



Connections

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Saskatoon (UCPBA)

Fall 2010

President's Message: 2010 — A Great Year!

Last year was one of the most successful years our club has ever had. We now feature two major events a year: King of the Kovbasa and the UCPBA/New Community Credit Union Kovbasa Classic Golf Tournament. The club also has a very well organized luncheon networking series featuring a variety of business and professional speakers on the first Thursday of every month. October 21st was our season opener at the Saskatoon Club. We are growing and having a lot of fun.

What I am particularly excited about is the recognition the King of Kovbasa and the Golf Tournament are now getting. With the help of our sponsors and volunteers, last year we turned back to the Saskatoon community \$10,000. These all went to charities like NASHI and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. Almost equally as important is that these events now *sell out*. That is entirely the result of the "product" we as volunteers provide. By quality I mean that they are

fun events with lots of spirit and good entertainment (and food).

The club is financially sound and we seek applications from the Ukrainian community for grants to help with cultural activities. In return please join the club and have some fun.

In conclusion, thanks to the board who have been so extremely helpful in getting our program staged. It's a team effort and one that works only if everyone contributes.

— Don Hrytzak, President

King of Kovbasa

We wish to thank the following sponsors of the 2010 King of Kovbasa Taste Event:

Gold Sponsors:

- New Community Credit Union
- MD Ambulance
- Potash Corp of Saskatchewan
- GMG Jewelers

Silver Sponsors:

- Equitable Life
- Park Funeral Chapel
- Wallace Meschsnick Clackson Zawada
- Werezak Pharmacy

Bronze Sponsors:

- Canadian Western Bank

We are now accepting sponsors for the 10th Annual King of Kovbasa on February 10, 2011. If you are interested in

being a sponsor please email fozirney@shaw.ca or phone 229-8428 to request a sponsorship information package.

Suppliers

Emco Finer Foods
Saskatoon
Prairie Meats Saskatoon
Odessa Deli Saskatoon
Saskatoon Co-op
Marketplace Attridge
Saskatoon
Summit Meats & Sausage
Ltd. Saskatoon
Community Bigway Foods
Cudworth
Boryski Meats Saskatoon
Drake Meat Processors
Mount Royal Foods
Saskatoon
Smokehaus Meats & Deli
Martensville
Park Café Saskatoon

Red Cross Partners with UCPBA

Every day in Canada, children face cruel treatment at the hands of their peers. This bullying behaviour is often dismissed as a "normal" part of childhood. But for everyone involved, it isn't normal—and it needs to stop. The Canadian Red Cross is working now to stop bullying through a classroom program that teaches targets and bystanders how to respond and react to bullying situations. By training teams of youth and adult mentors, Red Cross helps kids, parents, teachers and schools build their capacity to bring an end to bullying. The Red Cross calls it *Imagine... No Bullies*, a campaign to train Bullying Prevention Teams all across Saskatoon and north

Upcoming Networking Luncheons

First Thursday of every month @ 11:45 to 1:00 PM

Rembrandt's Restaurant, Senator Hotel

November 4th

Saskatoon Speaks
Guest speaker from City of Saskatoon

December 2nd

Myron Kowalsky

February 3rd

TBA

March 3rd

TBA

April 7th

Don Slobodzian

See ucpbaskatoon.ca for updates and details

Other Upcoming Events

UCPBA

Christmas Reception
Ukrainian Museum of Canada (Spadina Cres.)
December 9, 2010
7:00 to 10:00 PM
Lastiwka will be performing

King of Kovbasa

February 10, 2011
Check ucpbaskatoon.ca for updates

Kovbasa Klassic Golf Tournament

See ucpbaskatoon.ca for details

central Saskatchewan. This year's King of the Kovbasa will support this campaign.

