

Mohyla Institute Newsletter

Christmas 2015

Vision

To serve as a premiere student residence and cultural centre that promotes the highest ideals of Ukrainian culture and Orthodox spirituality within a global community.

Mission

To provide a supportive and inclusive living and learning environment for our residents and community at large.

Values

Orthodox world view in the Ukrainian cultural tradition

Education

Leadership

Stewardship

Social Responsibility

Inclusivity

Integrity



2nd Annual Mohyla Institute Golf Tournament

Mohyla Institute 100th Anniversary

Celebrating 100 Years & Beyond

St. Petro Mohyla Institute is excited to announce that our anniversary celebration and a "Reunion of Bursaky" will take place the weekend of June 24 to 26, 2016 in Saskatoon. The 100th Anniversary Committee has a fabulous weekend planned and bursaky, family and friends are invited to help celebrate St. Petro Mohyla's 100th anniversary!

There is a separate insert in this newsletter with a detailed agenda and registration form. Keep in touch with this exciting event by visiting Mohyla's website: www.mohylainstitute.ca/100.html. We hope to see you there!

Between 1900 and 1910, a number of educators and students of Ukrainian origin foresaw a need for a student residence that would serve the needs of young Ukrainian men and women. Their motto was:

"To be a good Canadian Citizen, it was desirable to maintain one's origin and national culture."

They launched a highly successful fundraising campaign to establish a Ukrainian based residence and cultural institution.

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Greetings from the Board Chair

Вітаємо Вас з Різдвом Христовим і Новим 2016 роком!

Христос Родиться! Небо всміхається, сходить зоря: Цими словами вітаємось з Вами й бажаєм добра. Хай в сім'ї панує щастя, щоб весела коляда в хату радість принесла. Щоб весело і багато провели Різдвяне свято! On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to bring Christmas greetings to our faithful members, alumni, supporters, and friends of St. Petro Mohyla Institute. May the Christ child bless all of you with good health, peace, love, happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year 2016.

Under the Board's direction and the commendable leadership of our Executive Director, Sara Detenshen and her valued staff, Mohyla achieved a positive operational budget in 2014-15. Mohyla experienced near full occupancy throughout the year. Over the past several years, students taking up residence at Mohyla have become more diversified. We anticipate that Mohyla will continue to grow and be relevant in the future by developing inclusive broad-based networks and connections. Together we can accomplish many things.

Bolstered by Mohyla's new five-year strategic plan coupled with its recently approved business plan, 2016 and moving forward looks positive. The Board's priorities will be focused on facility management, effective governance, programs and services, community engagement, and building organizational capacity. With regard to one of the identified priority areas, namely programs and services, I wish to draw your attention to the summer school article in this newsletter and request your collective support for the program.

Just around the corner, the New Year promises to be an exciting one. 2016 ushers in the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian immigration to Canada and, notably, the celebration of Mohyla's 100th anniversary. Yes, 100 years of service to the Ukrainian community and moving forward! We have much to celebrate. Many of you will recall that in 2011, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) recognized St. Petro Mohyla Institute as a National Historic Event, a highly prized designation which includes places, people and events of national historic significance. As we prepare to officially celebrate Mohyla's 100th anniversary June 24 to 26, 2016, we will salute and pay a deep tribute to the visionaries who founded the Institute. It will be a time to celebrate and reflect on fond memories, to remember and recognize the hundreds of alumni who have become community leaders, and to give thanks to faithful members, alumni, benefactors and many volunteers who have served the Institute over the past 100 years. Toward this end, I am very pleased to advise that Mohyla alumni Linda Kindrachuk and Mary Ann Trischuk have graciously volunteered to serve as the co-chairs of the Celebrating 100 Years and

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Board Chair, Stephen Senyk

Beyond Committee. The Committee is hard at work – it will be a fabulous and memorable weekend of celebration. Watch for updates and please earmark your calendar now to be part of this exciting anniversary.

As we look forward to our significant milestones in the New Year, let us also remember and be mindful of the ongoing oppression and terrorism that is being inflicted on the men, women and children of Ukraine as they struggle to assert and maintain their independence as a free democratic nation. During this season of giving, remember that humanitarian aid is needed by thousands of Ukrainian citizens. For more details on supporting individuals and families in Ukraine, please refer to the Canadian Ukrainian Foundation website www.cufoundation.ca or to the Ukrainian Canadian Social services website <http://www.ucss.info>.

