of our portfolio, which allows us to take advantage of these higher yielding instruments. The credit quality, as you can see, remains excellent.

UNA Average Portfolio Metrics as of 6/30/2008

	2006 8/1/2006	2007 12/31/2007	current 6/30/2008
Quality	Aa2	Aa2	Aa3
Dur (eff)	3.14	3.70	4.47
Yield	5.04	5.86	6.21

The chart below indicates the distribution mix of the bond portfolio by industry sector.



The UNA portfolio obviously reacts to market and industry pressures. The chaotic market and mortgage crisis in the United States of America is of concern and we continue to monitor the situation closely. The liquidity environment in fixed income (bonds) remains the single greatest risk to date. Due to accounting rules, market price fluctuations are shown as gains or losses to income, and can, thereby, affecting many company's credit ratings and our own portfolio performance. FNMA (Fannie Mae) and FHLMC (Freddie Mac) have recently been in the news as the two government sponsored enterprises (GSEs) were placed in conservatorship by the U.S. Government. While this action does not bode well for holders of common and preferred stock, senior debt and bondholders realize the implicit government guarantee. The Ukrainian National Association holds no common or preferred stock in either company. Financial assets (like bank and insurance company debt) will continue to see pressure as the balance sheet wreckage from less than stellar lending practices; sub-prime and mortgage conduits are fully realized. The UNA holds about 11% in financial assets – low relative to most indexes and insurers in general, but is something we are watching very closely. We will continue to work on portfolio diversification. We have adopted an investment guideline of 1% or less in individual company names to mitigate credit risk. The UNA portfolio only exceeds this limit on 13 (inherited and old) positions of 120 (total) positions. Of these 13, 7 are GSEs or Canadian provincial obligations.

Due to the successful sale initiatives, the resulting increased annuity revenue, and a positive investment performance, the UNA recorded a net income from operations, albeit modest, for the first time in many years. On December 31, 2007, the UNA recorded a net loss of (\$1,206,000). When we further compare the performance recorded on June 30, 2008 with the same period, prior year, we see an improvement of 104%, from a loss of (\$491,000) as of June 30, 2007 to a profit of \$22,000 at the end of the second quarter 2008. In terms of cash flow, Bond maturities, calls, and mortgage principal payments are expected to provide ample cash for future needs in excess of cash from operations as bond performance and investment income continue to improve. Expenses, death maturity, and surrender benefits are the prime sources of cash outflow. General Expenses, expenses due to operations and investments declined due to successful expense containment initiatives. Bond maturities and mortgage principal payments are the major unused source of liquid assets.

General expenses and fraternal benefits, a prime focus of our expense reduction strategies, have successfully been reduced. They stood at \$1,347,000 as of June 30, 2007. Due, primarily, to the reductions of expenses connected with Soyuzivka, these stand at \$1,004,000 at the end of June 30, 2008, a reduction of over \$340,000. It was very helpful to close Soyuzivka to conserve utility bills and employee expense through the non-season. Obtaining a non-profit status and fundraising will remain key to Soyuzivka's future success as well as the implementation of the coop project plan. All plans presented last year continue to be worked on. The sale of the excess land to become part of the Minnewska park preserve, the co-op complex and the transfer of the land to a foundation to obtain not for profit status continue behind the scenes at a very intense pace. It may not be visible to the onlooker, but the subdivision and project plan require complex review, feasibility studies, profitability analyses and multiple approvals from various agencies.

Fund-raising will also be an integral component of Soyuzivka's success. We are collaborating with a variety of organizations with similar missions to expand our heritage camp dance and sport programs for partnership fundraising programs. We began one with the establishment of the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Academy this summer and are successfully raising funds together for capital improvements.

The UNA is required to hold substantial Canadian dollar investments in its portfolio even though the number of policyholders in Canada continues to dwindle. This exposes UNA to foreign exchange risk associated with the fluctuations in the curren-

cy. Despite the profit from operations, surplus recorded a decline as of June 30, 2008. The greatest single contributing factor in the reductions on surplus recorded as of June 30, 2008 was the net unrealized foreign exchange losses recorded (\$206,000) associated with our Canadian exposure, over which we have no control. Another contributing factor to a reduction of surplus was the net loss in unrealized capital losses of (\$134,000). This was expected as the downturn in the financial markets as the market caused the values of financial instruments to be adversely impacted.

2008 is a year in which our labors finally are bearing fruit. Progress is evident. Revenue generation and marketing is the key to our success. This year, I personally, have met an effort to be continuously out in the public eye. Every weekend, I continue to attend some function representing the UNA. It is imperative that we increase UNA's visibility and presence in the community – which, frankly, is a pool of potential business and memberships. It truly works. It takes time and patience, but the more we are visible, the more favorable an opinion of the UNA the community develops. The more interest we generate, the more visible we are, the easier it becomes to sell our products. Every weekend in the summer, I and my fellow co-workers have been soliciting business, meeting our members, hosting "Meet and Greets" and making our guests, members, and potential members, feel good about the UNA. Everyone we meet is a sales opportunity.

Soyuzivka, as the physical "face" of the UNA, since very few members have ever visited the corporate headquarters, provides a source of potential sales. This is an excellent opportunity for the UNA to be visible and project a positive image. I am happy to report, that for the first time in the 6 years I have been in this position, I have received much more positive feedback than negative. The tide has turned and UNA's former image as an out-of-touch, antiquated and dwindling institution is over. People are showing a genuine interest in our progress, in our plans and are happy with our servicing, products and general direction. It is noteworthy that the majority of Soyuzivka visitors and now the 30-year olds with young families, prime targets for UNA business. I encourage all of our General Assembly members to also be out there and promote our organizations. The more the General Assembly and the UNA branch personnel we have promoting the UNA, the more positive our image will become. I would also like to express my thanks to all of the General Assembly members that helped during the festival. You helped make it a success. This year, the UNA was at the forefront in terms of representation.

During the coming year, we must continue to implement strategic and operational initiatives aimed at improving the performance of our business. The implementation of an aggressive sales strategy was and is reaping results and this must continue. The financial recovery plan initiatives continue and include, but are not limited to: the recruitment of professional sales agents, expanding sales force, increased travel to expand branch network throughout new target markets around the United States, and partnership programs with other groups in order to initiate new memberships. Sales, sales, and more sales is our focus in 2008.

I remain confident that with the continued implementation of expense containment initiatives, revenue generation measures, expanded sales strategies and increased marketing and advertising, the UNA will continue its financial recovery. I thank my dear colleagues for their support and cooperation. We truly work well together and I am grateful for their encouragement, patience and collaborative efforts.

Despite many challenges, financial and otherwise that the UNA faces, we, members of the Executive Committee, acknowledge and accept this challenge and are striving to bring back the financial strength of this century-old organization. We remain confident that with the improving economy, and new marketing efforts, the organization will be poised for a financial recovery.

The amount of administrative responsibility duties that we, the three working executives, must assume is daunting. We constantly juggle a thousand tasks at one time as we have limited resources, an environment that will continue for some time. Our work is an example of multi-tasking at its highest level. There are increasing regulatory reporting requirements, systems changes and paperwork. This, coupled with the fact, we then have weekend demands on our time – business and promotional events to attend. This is a 7-day week job. That is why we need you, every member of the General Assembly to increase your participation in our organization. It is a task the three sitting Executives cannot accomplish alone. It is imperative that the General Assembly members and the Executive Committee increase their exposure in the public and their promotional role. Only through this exposure to the community can we rebuild a loyal membership base. The cooperation of each of you will be required. Much effort is needed and a firm commitment from our "core supporters" – the General Assembly and branch secretaries will result in success. I believe, with your help and the successful implementation of the initiatives brought forth, we will succeed.

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UNA Portfolio Today – Progress				
UNA Portfolio Metrics as of August 31, 2008				
	2005 5/1/2005	2006 8/1/2006	2007 12/31/2007	current 6/30/2008
Quality	Aa3	Aa2	Aa2	Aa3
Dur (mod)	4.46	3.79	4.10	4.62
Dur (eff)	3.45	3.14	3.70	4.57
Yield	5.01	5.04	5.86	6.21

- Yield going up.
- Credit Quality excellent
- Extended maturities

Portfolio Transactions 1/1/08 – 9/9/08

- Total 'buy' transactions: 65
- Total 'buy' value: \$25.1mm
- Average 'buy' yield: 6.11%
- Securities 'called': 22
- Total 'called' value: \$8.7mm
- Total matured: 8
- Total matured value: \$3.7 mm
- Total sold: 1
- Sold value: \$0.360mm

Portfolio and Investment Environment Commentary

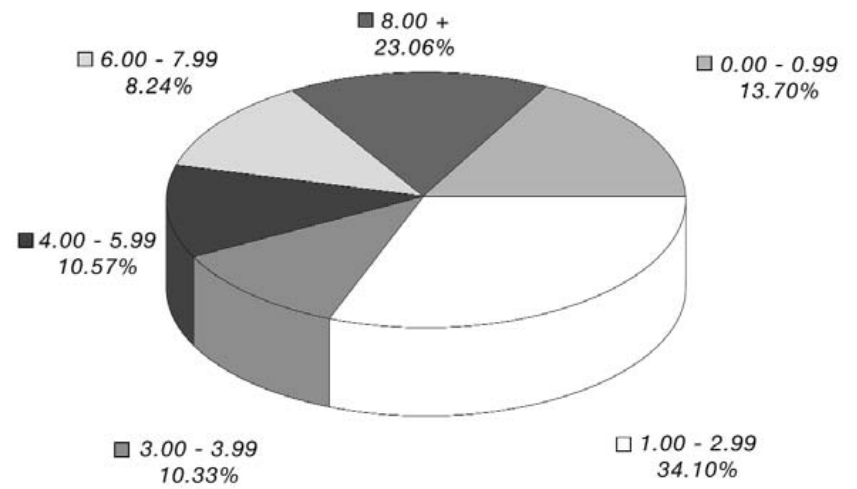
• The liquidity environment in fixed income (bonds) remains the single greatest risk to date. Accounting methods cause market price fluctuations to be shown as gains or losses to income thereby affecting many company's credit ratings.

• FNMA (Fannie Mae) and FHLMC (Freddie Mac) have recently been in the news as the two government sponsored enterprises (GSEs) were placed in conservatorship by the U.S. Government. While this action does not bode well for holders of common and preferred stock, senior debt and MBS holders realize the implicit government guarantee. *The UNA holds no common preferred stock in either company.*

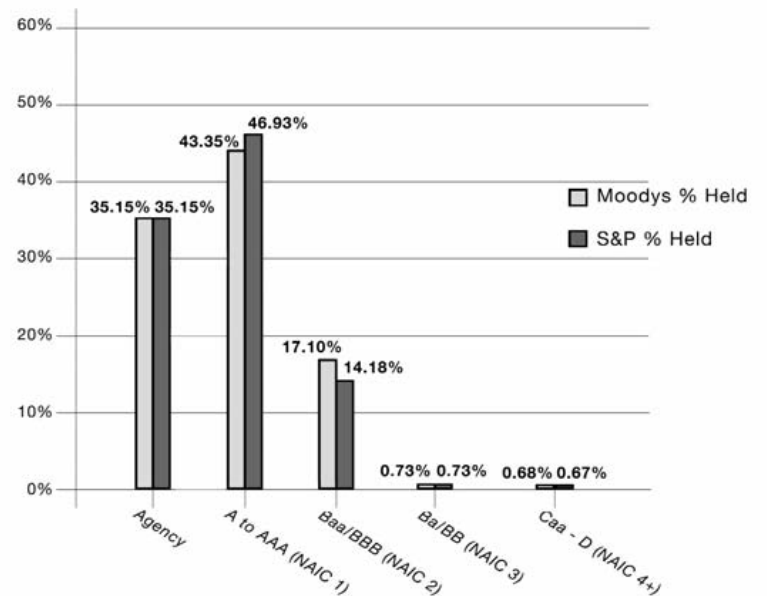
• Financial assets like bank and insurance company debt will continue to see pressure as the balance sheet wreckage from less than stellar lending practices, subprime and mortgage conduits are fully realized. The UNA holds about 11% in financial assets – low relative to most indexes and insurers in general.

• As a result, we follow the following guideline established with our investment advisors AQS – a portfolio diversification to 1% or less in individual company names to mitigate credit risk. The UNA portfolio only exceeds this limit on 13 (inherited) positions of 120 (total) positions. Of these 13, 7 are GSEs or Canadian provincial obligations.

