

## HOUSE OF UKRAINE NEWSLETTER



House of Ukraine, President's Report read at Annual Meeting on Nov 5, 2011.

Submitted by Nadia Haywas, 2012 HOU President

It has been a pleasure serving as House of Ukraine's Co-President with Therese Waldman. During this year, I was able to gain valuable insight as to the role the House of Ukraine plays in the HPR group and the Ukrainian community in San Diego. As part of the House of Pacific Relations, the only multi-cultural organization of its kind in the United States, we are offered a wonderful opportunity to reach thousands of visitors each year, providing information about Ukrainian history, culture and traditions and, giving San Diego's Ukrainian community a meeting and gathering place.

This year, in February, the House of Ukraine organized and presented a Pysanka Celebration, held in the Hall of Nations, introducing the art of pysanka to many visitors. This was a successful event, with exhibitors, vendors, delicious pastries, a screening of "Pysanka" by Slavko Novitski and offering demonstrations of the various types of pysanka making. Children were entertained at a children's corner where all could complete a pysanka themed craft.

The House of Ukraine had a Pysanka exhibit during February, March and April providing a museum quality exhibit of pysanky from various regions of Ukraine,

In March, our annual Shevchenko concert was held in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in La Mesa. Poetry was recited, songs performed in honor of the Poet Laureate of Ukraine, our beloved Taras Shevchenko.

April presented an opportunity to share Ukrainian culture at San Diego State University at their "Sustain Your Roots" event. House of Ukraine volunteers manned a booth and provided students with information about the history, culture and traditions of Ukraine.

In May, the House of Ukraine participated in the annual Food Faire, a two day event this year, beginning with a Parade of Nations celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the House of Pacific Relations. Our delegation of members and flag bearer proudly represented House of Ukraine. Hard working volunteers had prepared varenyky, kovbasa and pastries, which sold quickly to the hungry crowds.

The Peace Corps celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with a conference at the park. The House of Ukraine opened to welcome volunteers and others interested in the Peace Corps experience.

School children visited our House, learned a little about Ukraine and were treated to Ukrainian candies.

The annual lawn program and festival took place in September with participation of all entertainers hailing from California. The bonfire “vatra” at Crown Pointe, concert at the Kroc Theatre, lawn program and food sales at the park and the dinner and zabava were all successful, even in these hard economic times.

Our Holodomor commemoration took place in October, with a Panakhyda at St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church and a program including quotes from the Holodomor Memorial Museum in Kyiv, poetry and a slide show.

As always, the year wraps up with the December Nights event in which House of Ukraine will participate with food and beverage sales. Volunteers will be needed to ensure a successful event.

In the cottage, the new refrigerator, freezer and stove allow for more storage and quicker food prep. Shelves provide space for informational handouts for visitors,

Many thanks to all the volunteers; varenyky makers, food servers, cooks, set up and clean up crews, entertainers, Sunday hosts, ticket sellers, sponsors – everyone who gives their time for the House of Ukraine.

I thank my fellow board members who helped make this year a success.

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### 2011 OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

THE 2012 BOARD MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF UKRAINE WOULD LIKE TO THANK LAST YEAR’S BOARD FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.

Nadia Haywas & Therese Waldman-Co-Presidents, Roman Drogobytzky-Vice President, Natalie Gebet-Treasurer, Linda Mudlo-Secretary, Olga Fedunyak-Cultural Director, Marika Lozova-Hosting Chairperson, Luke Miller-Sargeant at Arms, Christine Stolec-Membership Secretary

### 2012 INCOMING BOARD MEMBERS

Nadia Haywas- President, Christine Stolec-Vice President, Natalie Gebet-Treasurer, Myra Heltsley & Marissa Mackiewicz- Co-Secretaries, Olena Bankston-Cultural Director, Xenia Moore & Marta Dukes – Co-Hosting Chairpersons, Linda Mudlo–Sargeant at Arms, Melanie McCutchan-Membership Secretary

## CORONATION

In 2012 House of Ukraine will be represented by:

Julia Lozova - Queen

Stefania Moore & Sofia Bankston - Princesses

Julia Lozova wrote: Representing the House of Ukraine in the House of Pacific Relations Queen's Organization, as Queen, has been an honor. This organization is not only about promoting cultures, doing community service, learning democratic procedures, and public relations, but also about developing relationships with members that I believe will become life-long-friends. Throughout the year Queens has supported our community by participating in the Ataxia, and MS walk, along with serving a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner at Father Joe's Village. Begin in the Queen's Organization has been a privilege because it has given me the opportunity to foster a spirit of understanding, tolerance, and goodwill between all races and nationalities. It has also helped me better understand each country's culture, customs, tradition, and history as well as being educated in the parliamentary procedures, democratic processes, and good public relations practices. All while being goodwill ambassadors of HPR by representing the Houses in a positive and orderly conduct.

