

FALL NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL MEETING



The House of Ukraine's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 23rd, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the cottage. Come and voice your concerns and vote for a new slate of officers. A proxy form is attached to this newsletter if you are unable to attend.

CHRISTMAS ON THE PRADO / DECEMBER NIGHTS



Calling all volunteers! Our biggest fundraiser of the year depends on over 50 volunteers to man the food booth and the spirits garden on both Friday, December 5th & Saturday, December 6th.

San Diego's City regulations require that food handlers hold a food handler's permit, which is obtainable at various locations city-wide. The November 1st class will be held at 9 a.m. & noon at Balboa Park's Hall of Nations. The House of Ukraine will pay for your class. Contact Daria Nelson, darianelson@cox.net, 619-440-7343, for information. To volunteer for the Spirits Garden please contact Nadia & Askold Haywas, nmhaywas@gmail.com, 760-721-3347. For the Food Booth please contact Vera Skop, vskop@aol.com, 619-303-9698.



FESTIVAL 2008

The 33rd Annual Ukrainian Festival was held over Labor Day weekend, from Friday, August 29th through Sunday, August 31st. Rozmai Ukrainian Dance Company from

Winnipeg, Manitoba, were the featured guest dancers. This was their third appearance at our San Diego Festival.

A warm Meet & Greet was held on Friday night at the Town and Country Hotel, by the Trellises pool, with a larger than usual crowd of locals and guests gathered together to meet the friendly and charming dancers and their leaders.

On Saturday night, Rozmai entertained the audience at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre with a Ukrainian Folk Dance concert. Professor Roman Yereniuk, of Winnipeg, and San Diego's own Luke Miller were the Masters of Ceremonies. The dancers invited members of the audience to join them at a late dinner after the performance.

The annual Lawn Program held on Sunday afternoon at Balboa Park attracted a large crowd, as is tradition, with Rozmai providing the entertainment. In the cottage, traditional Ukrainian fare, organized by Lubomyra Yoldas, was sold to hungry park visitors. Perizhky, honey cake and poppyseed cake along with kysil (a cold summer fruit soup) and kavun (watermelon) gave visitors a taste of a Ukrainian summer.

Thank you to Bakers Susie Boyko, Nadia Haywas, Myra Heltsley, Maria Hughes, Alexandra Khanyk, Ariadna Wall & Lubomyra Yoldas, Kysil preparer Natalie Gebet, Kavun Connoisseur Bulent Yoldas & Kitchen volunteers Anna Campanella, Nastia Gorlinska, Alexandra Khanyk, Taras Kurta, Ingrid Kytasty, Irene Leeb, Olga Miller, Bohdan Shmorhay, Olga Slobodanyuk,

Victor Smetana, Ariadna Wall & Lubomyra Yoldas. Andriy Kytasty & Bohdan Klymkowych welcomed guests to the cottage; Andrij entertained the crowds with his bandura & Bohdan answered questions about Ukrainian history and events.

On Sunday night the Zabava (Dinner / Dance) took place in a charming and private location on the grounds of the Town & Country Hotel. Guests had a chance to mingle on the patio, buy raffle tickets, enjoy a delicious meal and dance to the tunes of the Mriya Ensemble, who flew in from Chicago. Luke Miller greeted guests from all over the western hemisphere. And last but not least, Rozmai showed off their skills and talent in the traditional Kolomeyka, which proved to be truly memorable! What a show!



ROYALTY

At the Zabava, Outgoing Queen Olia Ohorodnyk was presented with a small gift of appreciation for all which she has done for the xatka. We wish her the best! Olga Slobodanyuk was welcomed as the new incoming Queen of the HOU. Princesses Katia Mandziuk, Irena Ivasyk* and Julia Lozova* were introduced. *Junior Princesses have graduated to the rank of Princesses.



To put on an event, such as the Festival, takes much work and dedication on the part of its organizers. It also requires funding. The House of Ukraine is grateful to Jaroslaw Pikolycky for his financial contribution to underwrite the costs of the Festival. We are very appreciative of your generosity!

