

Mohyla Institute Newsletter

Celebrating 100 years in 2016!

Vision

To serve as a premiere student residence and cultural centre that promotes the highest ideals of Ukrainian culture and Orthodox spirituality within a global community.

Mission

To provide a supportive and inclusive living and learning environment for our residents and community at large.

Values

Orthodox world view in the Ukrainian cultural tradition

Education

Leadership

Stewardship

Social Responsibility

Inclusivity

Integrity



2016 Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp

The St. Petro Mohyla Institute Board of Directors and Executive Director are very happy to announce that the Mohyla Institute Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp ran from August 5th to 20th. This year, high-school students from both Canada and Ukraine participated in a two-week 'encounter' with a focus on language and culture. We had 10 students, 2 chaperones from Ukraine, and 2 counsellors participate in two weeks of activities. The camp culminated in a final performance of Ukrainian dance, singing and personal testimonials.

The campers were expected to make an effort to learn and speak their opposite language (Canadian students speaking English) throughout the duration of the camp. Instead of a classroom based educational setting, the students learned and spoke Ukrainian (and English) through a unique activity-based immersive experience. This was done with field trips in and around Saskatoon, as well as through physical activities, playing games, cultural activities and lessons about Ukraine.

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"I've made plenty of friends here and I hope to see everyone again as well as Mohyla very soon."

- Alexander, student

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Greetings from the Board Chair

Вітаємо Вас з Різдвам Христовим і Новим 2017 роком!

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas and usher in the New Year, I am very pleased to bring Christmas greetings to our members, alumni, supporters, and friends of St. Petro Mohyla Institute (SPMI) on behalf of the Board of Directors and our Executive Director, Sara Detenshen and her remarkable staff.

Христос Рождається! Небо всміхається, сходить зоря:
Цими словами вітаємось з Вами й бажаєм добра. Хай
в сім'ї панує щастя, щоб весела коляда в хату радість
принесла. Щоб весело і багато провели Різдвяне свято!

2016 was a very special year for SPMI with the grand and historic celebration of its 100th anniversary. When one considers organizational literature which indicates that the life-span of most organizations and companies is in the order of 50 to 60 years, our historic Institute has done well. It has weathered many storms and celebrated many highs over the past 100 years. Much of SPMI's success during the past century may be attributed to its visionaries, benefactors and donors, thousands of alumni, resolute members, spiritual leaders and generous volunteers for which we are truly blessed and thankful.

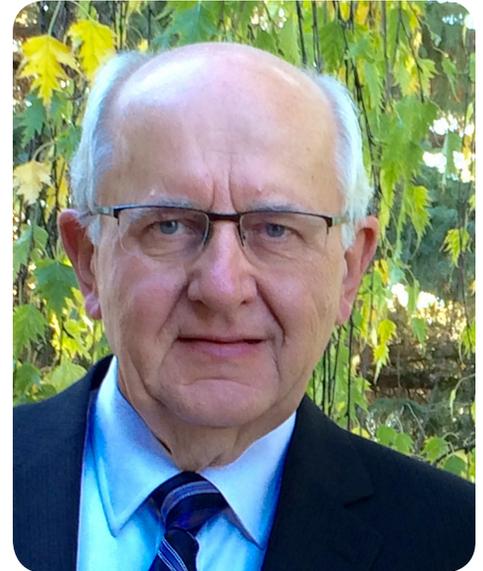
2017 will launch SPMI on a continuing journey into its 101st year and beyond of leadership and historic service as a post-secondary student residence, and a centre for the Ukrainian community. It will mark the end of one era and the beginning of a new one, one that holds the promise of being engaging and purposeful. We anticipate that Mohyla will continue to grow and be relevant in the future by developing inclusive broad-based networks and connections not only within the Ukrainian community but also with other societal groups. Together we can accomplish many things. Towards this end, may the following blessing provides us with encouragement and resolve as we work together to ensure the future of SPMI in the years to come:

Нехай Всевишній Господь благословить Вас міцним здоров'ям та дає Вам охоту до
дальшої праці – Богові на славу а нашому народу на кращу долю.