Every dollar raised will stay in Saskatchewan to train and support teams that will be there to work year-round to reinforce the importance of standing up to bullying. Bullying has affected all of us, either personally

or someone we love. Kids who are bullied suffer from low self-esteem, often have trouble in school, and feel isolated and alone. Parents often feel they have nowhere to turn. Kids who bully are hurting, too, and need help to find a positive outlet before their behaviour escalates and causes problems

in school and possibly with the law. With *Imagine... No Bullies*, Red Cross can share concrete solutions to make our communities safer. That is a project fit for a King!

— *Jen Pederson, Acting Operations Manager – North Central Saskatchewan, Canadian Red Cross*

Membership Luncheons

The UCPBA has been very fortunate to attract some top-notch guests to talk to us at our monthly luncheons held at Rembrandt's in the Hotel Senator. We hold these luncheons on the first Thursday of each month.

In November of last year we had our President **Don Hrytzak** talk to us about SREDA and their role in helping to bring business to Saskatoon.

In December we had the privilege of having Chief **Clive Weighill** talk to us about policing in Saskatoon and the issues that social policy and conditions play in the manner in which police do their job.

The New Year saw us being treated to presentations by **Matthew Paslawski** in February, **Shannon Dutchak** on Columbus Bosco Homes and their great work with

youth learning in March. We then had the pleasure to share with **Elaine & Peter Zakreski** on their work in Malawi at our April meeting. We then had the pleasure of having **Donna Walton** talk to us about mentorship in May.

We rounded out our year with our AGM in June. Come join us for our regular networking luncheons.

— *Adrian Boyko, Vice-President*

Treasurer's Report

For the year ended May 31, 2010 the UCPBA continued to financially support the community. The most significant event held by the UCPBA continues to be the King of the Kovbasa. UCPBA's charity partner for the year was the Saskatchewan Abilities Council. The Council assists physically and mentally disadvantaged people join our community with numerous programs. The UCPBA, as a result of the King of the Kovbasa event, was able to donate \$7,200 to the Council for 2010,

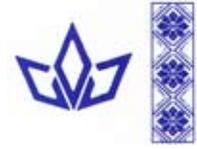
representing a 25% increase from the prior year donation.

The other major fundraising event is the Kovbasa Klassic golf tournament, which is co-sponsored with New Community Credit Union. In the past year we assisted in raising approximately \$2,000 for NASHI, an organization dedicated to taking action against Human Trafficking. As a Canadian registered charity located in Saskatoon, NASHI works locally and internationally speaking about the brutal details and

realities of trafficking and taking action to reduce this travesty. Currently NASHI's focus is in Ukraine in the building of a live-in safe-house for youth at risk of being trafficked.

Other donations made in the 2009-2010 year included: \$300 to the Shevchenko Foundation, \$300 Ukrainian Day in the Park, \$275 Vesna Festival, \$125 to Child and Youth Friendly and a \$300 honorarium to Mohyla for allowing us to hold our UCPBA Meetings there.

— *Dave Boyko, Treasurer*



Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Saskatoon (UCPBA)

The UCPBA is a business organization that has been bringing local Ukrainian professionals together since 1970. Our networking events and annual fundraisers provide a base for Saskatoon Ukrainian business people to meet and raise funds for numerous charities in the city. To date, the organization has had hundreds join as members and we continue to grow as new professionals of Ukrainian ancestry join the local workforce. It is our intent to support connections and opportunities for all who wish to stay and prosper in Saskatoon's vibrant business community.

2010-2011 Executive List

- Don Hrytzak President
- Adrian Boyko Vice-President
- Dave Boyko Treasurer
- David Lalach Secretary
- Cheryl Fedusiak Communication
- Karen Malanowich Membership
- Quenton Charko Member at Large
- Kathy Hrabowy Member at Large
- Fred Ozirney Member at Large
- Randy Pshebylo Member at Large
- Anita Slobodzian Member at Large
- Ron Trischuk Member at Large
- Dave Mysak Past President

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Saskatoon
PO Box 7671
Saskatoon, SK S7K 4R4
ucpbaskatoon.ca

Just a follow-up to our brief discussion on NASHI. On their web site they capitalize the name NASHI.