The Festival attracted participants from as far away as Toronto, Hawaii, Boston, the San Francisco Bay area, Phoenix and Los Angeles.



Throughout the Festival weekend guests had an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a raffle drawing organized by Christine Stolec. Christine was very visible during the Saturday night concert, at the park on Sunday afternoon and also on Sunday evening during the Zabava. The Grand Prize was Two RT Tickets anywhere that Southwest Airlines flies. Along with ten other prize packages, this raffle ensured that the Festival was a financial success. Christine worked on the raffle for seven months previous to the Festival and deserves a round of applause from every HOU member. We are grateful for the many donations received from numerous San Diego businesses. The Festival concluded with the raffle drawing. Our lucky raffle winners were; Grand Prize - Mr. & Mrs. Machula, Ten Package Prizes – Valentyna Presko, Dan Baker, Olya Iwach, Judith Wesling, Katia Dyga, Natalie Armenta, Pastor Father & Mrs. Bankston, Marta Bachynsky, Ellen Davis and Michael Didyk.

The 2008 Festival Committee members were Daria Nelson, Natalie & Gary Gebet, Vera & Bohdan Knianicky, Katia Priestley, Christine Stolec, Isha Grinenko, Luke Miller, Maria Hughes, Bill Loznycky & Lubomyra Yoldas.



FOOD FAIR 2008

Thank you to the volunteers that helped make the May Food Fair a success: Susie & Mike Boyko, Marta Dukes, Natalie & Gary Gebet, Nastia Gorlinska, Nadia & Askold Haywas, Maria Hughes, Vera & Bohdan Knianicky, Ludmila & Volodya Kysil, Ingrid & Andriy Kytasty, Maria Lozova, Elizabeth Mandziuk, Ludmila Matiash, Luke Miller, Xenia & Shawn Moore, Daria Nelson,

Bohdan Shmorhay, Olga Slobodanyuk and Carol Yaremko. An extra special Podiaka to the performers who came from both Sacramento and the Bay Area to represent the House of Ukraine and perform on the House of Pacific Relations stage: Ukrainian Dance Ensemble “Kalyna” and the Bandura Ensemble from Sacramento’s Heritage School of Ukrainian Studies. Over 25 performers along with their parents traveled to San Diego for this performance and were the hit of the afternoon’s entertainment.



VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

On Friday, August 12th, HOU volunteers were thanked for their services throughout the year: hosting on Sunday, assisting with Christmas on the Prado, the May Food Fair, the Annual Festival or contributing their time at other events during the year. Volunteers had a chance to be waited on and treated to a summer cookout by the Volunteer Recognition Committee comprised of Chairperson Myra Heltsley, John Heltsley & John Heltsley Jr., Lubomyra Yoldas, Olga & Mike Miller and Luke Miller. The event was hosted by Vera & Bohdan Knianicky and took place at the House of Ukraine.

SUNDAY COTTAGE HOSTING



Our cottage needs you! This very unique venue is open 50 weeks a year and hosting on Sundays is the House of Ukraine’s most important function. Take a Sunday afternoon off and meet with visitors from all over the world. Bring a buddy – it’s more fun that way. The cottage is open from 12 to 4 pm. For questions or to volunteer call Vera at 619-303-9698.



Thank you to those who have hosted this year: Lorena & Vladimir Bachynsky, Lesia Belanger

Goetz, Alex Berest, Anna Campanella, Natalie Gebet, Nastia Gorlinska, Alexandra Hubenko Baker, Nadia & Askold Haywas, Maria Hughes, Bohdan Klymkowych, Vera & Bohdan Knianicky, Ulyana & Danylo Kuzmych, Taras Kurta, Ludmila & Volodya Kysil, Ingrid & Andriy Kytasty, Irene & Anton Leeb, Maria Lozova, Maria Matlak, Luke Miller, Barbara Montalvo, Laura Nelson, Olia Ohorodnyk, Jaroslaw Pikolycky, Valentyna Presko, Olga Slobodanyuk and Lubomyra Yoldas.