During this festive season of giving, let us remember that humanitarian aid is needed by many of our kin in Ukraine. For more details on supporting individuals and families in Ukraine, please refer to the Canadian Ukrainian Foundation website www.cufoundation.ca or to the Ukrainian Canadian Social services website <http://www.ucss.info/>. Let us also remember them in our prayers, and be mindful of the ongoing oppression and terrorism that is being inflicted on millions of men, women and children of Ukraine as they struggle to maintain their independence as a free democratic nation.

In conclusion, I wish to thank fellow board members for volunteering their valued time, skills and talents to serve Mohyla during the past year, and to thank the staff for their dedicated work in serving Mohyla residents. On behalf of the Mohyla Board, I also wish to thank all members, alumni, supporters and friends for your ongoing support of and donations to Mohyla. Let's continue to diligently work together.

With kind regards and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Board Chair, Stephen Senyuk



Greetings from the Executive Director

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2016 was such a special year for Mohyla Institute. In June we celebrated our 100th anniversary. There are very few organizations who reach such an amazing milestone and I feel so incredibly lucky to have been a small part of this incredible history. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who made this event so successful.



In June, we launched our Centennial Raffle with three incredible prizes. The first prize is a Wasylyshen Pysanka mosaic by David Wasylyshen, the second is hand-carved bentwood box by Bill Humeny, and the third an original piece of pottery by Jean Evanishen. There is still time to purchase tickets to win one of these pieces of original art when we draw on January 18th. See the insert included in this newsletter for more information.

This past summer we relaunched the esteemed Mohyla Institute Summer Immersion Camp and we were very happy with the 'first year back'. Every year will bring new opportunities for growth and improvement and we are excited to continue this tradition for years to come.

2017 is looking to be another exciting year for Mohyla Institute. Here is to year 101!

May the happiness and good cheer of the holiday season be yours throughout the new year. Merry Christmas!

Sara Detenshen
Executive Director



4th Annual SPMI Golf Tournament June 2nd, 2017

This summer we will be holding the 4th Annual St. Petro Mohyla Institute Golf Tournament! This year we will be kicking the day off with a burger and a beer for lunch before our shotgun start at 1:00pm. We will then golf 12 holes and end the day with supper, prizes, and a lot of laughs.

Join us at The Greenbryre Golf & Country Club the afternoon of Friday, June 2nd for a fun day of golf. The registration & sponsorship form is included in this newsletter.

Save the date: Friday, June 2nd! See you there!



Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him! Христос Народився! Славимо Його!

Різдво Христове - це велике свято християнське. Це ж день народження Ісуса Христа, Спасителя світу і Відкупителя людей з полону гріха. Свято Різдва Христового вважається другим після Пасхи великим Святом. <<Різдво Твоє, Христе Боже наш, увесь світ осіяло світло розуміння>> Гал. 4:4 ...коли прийшла повнота часу і послав Бог Сина Свого, що народився від жони, скорився заповіді, щоб викупити тих, які були під законом, щоб нам одержати всиновлення...

The Nativity, Christmas, is more than a time to give gifts. It is the Celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ the Son of God. It is a religious, spiritual celebration. It is a time for family to gather, to celebrate, and marvel in the mystery of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ- Emmanuel- God with us!

Matthew 1:23... Behold the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call him

Emmanuel...

John 1:14... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

The mystery of God incarnate, the Word becoming flesh without ceasing to be fully God. God assumed complete human nature, both physical body, and rational soul, everything we are except for sin. God and man in one person. Incarnate means, clothed with flesh, that is the acceptance of the entire human nature, body and soul. God became man, the second person of the Trinity, so that man may become God.

Christmas is a Feast full of wonder, and amazement. Heaven came down and touched the earth. This is God's greatest revelation to mankind. His total and unconditional love is now made known to us through the birth of our Savior. We are called upon to partake in this Glorious Feast, to partake in the Divine Liturgies as prescribed by our Holy Orthodox Church, to come together as a family, to pray as one as we sing out Christ is Born!

To the Hierarchy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada, and the Diaspora, the Board of Directors of St. Petro Mohyla Institute, staff and students, our brothers and sisters in Ukraine who are rallying for their freedom as we also keep them in our prayers, we pray for peace health and happiness during this festive time, and your hearts be filled with joy.

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

Very Reverend Archpriest Taras Makowsky
Cathedral Dean



Very Rev. Archpriest Taras Makowsky &
Dobr. Joanne Makowsky

Adult Ukrainian Language Class

Mohyla Institute is planning to offer a beginner Ukrainian language class that will run one evening per week for four months at a time.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact us via email at info@mohylainstitute.ca or call our office at 306.653.1944.



Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Choir and Orchestra

Lastiwka had another busy year, full of exciting activities and performances. We started 2016 with our house to house caroling with New Year's Greetings and songs. We visited St. Joseph's, St. Volodymyr's, St. George's and Ilarion Senior's Residences and over 30 private homes with our 'Щедрівки', and were warmly received by our hosts. We truly enjoyed the lovely reception by all of our hosts and very much appreciated the generous donations to the choir.

Plans moved quickly from caroling to Vesna Festival as the choir prepared to participate in the gala event celebrating the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada. All the Vesna performers acted, danced and sang different numbers, following a script prepared especially for the event to honour all the Ukrainians who came to this country over the past years, bringing with them all their hopes and dreams for making themselves a new life in this prosperous country.

After a quiet summer and a new season was before us, things became very busy. Lastiwka and Pavlychenko Dancers prepared for the UCC Triennial Convention held in Regina. On September 30, under the direction of Larry Klopoushak and Serhij Koroliuk, a three hour production of song and dance, honouring the 125th Anniversary of Ukrainian Immigration to Canada, with performers from across the country was presented at The Conexus Arts Centre. The audience was treated to performances by Suzirya, Pavlychenko, Volya, Regina and Shumka dance ensembles, Akolada, Koshetz, Spivohrai and Lastiwka choirs, Cheremshyna Vocal Trio, bandurist Victor Mishalow, violinist Vasyl Popadiuk, jazz pianist John Stech, and MC's Ron Cahute, Diane Boyko and Iryna Matsiuk. The program was not soon to be forgotten.

Coming in the new year, look for details regarding a tribute concert of the musical arrangements of the late Anatolij T. Avdievsky. Lastiwka will present a concert full of his wonderful music as a tribute to this great master of choral music.

2016 was a very rewarding year for Lastiwka and we are looking forward to a blessed Christmas season. Lastiwka has made Mohyla its home for thirty three years, and is happy to share these memories with the Mohyla family. A big thank you to Sara and the staff at Mohyla for accommodating our weekly rehearsal needs, and a big and heart-felt thanks to all of the many supporters we have in that Mohyla family as well. Your moral and financial support is greatly appreciated.

May God's Blessings of the season be with you and have a very Happy New Year in 2017!

Larry Klopoushak
Lastiwka Director

Thank You

To those who give so generously throughout the year, thank you for thinking of Mohyla Institute.
We appreciate it more than we can possibly say.

Thank you to the following people who donated to St. Petro Mohyla Institute from
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2016 Ukrainian Summer Camp, Continued...



“One of my most favourite memories was teaching the Ukrainian kids how to play a card game called ‘spoons’, or as Vlad called it ‘aggressive game!’”

- Marta, student



“We are thankful to all Ukrainians who shared their love of Ukraine with us. It’s amazing to see what Ukrainians built and did in Canada, how they love Ukraine, keep traditions, build churches, spread culture and speak Ukrainian!!!”

- Tetyana Hrynkevych, Chaperone



“To my mind baking Kolachi and drawing henna impressed me most of all. Because I have never baked this bread, so it was my first time.”

- Tetyana, student



The students from Ukraine each came with a brief presentation about where they were from, and the Canadian students shared their experiences through planned one-on-one conversational moments. The Ukrainian chaperones led an embroidery class and a bracelet making class for all of the students. Our Canadian counsellors taught the students how to make Kolachi and how to write pysanky. One of our Ukrainian students, a budding artist, led a painting class and two of our Canadian students choreographed the dance for the final performance. This was all the more impressive as none of our Ukrainian students had ever danced before. As one of our chaperones noted, they came to Canada to learn Ukrainian dance!

The students had a great time experiencing Saskatoon! They went for walks and a wiener roast by the river; toured the University of Saskatchewan campus; went to the Ray Hnatyshyn monument; played sports in fields and parks around the Institute; went swimming and mini-golfing; went hiking at Beaver Creek; toured the Forestry Farm; and last, but not least, competed in an amazing race style event which required the knowledge of all of their tours around the area.