Victor Malarek well-known CTV journalist, author and

supporter of NASHI states: *"Everyone on this fragile planet has the capacity to reach out and touch the soul of someone less fortunate. If everyone did this, what an amazing world*

it would be. NASHI, and its devoted coterie of volunteers, have taken on a daunting task with a deep sense of mission and driving spirit. From Saskatoon, all the way across the Atlantic

Ocean to Lviv, Ukraine, NASHI makes an incredible difference in the lives of so many abandoned orphans in Ukraine. They are to be commended for their work and their selfless dedication."

UCPBA Opening Reception Held October 21, 2010 at Saskatoon Club

Welcome back to another year of exciting events and fellowship with the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association. In co-sponsorship with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatoon we are pleased to be hosting five students from Ukraine.

These students are spending a semester at the University of Regina on an internship basis.

The students gave us a presentation about the program and their host companies such as PARC, Sask Power, Mira

Consulting & The Petroleum Institute. Here is a brief outline of the Canada-Ukraine Science Internship Program (CUSIP).

CUSIP has been managed and administered by the University of Regina since 2000. Dr. Malcolm Wilson has become a founding member of the program when he visited Ivano-Frankivsk National Technical University of Oil and Gas in Ivano-Frankivsk in 1995 as part of the Government of Saskatchewan mission to Ukraine. In 2000, two faculty members from the Ivano-



CUSIP students from Ukraine at Saskatoon Club. Photo by Terry Zemluk

Frankivsk university attended the World Petroleum Congress held in Calgary. During this visit, the MOU between U of R

and IFNTUOG was signed. The MOU was renewed several times since then calling for collaboration between the two universities and exchange of faculty and students. Although the exchange program was initiated in 1997 with a pilot test it was put on firm ground in 2000 when the first MOU was signed. Forty-eight students from Ukraine have visited Canada since and 12 returned to continue study at the U of S and U of R as master students.

CUSIP's goal is to provide Ukrainian students of engineering background with the opportunity to experience research and the workplace in western Canada.

The students of this year are senior undergraduate engineering students and interns as per below:

1. Oleksandra Kravets, Marketing and Economics of Oil and Gas Industry (SaskPower)
2. Natalia Petryshyn, Power Supply Engineering (SaskPower)
3. Arseniy Stefanov, Petroleum Systems Engineering (MERA Consulting)
4. Mykhailo Skrobach, Petroleum Systems Engineering (PTRC/UR)
5. Julia Mykhailova, Environmental Systems Engineering (Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative).

Kovbasa Klassic 2010

The fourth annual Kovbasa Klassic golf tournament took place August 25th, one of the few glorious afternoons this summer. A record number of 100 golfers turned out for a day of fun, food, prizes and charity. With everything from our now traditional kovbasa and vodka hole, to the \$15,000 hole in one sponsored by Barry



Slowski at Butler Byers, all had a very good time.

After the golf, we gathered in the beautiful Willows clubhouse for some socializing and a great steak barbeque. While this was going on, our chosen charity, NASHI, were selling raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets and promoting a few silent auction items. They were very successful and raised over \$2,000 to help with their mission of diverting at-risk youth in Ukraine from human trafficking.

We ended the evening by awarding prizes to all the golfers and by drawing for our major prize, a \$250 gift certificate from the Willows. The winner was Senator Dave Tkachuk.

A huge thank-you to all of the businesses, members and individuals who donated prizes or time to make this event so



successful we already look forward to next year's event. Also thank you to NASHI for their great work. Finally, a sincere thank-you to New Community Credit Union whose partnership in planning, organizing, and sponsoring the Kovbasa Klassic have helped build it into a must-enter event. See you there next year.

Photos by Terry Zemluk

