



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

Friday Night Suppers

The next Friday Night Supper is **Friday, September 16th from 4 – 6:30 p.m.** No Friday Night Supper in August. **Take Out only!**

Saturday Sales

We continue to have Saturday sales from **10:00 – 2:00 pm.** You can buy perogies, cabbage rolls, borscht, and Ukrainian sausage (which is delicious on the barbecue)

Golf Tournament

Mark **Sunday, September 11th, 2022** on your calendars as a possible date for this year's Golf Tournament at Country Meadows Golf Course.

Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal Update

It has been six months since the launch of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal that began on January 27th, 2022. The Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF) – Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) joint project was established almost a month before Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24th, which enabled a swift delivery of humanitarian aid –

both in Ukraine and to Ukrainians who have sought refuge in bordering countries.

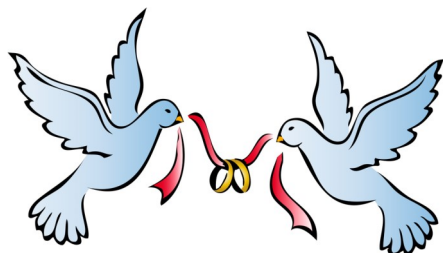
Thanks to the generosity of many Canadians, \$42 million has been raised and in the past six months the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal:

- **Delivered food boxes to 130,000 families in 21 Oblasts**
- **Purchased 3 months of medicines for 100,000 people**
- **Sent the first shipment of 140MT of buckwheat seed to Ukraine for planting this year**
- **Delivered 160 pallets of hospital equipment / medical supplies throughout Ukraine, including 7 pallets of IFAK's**
- **Completed two evacuation flights for children with brain cancer to Sick Kids Toronto**
- **Arranged for training psychologists in Ukraine to treat the mental health of 5000 patients**
- **Set up funding for 2000 displaced children in Ukrainian-operated summer camps in Canada**
- **Delivered 8000 food boxes in Moldova and 3000 food boxes in Romania to displaced persons' families**
- **Committed/distributed \$15.5 million**

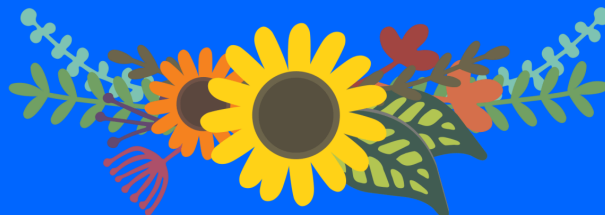
Thanks to donations and our April FNS fundraiser, our society was able to donate \$14,000 to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

If you are interested in making a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, check out the websites of the Ukrainian Canadian

Congress at: ucc.ca OR the website of the Canada Ukraine Foundation at: cufoundation.ca Donors are able to click on Help Ukraine Now and/or Help Displaced Ukrainians in Canada to make their donation.



Wishing all our
Members and
Volunteers a healthy
and safe summer!



Our Support for Ukraine Continues

Over the last six months, our society has been very actively involved in fundraising and providing assistance to those displaced by the war in Ukraine. After our AGM, a committee was established to focus on this important role in our community and have in recent months coordinated/sponsored the following events:

- a weekly English class to assist with language and navigating life in Canada
- sponsored a “Trauma Workshop” to help women affected by the war in Ukraine presented by Crystal Arber, Registered Trauma Therapist
- sponsored a Ukrainian Community evening along with Ukrainian Canadian Congress
- donated 16 “welcome boxes” to the YVR campaign.

The committee continues to actively coordinate activities on behalf of the Society. If members and volunteers are interested in helping or have some ideas for the committee, please contact the Board of Directors at info@ivanfranko.ca

Displaced Ukrainians Find Safety in Canada

The data below is courtesy of the Canada border Services Agency and corresponds to Ukrainian citizens and returning Canadian permanent residents of Ukrainian origin who arrived in Canada by land or air between January 1 and July 24th, 2022.

- Arrived in Canada by land: 10,454
- Arrived in Canada by air: 51,177

Canada-Ukraine authorization for emergency travel (CUAET) - Ukrainian nationals and their family members can apply for temporary resident visa to travel to and stay in Canada temporarily. Applications received and approved between March 17 and July 27, 2022 are:

- Applications received: 433,858
- Applications approved: 276,338

Blue and Yellow Burrard Bridge – Stand With Ukraine Event



On Sunday, July 31st, many joined together on the Burrard Street Bridge to show support for Ukraine!