In conclusion, I wish to thank fellow board members for volunteering their valued time, skills and talents to serve Mohyla, and to thank the staff for their valued, creative and dedicated work in serving Mohyla residents. On behalf of the Mohyla Board, I also wish to thank all members, alumni, supporters and friends of the Institute for your support and donations. Let's continue to work together in the New Year in the spirit of the foresight and determination of our founding members.

Нехай Всевишній Господь благословить Вас міцним здоров'ям та дає Вам охоту до дальшої праці – Богові на славу а нашому народу на кращу долю. Христос Народився! Славте Його!
With kind regards and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours respectfully,
Stephen Senyk
Board Chair



100th Anniversary, Continued...

The institute was named in honour of Petro Mohyla, an educationalist and dignitary of the Orthodox Church in Kyiv. Students were invited to live at this institute where language, history and literature classes would be offered while attending high school, secondary school, normal school and university.

Mohyla became a home away from home for students while pursuing a higher education. Forty students responded that first year and lived in a house on Lansdowne Avenue. In 1917, the number of students increased to seventy. A decision was made to purchase and remodel the former Empress Hotel on Main Street. The institute remained there until 1965 when the current institute was opened on Temperance Street.

While 2016 will mark the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada (see page 11), St. Petro Mohyla Institute will mark its own milestone by "Celebrating 100 Years and Beyond"!

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him! Христос Народився! Славимо Його!



Very Rev. Archpriest Taras Makowsky &
Dobr. Joanne Makowsky

Наша Свята Церква вчить Свято різдва Христового збирає на молитву, перш за все, родину. Ця молитва прославляє Бога. Який втілювався заради, нашого спасіння, ця молитва за благополуччя і торжество любові у сімейному колі, і особливо ця молитва за те, щоби діти росли з вірою в серці.

Різдво збирає за одним столом усю родину на святій вечері. А за святковим, урочистим богослужінням незримі ангели біля вертепу разом із земною Церквою співають небесну пісню

“Слава в вишніх Богу і на землі мир, в людях благовоління”

Christmas is a Feast full of wonder, and amazement. Heaven came down and touched the earth. This is God's greatest revelation to mankind. His total and unconditional love is now made known to us through the birth of our Savior. We are called upon to partake in this Glorious Feast, to partake in the Divine Liturgies as prescribed by our Holy Orthodox Church, to come together as a family, to pray as one as we sing out Christ is Born!

To the Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and the Diaspora, the Board of Directors of St. Petro Mohyla Institute, staff and students, our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are rallying for their freedom as we also keep them in our prayers, we pray for peace health and happiness during this festive time, and your hearts be filled with joy.

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

Very Reverend Archpriest Taras Małowski
Cathedral Dean

In Memoriam Вічна їм пам'ять!

Mohyla Institute notes with sadness the passing of the following people:

- Dobrodivka Maria Hupka
- Slawko Kindrachuk
- John Senkiw
- Stephania Spytkowski

We acknowledge that we may have missed an important name on this list and we apologize for anyone we have neglected to acknowledge in this newsletter.



Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir and Orchestra

Lastiwka had another busy year, full of exciting activities and performances. We started 2015 with our usual carolling from house to house with New Year's Greetings and songs. We visited St. Joseph's, St. Volodymyr's, St. George's and Ilarion Senior's Residences and 27 private homes with our 'Щедрівки', and were warmly received by our hosts. We truly enjoyed the lovely reception by all of our hosts and very much appreciated the generous donations to the choir.

Plans moved quickly from caroling to Dauphin Festival as the choir prepared to participate in a gala concert celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Canada's National Ukrainian Festival. The concert was held on August 1st with Lastiwka and the Pavlychenko Dancers. The two groups presented 'Спадщина - Legacy', a two and a half hour song and dance extravaganza to 9,500 cheering people. What a thrill to perform for such a vibrant, appreciative audience.

