



Connections

Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Saskatoon (UCBPA)

Summer 2011



Dave Mysak was a family man, a leader, mentor, visionary and community builder.

On June 8, 1998 a new chapter in our Club's life began. Dave led a group of people in resurrecting the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Saskatoon. The Club had ceased operating for a number of years due to a lack of leadership. President Dave and his small band of supporters developed a grand vision to hold a performing arts program for the Millennium celebrations. Though this project did not materialize, the club evolved and flourished. Membership grew steadily.

As we all know the club holds two very successful events per year. The events are guided by the principle of "community first, in partnership with others." These events promote the generous and caring nature of the Ukrainian community to the larger community. The King of the Kovbasa event, held every February for the last 10 years,

A Tribute to a True Leader

has supported worthwhile community charities such as The Red Cross, The Abilities Council and Ronald McDonald House to name but a few. (In 2010 this event raised nearly \$10,000 for the Red Cross.) The genesis of this event was Dave Mysak, having heard of this event being successfully run in Ottawa. He asked the question, "Why could we not hold such an event here?" The rest, as they say, is history.

The second event is the Kovbasa Klassic, an annual fun event that raises money for organizations like the Ukrainian Canadian dance troupes Pavlychenko and Yevshan as well as NASHI and other smaller projects.

One of his favourite hobbies was golf. Why not combine a passion for the community with a passion for golf and have some fun along the way!

In cooperation with our partner, the New Community Credit Union, I am pleased to announce that the Kovbasa Klassic has been renamed the "Dave Mysak Kovbasa Klassic."

Dave was very involved with his church and the Brotherhood of the parish.

His tireless work ethic and effort kept him in the forefront of activity. He jumped in and did whatever needed to be done to get a project completed. He was not one to give orders and wait for things to get done; he was in control at all times. The control was always with a gentle nudge here and there to be on time and on budget.

Dave enjoyed being of the Ukrainian community. He enjoyed sharing our culture and promoting young people.

Dave Mysak was a family man first and foremost. He will be missed by the community for all that he gave; that gift will not easily be replaced. We so much wanted him to stay and do more. I guess he was needed more in another place.

To Sonia, Tania (Mark Makowsky), Michael (Loretta Lefenko) and Kristen along with Dave's very special grandchildren Magda and Jonah Mysak and Toma and Katya Makowsky: Thank you for sharing such a wonderful man and role model with the community.

— *Adrian Boyko,*
Acting President

Upcoming Networking Luncheons

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

Rembrandt's Restaurant,
Senator Hotel

June 2nd

Wills and Estates

Guest speaker:

Michael Derbowka,
lawyer with
Cuelenaere & Co.

September 1st

TBA

See ucpbaskatoon.ca
for updates and details

Other Upcoming Events

Dave Mysak Kovbasa Klassic

5th Annual
Golf Tournament

Wednesday,

August 24, 2011

Willows Golf &

Country Club

See ucpbaskatoon.ca
for details

Monday, June 13, 2011

Ukrainian Canadian Professional & Business Association of Saskatoon

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING @ 7:00 PM

Rembrandt's in the Senator Hotel

243 21st Street East

Everyone is invited to attend

10th Annual King of Kovbasa provides record donation

On February 10, 2011, the tenth "King of the Kovbasa" was held at Prairielands Park in Saskatoon. Over 500 patrons attended the tasting sensation, where twelve of Saskatchewan's finest sausage makers presented their best Ukrainian sausage to them. Patrons got to sample all twelve sausages and then vote on their favourite product in four categories. In the end it was Saskatoon Co-op at Marketplace Attridge that took home the hardware. Not only did the audience crown the Marketplace Kovbasa "King," they also chose it for best flavour, texture and appearance: "The grand slam," said Don Hrytzak President of the UCPBA.

The record crowd was accommodated easily in the Prairielands venue and the atmosphere of an informal friendly event was maintained. In addition to tasting sausage there were intermissions where a pint of Slavutich could be tipped or shooter downed. A silent auction of 30 items was held as well as a live auction for a trip for two to Mexico (compliments Marlin Travel).

The participants also had a special treat this year. Gene Makowsky (#60 for the Saskatchewan Roughriders) was an honorary judge. He, along with Mayor Don Atchison and representatives of media and government, formed a celebrity panel. For the fifth year in a row the celebrity panel failed to pick the same sausage as crowned King by the audience.

The entire event earned just shy of \$10,000 for the Red Cross "Imagine No Bullies" project. Jen Peterson, Acting Operations Manager for the Saskatoon Red Cross, was extremely pleased with the outcome.

"It's not easy to come by events that raise \$10,000 for a charity in one night," said Peterson.

"We (the Red Cross) are extremely pleased to have been chosen by the UCPBA to be the community partner for 2011."

The UCPBA is extremely thankful to all the people who

helped stage this event for 2011. In particular, our sponsors were extremely generous in their contributions. 2011 is the first year we had a Diamond Sponsor (\$1000) and both Marlin Travel and Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan were our first Diamond Sponsors.

— Don Hrytzak, Past President

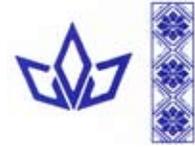


Backrow: Mayor Don Atchison, Cam Broten, Chef Marquess, Gene Makowsky, Gordon Wyant. Front row: Lisa Dutton, Lori Coolican, Steve Shannon, Sandra McArthur. Photos by Terry Zemluk

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		Cameco	saskatoon fastprint	
		New Community	WMZ Park Funeral Chapel	

2011 KOVBASA SUPPLIERS

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



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

- Adrian Boyko Acting President
- Dave Boyko Treasurer
- David Lalach Secretary
- Cheryl Fedusiak Communication
- Karen Malanowich Membership
- Quenton Charko Member at Large
- John Didula 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
- Don Hrytzak Past President

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UCPBA of Saskatoon Christmas Reception at the Ukrainian Museum of Canada



Lastiwka Ukrainian Orthodox Youth Choir and Orchestra. Photo by Terry Zemluk

International Labour Centre presentation to UCPBA

On April 7 this year, **Iryna Matsyuk** of International Labour Centre & Immigration Recruitment Services Canada, Inc. (ILC Canada) was the guest speaker at UCPBA Saskatoon's monthly luncheon. Iryna made a presentation about the company, its activities, the benefits and challenges of hiring people from Ukraine, business perspectives and company input into local communities.

ILC Canada is a subsidiary of the International Labour Centre (ILC) based in Kyiv, Ukraine. A new brand name of the Ukraine-based Kyiv Youth Labour Centre, ILC is a recruitment agency with over 10 years of international experience. The company is a leader in international employment and immigration services in Ukraine, and has placed over 4,500 people internationally. Since 2004 ILC has been operating in Canada in cooperation with over 70 employers from Saskatchewan and has brought more than 600 families to the province.

ILC Canada target areas of activity include: metal manu-



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facturing, meat processing, agriculture, healthcare, the hotel and restaurant business, and the transportation industry. Today, the company facilitates recruitment projects as well as professional and language training for Ukrainian workers so that they are able to meet the requirements of their prospective foreign employers. In 2009 ILC entered into partnership with SIAST in the skills passport program ensuring high qualification of employees arriving to work for Saskatchewan employers.

On May 11, 2011 ILC Canada officially opens its Saskatoon office, which will support local employers and employees, contribute to the life of local

communities, and continue to support Ukrainian traditions and culture in the province. The opening of the office in Saskatchewan will strengthen relations and proximity between the company and its stakeholders. ILC's mission is to provide companies with labour market solutions and people with life opportunities.

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UCPBA NETWORKING LUNCHEON SPEAKERS



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