They were able to take in the multiple festivals happening around Saskatoon during the camp, including the Fringe Festival, the Saskatoon Exhibition, and folkfest! Along with all of the fun activities they participated in, the students also had educational tours. They did a scavenger hunt at the Western Development Museum; visited the Ukrainian Museum of Canada; hiked and visited the museum at Wanuskewin Heritage Park; and took in the Saskatoon Civic Conservatory.

At the conclusion of the camp, there was a final concert put on by the camp participants. This showcased Ukrainian dance and singing, with one song sung in English as well.

Our goal was to continue the esteemed tradition of the Ukrainian Immersion Camp, with the added benefit of students from Ukraine participating. We hope our students developed life-long friendships and enjoyed an experience of a lifetime.

“Project Liubov Love, a humanitarian project in Canada that assists youth in Ukraine is most pleased to have partnered with Mohyla Institute for their 2016 Ukrainian Summer School. We are most pleased to have sponsored seven students and two teachers from Sambir, Lviv Oblast, Ukraine. They have been partners with PLL for the past 12 years.

This is the 6th international project (Canada - Ukraine) of PLL and hopefully it will continue next summer and for the next decade. PLL expresses its gratitude to the Mohyla Team for the two great weeks and all the students in the program. Na mnohi lita!!!”

- Dr. Roman Yereniuk





Thank You!

We would like to thank the organizations and individuals who helped make this camp a reality:

Mary Paltzat

Project Liubov Love

Ukrainian Museum of Canada of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada – Edmonton Branch



2017 Ukrainian Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp!

Who: Students aged 14 - 18

What: Daily classroom language instruction, with a focus on Ukrainian culture, and leadership training.

Where: Mohyla Institute, Saskatoon

When: July 29th - August 12th

Why: Develop life-long friendships and have an experience of a lifetime!

Fees: \$900 per person

The goal is to continue the tradition of the Ukrainian Immersion Camp, with the added benefit of a focus on leadership.

Please see the pamphlet included in this newsletter for registration and more information.



Steve Pillipow, representing SUS Foundation of Canada, presenting Mohyla Institute Board Chair, Stephen Senyk, with a donation for the 2016 Ukrainian Summer Immersion, Cultural & Leadership Camp



UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS
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St. Petro Mohyla Institute 100th Anniversary

Celebrating 100 Years & Beyond

“A trip to Nostalgia now and then is good for the spirit.”

- Dan Bartolovic

That observation aptly captures how those of us who attended the St. Petro Mohyla Institute 100th Anniversary Celebration from June 24th to 26th felt at the end of a fabulous weekend. It was a fitting time to hold a reunion, at the 100th Anniversary of the Institute. Mohyla alumni came, eagerly anticipating a few days to wander down memory lane and to reconnect with old friends. And we were not to be disappointed as the reunion met all expectations!



Friday, June 24th

The weekend's events began with the 3rd annual St. Petro Mohyla golf tournament held this year at the Legends Golf Club in Warman. 44 golfers participated in the fun-filled Texas scramble. A delicious supper followed with several guests joining the golfers to help kick-off the reunion festivities.

Registration and a social was held at the Institute starting at 7:30pm. It felt good for so many of us to be back “home” at 1240 Temperance Street. After receiving our registration bags which contained many goodies, including a lovely specially-designed wine goblet, we excitedly began to mingle, scanning the crowd for recognizable faces, sometimes having to rely on name tags for clues.

Many enjoyed a tour of the residence. As we wandered the hallways and peered into the rooms, old memories were rekindled and shared. It seemed that little had changed for us, except for the fact that we were now sporting more grey hair (or no hair), a few more pounds, but much more wisdom. What remained the same from several decades earlier was the raucous laughter and noisy chattering as we reminisced.

Back downstairs, the songbooks were distributed and an impromptu sing-along broke out which sounded surprisingly good, maybe even concert tour ready. A slideshow featuring residents from throughout the decades was thoroughly enjoyed in the TV lounge. The composite wall photos, many of which had to be painstakingly restored, were on display in what was



once the Ukrainian Museum of Canada. These composites proved invaluable to help recall the many students who had stayed at Mohyla over the years.

Later in the evening several alumni brought out their instruments and entertained those present. A beautiful selection of appetizers which resembled a full buffet (Ukrainians never do anything involving food on a small scale) was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were also available throughout the evening. All of these components contributed to a superb start to the reunion.