Bond Portfolio Effective Duration Years and % Held



Investment Quality



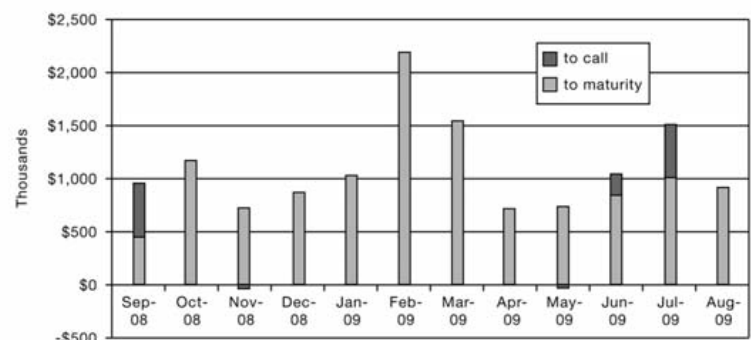
Portfolio Details

Maturity Years	% Held	Eff Dur Years	% Held
0.00 - 0.99	17.89	0.00 - 0.99	13.70
1.00 - 2.99	26.50	1.00 - 2.99	34.10
3.00 - 4.99	15.38	3.00 - 3.99	10.33
5.00 - 9.99	14.34	4.00 - 5.99	10.57
10.00 - 19.99	18.67	6.00 - 7.99	8.24
20.00 +	7.22	8.00 +	26.06

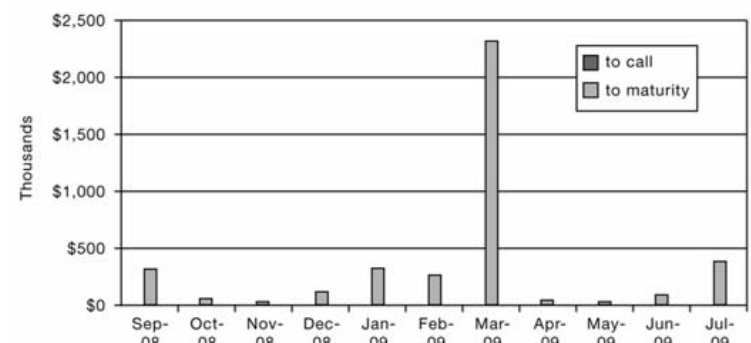
Coupon	% Held	Calls/Puts/Sinks	% Held
0.00 - 0.99	0.00	NONE	95.64
1.00 - 1.99	0.00	W/DEF CALL	2.84
2.00 - 2.99	0.00	W/CURR CALL	1.52
3.00 - 3.99	1.54	PRICE TO CALL	2.69
4.00 - 4.99	1.83	W/SINK FUND	0.00
5.00 - 5.99	17.60	W/PUT	0.00
6.00 - 6.99	59.58	PRICE TO PUT	0.00
7.00 - 7.99	15.62		
8.00 - 8.99	1.60		
9.00 - 9.99	1.04		
10.00 +	1.19		

Sector	% Held	Quality	Mdys % Held	S&P % Held
TREASURY	0.00	TSY	0.00	0.00
AGENCY	4.06	AGY	35.15	35.15
PASS-THRU	1.89	Aaa/AAA	2.54	1.08
ARM	0.00	A	14.50	11.77
CMO	29.20	Baa/BBB	26.31	34.08
ABS	0.00	Ba/BB	17.10	14.18
CMBS	0.00	B	0.21	0.73
CORPORATE	56.37	Caa/CCC	0.47	0.67
INDUSTRIAL	37.18	Ca/CCC	0.00	0.00
UTILITY	7.24	C	0.00	0.00
FINANCE	11.95	/D	N/A	0.00
MUNICIPAL	0.00	NR	2.98	0.93
CASH	0.00	OTHER	0.00	1.40
NON\$	0.39			
DERV	0.00			
OTHER	8.09			

Cashflow USD 12 Month (to maturity and possible call)



Cashflow CAD 12 Month (to maturity and possible call)



UNA Investment Strategy

• **AQS Asset Management Co**

One year of service has yielded results
 Small firm specializing in mid-size company's and well as fraternal
 Asset liability studies/portfolio laddering specialists
 Works very well with our actuaries

• **Continue to utilize AQS Asset Management Co. LLC as investment management advisors**

Daily advisory call with investment advisor on investments
 Weekly meeting between AQS and the Executives
 Daily alerts of changes to portfolio
 Strategy meetings with AQS, actuaries and Sales to establish competitive market rates for annuities while considering impact on long term funding

Report of UNA Auditor Slavko Tysiak

UNA's Auditing Committee consists of Slavko Tysiak, Dr. Wasyl Szeremeta and Dr. Vasyl Luchkiw. In addition, to guiding the Auditing Committee, as chairman, according to UNA's By-Laws, I participate in the deliberations of UNA's Executive Committee. This annual report reflects my activities with respect to my audit responsibilities and my participation in the deliberations of UNA's Executive Committee. Further, in this report, I would like to comment on my activities this past year working the Committee on Canada and President of the St. Nicholas Brotherhood (Bratstvo) in Watervliet, N.Y. The annual report covers the period of time starting July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008.



Slavko Tysiak

The current 12-month activity cycle started with attendance of UNA's Executive Committee held on Friday, July 6, 2007, at UNA's Home Office in Parsippany, N.J. The Executive Meeting focused on initiatives associated with 'Restructuring for the 21st Century.' On behalf of the Auditing Committee, I presented the audit results dealing with internal controls over financial operations at Soyuzivka. Upon acceptance of the report by the Executive Committee on July 6, 2007, UNA's Auditing Committee subsequently issued its report on the internal controls over financial operations at Soyuzivka during calendar year ended December 31, 2006. The Auditing Committee found "The financial accounting system and key safeguards instituted by the UNA at Soyuzivka demonstrate its commitment to ensuring that money is being spent responsibly and for its intended purpose."

As Chairman, I coordinate with Auditing Committee members all major facets of the audit process including collaborating on development of audit scope, coordinating all communications and contacts, conducting the audit and designing verification steps, preparation of draft and final reports, obtaining the comments from UNA Executive Committee members, coordinating the responses received from UNA Executive Committee members and responsible staff, and preparation of a press release for publication of audit results in our two publications – Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly. To avoid repetition, the outlined process is followed for each report issued by the Auditing Committee. I especially would like to acknowledge the efforts of my colleague Vasyl Luchkiw with whom I work closely to assure coverage of our audit efforts in Svoboda.

Between September 14 and 16, 2007, I joined the members of the Auditing Committee and we attended a three-day General Assembly Meeting held at Soyuzivka. In addition to participating in all meetings of the General Assembly, the Auditing Committee members held a separate meeting to establish our work plan for the coming twelve-month period. In addition, individual members of the Auditing Committee participated in selected break-out sessions of the General Assembly. I chose to participate with other members of General Assembly in the Committee on Canada. As recording secretary, I subsequently distributed to committee members a Report of the Canada Committee, dated September 15, 2007. The Report of the Canada Committee identified specific actions that the committee members agreed would be pursued including reviving the network of branch secretaries in Canada, quantifying the competitiveness of UNA insurance products in Canada and of agent commissions offered by competitor insurance carriers. UNA's National Secretary Christine Kozak agreed to work with the Director of Canada Myron Groch as UNA's primary contact person and technical resource person. The Canada Committee members were very active keeping up with analyses and brain-storming ideas in support of information shared between Christine Kozak, Myron Groch and committee members.

On October 12, 2007, the Auditing Committee announced plans to audit of the special funds maintained by various foundations affiliated with the UNA and other special purpose accounts maintained by the UNA. The final report was issued upon acceptance by UNA's Executive Committee on May 19, 2008. The report addressed donor funds contributed to the Ukrainian National Fund (UNF) whose proceeds are spent on a variety of activities and institutions. The UNF distributed approximately \$350,000 in donor funds during the calendar year ending December 31, 2007. The audit identified five recommendations for UNF Board members and management to improve accounting and documentation practices. Along with the final report, the Auditing Committee issued a press release to the UNA Executive Committee and UNF Board of Directors on May 19, 2008. Concurrently, the press release went to our in-house newspaper publications.

On March 28, 2008, I attended the Executive Committee where the UNA officers reported to the full Executive Committee that our cash reserve position was positive and holding steady primarily due to sale of annuity products. The Executive Committee and I also focused on progress with various initiatives associated with the 'Restructuring for the 21st Century.' In addition, I participated in fact-finding discussions relative to the preliminary information assembled by the Committee on Canada. Other activities during this past year included preparing a recast outline of suggested topics for sessions on Financial Estate Planning relevant to UNA members. The outline provided a brief overview of Financial Estate Planning with basic rules that apply to each legal instrument or financial security option. The UNA had conducted an earlier informational session in Michigan and I provided a list of topical agenda topics that complimented those covered in Michigan. During July 1, 2007 and to the present, above and beyond my UNA activities, I have also served as President of the St. Nicholas Brotherhood (Bratstvo) in Watervliet, N.Y. The Bratstvo meets monthly on the third Sunday except during the summer months with attendance ranging from between 12 to 20 members.

As one of early brotherhoods that helped form today's UNA, the Bratstvo has been and continues to be cooperatively associated with UNA Branch 13 for the past century. The Bratstvo in Watervliet has currently 42 members and UNA Branch 13 has over 200 members primarily drawn from the local communities of Albany, Troy and Watervliet. Each year, Bratstvo members along with guests conclude their traditional year by attending the Father's Day Luncheon and Cultural Program at Soyuzivka on Father's Day. The Bratstvo together with Branch 13 brought approximately 50 people from New York State Capital District Region to a Father's Day dinner at Soyuzivka on June 15, 2008. During this same time period, I have also served as Secretary of UNA Albany District. Information on the activities of these organizations has been reported primarily in The Ukrainian Weekly.

Throughout the year, as a face of the UNA in our local community, I routinely handle questions on various issues of concern to our membership. The topics range from concerns about late newspaper delivery, to Soyuzivka operations and to UNA handling of various activities. The members typically bring up topics of personal interest or based on their reading of news stories appearing either in Svoboda or The Ukrainian Weekly.

UNA auditor, Slavko Tysiak, did not sign up any members during this reporting period.

Report of UNA Auditor Wasyl Szeremeta

It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to present my Annual Report as Auditor for the Ukrainian National Association. During the last year I have attended all the meetings which were requested of me both at the national and regional level. I was take this opportunity to thank my fellow auditors, Slavko Tysiak and Dr. Vasyl Luchkiw for the excellent and efficient work they did to carry out our duties for the association. The report of Slavko Tysiak details quite nicely the activities of the auditing committee, including dates, results and recommendations, and I will not repeat them here for the sake of repetition.



Wasyl Szeremeta

I have continued to be the Assistant Secretary for Branch 247 in Wilmington, Del. I was also elected as Treasurer of the Philadelphia District during a special election held during the past year. The Ukrainian National Association as well as the Philadelphia District suffered a great loss last year when we lost Stefan Hawrysz, who was truly one of the giants not only for the Philadelphia region but also for the entire Ukrainian National Association. His years of service and organizing abilities made Philadelphia a champion region for many years. It will not be easy to recover from losing an individual such as Mr. Hawrysz. But recover we must.

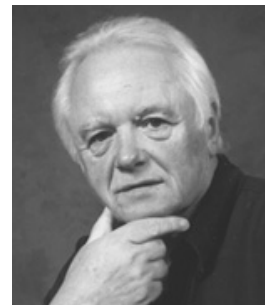
I helped organize a special regional meeting of the Philadelphia region last year in the hopes of reorganizing the region in terms of its activities in focus for the upcoming year. The meeting was attended by members of the executive and a majority of the secretaries from the region. A slate of officers was elected for the region, and I sincerely hope that with the efforts of the new board and the regional secretaries that Philadelphia will reclaim the status it once enjoyed.

I created an educational presentation highlighting the financing of children's higher education. This presentation describes the various ways in which an individual can pay for their child's education. The presentation highlights options that are available to members of the Ukrainian National Association. I presented this to several groups including the General Assembly last year and the secretaries at the regional district meeting, in the hopes that it would foster interest in the purchase of these financial products. My task this year will be to identify different avenues where I can present this material to create additional sales.

UNA auditor, Wasyl Szeremeta, did not sign up any members during this reporting period.

Report of UNA Auditor Vasyl Luchkiw

On July 6, 2007 I joined Auditing Committee Chairman Slavko Tysiak at the UNA Executive Committee meeting at the Home Office in Parsippany, N.J. I attended Annual General Assembly meeting at Soyuzivka on September 14-16, 2007. During this time Auditing Committee met separately to work out plan for the next 12 months. In addition, I worked on Budget Committee, Publications Committee and Canadian Committee.



Vasyl Luchkiw

On October 12, 2007 I participated in auditing various "special funds" maintained by various foundations affiliated with the UNA, as well as other "special purpose" accounts maintained by UNA. Final report of this audit was issued May 19, 2008.

I have been secretary of the UNA Branch 16, "Prosvita" Society, Spring Valley, N.Y., one of the oldest UNA branches in the U.S.A., for well over a quarter century. Our Branch, together with the Ukrainian American Veterans Post 19, Spring Valley, N.Y., is local county-wide "mover" of all Ukrainian national holidays. We are especially proud of our celebrations on the Ukrainian Independence Day in Rockland (New York) County. We have been attracting between 75 and 125 people to this celebrations. Three years ago we introduced a free "festive picnic" after formal part of celebration is concluded. This has helped our attendance at the celebration.

Membership is our problem not only on the national level, but also on the branch level. This is true in all our organizations and Societies. We must find a way to attract new immigrants or we will be history in not too distant future.

UNA auditor, Vasyl Luchkiw, did not sign up any members during this reporting period.

Report of UNA Advisor Maya Lew

Dear members of the UNA Executive, fellow General Assembly members and members of our ever growing UNA and Ukrainian community. I want to thank you for your continued faith in me. I am excited about the progress that the UNA continues to make, and am continually thrilled to receive updates that UNA Annuity Sales continue to surpass anything that the UNA has seen in recent years. This is amazing! In this past year I have held the roles of General Assembly member, District Head of New York, Secretary of Branch 5 in New York, and the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation Coordinator, and I continue to feel honored to serve in these positions. It has been a very busy year!