Once September began and a new season was before us, things became very busy. Lastiwka mounted our second annual 'Обжинки - A Harvest Festival' that was well received by all in attendance. Cocktails, a wonderful fall harvest meal catered by Myron and staff from Touch of Ukraine, a fun program of song and dance and great dance music by Trembita from Edmonton were enjoyed by all who attended.

Spivohrai Children's Choir has invited Lastiwka to join them in presenting a varied program of Christmas and New Year's favourites from the choirs. It will be held at 3rd Avenue United Church at 7:00pm on January 24, 2016. All are welcome to attend.

2015 was a very rewarding year for Lastiwka and we are looking forward to a blessed Christmas season. Lastiwka has made Mohyla its home for thirty two years, and is happy to share these memories with the Mohyla family. A big thank you to Sara and the staff at Mohyla for accommodating our weekly rehearsal needs, and a big and heart-felt thanks to all of the many supporters we have in that Mohyla family as well. Your moral and financial support is greatly appreciated.

May God's Blessings of the season be with you and have a very Happy New Year in 2016!

Larry Klopoushak
Lastiwka Director

Thank You!



To those who give so generously throughout the year, thank you for thinking of Mohyla Institute.
We appreciate it more than we can possibly say.

Thank you to the following people who donated to St. Petro Mohyla Institute
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*Donors are listed in alphabetical order.

3rd Annual Golf Tournament - June 24th, 2016

This past June we hosted our 2nd Annual St. Petro Mohyla Institute Golf Tournament at The Willows Golf & Country Club in Saskatoon. It was a great day of golf, surrounded by Mohyla supporters. This year, the 3rd Annual SPMI Golf Tournament will be kicking off our 100th anniversary weekend of celebrations!

Join us at The Legends Golf Club the afternoon of Friday, June 24th for a fun day of golf. The registration & sponsorship form is at the end of the 100th Anniversary invitation included in this newsletter.

Save the date: Friday, June 24th!



Mohyla Alumni Achievements

St. Petro Mohyla Institute has over the last ten decades produced many outstanding alumni with very notable community achievements. This year marks yet another milestone in the recognition of former 'busaky' from the Institute. The 2015 Nation Builders and Community Recognition Awards presented annually by Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Saskatchewan Provincial Council has acknowledged the stellar contributions of Stephen Senyk and Russell Pankiw to the multicultural fabric of Canada.

Stephen Senyk received an award as a Nation Builder for his many faceted contributions to the Ukrainian community and in the field of education.

As an educator, Steve has been a High School Principal, Director of the Provincial Correspondence School and Executive leader with the Southeast Regional College.

In the Ukrainian community Steve has provided longstanding leadership on the St. Petro Mohyla Board as member and most recently as Board Chair since 2009. His efforts were particularly instrumental in having the Institute receive a National Historic Event designation by the Government of Canada.

Nationally, Steve was National President of the Ukrainian Self Reliance Association of Canada. At the local level he has been a Parish President of Descent of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor in addition to many other leadership positions on local Parish Boards and community organizations.



Stephen Senyk
2015 Nation Builders Awards Ceremony

Russel Pankiw received a Community Volunteerism award in recognition of his longstanding service and participation in the Ukrainian community of Regina.

Russel has been a member of the Descent of Holy Spirit Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor since 1970 and serves on the Parish Brotherhood. In addition, he is currently Parish Treasurer and has served as Parish 'hospodar' and as treasurer to the Auditorium Committee.

Russel is actively involved with facilities support to the Regina Mosaic Festival and was a Board member of the Tavria Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. His volunteer activity extends to the larger community where he has been a shuttle driver with the Grey Cup, Horton's Brier, Scotties Tournament of Hearts, Farm Progress Show and the Western Canadian Agribition.

St. Petro Mohyla Institute salutes these two graduates of the Institute and thanks them for their continued selfless service to our Canadian mosaic. *На Мнорі Літа Вам!*



2016 Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp

July 17 - August 20, 2016



The St. Petro Mohyla Institute Board of Directors & Executive Director are thrilled to announce the esteemed Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Language Camp will be offered again in 2016.

The Program will be a five week long camp consisting of formal language instruction with a focus on Ukrainian culture and leadership training. At the end of the five weeks, each student will receive a credit in Ukrainian 10, 20 or 30.

