



# e-bulletin



## Easter Greetings from the Board Chair

The celebration of Easter, above all others, is the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On behalf of the board of directors, staff and residents, I am pleased to bring Easter greetings to the Hierarchs, Chancellor, and Clergy of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC), and to our members, alumni, and friends of St. Petro Mohyla Institute (SPMI).

З відчуттям глибокої радості і від щирого серця вітаємо вас з Воскресінням Христовим, з Пасхою Христовою, і нехай царюють у ваших серцях радість і душевний спокій! Нехай до Вашої оселі прийде здоров'я, любов, щастя, добробут, душа нехай світлішою стає, серце пламеніє любов'ю, а помисли стануть щирими та добрими.

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Following two years of living with strict COVID restrictions, we have started to relax a bit with the waning of the virus. This is making it possible to return to more programs and activities at SPMI. Toward this end, please see more details in this newsletter regarding summer occupancy by international students, a kids' summer day camp, a basic beginner's online Ukrainian language program, and the development of an exercise room. Being able to return to community programs and increased residents occupancy is a good promising step forward. Given this, we still continue to be mindful of the need to follow through on emerging recommended health and safety measures concerning the ongoing presence of COVID however weakened it is considered to be.

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In the early morning of February 24, 2022, our beloved homeland Ukraine, an internationally recognized sovereign country, was struck with a tyrannical invasion under the leadership of the megalomaniacal Russian President Vladimir Putin. The daily news is replete with the horror and evil that has befallen countless innocent children, women and men, and the wanton destruction of villages, towns and cities in Ukraine. Once again, Ukraine has become the crucible of Europe and the world in the fight for democracy, freedom and peace. Ukraine needs our help.

Let's be ever mindful and keep in our prayers the men, women and children of Ukraine who continue to struggle and admirably assert and maintain their independence as a free democratic nation. What we do to help Ukraine in this crucial time of enormous need will certainly define us. Ukraine needs our moral and financial support. Let's be generous. Please consider directing your humanitarian aid donations through the Canadian Ukrainian Foundation website [www.cufoundation.ca](http://www.cufoundation.ca).

As we celebrate the joy of Easter and the promise of renewal and hopes for brighter times ahead, we need a united front on the part of our members, our church parishes and our community organizations to make considered special donations in support of Ukraine.

May the wonder of Christ's Resurrection bring you good health, peace and contentment during this great feast and throughout the year.

Бажаю Всім Вам радісного відсвяткування Велекодних Свят та всякого благопулущя через цієї весни і на многих, многих літ! Христос Воскрес!"

Sincerely with Christian and fraternal greetings,  
Stephen Senyk  
Board Chair

## Ukrainian Language Classes

The spring slate of Ukrainian Language Classes will begin next week, where we are offering an intermediate 2 class as well as a basic conversational beginner class. The beginner class is specifically for those opening their homes to displaced Ukrainians, hosts who have need for a basic conversational course to communicate. The course fee will be refunded to beginner participants upon completion.

There was so much interest in the beginner class that we have enough registrants to run two classes. We would like to see those interested receive this language instruction, so if there is an organization or individual donor willing to cover the class costs for a second class, please get in touch. We are also looking for an instructor. Alternatively, if there is another organization willing to take the class list on for online beginner classes, please let us know.

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Thank you to the SUS Foundation of Canada and the Franko Family Foundation for helping to support this year's programming.

## Workout Room

We had begun the process of getting a workout space ready for the residents just prior to Covid-19. We put all of those plans on hold as we did not feel it would be safe to open a workout space when we were still just beginning to understand how Covid was transmitted.

This spring we opened the space for our residents with new commercial equipment that can withstand the use of our residents for many years. This includes a treadmill, a half rack with multiple accessories, bench, a bar and bumper plate set, competition kettlebell set, plyobox, resistance bands, a few smaller items, and proper flooring.

Items we would still like to put in the space include a rowing machine, a rubber hex dumbbell set plus rack, and an exercise ball. If you are willing to donate to offset the cost of items already purchased or would like to donate for future items we would appreciate the support. Donations can be sent by e-transfer or cheque to:

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# UKRAINIAN DAY CAMP

Summer  
2022



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# Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

On this Blessed and Glorious Feast Day, the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on behalf of myself and Dobr. Joanne, may God's unconditional love and the Grace of the Holy Spirit bring abundant blessings into your home. During this difficult time that we are experiencing watching the destruction of lives needlessly in Ukraine, let us join in prayer that our Heavenly God will hear our prayers and grant us peace for our families in Ukraine.