Maya Lew

The year since our last General Assembly meeting in September of 2007 has very much been a year of maintaining, building and growing on the strong set of action items that the UNA Executive Committee and General Assembly set forth in that meeting. This was my second General Assembly meeting I felt it to be very successful in our discussions, action items, and plans. We have a team of people who truly care about the success of the UNA, and I am excited to be a part of this group of people who work hard towards the good of the UNA.

I have focused my energies in this past year on continuing to build on the strong

framework that this Executive and General Assembly team has set forth. The UNA's success continues to rely heavily, if not solely, on the sale of its insurance products. That fact is what drives me to continue to communicate as much as I can about the UNA and what it has to offer, and to contribute what I can in regards to the UNA's growth and ideas for an even stronger future. I have also continued to focus my energies on engaging the next generation of UNA members, maintaining and promoting Soyuzivka, coordinating the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation, and continuing to promote the UNA publications. I was so excited to see the launch of the new online versions of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, and many of my peers have already subscribed.

In October of 2007, as one of the Co-Founders of BUG (Brooklyn Ukrainian Group; a volunteer group that supports Ukrainian arts and culture), my sister Ruta and I once again put together a calendar to help raise funds for the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation (Ruta is another co-founder of BUG). We invited the entire community to participate in submitting their favorite photos of Soyuzivka, and we created, marketed and sold with the help of Soyuzivka staff, management and the UNF, over 400 calendars. This is 100 more calendars sold than last year! The calendar sales brought in over \$2,000.00 in sales and donations, and it was something that we were very excited about – the growth and popularity of the project in its second year.

Based on action items from the Organizing Committee at our General Assembly meeting in 2006, Christine Kozak and I worked very closely last year to create an online Sales Resource Center, based on the UNA Sales Book. The site was launched last summer and throughout the year I have acted as the administrator for this site. The password protected, information-packed and user-friendly site acts as the resource center and sales toolkit for any organizer, branch secretary or field agent of the UNA – providing any materials necessary for the success of the UNA's sales force. As I write this I have just completed a user manual to help those who may not be 'Internet savvy,' to help them navigate through the site and get started. To date the online Sales Resource Center has about 20 members and we urge and encourage all those involved in UNA sales to utilize this resource.

In April of 2008, as the District Head of New York, I organized my first event for the district with the help of Christine Kozak and Oksana Trytjak. This was not an organizational meeting but rather a community event where we showed the film "The Helm of Destiny" that was commissioned by the UNA. This film illustrates Ukrainian immigration to the United States, and it is narrated by Jack Palance and produced and directed by Slavko Nowytski. I was humbled by and so happy with the success of the evening it being my first event. The film was very well received, and I am thankful to both Chrystia and Oksana for their seeming unending support. Over 20 people were in attendance, including my three and five year old nieces (who are also UNA members), as they too wanted to come out and support the UNA thanks to their mother. This type of event is something that I feel every district would enjoy and benefit from, and I encourage all branch secretaries and district heads to show this film to their communities.

Also in April of 2008, through the Brooklyn Ukrainian Group, I was able to gather 21 volunteers to take part in the yearly "BUG Spring Cleaning," a weekend which helps to prepare Soyuzivka for the upcoming season by helping with various repairs, renovations and clean up. This was our fifth year, and to date we have saved Soyuzivka an estimated \$50,000 in repair and renovation costs as well as raise funds to purchase and install energy efficient lightbulbs for Soyuzivka. To date we have personally installed over 175 EE lightbulbs that are saving Soyuzivka and estimated \$1,000/year.

In July of 2008 I joined my fellow General Assembly members and masses of volunteers to help do our part for the Second Annual Soyuzivka Ukrainian Cultural Festival. I was so proud and excited to see so many of people volunteering! I spent the morning handing out Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation brochures, and BUG once again held their "Ukrainian Iced Tea" booth in the afternoon and we were able to raise over \$250 for Soyuzivka. We will have to make even more Ukrainian Iced Tea next year! The festival this year was better than ever, and I cannot wait for an even bigger and more successful one next year. Kudos to the UNA Executives, Soyuzivka Management and staff for doing such an incredible job.

Throughout the year and since June of 2007 I have held the role Coordinator for the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation. I feel strongly about continuing to promote the Foundation and grow new membership, and work to diligently maintain the membership records and renewal process every week. Special thanks to Marijka Drich at the UNA home office and Sonia Semanyshyn at Soyuzivka for helping to ensure that things run smoothly! To date the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation has over 275 members and families, and has brought in over \$60,000 from membership dues since its inception in March of 2006. I am proud of the work the Foundation has done to date, and am excited to report that already this year we have collected over \$3000 more in membership dues than we did at the same time last year. I work hard to promote the UNA and the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation in any way I can – while talking to friends, sending emails, posting on popular Ukrainian websites/ mailing lists such as ukrainian.multiply.com and facebook.

Since December of 2007 I have been involved with helping to produce a documentary film about the Holodomor. "Holodomor; Ukraine's Genocide of 1932-33" will be the first ever feature-length documentary film to be produced in the United States. I am both excited and humbled to be working with such a truly incredible team of people from all over the country (and world) who are working night and day to make this film a reality. Although this film project is something that has taken every free waking moment that I may have, it is something that I feel is so important and something that I believe in – and I will continue to dedicate my time until we premiere the film in Kyiv on November 20, 2008. I am grateful to the UNA, Stephan Kaczaraj and Christine Kozak for their support for this film, and specifically to Roma Lisovich for her moral support and encouragement. And even though my responsibilities with the film have not allowed me the opportunity to sell as many UNA policies as I would have liked recently, I hope that those around me support my decision to dedicate these months to this very important project for Ukraine and Ukrainians around the world. Our goal with this film is to educate the western world about Ukraine's tragedy, and educating the world is something I think that we all want.

My one thought would be that for all of us who are active in the UNA, to continue communicating our ideas and plans as much as possible. Also and perhaps even more importantly, to continue working hard even if it does seem like the UNA is becoming more successful, and with hope, slowly getting 'out of the woods.' It is now more than ever that we should work harder to sell policies and promote the UNA and never get complacent, or take for granted how hard this organization and its Executives, Auditors, District Heads, Agents, Branch Secretaries and organizers have worked to get to where we are today. I am proud of the UNA, and I am proud of the positive direction that the UNA continues to take. I will continue to do my part in whatever way I can so that collectively we can all make lasting contributions to the success of this amazing and long-standing organization. That being said, I have some policies to sell!

UNA advisor, Maya Lew, signed up 4 new members during this reporting period.

Report of UNA Advisor Gloria Paproski Horbaty



Gloria Paproski Horbaty

Thank you for the honor and the privilege to serve the UNA on the General Assembly as a member of the Board of Advisors for the past four years. My UNA Advisor activities this past year include the following:

- From 11-15, 2007, I attended the first Ukrainian Film and Cultural Festival at Soyuzivka. While there, I volunteered at the food court all day Friday with my husband Donald, and on Saturday I sold \$750 worth of raffle tickets for the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation while my husband spent another day at the food court. The event was wonderful, the festival outstanding, the entertainment professional. This first-time event was very well organized with many wonderful volunteers donating hours of the time. After the festival, my husband and I drafted and submitted a set of comments and suggestions with respect to future festivals. This was forwarded to the members of the Festival Committee and the Executive Officers. I hope that the wonder reviews from this festival will be carried back to others so that next year the event will have more attendees.

- August 26, 2007, at the Ukrainian Festival sponsored by the Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church of Bridgeport, Conn., I set up a UNA information table with free materials on UNA products and newspapers. The goal was to reach and educate those Ukrainians who don't regularly belong to a Ukrainian community. We all want everyone to learn about our historical organization and its opportunities.

- Labor Day Sunday, 2007. At Soyuzivka I shared lunch with some festival volunteers. There was a discussion where everyone contributed comments on how to improve for the next festival.

- September 9, 2007 I assisted the set up of the UNA booth at the 40th annual Connecticut State Ukrainian Day Festival in Stamford, Conn. This included the purchase of a tank of helium for the booth and helped get the table set up. I also was the festival vendor and Children's Activities Chairperson which took up a lot of my time. There was much activity at the table, especially by the youngsters seeking UNA balloons. It's so good to see UNA visible to the public – promoting ourselves, having giveaways and answering questions. We must continue to be available to the public.

- September 14-16, 2007, I attended the annual General Assembly meeting at Soyuzivka. In addition to attending all the sessions and hearing the various reports given, my involvement included participating on the following committees: Fraternal Activities, where I served as secretary; Organizing, Soyuzivka; and Publications. The participants in each committee held some lengthy discussions and produced positive suggestions. In order to implement some of these ideas, which requires cooperative efforts during the year, we will need to get people involved to work on them during the year. Therefore, some of these committees need to meet again to organize and put these actions to work.

- May 24, 2008, I was privileged to attend the dedication of the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy. How fitting to dedicate the Academy at a place where Pani Roma spent years teaching dance camp to thousands of young people, including my daughter Chrystyna. It was also exciting to see all the completed improvements to the Veselka Hall – new cushioned dance floor designed specifically for dance, the new heating and air conditioning system, new bathroom facilities and wall paintings.

- June 8-13, 2008, I attended the UNA Seniors Conference at Soyuzivka. On a personal note, it was bittersweet since my mother, Olga Liteplo Paproski, longtime treasurer of the Seniors, had passed away on May 1, 2008. It was a delightful event full of renewing friendships, making new ones and listening to some interesting programs. I was elected to serve as Chairman of the Seniors Conference and worked on the Raffle Committee. There were 106 "young adults" in attendance. My hope is that more of these "youngsters" will join us next year. The attractions include: rates that are substantially discounted, plenty of food, and you will have a grand time. I also had the opportunity to have a broad based discussion with Soyuzivka Manager Nestor Paslawsky and Chef Andriy Sonevsky.

The Connecticut District of the UNA did not hold any meetings this past year. However, I did represent the District at the planning meetings of the Connecticut Holodomor Committee which held their event at the Capital in Hartford, Conn., on May 17, 2008. I served on the Publicity Committee.

Locally, I serve as Financial Secretary of Branch 414, New Haven, Conn. For Christmas, our Branch gave youngsters a "sweet gift." We planned and intended to hold our annual Branch Easter Egg Hunt but was cancelled due to bad weather.

With respect to various forms of UNA products, from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, I sold two whole life policies and one endowment policy with a value of \$27,000 and a total premium of \$3,739.60. Subsequent to June 30, 2008, as a result with working with clients three additional endowments and one annuity were submitted. I would like to commend the employees at the home office who are always pleasant and quick to reply when I call for advice, information or materials.

In my Ukrainian activity travels, including the Cultural Festival and Seniors Conference, I am continuously provided with questions from many Ukrainians: "What's new with UNA?" or "What's hapening with Soyuzivka?" I'm delighted that they are inquisitive – that they want to know. They ask questions and share their opinions and concerns with me. Please note that at times I feel I lack current information especially when I hear comments that, to me, include misinformation. As a UNA Advisor, we meet once a year when we hear reports from our Executives and Auditors. There was an effort initiated to keep us updated with frequent memos. Unfortunately, that was not implemented continuously. Our Financial Secretary does send us monthly notices on the goings in her department – insurance products and annuities – which I find very useful. When I do see our Executives, they will give me the latest update. To constantly call the Home Office to obtain answers would create an unacceptable means to address this issue. I sincerely believe that there is a need to reenergize efforts for a newsletter-type communication. We need to be abreast of the current business of our organization.

I find that working for the good of the UNA is a very rewarding experience. The UNA is, of course, the oldest continuous Ukrainian organization in North America. I strongly encourage UNA members to support our organization by buying our products, visiting Soyuzivka, sending their children to our camps, and supporting the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation. Through continued increased involvement of more people working together, I am positive that our goals will be reached and we will be serving our UNA members well.

UNA advisor Gloria Horbaty, signed up 3 new members during this reporting period.

Звіт радного УНСоюзу Миколи Філя

Це є моя друга канденція як Радний УНС. За цей період від 30-го червня до 31-го липня я брав активну участь на сходинах майже всіх українських організацій в Окрузі Олбані, Н.Й. Тому що я є членом таких Українських організацій як УККА, Український Клуб у Вотерволіт, Кредитна спілка, Лемківська Організація та є членом Української Католицької Церкви св. Миколая у Вотерволіт, я маю нагоду говорити про УНС, його важливу роллю в наших громадах та чому треба бути членом УНС. Я брав активну участь у приготуванні Свята Незалежності з нагоди 16-ої річниці Української Держави, яке відбулося 26-го серпня 2007 року в Українському Клубі у Вотерволіт. 31-го жовтня з ініціативи 2-го заступника Президента УНС Михайла Козюпи я був відповідальний за організування виставки з нагоди 65-ої річниці створення УПА, яка відбулася в нашому Українському клубі в присутності двох воїнів УПА, які живуть в місті Трой, Н.Й. (Василь Коцур та Василь Роман).



Микола Філь

В місяці грудні так як щороку так і минулого року Братство св. Миколая і 13-ий відділ УНС мав Службу Божу за померших членів. Після служби в церкві ми разом пішли на спільний сніданок до Українського Клубу.