## HPR INSTALLATION DINNER

Nadia Haywas was escorted by Julia Lozova at the HPR Installation dinner, held January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marina Village Hotel in San Diego. Presidents of each of the HPR Cottages participated in this annual event. House of Ukraine was represented by Nadia and Askold Haywas, Fr. James, Olena, Sofia & Chrystyna Bankston.

## DECEMBER 2011 EVENT SUMMARY

December Nights was a huge success, due to great weather, record attendance, diligent volunteers and an efficient food service set up both inside & outside of our xatka. We thought we would have plenty of varenyky but after the first night we realized we needed more. The sisterhood of St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church was kind enough to sell us some they had prepared.

We will make sure that the freezer is stocked well in advance for the next event.

If you'd like to be a volunteer during these events call 760-689-2852.

House of Ukraine Board members hosted a Christmas Children's Event on December 10<sup>th</sup>. It was very well received and had many of our community's Ukrainian children participated. They made Ukrainian ornaments, decorated the xatka's Christmas tree, decorated cookies and drank Ukrainian style hot chocolate. This is an event that we will definitely host again. They all loved being together and can't wait to spend time together again.

## HOSTING

Hosting at the House of Ukraine is the most important service our cottage volunteers provide on Sundays from noon to 4pm. Marta Dukes and Xenia Moore, current Co-Hosting Chairpersons would love to help you select a date on this year's calendar. If you are interested but would like a confidence booster, consider asking them if you could host with a seasoned volunteer. A little practice and you will soon be a mentor to someone else. Marta Dukes - 619-417-7861, [mdukes@foundation.sdsu.edu](mailto:mdukes@foundation.sdsu.edu) & Xenia Moore - 619-508-0488, [xenia@moorepr.com](mailto:xenia@moorepr.com)

## MEMBERSHIP

House of Ukraine would like to remind you that your membership dues may be past due.

Please contact our Membership Secretary to check on your current status.

Melanie McCutchan – 858-232-6844, [melaniemccutchan@gmail.com](mailto:melaniemccutchan@gmail.com)

Adults \$20/yr, Seniors & Students \$15/yr. Your dues help pay for Ukrainian cultural events, cottage hosting supplies, newsletter supplies, educational programs and more.

Thank you for your continued support.

## HPR LADIES AUXILIARY LUNCHEONS

Did you know that the HPR Ladies Auxiliary has a monthly luncheon at the Hall of Nations? The luncheons are hosted by a different cottage each month. This is a great way to experience new foods. The luncheons are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:30 pm. Lunch is \$3.

Bring a friend and enjoy a beautiful day in Balboa Park. All are welcome.

House of Ukraine will host the luncheon in the month of October.

## FESTIVAL 2012

Festival planning has begun for this year's event, it will take place on Labor Day weekend as always, August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>. Please save the date. This year's festival committee members include:

Christine Stolec-Festival Chairperson, Askold and Nadia Haywas, Linda Mudlo, Katya Priestly, Natalie Gebet, Myra Heltsley & Marissa Mackiewicz.

## UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S DANCE GROUP

The San Diego Ukrainian children's dance group will soon start practicing for its festival performance. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate. Practices will be held at the House of Ukraine. For more information please contact Linda Mudlo – 619-851-6162, [mudko@msn.com](mailto:mudko@msn.com).

To see a short YouTube video of the kids performing at the 2011 Festival Lawn Program go to: <http://youtu.be/9i0t-pk2qxI>. Thanks to Xenia Moore to providing this information.

## PYSANKA CELEBRATION & WORKSHOPS

Just in time for Easter, House of Ukraine will host its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pysanka Celebration (Ukrainian Easter Eggs) at Balboa Park's - Balboa Club in the Santa Fe Room, located in the building behind our cottage. Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11am - 2pm. Tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers about our phenomenal exhibit, meet our Southern California Pysanka artists and buy some beautiful Pysanky to take home for yourself or to give as gifts. Donations Accepted. See our calendar of events for upcoming dates of Pysanky Workshops. Registration required.

