



NEWSLETTER

June 2015

Upcoming Events

Friday Night Supper The next Friday Night Supper is **June 19 from 5- 7:30 p.m.** We take a summer break and there will be NO suppers in July and August....resuming September 18th....

Saturday Sales We continue to have Saturday sales from 10:00 - 2:00pmyou can get perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, sausage all summer, great for family reunions and barbeques.

Golf Tournament Our annual golf tournament will be held on **Sunday, September 20, 2015 from 11 a.m. at the Country Meadows Golf Course**, with a Texas scramble format. Once the tournament concludes, all golfers will attend the Ukrainian Community Centre for a delicious dinner put on by our volunteers. Prizes are donated by our golfers, corporations and our Society. For further information please contact **George Brandak at 604-274-2025 or email george.brandak@ubc.ca**

Cheremshyna Reunion - Cheremshyna Ukrainian Dance Ensemble existed in Vancouver from 1970 to 1995. Over the years, many young people in the Greater Vancouver Ukrainian community danced with Chermshyna. **We are pleased to announce that a reunion is being organized for the fall of 2015 (Oct or Nov) and all past dancers are invited to join us for an evening of reconnecting and memories. If you are a past dancer with Cheremshyna, you can email us at Chermshyna.reunion@gmail.com to let us know you are interested in hearing more about the event.** So far, we have had a terrific response. Thank you to those of you who have already let us know. We will be sending out more details about the date and location of the reunion by mid June.

New Board Members

At the Annual General Meeting on April 12, 2015, the following were elected to the Board of Directors for the next year:

President - John Tymchuk
Vice-President - Vera Adams
Treasurer - Peter Chyrski
Secretary - Tanya Zukewich
Cultural and Special Events Director- George Brandak
Volunteer Director - Fran Zukewich
Centre of Operations - John Tymchuk
Youth Director - Vacant
Tropak Dance Representative - Mike Pitt
Member at Large - Darlene Scribilo

Special points of interest:

- *Upcoming Events*
- *New Board Members*
- *Volunteer Luncheon*
- *Olena Poburko—youth attends conference*
- *Support for family in need*
- *Volunteer Coordinator needed for Friday Night Suppers*
- *Review of this spring's movie lunches*
- *Tropak's Tamara Pitt visits dance workshop in Ukraine*

Thank you to our volunteers!

On Saturday, June 6th, we hosted a luncheon to celebrate our volunteers who are very dedicated to spend much of their time in our kitchen, hall, and library to ensure that our Society functions well, both cultur-

ally and financially. Thank you to all our volunteers who help make verenyky (perogies), holubtsi (cabbage rolls), borsch, sauerkraut, and Easter breads (babka and paska)!



Above: Our volunteers who give their time, warmth and humour and have made lasting friendships. Thank you!

Support for our youth

Our Society supported a grade 11 student and one of our volunteers, **Olena Poburko, to attend the Forum for Young Canadians in Ottawa from March 22-27.** The Forum for Young Canadians is an educational program for youth operated by the Foundation for the Study of Process of Government in Canada. The main goals of the program are for the participants to gain a better understanding of the decision-making process in Canada, get first-hand experience of the Canadian political system and public affairs and to network with other like-minded youth from across the country. Olena was one of the 300 youth chosen

from over 4000 applicants across Canada.

At the Society's Annual General Meeting, Olena advised that she was able to better understand the decision making in Canada, experience the Canadian Political/Public Affairs System, and to network with other like minded youths from across the country. One of Olena's highlights was being in the House of Commons during Question Period and afterwards attending a dinner and meeting some of the MPs. She expressed her sincere gratitude to the Society for assisting her financially for this event.

NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER IS JUNE 19TH - NO SUPPERS IN JULY AND AUGUST



Support for a family in need

A family within our Ukrainian community in Richmond suffered a tragic loss in a house fire earlier this spring, without insurance coverage for all their belongings.