В місяці лютому 13-ий відділ УНС відбув свої річні збори, на яких я був перевибраний секретарем нашого відділу. На тих зборах я заохочував членів Братства, які не є членами УНС стати членами, або придбати дуже популярні тепер аннуїти, які продає УНС. В місяці березні я репрезентував УНС на святі Т. Шевченка. Тому, що в нашій околиці знаходиться пам'ятник Т.Г. Шевченку, який був поставлений двадцять (20) років тому в місті Трой, Н.Й. я і з другими членами нашої громади працював при опорядкуванні місця біля пам'ятника, щоб це місце, яке називається Пляч Тараса Шевченка гідно репрезентувало українців.

В місяці травні того року в нашій околиці організовано громадський комітет, щоб гідно відзначити 75-ту річницю Голодомору в Україні. Я репрезентував УНС в цьому комітеті і був відповідальний за перевезення смолоскипу з міста Сиракюз до Вотерволіт, а пізніше особисто перевіз цей смолоскип на Союзівку, де передав його пані Заяць, голові УККА міста Нью Йорк. 24-го травня я був присутній на відкритті відновленої зали "Веселка" на Союзівці та на відкритті Роми Прийми Богачевської академії Танцювального мистецтва, де також зложив свою фінансову пожертву на ту благодарну ціль.

Традиційно, як щороку, я організував 40 членів з нашого відділу відвідати Союзівку з нагоди дня Батька. На фестивалю Української Культури, який вдруге відбувся на Союзівці я заохотив понад 50 людей з округи Олбані прибути на цей фестиваль. На фестивалю в міру можливості помагав при роздаванні летючок про УНС, та супроводив конгресмена Моріс Гінчі по Союзівці під час його перебування на фестивалі. За цей період я придбав 9 нових членів до УНС і далі заохочую всіх українців які ще не є членами УНС стати членами найбільшої Української братської організації в Америці. Разом нас багато. Працюймо разом.

Радний УНСоюзу, Микола Філь придбав 8 нових членів за цей звітний час.

Звіт радного УНСоюзу Евгена Осціславського

Звіт радного УНСоюзу Евгена Осціславського За цей період часу я працював і далі працюю над тим, щоб наша найстарша братська установа в діаспорі служила українській громаді в Америці і Канаді. УНСоюз – це установа, яка в своїх рядах згуртувала тисячі членства різних політичних і релігійних переконань чим стала найбільшою установою, тому мусимо дбати, щоб не допустити до занепаду так все сильної братської організації.



Евген Осціславський

Впродовж довгих років моєї приналежності до Головного Уряду УНСоюзу я брав участь у нарадах Головного Уряду на Союзівці. Працював в комісії бртської діяльності, завданням якої було виготовлення перспективнішого плану праці. Репрезентував УНСоюз на Окружних зборах у Парсипані, Н.Дж., бенкетах, фестивалях у Торонто, Канада, у Стемфорді, Кон., на Тризубівці, Па., на Союзівці та інших...) на Діаспорній Олімпіаді у Горшам, Па., на концертах та різного роду менших громадських імпрезах.

Працюючи для УНСоюзу впродовж 20 років я є посереднім помічником Екзекутиви в реалізуванні плянів організаційної ділянки. Як секретар 234 Відділу УНС активно працюю над збільшенням членства, що є найважливіше для нашої установи. Від 1 липня 2007 року до 30 червня 2008 року я вписав до УНСоюзу 20 нових членів на загальну суму 235,000 дол. Стараюся допомагати УНСоюзові розв'язувати членські проблеми у відділі пов'язані зі змінами адрес, справами незаплачених вкладок, виплатою поліс та інші. Я є готовий служити УНСоюзові і виконувати всі доручення з боку Екзекутивного Комітету, які провадять до росту і втримання нашої найстаршої установи. Пропоную оживити братську діяльність в Округах, що допоможе нам у збільшенні членства.

Відновлюю свій постійний заклик до громади щоб ми українці зрозуміли, що існування УНСоюзу є корисне для нас. Ми всі повинні забезпечити своє життя на випадок смерті.

УНСоюз має дуже добрі поліси не гірші від інших американських забезпечених компаній, лише треба запізнатись з ними вибрати особу яка допоможе вибрати щось найкраще, відповідне до віку. Закликаю всіх українців стати членами нашої найстаршої і найбільшої братської установи, якою є Український Народний Союз!

Радний УНСоюзу Евген Осціславський придбав 19 нових членів за цей звітний час.

MYRON PYLYPIAK UNA ADVISOR

DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT

Report of UNA Advisor Olya N. Czerkas

The position of advisor for the Ukrainian National Association is one of much responsibility to the UNA membership and, for me, an honor. Being newly elected to this position and living in St. Petersburg, Fla., I have found that some of the responsibilities as an advisor may be slightly different than those who may have held this position previously and those who live close to the UNA main headquarters.



Olya N. Czerkas

The 2007-2008 year has brought me many opportunities to help the UNA through education, personal contacts, and representation. I attended the advisory meeting at Soyuzivka in September 2007, volunteered to be a committee member on three committees, and was an active participant in the many discussions which involved the growth and betterment of UNA and Soyuzivka. The three day meeting was filled with many topics that needed our input so that educated decisions could be made. We, the advisory board and executive committee, discussed in great depth, reviewed and voted on issues, with the goals of progress and growth of UNA membership and Soyuzivka in mind. Taking on the responsibilities of an advisor, I also made it my goal to actively encourage increasing the number and variety of camps at Soyuzivka. As we all know, camps at Soyuzivka have been one of the most instrumental activities that brings youth, young adults and parents into the Ukrainian community. This year was my eighteenth year of working directly with children and parents through camps. I began working at Soyuzivka in 1990 as a councilor and then Director of the Children's Camp. Six years ago I started working with Mr. and Mrs. Sawchak at the Tennis Camp as a Supervisor. During these eighteen summers I considered myself as a "camp mother" and a liaison between parents, Soyuzivka and UNA. I believe that I have played a very important role in the lives of the children and in the growth of Soyuzivka and UNA.

Over these wonderful years of working with children and their parents, I have tried to teach the children about Ukraine, our cultural background, and our heritage in a friendly and safe environment. Now, many return to Soyuzivka as young adults. Their camping experiences, in which I am proud to have been a part, bringing them back to Soyuzivka, a place where friendships grew, memories were made, and for many, the need to connect with the Ukrainian community was instilled. I am also very pleased to have an opportunity to work directly with Mr. and Mrs. Sawchak and their daughters. Forty-one years ago, Mr. Sawchak and Mr. Snylyk began the Soyuzivka Tennis Camp. He continues to teach the children while encouraging friendships which continue to bring our young adults back to Soyuzivka and to be involved with the UNA. This summer we had five children whose parents were once Mr. Sawchak's tennis students. This is but one more piece of concrete evidence that camps are important in the expansion of the UNA and Soyuzivka.

In summary, I believe that over this past year, though far away, I have tried to be involved with Soyuzivka and the UNA. Being very active in the Ukrainian community in St. Petersburg, Fla., I have shared the information about the UNA and Soyuzivka whenever possible. I have also been called upon to honorably represent the UNA at functions, which I have proudly done. I do believe that my commitment and dedication to our youth at Soyuzivka, the United States and Ukraine is the greatest contribution to the growth and prosperity of our UNA. I will proudly continue to work toward educating our children about their heritage, their background and their UNA and Soyuzivka community.

Advisor, Olya Czerkas did not sign any new members during this reporting period.

Звіт радного УНСоюзу Альберта Качковського

Відділ УНС в Саскатуні є членом саскатунського відділу Українського Конгресу Канади (КУК). Почерез КУК, УНС явно бере активну участь у подіях української громади в Саскатуні. УНС допомагає в улаштуванні Дня України в Парку, одинокий український фестиваль в Саскачевані, котрий відбувається надворі, під небом.



Альберт Качковський

Я представляю УНС у конгресі і регулярно учащаю місячні засідання членства як також ради деректорів відділу КУК. Організації, котрі є членами саскатунського відділу КУК тепер нараховують 30, з котрих УНС є однією. Час від часу, я подаю інформації для опублікування в англомовній газеті УНС.

Радний УНСоюзу, Альберт Качковський не придбав жодних членів за цей звітний час.

BOHDAN KUKURUZA UNA ADVISOR

DID NOT SUBMIT A REPORT

Report of UNA Advisor Eugene Serba

Despite my busy professional schedule, I have supported the UNA wherever feasible in a number of different ways. Throughout the year I have reviewed documents and plans for Soyuzivka as presented by the Executive Board and provided feedback on operations.

In September, 2007 I attended my second UNA General Assembly Meeting at Soyuzivka. I participated and continue on the Finance and Canada committees. Decisions that are being made by the Executive Board are being analyzed and presented to the appropriate Advisors and committee members throughout the year. I attended the UNA Philadelphia District Meeting in November, 2007. Both of these meetings and discussions focused on keeping the UNA solvent with regard to its principle business while converting the real estate holdings to "usable" reserves. On a sad note I attended the funeral of longtime UNA organizer Stefan Hawrysz in May, 2008.



Eugene Serba

On a more local level I conducted the UNA Branch 173 annual meeting in February,

2008. Following the theme of "Fraternal Brotherhood" UNA Branch 173 sponsored donuts and coffee for church members after masses at St. Nicholas Church in Wilmington, Del. I participated in the Tryzub Tennis Tournaments held in October, 2007 and April, 2008 in Horsham, Pa. I realize that there are a great many people that have long contributed to the success of various Ukrainian and more specifically the UNA "fraternal" projects. One of such individuals was UNA member Catherine Husak who donated funds for a church in the Ukraine. I wrote an article for The Ukrainian Weekly to recognize her fraternal generosity. In a more patriotic vein, I continued a campaign to get the Ukrainian flag permanently on display in North Wildwood, N.J. I realize that a great many Ukrainians vacation in the Wildwoods. Why can't a Ukrainian flag be displayed? I attended several city council meetings and finally received approval in May, 2008. The Ukrainian flag flies permanently at the Island of Flags display in North Wildwood, N.J.

Throughout the year via telephone, e-mail, and in person I have sought to provide support to the UNA and its publications Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly. My role as Advisor has provided consultation and support concerning finances and continued growth. I have organized 3 annuity and insurance policies in the past year while maintaining contact with a great many individuals on the Executive Board and fellow Advisors. I look forward to continuing work as an Advisor in 2009.

UNA Advisor, Eugene Serba, did not sign up any members during this reporting period.

Report of UNA Advisor Luba Streletsky

I am very pleased to be selected for the position of Advisor on the General Assembly and thank everybody who sent me congratulations on that appointment. Your show of support and trust just affirmed my continued commitment to serve our fraternal and the Ukrainian community. Last year, I have represented the UNA at various events in Northeast Philadelphia areas.

I attended Philadelphia District meeting. I paid respect to Stefan Hawrysz and represented the UNA at his funeral. He was the one who introduced me to the UNA and convinced me to make a commitment and become a secretary of UNA Branch 10, many years ago. He encouraged me all the time with his endless enthusiasm and faith in serving the Ukrainian community. I continue to work with the Fourth Wave immigrants and I am lucky to belong to that "Wave." I live in their midst, I work with them and I am a member of their Church. I represent the UNA when I help new immigrants with various needs and explain to them why they need to have life insurance. Then, I introduce them to UNA policies which can be suitable for them. I make sure that everybody at my work knows that I am a UNA secretary of Branch 10 and that I can help them with buying life insurance. Twice this year I attended a Health Fair through my work where I manned a UNA stand. At those events I was able to inform many people of our fraternal association while distributing UNA brochures and flyers. I am aware that not all of my contacts will result in the sale of insurance policies but this does not discourage me. I always enjoyed working with people and it is my pleasure to speak with UNA members and my fellow Ukrainians, help them in their needs, and listen to their concerns and suggestions. I will continue to work for our fraternal organization and continue to promote its mission. As an Advisor, I will bring to the attention of the General Assembly some of my suggestions and vision for our organization.

UNA advisor, Luba Streletsky, signed up 8 new members during this reporting period.



Luba Streletsky

6. Report of Editor-in-Chief of Svoboda Roma Hadzewycz

I greet you with the 115th anniversary of Svoboda, the newspaper that gave birth to the Ukrainian National Association. On September 15, 1893, the first issue of Svoboda rolled off the presses; several months later, after Svoboda called for the establishment of "a national organization... that would embrace each and every Rusyn [as Ukrainians then called themselves], no matter where he lives," the UNA was born on February 22, 1894.

The Svoboda staff is ever mindful of the important role this newspaper plays in our Ukrainian community and within the UNA. And the contents of the paper continue to reflect Svoboda's founding mission: "to serve as the people's newspaper."

This report to the UNA General Assembly – my second to this body as editor-in-chief of Svoboda – covers the period from the beginning of September 2007 to the beginning of September of this year.

I must repeat a fact I underscored in last year's report: I have a very hard-working and dedicated staff at the UNA's Ukrainian-language weekly. My fellow editors are: Petro Chasto, Lev Khmelkovsky and Chrystyna Ferencevych (the latter a part-time staffer, but no less valuable when you have a staff a small as ours).

The paper's production department comprises layout artist and computer troubleshooter Ihor Pylypchuk and typesetter Daria Malynovsky. Mr. Pylypchuk doubles as webmaster and archivist for both Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly.

Walter Honcharyk continues to head the administration of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, and Maria Pendzola runs the subscription/circulation department. The advertising department is headed by Maria Oscislowski, who is assisted by one typesetter, Ida Fox. In addition, we have a part-time employee, Alexandra Khmelkovsky, who is in charge of our mailroom and performs various other duties, including assisting Mrs. Oscislowski with the proofreading of ads for Svoboda.