Saturday, June 25th

A walking tour of the U of S campus was arranged for the morning, but the threatening rain clouds probably kept the numbers low and only a few hardy souls took advantage of this activity. Many used this time to make their own arrangements to meet friends for breakfast or brunch. This free time also gave committee members an opportunity to prepare for the evening's events and decorate the auditorium.

About 100 people signed up for the river boat cruise aboard the Prairie Lily. It was an ideal opportunity to visit and socialize while taking in the beautiful views along the South Saskatchewan River. Upon returning to shore, everyone quickly dispersed to get ready for the evening's festivities.

The Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox auditorium was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and typical of most Ukrainians, people arrived early to take full advantage of the opportunity to mingle and socialize. Welcome shots at the door suitably helped kick off an evening of fun and merriment. Acting as Hospodars and Hospodynias were those former bursaky who resided at Mohyla in the 1940's. The reception line included: Mary & Nick Budzak, Stan & Anne Klopoushak, Miroslaw & Beatrice Ochitwa, Taras & Dorothy Koroll, Orest & Mary Mysak, Catherine Woloschuk and Anne Cholod.

A beautiful keepsake booklet which contained congratulatory messages from political leaders and various dignitaries, a history of St. Petro Mohyla and many interesting facts relating to Mohyla's role in establishing several organizations was provided for each attendee.

Emcee Gerald Luciuk got the excited crowd to take their seats so supper could be served. The Lastiwka choir led everyone in the singing of Otche Nash which was immediately followed by a blessing offered by His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop of Winnipeg and the Central Eparchy, Metropolitan of Canada, Primate of the UOCC. A scrumptious meal catered by Touch of Ukraine from Saskatoon was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, the more formal portion of the evening began. Emcee Gerald Luciuk

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kept the audience entertained by providing interesting facts about Mohyla. He also acknowledged those who had served as Rector of the Institute. Lastiwka Choir, directed by Larry Klopoushak, offered five musical selections which certainly tugged at the heart strings of all present. Co-chairs Linda Kindrachuk and MaryAnn Trischuk took time to recognize each committee member for their contributions and to present a rose to each individual. This committee worked tirelessly in the months and weeks leading up to the reunion and throughout the entire weekend as well.

Greetings were delivered by several representatives of various organizations including His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy who focused his remarks on the namesake of the Institute, St. Petro Mohyla, and his profound impact. Dr. Tony Harras brought greetings on behalf of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada; Stephen Senyk, Board Chair of Mohyla Institute, spoke of taking a sentimental journey and thanked the reunion committee for their dedicated efforts.

His Worship Donald Atchison congratulated the Institute on its remarkable 100 year history and presented the Board with a special certificate, of which only 57 have been presented in Saskatoon's history, to recognize this outstanding achievement. He also commented on his personal connection to Mohyla during summer football camps, where he maintains the excellent food made him into a "well-rounded" fellow.

This was followed by a few words from Russ Pankiw on behalf of Prosvita of Regina and the presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 to Mohyla Institute.

Linda Kindrachuk then introduced the keynote speaker for the evening – Ken Krawetz who resided at Mohyla from 1969-1972. Krawetz, during his time as an MLA and Deputy Premier of the province of Saskatchewan, was also put in charge of what was referred to as "The Ukraine File". He was instrumental in maintaining strong educational and economic ties between Ukraine and Saskatchewan. Krawetz spoke of the significance and importance of St. Petro Mohyla Institute to decades of students and the strong attachment that many still have to the Institute. His personal anecdotes had many in the audience chuckling and his observations regarding the noteworthy contributions by so many Mohyla alumni filled us all with pride. He spoke of the "Mohyla connection" and how living there helped prepare us to be good citizens. But the more emotional parts of his speech were turned over to his wife, Gail, who





talked about how special living at Mohyla was and how the personal connections made there are difficult to replicate in today's technological world.

Before closing prayers were offered, a former resident, Larry Machula, offered his reflections via video. Co-chairs Linda and MaryAnn cut the anniversary cake which was served for dessert. Photos of the different "decade groups" were taken shortly after.

Throughout the evening keys for Baba and Dido's trunk were sold. Many individuals donated the wonderful items contained in each trunk. The lucky winners were Tanya Myall of Dido's trunk and Orest Kotelko of Baba's trunk.

