

The Ukrainian Genealogist

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March, 2013 Meeting

We are very grateful to George Fedak for his illustrated presentation, *Visiting from Odessa to Verkhovyna and points in between* made on March 26.

George had visited Ukraine several times from the Soviet period until last year. As a result, he was able to notice and comment on various changes in the ordinary life of Ukrainians during these years. This presentation was based on his last visit to Ukraine with his son in 2012.

George showed examples of and mentioned the survival of some Soviet-era monuments and historic sites in Odessa and other parts of Ukraine. He also described some of the new museums and centers that commemorated the nationalist history of eMail: uggncr1@gmail.com Editor: Mike Dowhan (613) 521-3449

western Ukraine. He stayed at various hostels in the countryside that were modern and comfortable. George also commented on the local menus that were available at the hostels.

He mentioned that the local population spoke both Ukrainian and Russian at private and public events including, in some instances, within the same family. George stated that he had no significant administrative or other problems as a visitor to Ukraine in recent years, and he enjoyed his stay among colleagues, friends and relatives.

The meeting concluded with a question-andanswer period. Due to another community event being held in the Church Hall, this meeting was held in the Boardroom and we regret any inconvenience.



George Fedak presenting "Visiting from Odessa to Verkhovyna and points in between " at our March 2013 meeting

Saskatchewan Cemetery Project

During the February meeting, Dr. Jennie Dutchak mentioned her contributions to the Saskatchewan Cemeteries Project. There are over 3300 cemetery and burial sites located in Saskatchewan and 1104 cemeteries are transcribed or photographed or indexed as of April 10, 2013. Members who wish to consult this database may visit the following webpage:

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cansacem/

City of Edmonton Municipal Cemeteries

You can search for over 60,000 people who have been buried more than 25 years ago in the Edmonton municipal cemetery.

http://www.edmonton.ca/for_residents/servi ces/service-cemetery-search.aspx

Ottawa Genealogy 2013 (May 4, 2013)

The Ottawa branch of Ontario Genealogical Society is holding a one-day Genealogy event May 4, 2013 from 8am to 4pm at James Bartleman Centre 100 Tallwood Drive, Ottawa.

More information at: http://ogsottawa.on.ca/ottawa-genealogy-2013/

Community Events

April 27 Sat. 8 pm. and Sun. April 28 1pm. Telethon Fundraiser for Help Us Help the Children, a project of Children Of Chornobyl Canadian Fund, a voluntary, non-profit charitable initiative dedicated to improving the quality of life of children living in orphanages in Ukraine.

This year HUHTC celebrates 20 years anniversary and invites you to participate in its events. More information is on website: http://www.HUHTC.ca or call 416-604-4611. On Facebook: Help Us Help The Children.

If you wish to support, please donate generously by also sending your gift by mail (HUHTC, 2118-A Bloor St W, Suite 200) or through your cell phone. Text GIFT to 45678 to donate \$10.

April 28, Sunday 10:30-2:00 pm Easter Bazaar at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Shrine, Green Valley Crescent

May 03, Friday, 6-11pm

Knights of Columbus Councils 7873 and 5925 (Orleans) are hosting the 2nd Annual Ukrainian International Dinner at St Joseph Parish Hall (2557 St Joseph Blvd, Orleans). Proceeds from the event will be donated to an orphanage and seniors home in Ukraine. Pierogies, cabbage rolls and all the trimmings.

The Barvinok Dance Ensemble (Mississauga) provides entertainment for the evening – Barvinok is doing this free of charge to help raise funds for the orphanage and seniors residence. Tickets for the dinner and evening are only \$25 please contact Jay or Natalie Sanko at 613 884-3138 or by e-mail at jaysanko@hotmail.com .

May 26, Sunday; 3 pm.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress (KYK) presents a concert by the Telnyuk Sisters. Amphitheatre, Saint Paul University.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2013 and the title of the presentation by Slavco Demchinsky will be: *Early Ukrainian Canadian Churches*.