Svoboda's regular correspondents include Rostyk Chomiak, Roman Ferencevych, Serhii Panko, Tamara Skrypka, Yuri Shevchuk and Lidia Korsun in the United States, Oksana Zakydalsky in Canada, Volodymyr Yefymov, Oleksander Vivcharyk and Oleksander Zharivsky in Ukraine, Svitlana Hlaz in Israel, Mykola Mushynka in Slovakia, and others. Also notable are the articles contributed by Mykola Haliv, Ivan Hvozda, Mykola Duplak, Bohdan Markiw and Osyp Krawczeniuk. We were saddened at the death of one of Svoboda's top authors, Hryhoriy Kuras of the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S., who passed away on March 16, 2008, at the age of 50.

The newspaper runs a regular column prepared by the Shevchenko Scientific



Roma Hadzewycz

Society, as well as a monthly page prepared by the Bahriany Foundation. We are currently in the process of establishing cooperation with the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute – a move that, it is hoped, will result in even more high-quality articles of interest to the readers of our newspaper.

A great number of Svoboda's stories come from community activists and readers from various parts of North America, Ukraine and other countries around the globe. That's why regular readers of our newspaper will notice a great diversity of datelines on Svoboda's pages. Among the countries outside of North America whence we received news: Thailand, Australia, Argentina, Italy, England, Israel, Azerbaijan and Russia. We are grateful to each and every one of our correspondents for contributing to Svoboda and immeasurably enriching its contents.

Svoboda's website, which contains the paper's digital archives as well as current issues, continues to expand thanks to the great efforts of Mr. Pylypchuk. This project was immeasurably aided by two large grants received from two of our community's most prominent institutions. In December 2007 the Shevchenko Scientific Society gave us a grant of \$15,000 – which, in effect, was the seed money for this undertaking – and in April 2008 Self Reliance New York Federal Credit Union donated \$50,000. Front-pages news stories appeared about both contributions. We will be seeking more grants and donations in the near future to support this ongoing project that aims to digitize all the issues of Svoboda published since 1893.

Postal delivery problems continue to plague Svoboda, and our circulation department and administration are doing everything possible to ensure timely delivery of the paper. Our circulation department is constantly alerting postal authorities to delivery problems cited by subscribers. Our administration has received approximately 1,000 responses to the postal delivery survey we published in November-December 2007, as suggested by the 2007 annual meeting of the UNA General Assembly. Readers were asked in that survey to track delivery of four consecutive issues of the paper and to send the results to us. We thank our readers for responding and thus helping us argue our case with the U.S. Postal Service.

We hope that some delivery issues will be resolved when, in the very near future, we unveil paid online subscriptions to the paper. With a paid online subscription, a reader anywhere in the world will be able to read the latest issue of Svoboda as soon as it is sent to our printer. Anyone with Internet access will be able to read these issues online – but for a fee. At present, readers have unlimited free access to the latest issues of Svoboda on our website. This free access is meant as an introduction to our online newspaper.

Top stories in Svoboda

During the report period, Svoboda's pages carried news about the pre-term elections of the Verkhovna Rada, Foreign Affairs Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk's visit to New York, the Synod of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Sobor of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., the visit of Patriarch Filaret to the U.S., the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Insurgent Army and the 100th anniversary of the birth of Roman Shukhevych, vandalism on Mount Hoverlia, the 22nd Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the International Plast Jamboree held in Canada, the election of Yulia Tymoshenko as prime minister, and scores of community events, including the 100th anniversary of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark, N.J.

And that was in the last quarter of 2007 alone.

During 2008 thus far, Svoboda has reported on: Ukraine's quest for a NATO Membership Action Plan and Russia's threats to Ukraine if it proceeded on that course, voting for the inclusion of Kyiv on the board of the new world edition of Monopoly, Ukraine's accession to the World Trade Organization, Volodymyr Klitschko's success in the boxing ring, the 75th birthday of Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, President George W. Bush's first visit to Ukraine, the journey of the International Holodomor Flame, the opening of the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Academy at Soyuzivka, the New Jersey performance of the Kyiv production of "Natalka Poltavka," President Viktor Yushchenko's official visit to Canada, the triennial convention of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, preparations for the release in Ukraine of the Oral History Project of the U.S. Commission on the Ukraine Famine, the Ukrainian Cultural Festival at Soyuzivka, the 65th anniversary of the Halychyna Division, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit to Kyiv, the Diaspora Olympiad, Patriarch Bartholomew's visit to Ukraine, the visit to Israel of the flagship of Ukraine's naval forces (the Hetman Sahaidachnyi), disastrous floods in Ukraine, Russia's invasion of Georgia, the Summer Olympic Games in China, the 9th Ukrainian World Congress, the 17th anniversary of Ukraine's independence and, politics in the U.S. as the presidential election approaches.

Stories appear under such rubrics as "Community Life," "Ukraine and the World," "Literary and Art News," "Leisure Time," "Travels," "Sports," "New Publications," "Readers about Books," "Notable People" "Philately," "This Month in History," "The Topic of the Day," "Commentator's Column" "Reminiscences" and, of course, "The Ukrainian National Association Page."

It must be noted that UNA and Soyuzivka advertising plus UNA pages in Svoboda during the report period totaled 137.30 pages. Included among those pages was the annual UNA Scholarships pullout – the 2007-2008 scholars were featured in issue dated March 14, 2008.

Among the liveliest sections of the paper is our letters to the editor page. Since November of last year and continuing this year, we have run many pages devoted to the Holodomor of 1932-1933 in observance of the Famine-Genocide's 75th anniversary. We continue to run occasional pages of "Mova pro Movu" about Ukrainian language issues. Also noteworthy are the reports on the passing of prominent members of our Ukrainian community, including our own Stefan Hawrysz, longtime UNA leader.

It seems there is plenty to read in Svoboda. (Коротко кажучи: є що читати!)

Reader support

Judging from donations to the Svoboda Press Fund, reader support for our newspaper remains high. Since September of 2007 through August 2008, the fund has received \$32,387.05 in donations. Of that amount \$10,717.67 in donations came in as donations sent in with payment for the 2008 UNA Almanac that is prepared and published by Svoboda.

I would like to add that handwritten thank-you notes were mailed out at the end of 2007 to all those who donated \$500 or more directly to the Svoboda Press Fund.

As I conclude this report, I look forward to Svoboda's next big anniversaries, its 120th and its quasiquintennial – i.e., its 125th anniversary – as it continues proudly in its role as "the people's newspaper." I thank all General Assembly members for their support in the past, and I look forward to their continued cooperation with the official Ukrainian-language newspaper of the Ukrainian National Association.

Report of Editor-in-Chief of The Ukrainian Weekly Roma Hadzewycz

The Ukrainian Weekly this year marks a significant milestone: the 75th anniversary of its founding. It was on October 6, 1933, that the first issue of the Ukrainian National Association's English-language newspaper appeared. It was a four-page tabloid-format paper published as a supplement to Svoboda. Today our paper is independent of Svoboda and is published in issues as large as 56 pages.

The Ukrainian Weekly has come a long way, changing with the needs of our community and with the times. Two things, however, have been constant: the newspaper's mission to serve the Ukrainian community, and the important role played by The Weekly.

This report about the work of the almost-75-year-old Weekly covers the period from September 2007 to the beginning of September 2008.

Our staff

The editorial staff of The Ukrainian Weekly at the Home Office in Parsippany, N.J., comprises: Editor-in-Chief Roma Hadzewycz, who has been on staff full-time since 1977, serving as editor-in-chief since 1980; and Editor Matthew Dubas, who was been with The Weekly since the spring of 2006. Until the end of April 2008, Khristina Lew came in one day per week to help with proofreading and copy-editing. We are extremely grateful to Ms. Lew, a full-time staffer of The Weekly in 1990-1998, and we wish her all the best in her new full-time job.

Meanwhile, in Kyiv, Editor Zenon Zawada, an experienced journalist who had been with us since February 2005, left the staff in mid-January 2008 to take up the position of editor-in-chief of the Kyiv Post. Mr. Zawada returned to our staff in late August 2008. Needless to say, we are happy to have him back, especially as Ukraine now finds itself in the midst of crucial events both domestically and abroad that will determine its future as an independent state.

In the interim – that is, after Mr. Zawada left our staff and during the summer, while we had a student intern working in Kyiv (details below) – our colleague Illya M. Labunka filed news stories and features from Ukraine. Mr. Labunka had written for The Weekly in the past, but now he was responsible for filing stories each week on deadline to keep our readers up to speed on what was happening in Ukraine. Mr. Labunka opted to not become a full-time member of our staff, though that opportunity was offered him; he will continue to file occasional stories from Ukraine.

The Weekly's production staff during the report period was composed of Awilda Rolon, who does typesetting and layout, a veteran who has been with us since December 1980; and layout artist David (Darko) Bushnell, who joined the staff in October 2007 and officially became a staffer three months later, on January 1, 2008. Originally from New Jersey, Mr. Bushnell came to us with newspaper production experience at student newspapers at the University of Saskatchewan and McGill University. He holds a B.S. in computer science.

Mr. Bushnell has upgraded and modernized our production operation. Thanks to him, The Ukrainian Weekly's layout is now done in InDesign, the same program used by our sister publication, Svoboda. This switchover from QuarkXPress to InDesign (as of our issue dated July 20, 2008) means that the two papers can more easily work together on a technical level.

The intern who worked with us in Parsippany during the summer of 2008 was Tyrssa Korduba of Oakland, N.J., a student at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville) who is majoring in Eastern European studies. Ms. Korduba was a wonderful employee who was willing to take on any task. She did original reporting, rewrites, copy-editing and proofreading. In addition, she organized the English-language books in the new joint library of The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda. We hope that Ms. Korduba returns to work with us in the summer of 2009.

In Kyiv, for the first time ever, we also had a summer intern. Danylo Peleschuk of Stamford, Conn., is a journalism major at Northeastern University in Boston. He was well-known to us as he had worked as an intern for The Weekly here at our home office in Parsippany, N.J., in the summer of 2005, as well as in December of that year during winter vacation. Thus, when he approached us about interning in Kyiv, we could not pass up the opportunity. Mr. Peleschuk did a fine job for us in Ukraine, as I'm sure our readers noticed on the pages of our newspaper. He is continuing a series on his stay in Ukraine in a column called "Notes from the Homeland."

The administration of the UNA's two newspapers is headed by Walter Honcharyk. Also part of that team are our advertising manager, Maria Oscislawski, and our subscriptions/circulation manager, Mary Pendzola. In addition, we have a part-time employee, Alexandra Khmelkovsky, who is in charge of the mailroom. We have exemplary cooperation with all of the administration staff.

The Ukrainian Weekly online

Our webmaster is Ihor Pylypchuk, who is also Svoboda's layout artist, computer troubleshooter, webmaster and archivist. Mr. Pylypchuk is also in charge of the digital archiving of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly.

We are working hard to make every single issue of The Ukrainian Weekly published since its founding in 1933 available online for the benefit of our readers and our community, not to mention researchers and the general public.

This is possible thanks to The Ukrainian Weekly's and Svoboda's digital archives project, which has received the generous support of two community institutions: the Shevchenko Scientific Society (which gave us a grant of \$15,000 in December 2007) and Self Reliance New York Federal Credit Union (which donated \$50,000 in April 2008). We will be seeking additional grants to support this work, which requires a huge amount of manpower, plus specialized equipment.

In related news, The Ukrainian Weekly unveiled its new website at www.ukrweekly.com. Whereas, previously, visitors to our website saw text only, now they can view stories laid out on pages just as they appeared in the print version of the



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newspaper, with photos, charts, etc. These pages can be viewed in either of two formats, pdf or DjVU. If you haven't yet logged on to our site, we urged you to do so and to explore. The latest issues of our newspaper are currently available online for readers to peruse at no charge. However, we will soon be switching to paid online subscriptions.

Correspondents

Our regular correspondents include: Yaro Bihun in Washington, Oksana Zakydalsky in Toronto and Illya M. Labunka in Kyiv. Our columnists are: Dr. Myron B. Kuropas, Andrew Fedynsky, Orysia Paszczak Tracz, Khristina Lew, Taras Szmagala Jr., Andrew Sorokowski and Mr. Bihun.

Among our regular contributors during the report period were: Taras Kuzio, Roman Kupchinsky, Adrianna Melnyk, Helen Smindak, Roman Solchanyk, Yuri Shevchuk, Alex Motyl, Peter Woloschuk, Ihor Stelmach, Yarema Belej, Christina Kotlar, Adrian Bryttan, Oleh Wolowyna, Fran Ponomarenko, Alexandra Hawryluk, Taissa Bushnell, Oksana Bashuk-Hepburn and Anna Chelak.

Of course, we also have our readers and community activists to thank for countless stories about our community life from cities and towns throughout North America. Datelines ranged from Minneapolis to North Port, Fla., from Watervliet, N.Y., to San Francisco, from Houston to Pittsburgh and countless places in between, as well as from Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Saskatoon and Vancouver in Canada.

Postal delivery

In November and early December 2007, The Ukrainian Weekly published a "Survey Regarding Postal Delivery of The Ukrainian Weekly." The clip-out forms were prepared and published as a direct result of the increasing number of complaints about poor delivery of the two weekly newspapers published by the Ukrainian National Association. We asked readers – many of whom called or wrote to tell us how late their papers are arriving – to help us pin down where the problems with postal delivery arise by tracking the delivery of four consecutive issues. Readers were asked to note the issue number, issue date and date received for each of these four issues.