The cultural and language components of the camp will contain instruction in Ukrainian language, local history, choral singing, dance, writing pysanky, and traditional culinary dishes. The leadership component of the camp will focus on team-building activities, global awareness, responsibility as an engaged citizen, and volunteerism. The program will also have a focus on physical activity, with day trips to surrounding lakes, swimming, hiking, canoeing and physical games.

The program will rely on bringing in esteemed members of the community to pass on their knowledge. A few examples include: guest speakers, who would discuss their success and how it relates to leadership; and guest instructors, who would demonstrate the art of pysanky, the cultural significance of traditional bread-making, and culinary instruction in making pyrohy.

At the conclusion of the camp, there will be a final concert put on by the camp participants. This will showcase Ukrainian dance and singing, with the potential for a bandura showcase as well.

The goal is to continue the tradition of the Ukrainian Immersion Camp, with the added benefit of a focus on leadership. Participants will develop life-long friendships and have an experience of a lifetime!

Please see the pamphlet included in this newsletter for registration and contact information.



Greetings from the Executive Director

2015 was a very good year for Mohyla Institute. We completed our Strategic Plan & Business Plan, renovated our kitchen, upgraded our student theatre room, and created a new student common area, all along with regular upkeep and maintenance of the building.

2016 will be an extremely exciting year for Mohyla! We will be celebrating our 100th anniversary with an entire weekend of events and we are bringing back our Summer School (see above). Please take the time to go through all of the inserts included in this newsletter. We need your alumni information and registrations for all of our upcoming events.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Mohyla community for all of the support over the past year. May the happiness and good cheer of the holiday season be yours throughout the new year!

Sara Detenshen
Executive Director

2015 Scholarship & Graduation Banquet



The 2015 Scholarship & Graduation Banquet took place on March 27th at Mohyla Institute.

We were pleased to have Marnie Howlett, a 2015 UCC Saskatchewan Community Recognition Honouree for Youth Achievement, as our guest speaker for the evening. Marnie spoke about volunteering abroad and the impact it has had on her life. We also had a few of our scholarship donors in attendance who handed out their scholarships.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the evening, and a big congratulations to our deserving scholarship recipients!

Sorokan Memorial Scholarship

2015 recipient: Riley Burkart - \$400

"This scholarship is awarded to a University of Saskatchewan student who achieves average or above average academic standing and participated in cultural activities at the Institute."

St. Petro Mohyla Special Recognition Award

2015 recipient: Daniel Kosokowsky - \$200

"This award may be made available upon recommendation from the Scholarship Committee and approval by the Board of Directors."

John Fedan Scholarship

2015 recipient: Malshi Karunatilake - \$800

"The candidate for this scholarship should be between the ages of 19 and 25, have an academic average standing of at least 75% and be in their second year of attendance at the university. Other factors that are given consideration are leadership, wholesome participation in co-curricular student activities at the Institute and financial need."

Peter Shelepiuk Award

2015 recipient: Riley Burkart - \$200

"This award is to recognize leadership qualities in the cultural-educational activities at the Institute."

Marie Kotelko Scholarship

2015 recipient: Riley Dobrohoczki - \$200

"This scholarship is offered to assist academically successful students and leaders in student affairs to pursue their higher education objective."



Christa Potts Memorial Scholarship

2015 recipient: Malshi Karunatilake - \$200

"This is awarded to a female University of Saskatchewan student who serves on the executive of the Kamenari Student Society or who makes major contributions to the activities sponsored by the Society."

Zacharuk Scholarship

2015 recipient: Kristopher Cipywnyk - \$100

"This is an open scholarship to residents of St. Petro Mohyla Institute."

Connie, Olga & Ludwig Kay Jubilee Scholarship

2015 recipient: Justin Norton - \$800

"This scholarship was set up to encourage students to develop leadership in Ukrainian Community Work. The student must demonstrate an average academic achievement level and wholesomely and successfully be involved in cultural co-curricular specific activities. The applicant for this scholarship should have demonstrated leadership qualities and continued interest in the future."