Accordingly a fundraiser for the Verdnykov family was held on May 17. The Society contributed to the costs for hall rental and set-up for this event. The or-

ganizers declared this event a major success, with over 50 people attending the pot-luck supper and over \$1,500 was raised.

Friday Night Suppers need Volunteer Coordinator

After many years as the Volunteer Coordinator for Friday Night Suppers, Fran Zukewich will continue this function only to the June 19 Friday Night Supper. Thank you, very, very, much Fran for your dedication to this position.

The Society would welcome a volunteer

who would be committed to take over this position starting with the September Friday Night Supper. The functions for this position are:

Contact volunteers to work the event...also contact the students.
Setup the hall on Thursday evening.

Make signs for the boards showing the desserts and chef's choice.
Photocopy the menu chits.
Coordinate with the cook what the menu and dessert will be for the month.
Look after training the students.

Movies Lunch—films we watched this spring

On **March 28**, we watched the award winning docu - drama *Paris 1919*.

On **April 25**, we featured *Before Winter Comes*. The setting takes place in the immediate aftermath of [World War II](#). British Major Giles Burnside ([David Niven](#)) is assigned to an Austrian refugee camp; his mission is to send the groups of displaced civilians to either the Russian or the American zone. Burnside is a by-the-books commander but runs into trouble with the intertranslations of many different languages. However, of the refugees, Janovic ([Topol](#)) is willing to help as he can speak many languages. Janovic quickly conveys Burnside's orders and helps the way station run smoothly. Janovic runs into romance with a lovely innkeeper, Maria ([Anna Karina](#)). But his love with her stops when he discovers her affair with Burn-

side. Meanwhile, Janovic is found to be a [Russian](#) deserter, and must be returned to the Russian mainland to be executed. Burnside offers to help him escape, but Janovic can't decide whether to trust his commander.

The last Saturday Lunch Time movie on **May 30** before the summer break was the 1962 blockbuster *Taras Bulba* - starring the then heartthrob Tony Curtis and the ever macho Yul Brynner. This movie was very interesting on several levels - among them - the story line, the fabulous settings and the realization that the hordes on horses were actually there and not digitally added.

The film opens in the 16th century, when Russia and Eastern Europe were divided into small sections and princi-

palities that fought each other or against one enemy: in this case, Turkey. It starts with a battle raging between the Turks and the Poles. The Poles are losing until the Cossacks arrive to save the day. However, it turns out that the Poles were merely holding back so that they could treacherously attack the Cossacks after they won the battle for them. As a result, the Poles become masters of Ukraine and the Cossacks are subjugated. Taras Bulba, one of the Cossack officers, returns home to raise his family, but Ukraine is now under Polish dominion.

We have the English translation of the novel, "Taras Bulba" in our library. Members may want to borrow it to enjoy and compare it to the Hollywood version.

Tropak Ukrainian Dance Theatre

This is our Society's resident Ukrainian dance group. Tamara Pitt, the choreographer for Tropak, is visiting

Ukraine this month for a Dance Workshop conducted by the world famous Virsky Ensemble in Kyiv. During her time



A past photo of Tropak at the PNE

there she will also be in the Podillia, Boytkivshchyna and Hutsulshchyna regions to meet with the dance mas-

ters in these regions. Her visit will permit her to bring back centuries old rituals, songs, and dances for Tropak to adapt into their practices and performances.

Obituaries

Luba Amalia Petriw passed away on May 26th, 2015 at the age of 58 after a short illness. Luba, as was her husband Myron Petriw, was very active in the Greater Vancouver Ukrainian community for many years in various capacities. She was a great help to her husband in the writing and publication of two books. Our Society hosted the presentation of these books by

Myron and Luba in the recent past. She will be greatly missed. Vichnaya pamyat!

Zoia Mishliaeva passed away on May 29th, 2015 at the age of 91. Zoia was a volunteer to the Society for many years for food preparation in our kitchen. Her warm personality made her very well liked by all the volunteers. Eternal memories...Vichnaya pamyat!