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May 22nd 2018 Meeting

Panel Discussion on DNA Results

Due to the continued interest in DNA research, the topic for this meeting was DNA and reports on the individual results received by Mike Dowhan, Frank Cedar, Michael Pawlowsky, Brian Bullock and Roman Hruba. Each gave some information on their results and made suggestions for the selection of companies that perform DNA tests.



May 2018 Panel Discussion on DNA Results

Mike Dowhan reported that his DNA results continue to evolve with the number of “close DNA Matches” (4th cousin or closer) nearly doubling in 5 months. And he presented his wife’s DNA results which identified several very close matches revealing previously unknown branches of her family tree.

Frank Cedar reported that he had his test done by two different companies and received two different results. He suggested that members interested in having their test done should apply with companies that have the largest database.

Brian Bullock reported that through his recent DNA test results, he was able to make contacts with new members of his family.

Mike Pawlowsky reported that he was interested in recent results and not in ancient ‘roots’ that some DNA tests provide.

Roman Hruba raised an interesting question about results that include small percentages regarding suggested origins that are completely foreign and a total surprise. Mike Dowhan also revealed that he and Roman are “Distant Cousins” as per AncestryDNA.

Some of the companies consulted were My Heritage, Ancestry, 23 and Me. The session was followed by a question and answer period.

We would like to thank all the participants on this panel and hope that other members who have received their DNA results will volunteer to participate in another panel at a future meeting.

Lemko Village Resource Guide

compiled by Greg Gressa

The following website lists names of Lemko villages in South-East Poland according to the Ukrainian, Rusyn and current Polish spellings of village names. For some of these villages, the website also lists various information such as surnames found in Austrian Cadastral Records and population breakdowns by religious denomination.

<http://www.carpatho-rusyn.org/new/>

UGG-NCR at the Capital Ukrainian Festival

The Festival was a once again a huge success, and our UGG-NCR table was a vital component of the impressive array of historical, cultural, and community exhibits that were situated in the Church Basement Hall. New this year, was a "Genealogy 101" session presented by Myron Momryk. We appreciated meeting the many festival-goers who stopped by our table – both new visitors as well as familiar friends from the community.

We wish to thank the following members who assisted Myron, Mike, and Jerry in manning our table on the Saturday and Sunday:

Donna Law
Nadia Kazymyra
Frank Cedar
Zonia Keywan
Ed Sojonky
Luda Dabeka
Sue Dowhan
Bob Seychuk
Wally & Doris Bilous
Brian Bullock
Stuart Fedak

"Nashi Predky-Our Ancestors" 2018 Conference

The 5th Annual Nashi Predky Fall Conference - *Your Ancestry: Past, Present and Future* - will be held as follows:

November 3-4, 2018
The Ukrainian Cultural Center
135 Davidson Avenue Somerset, New Jersey

The event features internationally known experts in Eastern European genealogy, and will span two days, including:

- Saturday's workshops, Hands-on Approach to Learning the Cyrillic Alphabets, conducted by Prof. Jon Shea, AG
- a full-day dedicated to DNA featuring The Legal Genealogist, Judy G. Russell, CG, CGL,
- the choice of nine lectures
- and many opportunities for networking

For full program details, fees, and registration information, see:

<https://www.ukrhec.org/nashi-predky-conference-2018>

Documentary celebrating 100 yrs of Ukrainian settlement in Canada (1991)

This CBC documentary, now on Facebook, is very good although rather lengthy about Ukrainian settlement in Canada. It was produced in 1991. Over 1 hour in length. The narrative is in English although there is some Ukrainian spoken.

<https://www.facebook.com/ukrcancongress/videos/10154765155016452/>

It was attached to the UCC announcement for September 7, 2018 commemorating Ukrainian-Canadian Heritage Day. It is celebrated on September 7 in Alberta and Ontario. The day was chosen to honour the first officially recorded Ukrainian immigrants, Ivan Pylypiw and Vasyl Eleniak, who arrived in Canada on Sept. 7, 1891. -

Community Events

Oct 3, Wed. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

UCWLC Embroidery Group meeting

Bring your project and come for an evening of stitching and socializing. St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine Hall, 952 Green Valley Cres. For more information call Christine (613) 731-1870 or Luba (613) 744-1417.

Oct 4, Thu. 7:00 pm

UCPBA Ottawa AGM

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association - Annual General meeting.

Open to everyone. Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral Hall, 1000 Byron Ave. Contact Michael Kostiuk: 613-324-5409

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