Бажаємо вам зі Світлом Вовкресінням у кожної родині мир, злагода, і добробут. Нехай з вами буде Божа милість та Благодать Веселих Великодніх Свят!

Rt. Rev. Mitred Archpriest Taras Makowsky  
Cathedral Dean UO Cathedral of Holy Trinity

## Mervin Ozirny, Nation Builder (2021) Appointed to Mohyla Board

We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of Mervin Ozirny from Melville, SK to the Mohyla board of directors.

Mervin earned his Bachelor of Commerce (Administration) and Bachelor of Law degrees at the University of Saskatchewan, and completed further studies in International Trade Logistics. After practicing law briefly in Yorkton, Mervin established his own current law firm in Melville. His extensive law background includes serving as a federal and provincial Crown Prosecutor, criminal defense and civil litigation trial lawyer. He appeared at all levels of Courts in all four western provinces, including their Courts of Appeal, as well as the Federal Court of Canada and the Supreme Court of Canada. He is a charter member, former Governor and Auditor of the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association. In addition, Mervin served on the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, a member of the National Energy Board in Calgary, and a legal council to numerous First Nations regarding oil, gas and renewable resource claims. In 1994, Mervin co-founded the Central North American Trade Corridor which runs from Canada through the United States to Mexico and became its first international president in 1995.

Dating back to when he was a high school student in Yorkton, Mervin was enrolled as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Having served as a Commissioned Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces for more than 21 years, he retired with the rank of Captain. Mervin's interest in working with cadets continues in his current capacity as Chairman of the National Advisory Council which is responsible for the growth and development of more than 28,500 Air Cadets across Canada.

Some of Mervin's many other accomplishments, awards and recognitions include the following – served as an Alderman for the City of Melville, Lieutenant Governor's Volunteer Medal, Her majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, Air Cadet Long Service Medal, Canadian Armed Forces Decoration Medal, Melville "Man of the Year" and Melville's "Citizen of the Year." He is the proud father of one son and three daughters, and blessed with nine grandchildren. Mervin and his partner, Kathy are members and supporters of St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Melville and the Birmingham Cemetery.

Please join us in congratulating Mervin on his appointment to the Mohyla Board which will be enriched by his extensive experience, knowledge, and abilities in serving others.

# Mohyla Alumnus Recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award

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Danny Evanishen is congratulated and thanked by Janet Peake, president of the Summerland Community Arts Council.

## Rock star volunteer

Danny Evanishen has been named recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Summerland Arts Council.

Among his many contributions, Evanishen was selected for his wine pouring expertise on display at Friday Night Live concerts and gallery show receptions, and his unfailing good humour.

“Danny is always there to help with a smile—packing and moving during the recent renovations of the building, solving a technical problem or simply helping to put up the tent for the Sunday Market,” said arts council president Janet Peake, when she presented the award at the recent concert by Kyle Anderson.

In recognition of the bravery and suffering of the Ukrainian people since the Russian invasion, Evanishen has been wearing an over-the-shoulder scarf bearing the national symbol, the tryzub, a gold trident on a blue shield.

Grandparents of both Evanishen and his wife, Jean Evanishen, immigrated to Canada from Ukraine in the early years of the last century.

The couple celebrate their Ukrainian heritage through their artistic endeavours.

Danny has written 11 books recording Ukrainian folk tales, a cookbook of his mother’s recipes and a book about a woman who survived the Second World War in Karkiv.

An accomplished potter, Jean has turned her attention to creating stunning pieces with Trypillian design. Noted for its beautiful ceramic pottery, the ancient Trypillian culture encompassed the area of present-day Ukraine.

The couple will be selling their books and pottery to help raise funds for Ukrainian refugees at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Kelowna Saturday.

Special to The Herald

# St. Petro Mohyla Institute

## Global Crisis and Refugees

Ukraine has passed 50 days of warfare against the invading Russians. Ukrainians worldwide have watched with horror the destruction and bestial brutality inflicted against the country of our ancestors. The numbers of people fleeing from the conflict are in the millions within Ukraine and beyond. As the War unfolds, the most common feeling is that no one ever expected to see something like this in his or her lifetime. However, the 100-year plus history of our Institute and our alumni over those years has been witness to similar epochal events.

The Institute was created during World War I because of turbulence within the immigrant community of the day. Part of the debate arose because certain religious leaders suggested that newly arrived Ukrainian Canadians ought to be sympathetic to Austro-Hungary from whence they had recently immigrated. In opposition to that suggestion, the Institute was a key factor in promoting the concept of a self-reliant and independent Ukrainian community free of any imperial or foreign domination.