It was last year's UNA General Assembly meeting which recommended that The Weekly and Svoboda conduct these surveys of postal delivery. According to our administration, we received approximately 1,000 filled-out surveys from our readers. Thank you to them all for helping us try to resolve our postal delivery problems. Our administration, meanwhile, continues to work with postal authorities to secure better service, and our circulation department is constantly alerting the U.S. Postal Service to delivery problems reported by our subscribers.

To be sure, some of these delivery issues will become moot as readers opt to subscribe to the online version of The Ukrainian Weekly.

The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund

Donations to The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund from September 2007 through August 2008 totaled \$33,991.26. Handwritten thank-you notes were mailed out at the end of 2007 to all who had donated \$500 or more directly to The Ukrainian Weekly Press Fund. I ask General Assembly members and readers to understand that we at The Weekly regularly publish monthly reports of donations made to our Press Fund. That listing, however, does not include donations made through the Ukrainian National Foundation or via the UNA's annual Christmas card project.

Our top stories

Our top stories during the report period included the following reported during the last quarter of 2007: the International Plast Jamboree in Canada, the release in Ukraine of new documents pointing to the genocidal nature of the Holodomor, a pull-out of photos from Soyuzivka's 2007 summer, the groundbreaking of the Historical and Educational Complex of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the U.S.A., conservation of Lviv's architectural treasures, pre-term Rada elections, the Ukrainian Catholic Church's Synod in Philadelphia and the 100th anniversary of the arrival in the U.S. of Bishop Soter Ortynsky, the formation of the Democratic Forces Coalition in Ukraine, the Ukraine-Scotland soccer match in Glasgow and a look at the Ukrainians of Scotland, the Sobor of the UOC-U.S.A., the controversial erection of a monument in Odesa to Russian Empress Catherine II, the 30th anniversary of the Ukrainian American Bar Association, Ukrainian stars at Lincoln Center, the beginning of commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor (events in New York, Washington, Kyiv and London), the 22nd conclave of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the 60th convention of Ukrainian American Veterans, the decline of cultural life in Ukraine, the tribute to Jack Palance at the Ukrainian Institute of America, New Zealand's release of a stamp dedicated to the Holodomor, the election of Yulia Tymoshenko as prime minister of Ukraine and the selection of a new Cabinet, the 50th anniversary of the first Plast jamboree in Australia, Okean Elzy's performance in Vancouver, British Columbia, the appointment of Raisa Bohatyriova of the Party of the Regions as secretary of the National Security and Defense Council and the announcement that Edmonton would soon be home to a Consulate of Ukraine.

During 2008 The Weekly's headlines covered the following developments: Sen. Richard Lugar's visit to Ukraine, Ukraine's quest for a NATO Membership Action Plan, Ukraine at the World Economic Forum in Davos, preparations for the Euro-2012 soccer championship that will be co-hosted by Ukraine and Poland, the gas dispute between Ukraine and Russia, the 75th birthday of Patriarch Lubomyr Husar, the Central and East European Coalition's meeting with the presidential campaigns of Sens. Hillary Clinton, John McCain and Barack Obama, the NATO summit in Bucharest, sentencings in the murder of Heorhii Gongadze, Russia's threats to Georgia and Ukraine over their NATO aspirations, President George W. Bush's first visit to Ukraine, the Rutgers University conference on the Holodomor, the International Holodomor Torch Relay, Ukraine's membership in the World Trade Organization, Canada's agreement to provide \$10 million for redress for the internment of Ukrainian Canadians during the first world war, President Viktor Yushchenko's visit to Canada, the Kyiv mayoral elections, hearings in New Jersey of the Governor's Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigration Policies, Canada's official recognition of the Holodomor as an act of genocide, Paul McCartney in Kyiv, the triennial convention of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, the Verkhovna Rada's deadlock

in July, German Chancellor Angela Merkel's visit to Kyiv, the world scouting movement's decision to accept the National Organization of Scouts of Ukraine, new revelations and accusations in the Yushchenko poisoning, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's visit to Ukraine, severe flooding in six western oblasts of Ukraine, Ukraine's Olympic achievements in Beijing, the Russian invasion of Georgia, the 17th anniversary of Ukraine's independence and the ninth Ukrainian World Congress.

During the first eight months of 2008 there was news also about an international Ukrainian soccer tournament in Australia, a Ukrainian American (Eugene V. Stakhiv) sharing in the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change and Al Gore, the Devils alumni vs. Ukrainian Kozaks charity hockey game in New Jersey, the threatened closing of St. Josaphat School in Parma, Ohio, the voting to include Kyiv among the cities in the new worldwide edition of the Monopoly board game, Boston College's first Ukrainian Cultural Day, the new Ukrainian American Cultural and Religious Center of New England, Wladimir Klitschko's title bouts, Ukrainian student congresses in the U.S. and Canada (SUSTA and SUSK), the establishment of the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Academy at Soyuzivka, Soyuzivka's second Ukrainian Cultural Festival and the Kino-Q Ukrainian Film Festival, the presentation of "Natalka Poltavka" in New Jersey by a Kyiv drama troupe, the first-ever pysanka symposium held in Washington, the fourth Ukrainian Diaspora Olympiad and the Ukrainian Festival in North Dakota that celebrated the community's homestead heritage.

UNA and Soyuzivka advertising plus pages of "The Ukrainian National Association Forum" that appeared in The Weekly during the report period totaled 138.28 pages. Included in that page count was the 2007-2008 UNA Scholarships pull-out, which was included in our issue dated March 16, 2008.

Other regular features included "Sportsline," "Ukrainian Pro Sports Update," "Notes on People," "News Analysis," "News and Views," "Community Chronicle," "Book Notes," "In the Press," music, art and book reviews, letters to the editor, editorials, "Turning the pages back..." "Generation Uke" and "UKELODEON." In addition, as it is a presidential election year, we regularly run reports under the heading "On the Campaign Trail."

As usual, we published annual releases of the "Year In Review" (January 13, 2008), "Ukrainian Debutante Balls" (March 9, 2008) and "A Ukrainian Summer" (May 4, 2008), and we printed special sections devoted to annual celebrations of Ukrainian Independence Day. There were plenty of special articles related to the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor, and these will grow in number as our community continues to commemorate this genocide of the Ukrainian nation.

Wish list

I will repeat, verbatim, a section from last year's report to the General Assembly, in the hope that this year it might yield some results. In 2007 I wrote:

"We desperately need a professional marketing plan for both our publications, The Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda, as well as for the entire Ukrainian National Association. Without such a plan, and the professionals to carry it out, none of us can hope to increase the reach of the UNA's publications, the number of guests at Soyuzivka, or membership in the UNA. Money spent on marketing will be money well spent, as it is an investment in the future.

"I must note here that this wish truly is a perennial one – I have raised it at each General Assembly meeting and each convention since my first report to the UNA Convention in 1982. "This year, however, I feel that this wish has a chance of being granted given that the UNA has now set out to implement its plan 'Redesigning the UNA for the 21st Century.'"

Conclusion

The Ukrainian Weekly is a network that connects our community members, and we are proud of our role in uniting disparate and distant elements of our community. The Weekly is also a partner to our community. For decades we have worked with community activists by providing a forum for their ideas, publicizing their activities and galvanizing community action. Our home office staff of two editors works with community activists' submissions and suggestions in order to better present information for the benefit of all our readers. We field countless e-mail messages and phone calls in the course of preparing each week's issue of our newspaper. And yet, there are certain segments of our community, and certain cities, that do not take advantage of The Weekly to communicate with fellow Ukrainians. We urge them to do so. Contact with The Weekly, and through it with our readers across North America, can only be to their benefit.

I urge members of the UNA General Assembly to take this message back home to their "hromady" so that our partnership with our community can grow ever stronger as The Ukrainian Weekly continues going strong into its eighth decade.

Nestor Paslawsky briefly addressed the General Assembly.

"It is always a pleasure and honor to report to the General Assembly and Executives. Every year Soyuzivka has its challenges and successes and this year was no different. I prefer to discuss the successes which begin with our festival which was spectacular.

The weather, performers and attendance were exceptional and I look forward to a bigger and even more entertaining one this year. I would be remiss not to mention the Soyuzivka camps and the increased attendance. Beginning with tennis camp and ending with dance camp. Soyuzivka host hundreds of children, which of course is our future."

He listed some of noteworthy decisions and changes that occurred this previous year.

1. There was a soft closing of Soyuzivka right after Plast Orlychiada in November
2. Reopening of Soyuzivka was scheduled for May
3. It was decided not to host the traditional New Year's Eve
4. All the buildings other than the main building were closed, drained and sealed.
5. It is a lot more difficult to close and reopen the Main House, so it was decided to keep Main House open, keeping tight reign on heating at approximately 50%. Sonia Semanyshyn and myself while working in the Main House availed ourselves of hats, gloves and heaters. The remaining staff was laid off.

6. Closing of Soyuzivka in that manner resulted in savings of over \$150,000. The savings came from gas, electric, oil, maintenance, payroll/benefits.

7. Early May began the gradual re-opening of all the buildings – we were fully opened by Memorial Day.

8. Memorial Day was highlighted by the Second Annual Film Festival and the dedication of the renovated Veselka building and the Roma Pryma-Bohachevsky Dance Academy. There was a formal dedication ceremony for the Dance Academy. The weekend was well attended and very busy.

9. June, Soyuzivka held the UNA Seniors Week, which was well attended and well organized by Oksana Trytjak the Seniors President, over 106 participants.

10. During June we also hosted weddings and the Priests Conference.

11. One of the reoccurring problems we have at Soyuzivka is staffing during the summer months. N. Bohdanka Puzyk one of Soyuzivka's counselors helped in recruiting 13 students from Ukraine who worked all summer at Soyuzivka. They took upon themselves all types of jobs, general workers, servers, cooks, housekeeper etc.

12. The highlight of the summer season was the 2nd annual Festival in July which brought in over 4,000 visitors to Soyuzivka. I would like to thank several members of the General Assembly who volunteered their services during the festival: Mykola Fil, Gloria Horbaty, Maya Lew, Slavko Tysiak, Eugene Oscislowski, Christine Kozak and Stefan Kaczaraj, a special thank you for the work of Roma Lisovich and Oksana Trytjak without whom it would be so much harder to host such a festival.

• The summer season hosts many camps, beginning with Tabir Ptashat which celebrated its 20th year at Soyuzivka. As usual, both the ptashata camps were very well attended. The growth of all the Soyuzivka camps encourages me and demonstrates the potential Soyuzivka has for the community. These children are the future of our community. With each camp come the additional guests, parents, grand-great-grand parents, friends, and older and younger siblings.

- We hosted 2 weeks of Tabir Ptashata
- 2 weeks of Tennis Camp
- 1 week of Discovery Camp
- 2 weeks of Heritage Camp
- 2 weeks of Sitch Sports Camp
- 3 weeks of Dance Workshop
- 4 weeks of Dance Camp
- 1 week of Joseph School of Dance camp

There were approximately 600 participants at these camps.

14. Labor Day is a big weekend and is our traditional end of the summer season. This year Labor Day was extremely well attended. What was very encouraging is that many of the Labor Day guests were young adults and young families.

15. However, after Labor Day Soyuzivka will still be hosing 5 weddings, 4 "zyizdy," 2 Reunions, a Priests' Conference, Halloween and Orlychiada. This year we will have the traditional Thanksgiving, both Christmas', New Year's Eve and an Engineers Malanka!

I thank my hard working staff for all their efforts and the executives for their cooperation.

Stefan Kaczaraj, President, reminded everyone that this year the UNA will be celebrating the 115th Anniversary of Svoboda the oldest Ukrainian-language newspaper in the world and the 75th Anniversary of The Ukrainian Weekly.

It was his pleasure to announce that the UNA's financial situation is improving. For the first 6 months of 2008, the UNA financial statement is showing a profit. The UNA is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. We are no longer operating in deficits, as in the past, but are now showing profits. Our status as such is due to many various factors. In the first 6 months, the sales of UNA annuities has risen to over 6.4 million dollars. Our investment income has brought us over 2 million dollars for 6 months while in comparison to all of last year the investments brought us 3.6. for the entire year. There is room to be optimistic. The UNA surplus has increased by \$4.6 million due mostly to the sale of the UNA building in 2007.

Soyuzivka has also turned a corner. There was a profit for the first 6 months of \$60,000 while a year ago there was a loss of \$463,000. UNA's publications are still operating at a loss of \$52,000 for 6 months while last year the loss was \$296,000.

There were a few generous donations made to the publications, \$50,000 from the Ukrainian Credit Union in New York City and \$15,000 from Shevchenko Scientific Society which was specifically marked for archiving both Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly. Ads placed in both Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly pertaining to Soyuzivka and the UNA are not being credited to the publications, so in fact their profits would be greater. In the future we will allocate all the expenses pertaining to the publications and all the revenue due them including revenue from ads for the UNA and Soyuzivka on their financial statement, giving them a clearer image of their finances.

Stefan Kaczaraj reported that the web sites of both our publications, have been redesigned. At present the current issues can be seen on the web free of charge. Also both Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly newspapers will be archived and placed on the web, which should take approximately one year, according to our web master. This will give access to the public enabling anyone to review the history of the Ukrainian Diaspora, and so much more.

