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March Meeting

The Ukrainian Genealogy Group (UGG) would like to sincerely thank the executive and membership of the Ukrainian Business and Professional Association (UCPBA) of Ottawa for their participation in the March meeting.

This was a joint meeting with the UGG. The UCPBA kindly provided the wine and cheese which was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Frank Cedar for taking care of all the arrangements concerning the wine and cheese.

The Art of Ukrainian Genealogy

The purpose of this meeting was to introduce UCPBA members to Ukrainian genealogy and also serve as a review for our own members. The meeting began with a discussion of various myths concerning Ukrainian genealogy, for example, that all records were destroyed during the various wars. Researchers can start their research by getting organized with notebooks, computer and card indexes. Researchers should interview themselves and document everything, compile all family documents,

identify photographs, record all names, interview relatives, cousins, friends of the family.

However researchers should question the accuracy of some 'official' documents. Frank Cedar gave a few examples dealing with archival documents which contained mistaken information.

Researchers must confirm two pieces of information if they wish that their research is successful. The surnames have checked for the original spelling of names of ancestors. Also the place of origin in Ukraine has to be confirmed. Some sources are passenger lists, naturalization records; publications on Ukrainian names in Canada.

Another source are maps especially good maps. Recent road maps from Ukrainian and Poland are best examples. The UGG library probably has the best collection of road maps of Ukraine and Poland.

Local sources of genealogical information were mentioned: Library and Archives Canada, Mormons, UGG Library, Public Library of Ottawa.

Mike Dowhan described the main categories of published sources in the UGG Library.

Frank Cedar briefly described his several research trips to Ukraine and Poland and his meetings with relatives. Researchers should be aware of archival and other sources in Ukraine and Poland.

Among the new developments in genealogy is the use of DNA to determine the ancestry of individuals. It is possible that a session on the use of DNA may be organized in the Fall.

The UGG encourages researchers who have held family reunions and completed their family history research to publish this information and submit two copies to the Library and Archives Canada.

Some suggested webpages:

Library and Archives Canada:
www.collectionscanada.gc.ca

Canadian Genealogy Centre
<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/ancestors/search.jsp?language=eng>

Ottawa Public Library (see Genealogy)
www.biblioottawalibrary.ca/connect/research/genealogy/genealogy_e.html

This is an introduction to genealogical sources available at the Ottawa Public Library. Please check the catalogue for published material and also videos on general genealogical subjects.

Cyndisist (<http://www.cyndislist.com>)
This is the Cyndi's List of genealogical sites on the internet and probably one of the best sites for general research.

Archives of Ukraine

www.archives.gov.ua/eng/archives

This is an English-language web page to the Archives of Ukraine with information and addresses of the various Oblast (Provincial) archives.

Toronto Ukrainian Genealogical Group
www.torugg.org.

Ukrainian Genealogical Group (NCR)
website: www.geocities.com/uggncr
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Community Events and Activities

Ukrainian Radio Program Irena Bell,
Producer & Host,; CHIN Ottawa 97.9 FM;
Sundays 8-9 a.m.

The program can also be heard at that time on <http://www.chinradio.com/ottawa.php>
(click on Listen live - Ottawa 97.9)

Famine in Ukraine 1932-33

On Monday, May 26, at 7:00 pm. The 75th Anniversary of the Famine in Ukraine 1932-33 will be commemorated on Parliament Hill (between the Eternal Flame and Centre Block). This event is organized by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Holodomor Committee and the Embassy of Ukraine. For more information, call 613-733-7000.

May 27 Meeting

Next meeting of the Ukrainian Genealogy Group will be held on May 27, Tuesday 7:30 pm. *Topic: Family Tree Maker* by Hymie Reichstein. Hymie will explain the uses of this computer program to document family history information along with its positive and negative features.