Many communities and groups came together in solidarity. This event was organized by Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

Golf Tournament 2022

For over 25 years our Society has been hosting an Annual Ukrainian Community Golf Tournament for members and friends. The tournament is for all golfers, young and somewhat old, regardless of ability. The emphasis is on everyone having a good time. The tournament is a Texas Scramble format, enabling all players of varying skills to play and enjoy the game. After the tournament we will proceed to our hall at the Ivan Franko Centre for a Ukrainian dinner and where prizes will be distributed. We do appreciate donations so that we can continue to offer prizes to all players.



Date: Sunday, September 11th—first tee off times beginning at 11:30 am.

Where: Country Meadows Golf Course

Cost: \$75 per golfer

For more information about this event, contact George Brandak at: 604 274-2025 or at george.brandak@ubc.ca



From Our Library

The Ivan Franko library is a warm and inviting place to spend some time perusing excellent historical, cultural and literature books and archival material. In our reference section you will find back-

ground information to the current Russian invasion in Ukraine. **Our Ivan Franko Library is open Saturdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.** Please phone ahead if you have a particular interest or request.

English Language Class

Since the beginning of May, English Language Classes for Ukrainian adults displaced by the recent Russian invasion have been conducted in our library by Richmond teachers Susan Shackles and Yaryna Shulyak. The students have received valuable English language instruction on such themes as medical appointments, shopping, filling out job applications, job interviews and general conversation. In addition to language instruction, local organiza-



tions such as the RCMP, Mosaic, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and The Richmond Public Library have provided helpful information for newcomers to Richmond. Individuals and companies have donated financial and household item assistance.

The English language class is on pause for the month for August and will resume in September.

For information about the English language class, Ivan Franko Library, our Book and Film clubs contact Theresa at books@ivanfranko.ca or call our Society at 604 274-4119 to leave a message.

Our Society at the Richmond Obon Festival

On Saturday July 16th the Steveston Buddhist Society celebrated their annual Obon Festival – a festival commemorating and honouring Japanese ancestors.

The Ukrainian Community Society of Ivan Franko was invited to the festival to help bring awareness to the crisis and war in Ukraine. Our society provided a table full of beautiful handmade items made by our dedicated team of volunteers. Our Society was able to raise \$1000 and the money will be used to help support new Ukrainians settling in Richmond.

Children at the festival visited our Kids Crafts table where they had fun making paper sunflowers and making necklaces using Ukraine colours of blue and yellow.



In addition, one of our members, Elsa Marquez sang and entertained the crowd with her beautiful voice and dance moves.

Thank you to Fran Zukewich and Tasha Zukewich for their hard work to organize such a beautiful display.

Memberships Payments for 2022

All members are reminded that their membership fees for 2022 are now due if you have not already paid them. Please complete and return the membership form that has been mailed to you OR emailed to you with this newsletter and include your membership dues as outlined in the application form. We appreciate continued support from our members with keeping their membership up-to-date.

Volunteer Appreciation – Thank You



The Ivan Franko Society is dependent on our terrific volunteers who are very dedicated to

spend their time in our kitchen, hall, and library. We depend on volunteers to ensure that our Society functions well, both culturally and financially.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who generously contribute their time to help make verenyky (perogies), holubtsi (cabbage rolls), borsch and assist with various other tasks throughout the year. We are very grateful and appreciative of everything they do to help. We couldn't do it without our volunteers.



Conversational Ukrainian Language Classes

Are you interested in learning how to speak Ukrainian? Or, maybe you are a bit rusty and you would like to brush up on your speaking ability. We are considering the possibility of offering conversational

Ukrainian classes for adults in the fall. If you are interested, please email us at: info@ivanfranko.ca and indicate if your Ukrainian language proficiency is:



- No proficiency to speak or understand the language
- Beginning level of proficiency – some limited understanding of the Ukrainian language and limited speaking ability
- Intermediate proficiency - a reasonable ability to comprehend when others are speaking Ukrainian and speaking ability is workable but rusty
- Advanced proficiency - very good understanding and speaking ability

To determine if there is an interest, please email by August 15th. At that time we will decide if we will proceed and provide more details.

**Next Friday Night Supper is September 16th from 4—6:30pm. Take out only!
Please bring a carry bag for your order.**

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