The Open State Institute (OSI) and the UNA are negotiating for the sale of approximately 250 acres of land on Soyuzivka property. If we sell this land to OSI we will continue to have access to this land, since OSI will use this land as a preservation park. Prior to any sale we must make sure that the property that remains will be suitable for various projects like co-op building or others that would involve water rights, sewage etc. At the moment, we are working with surveyors and lawyers to determine our needs. Upon sale of this land at a negotiated price, it will lower our real estate taxes, still giving our members access to the land in the form of a park.

Stefan Kaczaraj congratulated Nestor Paslawsky, the manager of Soyuzivka, and his committee on the success of the second Soyuzivka Ukrainian Cultural Festival which brought over 4,000 visitors to Soyuzivka.

The UNA will be renovating and downsizing its Home office by 6,000 sq. ft. which is approximately 1/3 of the space that both UNA and the publications use at the moment. This will substantially reduce our rent by around \$93,000 per year. The cost of this renovation will be approximately \$125,000. At that time our office will look more professional while eliminating expensive wasted space.

Zenon Holubec, First Vice-President, had nothing to add to his written report.

Michael Koziupa, Second Vice-President, had nothing to add to his written report.

Myron Groch, Director for Canada, wanted to add to his written report, that the committee's endeavors to stimulate sales in Canada did not meet with any success. It is obvious that there is a major problem in Canada and he hopes that something can be done but has no specific plans.

Christine E. Kozak, National Secretary, was pleased to announce that in all the years that she has been at these sessions reporting to the General Assembly Members this is the first time that she could emphatically state "things are looking good"! Both the life insurance business and the annuity business is doing better. The annuity business is doing great, bringing in over \$6,000,000 in the first 6 months of 2008. C. Kozak stated that more work has to be done to bring up the life insurance business. In the near future the UNA will publish a new rate book, and we are adding new products the 20 year term policy, with option of refund of premium, adding an immediate annuity to our roster of annuities, all these changes and additions will benefit our members and boost our insurance sales. Much of our sales success is due to our outside professional agents. We are therefore constantly looking for new productive agents to join our sales force and sell our products. C. Kozak reminded everyone that these are independent agents that work strictly on a commission basis, which works very well for both parties, the professional agent and the UNA.

Though many of our secretaries are older and have difficulty in signing up new members we are fortunate to have some secretaries that are outstanding. Among some of the top producers are also UNA Advisors Eugene Oscislowski and Lubov Streletsky, who consistently build up our UNA membership. These are the types of secretaries that we are looking for that would boost our membership.

At the moment, UNA has 19 Districts with 169 branches, of which 17 branches are in Canada. It is imperative that each District become more involved and promote UNA within its community. The District with its Branches is an integral part of promoting UNA locally.

For the fourth consecutive year the UNA has mailed Christmas greetings with small gift packages to Ukrainian service personnel serving abroad. We have received thank you notes from some of these military young men and it is heart wrenching to read some of their letters. They are very appreciative of what little is done for them. We will continue with this project as long as our young men and women are serving abroad.

One of the services UNA is offering to its members is the Loyal Team Member Program, which is a benefit for UNA members who keep their annuities with us rather than move their monies around to other institutions for the benefit of a slightly higher interest rate. We therefore offer our members .25% more interest to keep their annuity with UNA. In the last 6 months we have retained over \$800,000 of annuities that potentially could have walked out the door. The UNA appreciates its members and wants to keep our members happy by having them a gain of .25% more interest. We want to keep their business.

Following UNA traditions members of the General Assembly who attend the annual meetings would bring new UNA applications to the meeting. This year Gloria Horbaty and Eugene Serba adhered to this tradition and brought new applications.

Christine Kozak thanked everyone for their hard work and encouraged everyone to continue in signing up new members.

Stefan Kaczaraj, commented on the success of the 2nd annual Festival at Soyuzivka. He especially thanked the UNA General Assembly member volunteers who worked long and hard hours during the Festival. He applauded the work of UNA auditor Slavko Tysiak, advisor Gloria Horbaty and her husband Donald, advisors Nicholas Fil, Maya Lew and Eugene Oscislowski with his wife Maria.

Roma Lisovich, Treasurer, started her commentary with a quote which applies to UNA and that is "Slow and steady wins the race". She thanked all the members of the Executive board, also Oksana Trytjak and Roma Hadzewycz for their cooperation and hard work. She commented that this is a good team that works hard and well together. Another one of the quotes that she felt relates to UNA is "We are not there yet, but we are closer than we were yesterday".

Her answer to the question of why are things better financially at UNA. She explained this briefly with a few simple answers. There are three things that happened that improved our finances:

1) The UNA is selling more. The UNA annuity sales is the prime engine of growth this increases our premium income and thus the revenue is up.

2) The second source of income is the investment portfolio. The UNA investments are performing well and the interest income is up.

3) The third component is that we are consistently reducing our operating expenses where possible.

In answer to yet another frequently asked question "was the sale of the UNA building a positive move?". Emphatically the answer is definitely yes. Most of the money was assigned to our surplus, but we also reallocated some of the assets from the sale of the building into marketing, advertising, promotion, and the retention of new professional sales agents and these have allowed the UNA to expand its business.

Despite the problems that the market is having today the UNA holds an excellent quality investment portfolio. The yield on our investments has gone up from 5% to over 6%. Our goal was to receive 6% and we surpassed our goal. We do have an active portfolio, we trade a lot on a daily basis. We maintain a very close watch with the aid of our investment advisor who has worked for us for over a year and our actuary. This close cooperation and close monitoring proves to be successful for the UNA.

In marketing and promoting the UNA it is very important what type of image the UNA holds in the community. In the past it has been said that the UNA is the insurance company that my parents and grandparents supported. This is no longer true. The more that the UNA is active in the community and an essential part of the community, the more opportunities we have to promote ourselves and our products. The more positive image that we have the better the community accepts us. As an organization we are creating an image of a corporation that is a lot more forward, modern and contemporary. Lately, we at the UNA are getting more inquiries about both our insurance products and annuity business. This is due because the community sees us as qualified service oriented and knowledgeable in the industry. It is very important to be active in our communities wherever we have UNA branches. The more UNA is visible in the community and we promote a positive active image, the more that we assure the community that we are an integral part of it, the more it will be realized into sales and new membership. The UNA as always par-

ticipates in various community projects, spear heading many. At present with the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Holodomor Genocide in Ukraine the UNA is working on a project with Roma Lisovich from the UNA and Damian Kolodij film maker. They will be documenting interviews with the few remaining survivors of the Holodomor Genocide. This historical documentation will have many implementations when needed. Roma Lisovich encouraged all the members of the General Assembly to find projects where the UNA would be visible and active in the community.

Roma Lisovich also thanked the over 50 volunteers, most between the ages of 20-40 year olds for their committed service to Soyuzivka.

Slavko Tysiak, auditor spoke on behalf of the auditing committee commenting that they did one audit in the past year of the Ukrainian National Foundation. They checked the foundation from the perspective of a holding account that holds money in trust from all the donors who contribute to various funds in the foundation. This year approximately \$350,000 was contributed to the foundation to various funds. All the funds were distributed as allocated without exception. The auditing committee made a few suggestions in particular regarding donations that are to be distributed in Ukraine. They suggested that there should be more transparency when the funds leave the US and reach the final destination in Ukraine.

Wasył Szeremeta, auditor, requested that everybody read the report that he brought and has nothing to add to it.

Gloria Horbaty, advisor apologized for not sending in her report on time, but brought it with her for distribution. She mentioned that she really appreciated the work being done in the home office. All questions and help are dealt with in a timely manner for which she thanks the home office staff.

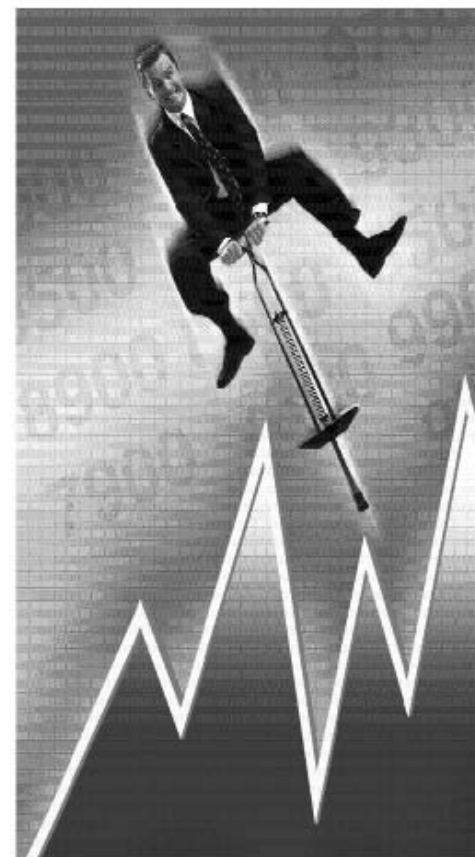
Eugene Oscislowski, advisor had nothing to add to his written report.

Olya Czerkas, advisor, apologized for not sending the report on time, she distributed her written report during the meeting. O. Czerkas commented on the value of Soyuzivka, its camps and programs. She also mentioned that she works at promoting the UNA in St. Petersburg, Florida, specifically working with the new immigrants. O. Czerkas is also interested in reprinting the UNA magazine for children "Veselka." After discussion it was decided this project was not applicable to today's youth.

Eugene Serba, advisor wanted to publically thank Christine Kozak for her continuous support and prompt help whenever he called the home office with whatever problem or advice he needed. In North Wildwood this summer on Ukraine's Independence Day he organized a Flag raising ceremony. He wanted to thank Roma Hadzewycz for helping him advertise and publish articles about the event.

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Roma Lisovich, congratulated Eugene Serba for a great job in Wildwood with the raising of the Ukrainian flag. However, she mentioned in a case like that when a UNA member does a great job in the community the UNA should reap all the benefits. It would be advisable to let the Home Office know about an upcoming event that the UNA is sponsoring or organizing. The UNA should use this opportunity as a marketing tool. The UNA could help with printing brochures, advertising in the media etc. This again would place UNA in the center of the community thus underlying our commitment and our work.

Lubov Streletsy, advisor, explained that this being her first General Assembly meeting other than her written report, which she asked that everyone read she had just

7. Report of Soyuzivka Manager Nestor Paslawsky

Nestor Paslawsky, General Manager of Soyuzivka, welcomed all the General Assembly Members, asked that everyone read his written report, then briefly commented on the status of Soyuzivka, and answered various questions. He reported that Soyuzivka was closed from mid November through May. All the buildings other than the main house were drained, closed and sealed. The Main House was under a soft close which meant turning down the heat to 50 degrees. Sonia Semanyshyn and Nestor Paslawsky worked in the main house during this time with the aid of small heaters. The staff was laid off. This type of closing for the winter months saved Soyuzivka over \$150,000. Most of the savings were from gas, electric, oil, maintenance, repairs, payroll and benefits. Memorial Day Weekend was the official opening of the season and was highlighted with the second film festival and the formal opening of the Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Academy at Soyuzivka. The renovated Veselka Hall had its debut this weekend.



Nestor Paslawsky

The rest of the season included UNA Seniors' Week, weddings, private functions, reunions etc. The continual growth of the children's camps is foretelling the future of Soyuzivka. Attendees come from throughout the U.S. This year Soyuzivka hosted 2 weeks of Ptashata camps, 2 weeks of tennis camps, 2 weeks of heritage camps, 1 week of discovery camp, 2 weeks of Sitch sports camps, 3 weeks of dance workshop, 4 weeks of dance camps and 1 week of Polish school of dance. Over 600 children attended the camps this summer. He reminded everyone that each camp other than bringing in the participants, brings in other guests including family and friends of the campers. This year with the help of Bohdanka Puzyk, one of our camp counselors, thirteen student workers from Ukraine were recruited to work throughout the summer season. They worked through the summer hard and efficiently, taking on various jobs as waiters, cooks, house keepers etc. They also volunteered their services during Festival Weekend which really helped us. One of the highlights of the season was the second annual Soyuzivka Festival, which was bigger and better than last year. Over 4,000 visitors attended the festival.

Nestor Paslawsky specifically thanked members of the assembly that volunteered their services during the festival: Mykola Fil, Gloria and Donald Horbaty, Maya Lew, Slavko Tysiak, Eugene and Maria Oscislawski, Christine Kozak and Stefan Kaczaraj. A special thanks was extended to Roma Lisovich & Oksana Trytjak without whom the festival would not have been as successful. Another profitable weekend as always was Labor Day, it was very well attended. What was very heartening was the large influence of young adults with their young families, this is very promising. Though the season technically ends with Labor Day Soyuzivka will still hold special events in the fall. Soyuzivka will be holding 5 more weddings, 4 "Zizdy," 2 reunions, an annual priests' conference, Halloween and the Plast Orlychiada. To end the season we will continue our traditional New Year's Eve. At this time again we will do a soft closing of Soyuzivka however we will be hosting the our traditional events, Thanksgiving, both Christmases, New Year's Eve and the Engineers signed up to hold a Malanka in January.

A discussion arose with everyone participating.

- Everyone congratulated Nestor Paslawsky and his crew for a great job. The general feedback is that more and more visitors come to Soyuzivka, in particular young families and younger adults which is very positive, and that is because Soyuzivka does have a wide range of various programs to entice many visitors.

