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## St. Petro Mohyla Institute

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mohyla Golf Tournament Rescheduled

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Petro Mohyla Institute Golf Tournament, originally scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>, was rescheduled due to inclement weather. The revised date is Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. We will begin teeing off at 12:00pm with the supper scheduled for 6:30pm.

Based on the reschedule we also now have space for an additional 20 golfers. If you are interested in golfing, attending the supper, volunteering, or sponsoring in any way, please be sure to let us know as soon as possible. We would like to sell out our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tourney!

A big thank you to those who have already signed up to generously sponsor our event:

- ◇ Barry Slowski - Butler Buyers Insurance
- ◇ TYC - Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Association of Regina
- ◇ UWAC - Daughter's of Ukraine Branch - Regina
- ◇ Edward Klopoushak
- ◇ UWAC - Ohla Kobylanska Branch - Saskatoon
- ◇ John Higgs - MGM Communications
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- ◇ Sylvia Myall
- ◇ Ken Schneider
- ◇ Wayne Hydeman Developments
- ◇ Pinel-Isbister

Thank you to those who originally planned on spending June 21<sup>st</sup> with us, we look forward to seeing you on September 19<sup>th</sup>!

[Golf Tournament Registration & Sponsorship Form](#)

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War Measures Act

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War Measures Act and of Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 - 1920 will be commemorated on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

On this date, 100 plaques recalling this little-known episode in Canadian history will be unveiled, from coast to coast, starting in Amherst, Nova Scotia and ending in Nanaimo, British Columbia.

This is the first time in Canadian history that 100 plaques recalling an historic injustice will be unveiled on the same date and time, across our country.

Please join us, on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:00am to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War Measures Act and of Canada's first national internment operations of 1914 - 1920.

Please [RSVP](#) to attend this event. This will ensure we have appropriate seating and refreshments following the program.

If any of your family members were interned from 1914-1920, please consider [submitting](#) their names and photos.

For more information please visit the UCCLA [website](#).





Dr. Evan Ostryzniuk

## President Poroshenko: Aggressive man of peace

by Dr. Evan Ostryzniuk in Kyiv

The nation breathed a collective sigh of relief on June 7 as candy king and motor mogul Petro Poroshenko pledged on the Bible to serve Ukraine as its fifth president. He then held up the baton of office to show that he has taken the helm of a badly damaged ship of state and promised to bring peace and prosperity to the nation. Since the EuroMaidan uprising began last November, Poroshenko has declared that he is the man who can patch her up and steer her in the right direction with a raft of liberal reforms. Now, he has to get those reforms moving or risk going down with the ship.

The rationale of Ukrainians when casting

their ballots for the oligarch (and he is) is not hard to reason out. Poroshenko is financially and politically independent, an avowed centrist on just about everything, considered less corrupt than most of his fellow businessmen, and was one of the heroes of the EuroMaidan, although sensible enough not to hog the spotlight. Plus, he owns one of the very few genuinely free media outlets in 5 Channel, which he kept going in the face of enormous pressure.

So, both the message of the voters and the image of the candidate are clear. Expectations are another matter, which is why Independence Square in Kyiv remains covered in activist tents.

### A Way Forward

Peace was the main threat of Poroshenko's inaugural address on Saturday. He was wise not to take a bellicose stand, despite the insidious disinformation campaign – not to mention war – the Kremlin is waging against Ukraine. However criminal Russian President Vladimir Putin's actions, the new government is not in a position to risk inflaming anti-Ukrainian sentiment, whether at home or abroad. Peace on all fronts is the only option that will pay dividends.

Poroshenko made reference to each of the mountains that Ukraine must overcome in the near future for it to remain a sovereign nation. The situation is that serious. The most hazardous of these mountains is the Kremlin-backed anti-government insurgency in the southeast. This must be eliminated, and the new president has wisely offered several options, none of which includes recognizing their demands: surrender and receive amnesty; come to the negotiating table; get the hell out of the country. Poroshenko even offered a corridor for departure.

This policy puts the ball in the insurgents' court, which they will simply ignore, although it may cause a split in the ranks that will make it easier for the Ukrainian military to deal with. Already, there are reports that Russian cossacks have fled back across the border. Genuine local insurgents might take the offer of negotiation or amnesty, since they are a fractious lot. A combination of mass defections and a reinvigorated counter-insurgency operation might be enough to overcome this mountain. And just as important, this is a Ukraine-only policy – Poroshenko has not invited either Russia or any Western polities to help resolve this crisis.

Reincorporation of the Donbas will not be possible, however, without a comprehensive program to rehabilitate the region.

Poroshenko says he has a plan. If this is indeed the case, then it must not only encompass only economic aspects, which is the main grievance of the wretched region, but also transform the informational sphere. What does that mean? Well, since the dawning of Ukrainian independence more than 20 years ago, politicians have abused eastern Ukraine to serve as a counterweight to Ukrainian nationalism and Kyiv centrism, and to that end through domination of the region have fostered a culture of fear and paranoia of "Ukrainian-ness" as well as entitlement as the unappreciated economic generator of the nation. In short, eastern Ukraine needs an attitude adjustment, but one that must be made using the little-employed tool of the truth.



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## A Final Turn Westwards

Ukraine needs to find economic peace. Poroshenko rightly emphasized the need to sign the Association Agreement with the European Union, which is an economic and legal integration tool into the civilized world. Normally, a presidential inauguration is not the place to make such a definitive policy statement, but by doing so he has nailed his colours to the mast, showing that nation the Ukraine can only develop in one direction. Closer integration with Russia ceased to become a viable economic option when Putin chose to be an untrustworthy and unreliable partner through unjustified and simply illegal boycotts of Ukrainian products, playing the 'gas price game' and seizing Crimea.