St. Mary Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall, 9558 Campo Rd., Spring Valley 91977

\$25 (to make 2 Pysanky), Ages 9+. Beginner and Intermediate levels available.

Make checks payable to "ST MARY PROTECTRESS UKR ORTHODOX CHURCH"

Pysanka workshop registration – Natalie Gebet 619-742-2720 [orlins@usc.edu](mailto:orlins@usc.edu)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

To keep you up-to-date on all House of Ukraine and Ukrainian community events, we will be publishing a newsletter at the end of January, March, May, July September & November.

We will soon have all events posted to the HOU website for quick reference.

If no time listed for an event, it has not yet been determined.

### FEBRUARY

- 5<sup>th</sup> (11:30am) UCARE Fundraiser Luncheon - St. John the Baptizer Church Hall, La Mesa
- 8<sup>th</sup> (12:30pm) Auxiliary Luncheon hosted by Ireland, Hall of Nations
- 12<sup>th</sup> (Noon - 4pm) Queen's Hosting Day- Visit each of the Queen's at their cottages
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pysanka display starts at the House of Ukraine
- 19<sup>th</sup> (2pm) CAAU 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Glendale Hilton Hotel, Glendale, CA, 818-884-3836
- 19<sup>th</sup> (3pm) Mamalyga's Concert, The Neurosciences Institute, San Diego, 626-483-2731
- 26<sup>th</sup> (2pm) HPR Sampler Program at the HPR Lawn Stage, Andrij Kytasty will play the Bandura

### MARCH

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Pysanka Workshop – St. Mary Protectress Ukr Orthodox Church, see article for info
- 10<sup>th</sup> Pysanka Workshop – St. Mary Protectress Ukr Orthodox Church, see article for info
- 11<sup>th</sup> (1pm) Shevchenko Concert – St. John the Baptizer Ukr Catholic Church, La Mesa, Donations
- 14<sup>th</sup> (12:30pm) Auxiliary Luncheon hosted by Argentina, Hall of Nations
- 17<sup>th</sup> Pysanka Workshop – St. Mary Protectress Ukr Orthodox Church, see article for info
- 19<sup>th</sup> Varenyky Making to prepare for International Food Faire, 760-689-2852
- 24<sup>th</sup> Ukrainian children's Easter Event, HOU, registration required, 760-689-2852
- 31<sup>st</sup> (11am-2pm) Pysanka Celebration – Balboa Park- Balboa Club Santa Fe Room (behind HOU)

### APRIL

- 1<sup>st</sup> Queen's Organization Lawn Program, Balboa Park, HPR Lawn Stage, various performers
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pysanka Workshop– St. Mary Protectress Ukr Orthodox Church, see article for info
- 8<sup>th</sup> Easter
- 11<sup>th</sup> (12:30pm) Auxiliary Luncheon, will be professionally catered, Hall of Nations
- 15<sup>th</sup> Orthodox Easter (Julian calendar)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Holodomor display begins at House of Ukraine
- 22<sup>nd</sup> EARTH DAY – All HPR Cottages CLOSED
- 24<sup>th</sup> Varenyky Making to prepare for International Food Faire, 760-689-2852
- 29<sup>th</sup> Chernobyl display begins at House of Ukraine

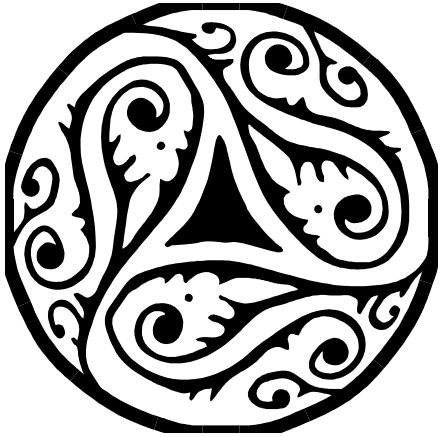
### MAY

- 9<sup>th</sup> (12:30pm) Auxiliary Luncheon hosted by Germany, Hall of Nations
- 15<sup>th</sup> Varenyky Making to prepare for International Food Faire, 760-689-2852
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rummage Sale - St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church, La Mesa, 619-697-5085
- 27<sup>th</sup> (11:30am-4pm) HPR International Food Faire

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This newsletter contains:

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- 2012 HOU Board Members
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