- There were many ideas about various other camps that could be organized: 1) English language immersion courses, for participants from Ukraine. 2) The revival of the cultural courses camp for teenagers. N. Paslawsky commented that he would be eager and willing to host other camps, but these would have to be organized and run with an appropriate qualified organizer. Regarding the Cultural courses, R. Hadzewycz mentioned that a professional teacher from Canada, Daria Sochaniwsky was interested in organizing and running it. Someone will approach her. Gloria Horbaty agreed to be the point person and help with organizing the course.

- There was a request to have a list of donors published in both our newspapers twice or at least once a year. This serves as a public thank you and acknowledgment and may encourage others contributions.

- Adopted children from Ukraine weekend is a new and successful program. At the initiation of former vice president, Martha Lysko and with working together with the Ukrainian Embassy, they organized a weekend for these families. The Ukrainian Embassy keeps in contact with the parents of over 5,000 children who have been adopted by American families. Most of the adoptive parents are non Ukrainian. Soyuzivka again, organized a weekend for the children and their parents with the help of the Embassy. At the last weekend, three diplomats from the Ukrainian Embassy attended. The program consists of both cultural and educational segments. These parents want their children to be aware of their ethnicity and culture. There is great potential with this program and Soyuzivka will continue with this program with the aid of the Embassy.

a few comments about the Philadelphia District. In the Philadelphia area some of the local schools offer ESL courses and at the same time they organize specific ethnic days, for example "Russian Day." There is an all out Russian theme with food, music, dress etc. She is hoping to organize a "Ukrainian Day" which would give all the newly arrived Ukrainian immigrants a chance to identify as being Ukrainian and L. Streletsy would then have a chance to introduce herself and UNA to them.

Roma Hadzewycz, Editor-and-Chief of Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly, other than her written reports she wanted to emphasize a couple of items. She commends and appreciates the hard work that the staff at Svoboda, Lev Khmelkowsky, Petro Chasto and Christine Ferencewycz consistently provide. Much of the content of Svoboda is provided by the readership. Subscribers and readers from around the world send in articles, information and other materials which adds to Svoboda being more interesting.

She also thanked the hard working staff at The Ukrainian Weekly. She commented that Zenon Zawada, an editor of the Weekly, permanently stationed in Ukraine, left The Weekly for a short while, which made it very difficult for the remaining staff. During this time there were a couple of editors in Ukraine that stepped up to the plate, Ilya Labunka and Danylo Peleshchuk. Their help was needed and appreciated, however it is nice to welcome Zenon Zawada back who agreed to be an editor stationed in Ukraine for The Ukrainian Weekly once again.

Regarding the problem both our papers have with postal delivery; in accordance with the recommendation of the Assembly a postal survey was conducted in both our papers. There were 1,000 responses. The administration of the publications department is now dealing with the postal authority, and hopefully the problem will be resolved.

Myron Kuropas, Honorary Member, past UNA Vice-President, and member of the General Assembly since 1962, who attended the meeting, addressed the members of the General Assembly. He said that being present at this General Assembly Meeting gave him much hope for the future of UNA. He was extremely pleased to see the work that is being done. "Finally, we can see the light at the end of the tunnel." He congratulated the executives and all the members of the General Assembly for their hard work.

8. DISCUSSION ON THE REPORTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS

All the members participated in a discussion.

- There was a general good feeling about the good work that was being done. The general upward trend was being realized, and hopefully will continue. The upward financial trend is a result of increase in sales and investment profits.

- Regarding the deficits realized by our publications, the new financial reporting for the papers will account and credit all the advertising by Soyuzivka and the UNA, thus lower the paper's deficit.

- Being that there is a positive trend, the question of dividends was raised. It was said that we must inform our members that dividends can be distributed ONLY when UNA's surplus is up sufficiently.

10. REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Gerald Tysiak, Auditor, reported on the Conflict of Interest review:

There are 13 General Assembly members that filed the report today. There are no conflict of interests.

Saturday, September 13, 2008

Stefan Kaczaraj reconvened the meeting.

9. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE OF UNA IN CANADA

Christine Kozak, presented the status of Canadian business:

As of the end of 2006

Active premium paying Canadian members	1,061
Paid-up members	1,121
Extended term policies	297
TOTAL	2,486

As of the end of 2007

Active premium paying Canadian members	1,002
Paid-up members	1,102
Extended term policies	272
TOTAL	2,376

Since 2002, UNA Canadian business has been averaging 20 policies per year, with an average of \$2,300 premium income per year. Note that the Canadian actuarial expense per year amounts to \$50,000.

Canadian insurance policies begin at \$50,000. The UNA has insurance products beginning at \$3,000 and we then have an opportunity to sell the smaller UNA policy to Canadian members. Also, in Canada they do not offer endowment policies, which again opens a great market for us. However, we cannot sell UNA annuities in Canada.

There were 10 policies sold in Canada in 2007 for a premium of \$3,124 for the year and in 2008 to date 3 policies were sold total premium \$980.

There was a question as to whether we can transfer our money from Canada. The answer is NO. Since we have over 2,000 members in Canada we are obliged to keep \$10 million in reserves in investments in Canada in accordance with the Canadian regulators.

Gerald Tysiak, chair of the Canadian Committee listed its members:

Myron Groch, Stefan Kaczaraj, Christine Kozak, Michael Koziupa, Eugene Serba, Wasyl Szeremeta, Olija Czerkas. The committee announced a new direction for the UNA in Canada. These were their recommendations:

The Home Office will organize a mandatory meeting of all 27 branch secretaries in Canada. The meeting will be held in Toronto and will be scheduled before the end of the year.

The UNA will reimburse all travel expenses of branch secretaries who attend, one

representative per branch.

There was a comparison noted between UNA products and insurance products available in Canada

It was noted that there seems to be a general lack of activity of Canadian Branch Secretaries and some elected General Assembly members.

The options that are available are as follows:

- Sell off Canadian business to another fraternal in Canada
- Convert Canadian policies to US policies
- Cash surrender the policies

The preference would be to convert the Canadian policies to US policies. The UNA could come up with a monetary incentive program to give us leverage to convince Canadian members to convert their policies. Canadian secretaries would benefit by receiving finders fees for every policy they forward to the home office and on new policies they would be receiving commissions. The obvious purpose of these conversions would be for UNA:

- not to continue to pay the Canadian actuary the yearly fee of \$50,000
- not to continue payment to the Canadian agent
- we would not have to worry about the foreign currency fluctuation
- we would not have to keep \$10 million in reserves in Canada
- we would not be subject to Canadian insurance regulators

MOTION:

To proceed with the plan for a mandatory meeting with all 17 Canadian secretaries in Canada and discuss the future of Canadian business.

Proposed by Zenon Holubec seconded by Eugene Serba

Motion passed unanimously.

11. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT REPORTS

MOTION:

To accept reports as presented.

Proposed by Michael Koziupa, seconded by Gloria Horbaty

Motion passed unanimously.

12. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Canadian Committee Recommendations were presented by the following committee members: Myron Groch, Stefan Kaczaraj, Christine E. Kozak, Michael Koziupa, Olya Czerkas, Eugene Serba, Wasyl Szeremeta, Slavko Tysiak.

Proposed Action plan to announce New Direction for UNA in Canada

- The UNA home Office will schedule a mandatory meeting of Canadian Secretaries in Toronto by December 31, 2008
- The Director of Canada will telephone the 17 secretaries and obtain agreement as to a meeting date, time and place (UNA branches are primarily centered in and around the cities of Winnipeg, Montreal, Niagara and Toronto).
- Upon identifying an acceptable date, time and place the UNA President will send a certified letter to each Branch Secretary to officially notify them of the mandatory meeting.

Fraternal and Organizing Committee Recommendations were combined into one report because many items discussed overlap both committees.

Oksana Trytjak secretary of the committee listed the following members of the committee: Christine Kozak, Michael Koziupa, Eugene Oscislowski, Lubov Streletsky, Gloria Horbaty, Maya Lew.

• Advertisements for Soyuzivka camps to be utilized in general promotion of Soyuzivka at local churches, credit unions and national homes

- Gloria Horbaty agreed to write a proposal on creating a Ukrainian

Cultural Course Camp for high school students to be held in the summer at Soyuzivka. The proposal will include types of activities and finding an appropriate person to run the course, then present to the manager of Soyuzivka, Nestor Paslawsky who will coordinate dates and fees.

• Christine E. Kozak, UNA National Secretary will include information about "UNA Month" in her monthly newsletter to secretaries and district heads. The purpose of which is to hold UNA activities, sponsor events and invite Executives to promote events in various districts.

• Maya Lew, UNA advisor agreed to create a questionnaire to be distributed to new members. This will help the UNA to find more information about their members and give the UNA a better understanding of our marketing strategies.

• The UNA is in the process of enabling UNA members to pay their premiums through their financial institutions electronically.

• Christine E. Kozak, will add UNA Branch Secretaries contact information to the UNA website.

• The UNA should cross promote promotional material with other Ukrainian organizations like UMANA, UAPBA and UABA and others. UNA specific advertisements could be included in mailings of promotional materials of other organizations. For cross promoting of our advertisements in their mailings we could offer some of the organizations help with their administrative duties.

• The UNA should create a means and guideline for people who are potentially interested in selling UNA policies. Potential titles could include sales reps or membership rep. These reps could hold that title until they sign up 15 new members, which could allow them to open a new branch. The UNA should also encourage each of these reps to obtain insurance licenses.

- The UNA should insure that every District has a District head.

• The UNA should continue to research and implement inexpensive yet impacting marketing and advertising campaigns as much as possible utilizing UNA's new brand.

Soyuzivka Committee Recommendations were presented by the following members of the committee: Olya Czerkas, Maya Lew, Gloria Horbaty, Roma Lisovich, Lubov Streletsky, Eugene Serba.



Scoping the new UNA annuity rates:

1 Yr 4.15%

2 Yr 4.30%

3 Yr 4.50%

5 Yr 4.80%

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- UNA and UNF will continue to provide support for the Soyuzivka Heritage Center in every way possible, financially and on a volunteer basis.
- UNF Christmas Card drive as well as BUG Calendar project will continue to support the Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation.
- The Committee requests that the UNF publish a list of donors and donations received by Soyuzivka and this list should be published annually or semi-annually in Svoboda and The Ukrainian Weekly.
- The Soyuzivka Heritage Foundation will continue to promote a strong cultural program for preserving our unique and beautiful Ukrainian heritage. Their efforts to date have been exceptional. We encourage them to reach out to other advertising venues such as online sites and other publications in order to attract new visitors.
- We applaud Soyuzivka Management for their conservation and eco-friendly initiatives and recommend that these initiatives be continued and supported.
- We recommend to the UNA that initiatives, financial and otherwise, be continued that provide a positive guest experience, with the provision of standard amenities and services as the goal.
- We recommend continued support for the Soyuzivka Cultural Festival. It was a wonderful experience for all and allowed the Soyuzivka Cultural Center to be showcased. We further recommend that all General Assembly Members, Branch and District heads become more actively involved in the volunteer efforts during the Festival and throughout the year at the Center. We applaud the Soyuzivka Management, the UNA, UNF and all the great volunteers for all their effort during the year.

Financial Committee Report: with the following committee members, Roma Lisovich, Zenon Holubec, Eugene Serba, Michael Koziupa, Wasyl Szeremeta, Slavko Tysiak.

- The above committee members met to discuss the financial needs of the organization for the coming year and to establish a budget.
- Through the first half of 2008, the UNA recorded a slight net profit from life insurance operations. The General Assembly adopted a budget, which follows this trend. They budgeted for a modest net profit for the year 2009 with annuity sales continuing to act as the engine for growth.
- Annuities are projected to exceed \$10,000,000 and investment income is budgeted to increase to \$4,000,000.

MOTION:

To accept the recommendations and resolutions as presented .
Proposed by Zenon Holubec seconded by Michael Koziupa.

Motion passed unanimously

13. PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2009 BUDGET

The 2009 Budget was presented by treasurer Roma Lisovich, taking under consideration recommendations made by the Financial Committee.

MOTION:

To accept the 2009 Budget as presented.
Proposed by Eugene Serba seconded by Myron Groch.

After a short discussion the Motion to accept Budget passed unanimously.

14. ASSIGN DATES FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING AND THE 2010 UNA CONVENTION

Most participated in a short discussion re assigning a new date for the next General Assembly Meeting in 2009.

MOTION:

Proposed date for the 2009 General Assembly Meeting, November 13-15, 2009
Proposed by Roma Lisovich seconded by Gloria Horbaty.
Short discussion ensued.

For the motion: 8
Against the motion: 1
Abstentions: 2

Motion passed by a majority vote, the next General Assembly meeting will be held November 13-15, 2009

Regarding assigning a date for the 2010 Convention.

MOTION:

Proposed date for the 2010 Convention at Soyuzivka beginning Thursday, May 20-23, 2010
Proposed by Zenon Holubec seconded by Christine Kozak.

For the motion: 11
Abstentions : 1
Motion passed, the date for the next UNA convention Thursday, May 20 through 23, 2010 at Soyuzivka.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

To adjourn the General Assembly meeting.
Proposed by Michael Koziupa seconded by Zenon Holubec

Motion passed unanimously

Stefan Kaczaraj, thanked all the members of the General Assembly for their participation and input during this session. He lead the Assembly in singing the Ukrainian National Anthem and bid everybody a safe trip back home.

Minutes of the General Assembly meeting submitted by Oksana Trytjak secretary of the General Assembly session.

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