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Welcome

A sincere welcome to our members and new visitors to the 2017-2018 season of UGG meetings. We hope that the topics, issues and speakers for this coming season will be of interest and also inspire you to begin or continue your research and writing on Ukrainian family history. We are always interested to learn about your individual research in family history and how the information provided at our meetings can be of benefit.

We are planning to have a meeting dealing with DNA and we have invited several of our members to provide information on their DNA results. We are also planning a session dealing with Ukrainian Canadian military records. This information will be circulated once plans are confirmed.

Schedule of Meetings 2017-2018

As in previous years, the meetings for 2017-2018 will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month except in December, Meetings are also not held in June, July and August but individual meetings can be scheduled. More particularly, the dates are:

September 26, 2017
October 24, 2017
November 28, 2017
January 23, 2018
February 27, 2018
March 27, 2018
April 24, 2018
May 22, 2018

Membership Dues

Membership in the Ukrainian Genealogy Group – National Capital Region follows the schedule of meetings, that is, from September to May. Members pay their dues or renew their membership in September. Donations are also accepted. The dues are \$20.00 per individual or per couple. Membership is completely voluntary in that non-members can attend any meeting throughout the year.

If a member makes a presentation during the year, their dues for the following year are exempted. Also, anyone who is not a member but makes presentation to the UGG automatically become a member for a year.

Paid members receive the Newsletter, Annual Report and any additional information and also will be allowed to borrow periodicals, publications and other resource material from the Library.

May 23 2017 Meeting

The Situation in Ukraine and Canada's Response

Orest Zakydalsky made the presentation on the topic, *The Situation in Ukraine and Canada's Response*. Orest is the Senior Policy Advisor at the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) and has been in Ottawa since February, 2014. He spoke on the military and economic situation in Ukraine and Canadian aid to Ukraine through various programs.

Orest outlined the UCC position and priorities relating to security and defence, sanctions and international assistance. As a result of aid from Canada, there has been progress in a number of

areas however, some serious problems continue to plague the Ukrainian government and society. The war with Russia through their surrogates in eastern Ukraine is a drain on Ukrainian financial and human resources.



Orest Zakydalsky – May 2017 meeting

There is a stronger need for transparency among Ukrainian politicians, public servants, bankers and businessmen. Now all government officials must list their property to stem corruption. Ukrainian government procurement provides opportunities for macro-corruption schemes so there are plans for open source and open tender approaches to government business.

Orest also spoke about the emigration of Ukrainians to Canada that is relatively small. He mentioned plans for Ukraine to join NATO that is a long term process that may culminate by 2020. He described some actions by UCC in the diplomatic sphere by supporting the implementation of the Magnitsky Law and the use of the SWIFT financial system to impose further sanctions on Russia. The session was followed by a question-and-answer period.

Orest is responsible for producing the daily UCC bulletin on events Ukraine and you may contact the UCC Office to be included on the daily posting at nationaloffice@ucc.ca

Community Events

September 28, Thursday 7 pm

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association (UCPBA) Ottawa Annual General Meeting. At St. John the Baptist Shrine Hall. Food and refreshments will be provided. Guest speakers to be announced later.

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September 30, Saturday 9 am

Reconsecration of St. Onuphrius Church at the Museum of History. Rebuilding the exhibits at the museum has meant moving the church, uniquely the only artifact-building on display.

In a few weeks the event will be posted on Eventbrite for pre-registration and free access. Check the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) Ottawa Facebook page as the event nears. Sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic Church and UCC Ottawa.

Oct. 11, Wed

CUFTA: *Opening Doors for Canadian Business in Ukraine* networking event takes place in Ottawa. Presentations will be made by the GAC Regional Trade Commissioner, the President of Canada-Ukraine Chambers of Commerce, the Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada, and senior Canada-Ukraine Trade and Investment Support (CUTIS) team members.

In addition to generating commercial benefits for Canadian businesses, CUFTA will support the economic reform and development efforts of the Government of Ukraine, strengthen the Canada-Ukraine partnership for peace and prosperity, and help pave the way for long-term security, stability, and broad-based economic development in Ukraine. More information:

<https://cutisproject.org/en/news/cutis-launches-cufta-opening-doors/>