

SPRING NEWSLETTER



Annual Meeting

On December 12, 2010 the House of Ukraine held its Annual Meeting. The following persons were elected as Board Members for 2011:

Co-Presidents: Nadia Haywas and Therese Waldman

Vice President: Roman Drogobytsky

Treasurer: Natalie Orlins-Gebet

Secretary: Linda Mudlo

Sergeant at Arms: John Richard Heltsley

Membership Secretary: Christine Stolec

HPR Delegates: Bohdan Knianicky and Natalie Orlins-Gebet

HPR Alternate Delegates: Xenia Moore and Daria Futala-Nelson

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

We would also like to update you that membership dues have been increased for 2011 to \$20 per person. Please make note of this change.

Annual Memorial Day Weekend Ethnic Food Faire & House of Pacific Relations 75th Anniversary - MAY 28th and MAY 29th

This year the HPR is celebrating its 75th Anniversary with new and exciting events planned for the whole year. The festivities kick off with a **Parade of Nations at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 28th** and continue on Sunday the 29th with a whole weekend of exhibits, performances and food (HOU will be selling Varenky & Kovbasa sandwiches).

The Food Faire will be a two day event this year. This will give everyone an extra day to sample and savor delicious ethnic food, while enjoying the entertainment in the Organ Pavilion (Saturday) and the HPR Lawn (Sunday). So, wear your finest Ukrainian clothes and sign up to walk in the Parade of Nations, afterwards, stay in the park to enjoy the festivities or volunteer to help out in the cottage.

Please contact Nadia Haywas at 760-721-3347 or nmhaywas@gmail.com to sign up for the parade, to volunteer to cook, grill, serve or greet the crowds during the Ethnic Food Faire May 28th and 29th. Limited edition commemorative pins will be available for purchase. For more information, check the Balboa Park HPR website at www.sdhpr.org or view a flier for the event at <http://www.sdhpr.org/75%20Anniversary.html>

Baseball Anyone? Padres vs Astros

The Padres are having a Multicultural Night at PETCO PARK on **Saturday, June 4, 4:00 pm.**

The House of Ukraine has been invited to participate with a table of artifacts and information. If you would like to participate in this event, you and everyone in your party can get discounted tickets, 40% off the gate pricing. If we have a group of 20 or more, we will have our own scoreboard message!!! What a great way to share our Ukrainian heritage before enjoying the great American pastime – baseball! John Heltsley is chairing this event. Please call him at 858-638-1891 or jheltsley@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. The discounted ticket prices are as follows: Upper Infield Reserved \$ 11.50, Field Pavilion \$14.50, Field Box \$27.50. To view the location of these seats, http://sandiego.padres.mlb.com/sd/ticketing/seating_pricing.jsp.

Peace Corps 50th Anniversary

This year, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Peace Corps. The San Diego Peace Corps Association is holding a World Expo and Cultural Festival on the HPR Lawn on Saturday June 11th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Our cottage will be open to visitors. If you know of anyone who has served the Peace Corps in Ukraine and would like to share their experiences or if you would like to help at

this event, please contact Nadia Haywas at 760-721-3347 or nmhaywas@gmail.com.

Food Handling

Calling all volunteers to update your food handler's cards prior to the Ethnic Food Faire. The San Diego Health department requires that anyone serving food associated with the House of Ukraine be aware of proper food handling procedures. Food handling classes are offered by the HPR and are of no cost to HOU members. Cards are valid for three years. New food handling guidelines for Sunday hosting are included in the hostess book, and a Food Handling Guidebook is posted in the kitchen. For more information please contact Nadia at 760-721-3347 or nmhaywas@gmail.com.

NOTE: The next class takes place at the Hall of Nations in Balboa Park at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, May 26th. Please contact the instructor, Beth Connelly, by email at bconnelly@irvinecompany.com if you plan on attending.

December Nights 2010

Good weather, a record breaking crowd, delicious borscht, kovbasa, kapusta, beer, horilka and perhaps the best varenyky ever, made this Christmas event one of our best. All made possible by the tireless efforts of all our volunteers; varenyky, kapusta and borscht

makers, kovbasa grillers, bartenders, servers and set up and clean up crews. Thank you all. The cottage is now equipped with a new electric range, freezer and refrigerator made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor and the efforts of our volunteers. Thank you and Djakuyemo!

Sustain Your Roots

On April 20th as part of Earth Week activities, SDSU held a “Sustain Your Roots” event to introduce students to the various cultures found in San Diego. The House of Ukraine participated with a table of artifacts and information, and bandura music provided by Sofia Bankston. This was a great opportunity to meet students and inform them about Ukraine. Thank you Theresa Waldman, Anya Brodska and the entire Bankston family for representing Ukraine.

Shevchenko Concert

The annual Shevchenko concert was held on Sunday, April 4 at St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall and featured local talent from San Diego and Los Angeles. Olga Fedunyak organized the well-attended event. She also wrote the script for the sviato, intertwining Shevchenko’s biography with readings of his poems recited by members of the Ukrainian community. Luke Miller performed several songs on the bandura and explained the importance of Shevchenko. The

Kobzar National Choir of Los Angeles, directed by Greg Hallick, along with members of the choir from San Diego, ended the concert with a medley of songs based on Shevchenko’s poems. The audience and performers had an opportunity to mingle at a reception following the concert.