The fellowship continued well into the evening with several alumni once again providing musical entertainment. A fantastic lunch was served later that evening, and the party wound down shortly after that.

Sunday, June 26th

A Khram was held at All Saints Church on Sunday and all reunion participants were invited to join the parishioners for their Feast Day. Divine Liturgy began at 9:30 am with His Eminence Metropolitan Yuriy, Very Reverend Archpriest Taras Udod, Very Reverend Archpriest Taras Makowsky and Very Reverend Archpriest Peter Wasylenko serving. Lastiwka Choir offered a most beautiful rendition of the Archpastoral Divine Liturgy by O. Koshetz.

A delicious lunch served by the parishioners followed the service along with a short program which was emceed by Zenon Zuzak. Guest speaker Dr. Robert Chayka gave a brief history of the All Saints Parish which had its beginnings at Mohyla Institute. Rod Antonichuk, president of the Cathedral parish, delivered greetings as did Evelyn Wojcichowsky, president of All Saints Church, and Steve Senyk, Mohyla Board Chair.

Final farewells were bid and email addresses exchanged as the reunion weekend came to a close.

The final tally saw over 230 people attend the reunion, and the committee is to be commended for accommodating so many last-minute registrants. Photographer Judy-Anne Chabun captured the entire weekend's events and special moments.

Thank you, committee members, for your dedication to this project. Without your hard work and commitment, the celebration of Mohyla's 100th anniversary and this reunion would not have come to fruition. The weekend provided us with not only an opportunity to revisit the "good old days" but also to create many new cherished memories and to celebrate Mohyla's 100th anniversary.

2016 Scholarship & Graduation Banquet



The 2016 Scholarship & Graduation Banquet took place on April 1st, 2016 at Mohyla Institute. We were pleased to have Doré Collett, who works at the Saskatchewan Research Council as a communications and business development professional, as our guest speaker for the evening. Doré delivered an informative and engaging presentation on the topic of networking.

Paraska Beahun Scholarship

2016 recipient: Riley Dobrohoczki - \$400

John Fedan Scholarship

2016 recipient: Riley Burkart - \$800

Nicholas & Olga Hawrysh Memorial Scholarship

2016 recipient: Kalyna Livingstone - \$200

Connie, Olga & Ludwig Kay Jubilee Scholarship

2016 recipient: Justin Norton - \$800

Ludwig, Olga & Constance Kaye Ukrainian Orthodox Millennium Scholarship

2016 recipient: Andrew Dusevic - \$800

Prokop Kindrachuk Award

2016 recipient: Justin Norton - \$800

Mr. & Mrs. George M. Kotelko Scholarship

2016 recipient: Riley Burkart - \$200

Marie Kotelko Scholarship

2016 recipient: Malshi Karunatilake - \$200

Kraynick Leadership Award

2016 recipient: Malshi Karunatilake - \$600

St. Petro Mohyla Institute Special Recognition Award

2016 recipient: Yi Ren & Kevin Cipywnyk



Pitts Scholarship

2016 recipient: Kalyna Livingstone - \$300

Christa Potts Memorial Scholarship

2016 recipient: Malshi Karunatilake - \$200

John Rudewsky Award

2016 recipient: Riley Burkart - \$400



Semeniw Leadership Award

2016 recipient: Kalyna Livingstone - \$600

Peter Shelepiuk Award

2016 recipient: Kristopher Cipywnyk - \$200

William Sopatyk Scholarship

2016 recipient: Kalyna Livingstone - \$200

Sorokan Memorial Scholarship

2016 recipient: Riley Dobrohoczki - \$400



Taras & Myron Stetzenko Scholarship

2016 recipient: Kristopher Cipywnyk - \$300

Zacharuk Scholarship

2016 recipient: Kevin Cipywnyk - \$100



Thank you to everyone who came out for the evening, and a big congratulations to our deserving scholarship recipients!



The Art of Dealing with a Trump Presidency

Ukraine woke up on the ninth of November mildly surprised that a vulgar businessman with distant ties to a certain ex-president hiding in Russia would soon be occupying the White House. Considering the incredible events this country has endured in recent years and continues to endure, a strange change of administration in Washington did not register as strongly as it did in other countries. Yet, that does not mean that Ukrainians, from top to bottom, are not expecting a shift in attitude several thousand miles away. Rather, many consider this as yet another opportunity for their nation to express its independence.