IN MEMORIUM

Vichnaya Pamiat to long term House of Ukraine members Nadia Harmash and Maria Ritachka, to Life Member of the HOU Yaroslav Presko, to Stefania Orlins, Board member Natalie Orlins Gebet's mother, and to recently departed Olha Mykhaylyuk, Fr. Myron Mykhaylyuk's mother in Ukraine. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their families.

MNOHAYA LITA



There were a record number of Ukrainian weddings in San Diego in 2008: Vera Skop & Bohdan Knianicky; Lorena Peña & Volodya Bachynsky; Magdalena Adamowicz & Stefan Oborsky all tied the knot in traditional Ukrainian ceremonies. A toast to all of the happy couples!



2008 BOARD MEMBERS

The members of the House of Ukraine appreciate the work and dedication of the outgoing Board: Daria Futala Nelson, President; Maria Hughes, Vice President; Natalie Orlins Gebet, Treasurer ; Vera Skop Knianicky, Hosting Chair ; Laura Nelson, Secretary ; Nadia Haywas, Cultural Director ; Alexandra Hubenko Baker, Membership Secretary ; Luke Miller, Sergeant at Arms. Many thanks to all of you!

The following HOU Memberships are paid and up-to-date for 2008-2009.
If your name is not listed, please send in your dues to the address below (\$10 / person).

Lifetime Membership

Marie Arendes
John Barnick
Tamara & Mykola Burda
Dr. Lee & Alicia Cady
Lidia Drake
Bohdan & Elizabeth Fedusiw
Maria Matlak & William Wright
Shawn & Xenia Moore
Nataliya Moores
Dr. Jaroslaw & Lee Pikolycky
Valentyna Presko
John & Christine Stolec
Chris Tuthill

Standard Membership

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Galina & Allen Bailey
Daniel & Alexandra Hubenko Baker
Laryssa Matla Benner
Alex Berest
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Harold Bochonko
Michael & Susie Boyko
Bohdan & Olena Buchynsky
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Marta Dukes
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Bill & Darlene Loznycky
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Victor Smetana
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Ariadna Wall
Carol Yaremko
George & Elizabeth Zaharkiv Yemetz
Bulent & Lubomyra Yoldas
Vasył & Tanya Yurchyshyn
Donald Zaharee & Lea Ann Wightman

OFFICIAL PROXY FORM

The undersigned member of the House of Ukraine acknowledges receipt of the notice of the Annual Meeting to be held on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2008 AT 4 P.M. IN THE HOUSE OF UKRAINE

I hereby appoint _____ my proxy to represent me at the 2008 House of Ukraine, Inc. Annual Meeting on November 23rd, 2008 and to act in my stead. I authorize this person fully to do all things that I could do if personally present. I also authorize this person to do every act whatsoever necessary or proper to be done in or upon all matters that may lawfully come before said annual meeting. Further, I hereby revoke any proxy or proxies previously given by me to any person or persons.

Name: (Print) _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Proxy must be received by mail or fax by Saturday, November 22nd, 2008:

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2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 25th, 5 p.m.
Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Holodomor
Screening of the documentary "Harvest of Despair"
St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall
4400 Palm Ave, La Mesa, CA 91941

Saturday, November 8th & Sunday, November 9th
Holodomor Remembrance, Los Angeles
For bus information call HOU at 619-460-5733

Saturday, November 22nd, 3 p.m.
"Zahalna Panakhyda" Memorial Service/requiem for the Holodomor
Commemorating the millions of victims of the Genocide in Ukraine 1932-1933
Holy Cross Cemetery, 4470 Hilltop Drive, San Diego 92102, 619-264-3127
For additional information contact Nadia Haywas 760-721-3347

Sunday, November 23rd, 4 p.m.
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House of Ukraine, Balboa Park

Friday, December 6th (5 p.m - 10 p.m.) & Saturday, December 7th (Noon - 10 p.m.)
Christmas on the Prado / International Christmas / December Nights
More information online at <http://www.balboapark.org/decemberevents/>