Pitts Scholarship

2015 recipient: Daniel Kosokowsky - \$300

"This scholarship is awarded to a University of Saskatchewan student of Ukrainian origin and a resident at Mohyla Institute. (At least one parent should be of Ukrainian Descent). It is to be based upon academic achievement primarily and secondarily upon financial need.

Prokop Kindrachuk Award

2015 recipient: Justin Norton - \$800

"The Kindrachuk award is to recognize the Mohyla Institute resident who took the objectives of the Institution seriously, was involved in student organizations, was competent in the Ukrainian language and achieved academically on at least an average level."

Mr. & Mrs. George M. Kotelko Scholarship

2015 recipient: Riley Burkart - \$200

"This scholarship is preferably awarded to a student pursuing a career in nursing."

Ludwig, Olga & Constance Kaye Ukrainian Orthodox Millennium Scholarship

2015 recipient: Andrew Dusevic - \$800

"This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student who is a resident and registered in a Masters Program or a Second Degree Program at the University of Saskatchewan."

John Rudewsky Award

2015 recipient: Justin Norton - \$400

"This award is to recognize leadership qualities in the cultural-educational activities at the Institute."

Paraska Beahun Scholarship

2015 recipient: Riley Dobrohoczki - \$400

"This is awarded to students who achieve above average academic standings at the University of Saskatchewan."

Kraynick Leadership Award

2015 recipient: Kristopher Cipywnyk - \$600

"This award is presented to students who demonstrate exceptional leadership and involvement at the Institute. Recipients will be chosen on the basis of fulfillment of requirements for good leadership, combined with their being judged for leadership potential."

Taras & Myron Stetzenko Scholarship

2015 recipient: Riley Dobrohoczki - \$300

"This scholarship is awarded to students who are culturally aware and are in financial need to pursue academic goals."

Nicholas & Olga Hawrysh Memorial Scholarship

2015 recipient: Daniel Kosokowsky - \$200

"To be awarded to a post secondary student of Ukrainian descent. The student must demonstrate average or above average academic achievement, and be actively involved in Ukrainian cultural activities. This award is open to residents of Mohyla Institute."



The Ukrainian Canadian Community - 125 Years Old

In 1891, 125 years ago Ukrainian pioneers arrived in Canada with a dream of a better life. These early settlers came to the young Dominion of Canada to preserve their freedom, their culture and their spiritual identity!

These primarily peasant farmers helped to open up the vast underpopulated lands of western Canada. They sold their homes, land and everything but essential belongings to raise enough to pay for the voyage to Canada. Many left their relatives and friends behind in their villages. Today it is hard to envision the hard times faced by these early settlers, disembarking in Halifax or Quebec making their voyage westward by train. Upon arriving to the prairies, they had no material possessions beyond the quarter section of land and the few belongings they carried. They strengthened their bonds with neighbors helping one another, and most importantly they still had their dreams to give them the strength to carry on!

Throughout the early years, Ukrainians experienced periods of prejudice and indignation. Despite these challenges, Ukrainian Canadians have been successful in helping to transform Canada into what it is today. Each wave of immigrants arrived with its own personal objectives to preserve their freedom, spiritual identity and social customs. At the same time, new comers have encountered a constantly evolving Canadian mosaic. The contributions made by Ukrainians have added to the richness of our wonderful country.



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2016, marks 125 years of immigration by Ukrainians to Canada. To celebrate this anniversary, the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Saskatchewan Provincial Council through the Hromada Legacy Fund encourages Saskatchewan member organizations to submit applications for funding to assist with their projects or events.

In November 2015, UCC National launched the official logo of the commemoration of the 125th anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada. There are so many successful organizations and events that were made possible by visions of individuals and groups who saw the need to be part of the main stream in the development of Canada. On October 2nd, 2016, a Gala celebration is being held in Regina to celebrate and honour our forefathers in conjunction with the UCC National Triennial Congress.

With 2016 marking the 100th anniversary of St. Petro Mohyla Institute, what a wonderful example to see how our forefathers had the organizational capabilities and the expertise of working together to champion projects and make successes happen!

As we enter into the new year, It is important to salute the many achievements and contributions of Ukrainian Canadians over the past 125 years!

MaryAnn Trischuk
President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress -
Saskatchewan Provincial Council

