



January 2010

House of Ukraine

WINTER NEWSLETTER

IN MEMORIAM

Long time HOU member William Selezinka, M.D. passed away January 13th. We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Karan and to his family. May he rest in peace. Vichna yomu pamiat.

CONGRATULATIONS !

Sophie Halia Zamiatyn was born on February 6th to proud parents Victoria Popova and Alexander Zamiatyn. We welcome Vika and her family back to San Diego!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010

The 2010 Board of Directors was elected at the HOU Annual Meeting in November 2009: Christine Stolec/Vera Skop, Co-Presidents; Nadia Haywas, Vice-President; Natalie Gebet, Treasurer; Bohdan Knianicky, Secretary; Alexandra Hubenko Baker, Membership Secretary; Luke Miller, Sergeant-at-Arms; Bohdan Shmorhay, Webmaster; Olya Fedunyak, Cultural Director; Marika Lozova, Hosting; Daria Nelson, Danylo and Ulyana Kuzmycz, Maria Hughes, Members-at-Large; Myra Heltsley, Alex Waldman and Alexandra Khanyk, Audit Committee.

FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

To prepare for the HOU's 50th anniversary celebration, a Festival committee has been formed: Myra Heltsley, Ingrid Kytasty, Therese Waldman, and Lubomyra Yoldas together with the Board are meeting regularly to plan Festival 2010.

DECEMBER NIGHTS / CHRISTMAS ON THE PRADO

The House of Ukraine took part in the annual two day event and sold Ukrainian beer, horilka and Kozak coffee in the Spirits Garden and the ever-popular varenyky, kapusta, kovbasa sandwiches and borshch from the cottage. Tens of thousands of people descended upon Balboa Park to take part in the festivities. A huge thank you to the following volunteers who spent many hours in the park serving the hungry and thirsty public: Alexandra and Dan Baker, John Barnick, Lesia Belanger Goetz, Askold and Nadia Haywas, Maria Hughes, Anya Kirvas, Bohdan and Vera Knianicky, Mary Kopinski, Andriy and Ingrid Kytasty, Danylo and Ulyana Kuzmycz, Ludmyla and Volodymyr Kysil, Irene Leeb, Marika Lozova, Bohdan and Elizabeth Mandziuk, Luke Miller, Mike and Olga Miller, Dana Futala Nelson, Laura Nelson, Shawn, Stefania and Xenia Moore, Laura Nelson, Vika Popova, Valentyna Presko, Christine Stolec, Stefan Waldman, Therese Waldman, Ariadna Wall, and Lubomyra Yoldas.

VARENYKY VOLUNTEERS

Every food-sale fundraiser includes a joyful group of volunteers in the background, getting together in advance on Saturday mornings to make our ever-popular varenyky. For December Nights, we started with Marika Dalesandro and her son Louie arriving early on November 14th to help set up. Other family teams arrived to help including Donna Chomyk with daughter Sarah, Maria Lozova with Julia (House of Ukraine's Princess) and son Marko, Mariana Ivasyk and daughter Iryna (HOU's Queen). These were joined by Lubomyra Yoldas, Tatiana Olifir, Marta Dukes and Alexandra Hubenko-Baker whose efforts allowed varenyky to be made and cleanup completed before noon. The following Saturday a small valiant number came together at late notice – volunteers Lesia Caty, Marika Dalesandro, Luda Kysil and Maria Matlak joined Natalie Gebet for another productive morning. Many thanks to all! To be included in the Varenyky Volunteer call list, please contact Natalie Orlins Gebet at orlins@usc.edu or 619-742-2720. The next event we need you for is the International Food Fair in May.

THE WINTER OLYMPICS

<http://www.nbcolympics.com/nations/nation=ukr/index.html> The 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics began on Friday Feb. 12th. Ukraine has 52 athletes competing during the Olympics. A list of Ukrainian athletes can be seen at: http://www.vancouver2010.com/olympic-athletes/index_cf-p4-ld.html?#cat1=43428 Watch for their successes. Schedules and results: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/olympic-schedule-results/> Country medal counts can be seen on: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/olympic-medals/>

SINGING PERFORMANCE

Past House of Ukraine Princess, Anastazia Dalesandro will be singing on February 21st, 7pm, The Onyx Room, 852 5th Avenue, San Diego 92101. We wish you well Anastazia!

TARAS SHEVCHENKO DAY

Sunday, March 21st, 4pm. St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall, 4400 Palm Ave, La Mesa. Organized by Olga Fedunyak and Nadia Haywas.

HPR INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR AT OUR COTTAGE ! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The House of Ukraine would like to ask for your help at Balboa Park during Memorial Day weekend. Sunday, May 30th, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you would like to volunteer, please email Vera Skop, vskop@aol.com or call 619-303-9698.

* PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGES *

Our website www.houseofukraine.com is undergoing major changes, thanks to Bohdan Shmorhay (Web Master). We have a new phone number that's easy to remember, 760-68-XATKA (92852). This clever number was chosen by Bohdan Shmorhay. Thank you Bohdan for your great idea! Our new mailing address at the Ukrainian Business Center, effective immediately, is 4350 Palm Avenue, La Mesa, CA 91944.

Save the Date! San Diego's Ukrainian Festival, Sept. 3rd, 4th & 5th.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP US:

House of Ukraine has been honored to have had many young ladies of Ukrainian descent, serve as our Queens, Princesses and Junior Princesses over the last 50 years. Do you know where they are now? Contact Christine Stolec.

Billeting- If you are willing to provide housing for single or multiple festival entertainers, please contact Vera Skop.

We are in search of House of Ukraine's significant event photos from the last 50 years. Contact Vera Skop.

Business Advertising and Festival Sponsorship (both Tax-Deductible)- Contact Natalie Gebet.

If you have airline vouchers/airline miles-Our festival entertainers would appreciate your assistance, Contact Christine Stolec.

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