Again, during World War II many Mohyla supporters and alumni—"Kameniar" furthered that independent and self-reliant attitude by volunteering for Armed Forces of Canada in the fight against Hitler's Nazi regime. In fact, research suggests that Ukrainians were proportionately more highly represented in the Forces compared to other ethnic groups. WW II resulted in a massive dislocation of civilian populations from Ukraine not unlike those of today's war of Russian upon Ukraine. One Mohyla Alumni and subsequently a Rector, Bohdan Panchuk, was particularly instrumental in enabling the emigration to Canada of displaced Ukrainians after World War II – the so called 'third wave' of Ukrainian emigration. Panchuk's contribution was highlighted in a past issue of our Bulletin.

The tradition of a global community awareness and proactivity has continued to the present day. A number of Mohyla alumni and supporters are active in community leadership roles that are involved with Canadian and community efforts to assist Ukraine and displaced Ukrainians because of the war. Much groundwork at a Provincial Government level was laid by past politicians such as Ken Krawetz, and Myron Kowalsky. The current Saskatchewan Ukraine Relations Advisory Committee benefits from the membership of several of our alumni. In other community involvement, a Vice-President of the Canada Ukraine Foundation is a Mohyla alumnus. Our current Provincial Council President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress is a graduate of our Institution. St. Petro Mohyla Institute has a long history of instilling an awareness of social justice and humanitarian concern amongst its community.

The War in Ukraine essentially is a Third World War with catastrophic humanitarian impacts. Today, not only Ukrainians but also the World are responding with a generosity and concern that is almost unprecedented. Displaced Ukrainians have begun to arrive in Saskatchewan and many hundreds more are expected shortly. We must continue to be generous and help where we can. For detailed information on Provincial refugee programs go to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Provincial Council Website.

St. Petro Mohyla Institute commends all those in Saskatchewan involved in contributing to the war effort of Ukraine, its internal humanitarian dislocation and the international refugee crisis. Let us pray fervently for Ukraine, its people and peaceful honourable end to this calamity.

Слава Україні! Героям Слава! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to Its Heroes!

Gerald Luciuk



# Spring Executive Director Update

This spring, Mohyla Institute is once again wrapping up the school year for our post-secondary residents and looking towards our group bookings coming in for the summer months. Our residents were once again excellent throughout the year with covid restrictions and ensuring the safety of their fellow students. We stayed covid free until January, when we began to see cases. Luckily we never had an outbreak and all cases were quite separate from each other, due to everyone's diligence in testing weekly as well as with symptoms. The students are currently writing their final exams for the year and looking forward to the summer break. We recently opened a fitness room for the residents and filled it with equipment they requested. It has been used daily since its opening and the residents are really enjoying the addition to the building. Please see page 2 for more information on this and about donating to equipment purchases.

After making the decision to close last summer due to covid, having groups set to arrive on May 1st is a welcome shift. This summer we will have groups consisting of students from across Canada, Chile, and Mexico. In May, we will host some Explore French Immersion program participants from Canada, as well as a group of primary and secondary teachers from the Maule region in Chile. In June, July, and August we will welcome separate groups from Yucatan, Mexico. We are also very excited to be the home base of a Ukrainian Day Camp for a week in July put on by UCC Saskatoon. Please see the poster on page 3 for more details.

As Gerald Luciuk mentioned in the article proceeding this one, when Ukraine was first attacked, it felt like something I would have never seen in my lifetime. The immediate outpouring of support for Ukrainians from so many organizations and people in Saskatchewan and Canada was heart-warming. Please continue to support how you can, through monetary and physical donations, as mentioned by Stephen Senyk on page 2, or giving up your rental property or opening rooms in your home to displaced Ukrainians. Mohyla Institute also has our name on the lists UCC SK and UCC National are collecting for housing displaced Ukrainians temporarily. To support in an additional manner, we are offering a basic beginner conversational Ukrainian language class free of charge to those who are opening their homes. Thank you to past support from the Franko Family Foundation and the SUS Foundation of Canada for helping to make this possible. Our residents also wanted to do something at Mohyla to show support to Ukraine, and our front windows have been painted with sunflowers to express that. They look nice at night, walk by if you are able.

At our AGM in 2021, bylaw amendments included the introduction of an annual membership fee. This replaced the very long-standing lifetime membership for \$25, with that amount having never changed over the years! The fee is now \$35 on an annual basis. All membership purchases are charitable donations and will receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes. Please consider a membership to Mohyla Institute.

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Easter!  
Sara Detenshen, Executive Director



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