Leading Ukrainian political pundit Vadym Karasyov is representative of this growing self-reliance attitude. He had this to say immediately after the election: “This is a signal to those in Ukraine who expected to resolve all of Ukraine’s problems with US help: in Donbass, in Crimea, in relations with Russia, Europe and so on. We have to count primarily on ourselves, our own power, our efficient internal and foreign policies based first of all on an efficient internal economy, our military and defence capabilities and an effective and creative diplomacy. No-one will solve our problems for us”.



Not a few people in and out of the Ukrainian government were starting to worry that Ukraine was becoming too dependent on real and imaginary aid from the West, primarily and US and international financial donor organizations. Only a few weeks before the election, the most popular comedy troupe in Ukraine, Kwartal 95, was involved in a scandal after they staged a skit in which an actor portrayed Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko as a beggar trotting the globe for hand-outs. Political satire is no longer a dangerous endeavour, but this particular piece apparently hit a little too close to home, leading to a war of words. And to add insult to injury, recently the IMF brusquely refused to loan Ukraine any more money until it showed a better effort at combating corruption.

What Ukraine wants from the US, aside from money and sanctions against Russia, is lethal weapons. Would Donald Trump break the outgoing president’s embargo and listen to Congress, or will the Republican majority overturn the presidential veto on their bill to give arms to Ukraine? This is where opportunity knocks. By showing itself to be self-reliant, Ukraine can “make him interested”, in the words of Institute of World Policy director Olena Hetmanchuk, by impressing Trump with the country’s can-do spirit. After all, Ukraine is already fighting a war with minimal outside aid against an enemy that is exponentially larger.

“Despite my personal resentment of Trump, Ukraine probably needs this cold shower to finally grow up. Have we not been counting on foreigners’ help rather than on ourselves for too long?” former soldier and blogger Maksym Muzyka asked. And he should know, since Ukrainian troops barely get enough to fight from its own government.

So, what is there to fear from President-elect Trump?

In short, disregard. Not so much disregard of the country – Congress will make sure that does not happen – rather disregard of international law and the order on which it was founded. Ukraine has already been back-stabbed by the Kremlin’s refusal to abide by the Budapest Memorandum, which was one of the pillars of Ukraine’s geo-political security, losing Crimea, a part of Donbass and thousands of lives as a result. Everyone has heard of Trump’s book ‘The Art of the Deal’.

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In Memoriam

Вічна їм пам'ять!

Mohyla Institute notes with sadness the passing of the following people:

- Michael Burianyk
- Eugene Gryba
- Peter Husak
- Peter Kaminski
- Anne Klopoushak
- William Pillipow
- Katherine Romanchuk
- Lawrence Skoretz
- George Symchych

We acknowledge that we may have missed an important name on this list and we apologize for anyone we have neglected to acknowledge in this newsletter.

The Art of Dealing with a Trump Presidency, Continued...

This could very well be Vladimir Putin's mantra. The pair of them might go behind everyone else's backs (German Chancellor Angela Merkel mainly) and decide the fate of nations on the back of an envelope. Putin, for one, prefers bilateral arrangements above all others, ignoring treaties, contracts, international law, courts, common decency... The hope is that Trump does not become a rogue leader.

Much has been made about Trump's expressions of admiration for the Russian leader and how it might be possible to come to terms with him. Should this be the case, there is fear that US support for Ukraine might be traded for something else, like compromising materials revealing Trump's business interests in Russia or illegal financial gifts. Spheres of influence would be delineated and Ukraine would be chained to the Kremlin's orbit.

However, it should be remembered that Trump espouses making America as his number one priority. He might just as well leave the status quo and keep Putin hanging. It is hard to believe that Trump considers Russia as America's equal, and so in his famously vulgar manner might tell the little dictator where to go. Does America really need anything from Russia? I didn't think so.

Yet, it is impossible to gauge expectations at so early a juncture. Ukraine was out of the picture during the election campaign, but considering how much of the new president's rhetoric was empty, that might not mean much. The question is what he should do. Whether he believes in justice, international law, personal ambitions or keeping America atop of everything, it all points towards applying pressure to keeping Ukraine a sovereign state capable of standing on its own two feet with a loaded rifle at the ready. Any sacrifice of interests would be a massive blow to America's standing and Trump's ego.

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