



# Ukrainian Genealogy Group

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### **September Meeting**

We had a successful meeting in September and are grateful to Ted Lomatski, Alexandra Opar and John Guty for descriptions of their trips to Ukraine and Poland. Ted Lomatski gave practical advice about traveling to Ukraine based on his experiences last May. He gave a list of do's and don'ts about traveling to Ukraine including advice for those who have to travel with medication. He visited relatives including the ancestral village. He was able to locate some information on his family history in the local archives however he was disappointed that military records from the Austro-Hungarian period (1775-1918) were not available.

Alexandra Opar spoke on service provided by staff archivists in the local archives regarding records from her ancestral village in southeastern Poland. She checked the more recent records available in the city hall. Alexandra also visited archives in Warsaw. She mentioned her use of sensitive records, problems of translation on site and requests for photocopies.

John Guty gave a description of trips to his ancestral villages. He also traveled by bus to Lviv, Dubno and Ternopil in Ukraine. He

mentioned that on this trip, he noticed that although the local roads were not well maintained, the economy was improving but the complaints from the local people remained the same. He cautioned that there was no handicapped access to transport and public buildings.

### **New Hours at the Library and Archives Canada**

Since September 1, 2007, the new hours for public service at the Library and Archives Canada building at 395 Wellington Street are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Staff will be available to meet with researchers during these hours at the Reference Desk (2nd Floor) and the Genealogy Desk (3rd Floor) and to accept requests for library and archival material (3rd Floor).

The reading rooms are open until 8:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The building will be closed on major holidays.

## **Ancestors Search**

There is a new search tool on the Library and Archives Canada webpage [www.collectioncanada.ca](http://www.collectioncanada.ca).

In the 'Search only' section (upper right hand corner) you can click on 'Ancestors' which combines various genealogical databases.

## **New Book**

Prof. Serhy Yekelchuk has published in 2007 a new book on the history of Ukraine entitled, *Ukraine, Birth of a Modern Nation*. The publisher is Oxford University Press and the book can be purchased at Chapters for \$27.51 (with GST).

The author begins his story with the earliest years of Ukrainian history but the main chapters deal with modern Ukrainian history from the First World War until the recent past. The book is aimed at the general reader and attempts to deal objectively with controversial political and historical events. Prof. Yekelchuk is Associate Professor of History and Slavic Studies at the University of Victoria in British Columbia.

## **Community Events**

### **Ukrainian Dinner & Silent Auction.**

October 28, Sunday: 5 p.m. Concert 7 p.m.  
Tickets: \$ 15 adults, \$ 14 seniors and students, \$ 7 children 12 years and under, children under 6 years - free. Ticket reservation: (613)722-1372 or (613) 728-0856 or purchase at door. Ukrainian Orthodox Church parish hall, 1000 Byron Avenue.

### **Ukrainian Night Dinner & Dance.**

November 3, Saturday: Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, St. Vladimir the Great Council. Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.; Social Hour 6:00 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m. Ukrainian dinner traditional favorites of perogies, cabbage rolls and Chichen-Kyiv. Entertainment by Svitanok Dance Ensemble with dancing to the music of DJ Peter Zabchuk. At St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine hall, 952 Green Valley Cr. Tickets \$ 35.00 per person. For information call Cornell Popyk at 613-851-9623 or Ron Sorobey at 613-236-7495. Table reservations are available for 8-10 persons per table.