Ukrainian companies themselves are voting with their feet, so to speak, having long diversified sales away from Russia. Sure, the northern partner still takes a quarter of Ukraine's exports, but that figure is rapidly declining, and now that Europe has opened its arms to Ukraine, not to mention the growing markets of Asia and Middle East, therein lies the future, the Donbas included.

Still, Ukraine needs Russia. Or rather, she needs stable relations with the Wicked Witch of the North, which Poroshenko announced he will repair. Ukraine will be energy dependent on Russia for at least two more years, and since the Kremlin, which controls everything in Moscovia, refuses to play by the international energy game rules, Ukraine must be accommodating while standing its ground. The good news is that the new government is suing Russia in an international court for trying to cheat Ukraine, and its prospects are good, I have been told.

Whether we like it or not, Ukraine's closest cousins are Russia and Poland. Fortunately, Poland has never been friendlier to Ukraine. Dziękuję! Many Ukrainians have friends and relatives in Russia, many more work there, and the histories are intertwined. So, to alienate the closest geopolitical power would be ruinous (or rather more ruinous than it is now). Recent months have proven that Europe and America will defend Ukraine only



by peaceful means. How can this mountain be conquered? Putin does not respect the law or promises or human decency, but he respects strength. If Poroshenko can show that he can exert his will on the insurgent Donbas, fractious parliament and reform process, he will have a strong hand.

Crimea will have to wait. Ukraine is in no position to enforce its rights to the peninsula and the West has done all it can to isolate Russia on this crime. Quite frankly, Crimea does not matter to Ukraine. The country will be strengthened without it, while Russia will be weakened.

Is Petro Poroshenko fit to run Ukraine? He is fitter than any other politician on the scene today. Despite being a long-standing political player, he is not heavily tainted by association with previous regimes. He is not a regional figure. He does not belong to a business 'clan', so he can appoint who he wants in his administration. However, he might be obliged to negotiate many clan interests, which might drag down the government. To combat this threat, he and the government have already called for smart Westerners and reformist Easterners to flood the country to help it get back on its feet.

The new president will be in a hurry to make his mark, and this is as it should be. Fortunately, the groundwork has already been laid for Ukraine's transformation since February and a remarkable unity of purpose remains.

## Strategic Planning Session for St. Petro Mohyla Institute

The board of St Petro Mohyla Institute is organizing a Strategic Planning Session for the fall 2014. As board members, we believe that a critical component of good management and governance at Mohyla is its ability to remain relevant and responsive to the needs of our community.

When organizations experience dramatic change, as Mohyla is experiencing, pre-

vious goals set by the organization may not fit the current milieu, and may not be meeting the original intents of the organization.

Strategic planning can create a direction for Mohyla to maximize options in creating a renewed vision for the future, while building upon and nurturing our core assets. We envision the process promot-

ing an open and creative exchange of ideas among a variety of internal and external stakeholders to generate fruitful discussion and work out potential solutions.

Once details are confirmed, we will inform members and alumni in future e-bulletins. Please stay tuned for further details!

## United With Ukraine

### Global Pressure Mounts to Revoke Russia's hosting of FIFA 2018 World Cup

"[Boycott Putin Now](#)" is a global campaign aimed at the key sponsors of the FIFA World Cup. The key sponsors are Anheuser-Busch InBev, Kia Motors, Visa, and Sony. The 2018 World Cup was awarded to Russia by FIFA, the international governing body of the sport of football.

The campaign has a comprehensive website [www.boycottputinnow.com](http://www.boycottputinnow.com) which includes informative online videos to help highlight the hypocrisy of FIFA and its major corporate sponsors.

The videos are available on the website in 12 different languages to help facilitate global awareness and to promote the hashtag [#boycottputinnow](#) through social media.

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## The Bard of Ukraine (March 9, 1814 - March 10, 1861)

by Marion Mutala

Taras Shevchenko, we remember you  
Peasant's son, orphaned at 11  
Unschool'd layman  
Cultured serf

We remember your freedom  
Life's small victories

We remember you suffered  
And spoke as a wandering minstrel in  
Kobzar  
Gave testament in Zapovit

A literary genius,  
Great humanitarian, poet, artist speaking  
through one thousand works  
Free or serf, slave or not  
Your voice resonates from the grave,  
continual shout for fairness, justice,  
equality

"End oppression"  
"Eliminate poverty, share wealth"  
"Take care of woman, children, especially  
orphans"

We remember your compassion and  
prayers for Ukrainian people  
All people  
Humanity

Greed rampant  
Leaders silent  
Governments deaf  
No one listened to your cries then or  
now  
But still... we remember  
We remember  
And shout your words

"Stop oppression"  
"Stop selfishness"  
"Stop war"  
  
We remember  
And pay tribute  
Especially on your 200th anniversary  
since birth  
We are reminded of great efforts for  
change  
Ideas, beliefs and vision  
"Create peace"  
"Hope"  
"A new and better world"  
Today, tomorrow and always...  
We remember you  
The Bard of Ukraine

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## A Brief Message from the Executive Director

Thank you to all of those who have generously donated to Mohyla Institute. We have been putting the funds towards fixing up a few kitchen items, such as repairing coils in our salad bar, replacing a switch on our dishwasher, and replacing a few older pipes.

We are hoping for sunny weather on our second go-around at our Golf Tournament where it would be great to see as many Mohyla Supporters as possible out at our inaugural event. Please consider [signing up!](#)

Sara Detenshen

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