Pysanka Festival

The first House of Ukraine Pysanka Festival was an overwhelming success! The Hall of Nations in Balboa Park provided an excellent venue to introduce San Diegans as well as out of town visitors to the art and beauty of the pysanka. Demonstrations of pysanka making from drop pull to electric kistka highlighted the degree of sophistication of the art. Pysanky and pysanka crafts were exhibited and sold. Traditional Easter baskets were displayed and information about Ukrainian Easter traditions and customs was available. While savoring delicious pastries and coffee, visitors were able to view Slavko Novytski’s award winning film – Pysanka : The Ukrainian Easter Egg, while our youngest were entertained at the Children’s corner creating egg crafts. Sofia Bankston provided live bandura music. Many thanks to our Exhibitors (Adriana Wrzesniewski & Natalie Orlins-Gebet), Demonstrators (Lybomyra Yoldas, Olga Fedunyak, Nadia Haywas), Bakers (Tanya Drohobytska & Christine Stolec) and Volunteers (Mary and Walter Kopinski, Youry Korinec, Stefan and

Chelsea Mudlo, Vera Skop, Julia Lozova, Anya Brodska, Ingrid Kytasty, Marijka Oharenko, Marissa Mackiewicz, Sofia Bankston). Traditional Easter baskets were prepared by Olena Bankston and Linda Mudlo. Askold Haywas opened our cottage and provided yet another opportunity for visitors to embrace Ukrainian culture. Many thanks to Linda Mudlo who chaired this event and all the volunteers we may have forgotten to mention by name. Look for our next celebration of the Pysanka in 2012. If you are interested in participating in a Pysanka workshop here in San Diego, please contact Natalie Orlins-Gebet at orlins@usc.edu.

Note from our HOU Co-President

Even though I, Nadia Haywas as Co-President with Therese Waldman, have been a member for over 25 years, I have not been involved in this capacity until this year. I am learning that there is so much more to the House of Ukraine than just the Festival and Sunday hosting! I would like to encourage all our members to become more active. I invite new ideas, suggestions and comments. The House of Ukraine can continue to exist only through membership and member involvement. Join us for fun and friendship while sharing our heritage with visitors to our cottage.

Hosting

Did you know that the most important function of the House of Ukraine is welcoming visitors to our cottage on Sunday afternoons? We thank all of our Sunday hosts and hostesses and want to encourage all of our members to host. Don't want to host by yourself? Ask a friend to join you. While hosting, enjoy meeting our visitors and inform them about Ukraine, our history, customs and traditions. Please fill out the hostess book when you arrive and complete the check-out sheet when you are closing up. If you would like to host any Sunday from noon to 4 pm, please contact Maria Lozova at lozovyi@sbcglobal.net or 858-775-9384.

New at the Cottage

Our Queen and Princess historical montage has been on display in the cottage since February. It has generated much interest and rave review. We even had a former queen stop by and she was thrilled to see the display. If you haven't been at the cottage for a while, please stop by to see what's new.

In preparation for Easter, we have had an additional display of pysanky at the cottage. Just the type of display to spark interest in perhaps our most popular craft. Thank you Natalie Orlins-Gebet for arranging the display.

Bohdan Knianicky lovingly designed new sneezeguard equipment for our HOU food events, such as the Ethnic Food Faire and

December Nights. This will allow us to serve food under the SD Health Departments regulations. Many thanks to him for making this happen, they turned out beautifully!

Kobzar Choir

On Sat. May 14, the Kobzar Choir sang at the St. Peter and Paul Coptic Orthodox Church in Santa Monica. It was organized by the Coptic Church and included the Serbians, Russians, Armenians, Ethiopians and others singing religious melodies. Songs included: Blazhen Myzh (Kyevo Pecherska Lavra), Tilom Zasnyv (A. Vedel) and Khrystos Voskres (Zdvinarsky). In both March and April, the choir sang for Taras Shevchenko concerts in LA and SD. The melodies were Zapovit (K. Stetsenko), a piece from the opera Kateryna (Mykola Arkas) and Vstaye Khmara Za Lymanom (V. Emsya). In January, the choir sang in both LA & SD singing Ukrainian Christmas carols.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ukrainian Cultural Center – Los Angeles

For everyone's enjoyment, one woman and six men are proud to announce the Ukrainian Cultural Center (YKO) has completed a major renovation. Those persons include Christina Shymkovich (Project Coordinator), Pavlo Bahatchenko, Ruslan Polyuga, Victor Makohonenko, Volodymyr Vasylyev, Andriy Nakonechny and Ihor Biskup. It is alive with magnificent color! Their hard work is

extremely appreciated in preserving our Ukrainian heritage. Visit them online at www.yko-la.com or view the facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/fbx/?set=a.143398639067028.35442.138462492893976&saved#!/pages/Ukrainian-Cultural-Center-YKO-Los-Angeles/138462492893976>

The Tamburitzans will be in San Diego in a few days.

Sponsored by the Slovak Heritage Association of San Diego, Inc., America's Premier Folk Ensemble - The Tamburitzans of Duquesne University will be performing here in San Diego on Monday, May 23rd at 7:30 pm.

The Kroc Theatre
6611 University Ave., San Diego, CA 92115
Reserved Seats Only –
\$27 Adults and \$15 Children
For more information - 619-588-0206 or
www.christiancommunitytheater.com .

Did you know that a new Ukrainian restaurant has opened in San Diego?

It is receiving rave reviews!

The Village House Kalina

8302 Parkway Dr.
(Between Jackson Dr. & Buckland St.)
La Mesa, CA 91942
(619) 461-1100

Business Hours: open 7 days a week
Lunch 11 am–3 pm, Dinner 5 pm–10 pm

Labor Day Ukrainian Festival

Save the Date! Our annual Labor Day Ukrainian Festival will be held September 2nd, 3rd, 4th in San Diego. Planning is in full swing for another fun weekend of events. Details will follow shortly.

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Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus will be in California this November

Friday, Nov. 11- Sacramento
Saturday, Nov. 12- Los Angeles
Sunday, Nov. 13- San Diego
See www.bandura.org for updates
and more information.

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