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TWG Leadership Conference '99

Part of multi-organizational Ukrainian-American parley

By Orest Deychakiwsky

This year, The Washington Group (TWG) will hold its popular Leadership Conference June 25 - 27 in Washington in conjunction with the conferences of five other organizations.

The Joint Conferences of Ukrainian American Organizations will include concurrent conferences of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA), Ukrainian American Bar Association (UABA), Ukrainian National Credit Union Association, Ukrainian Engineers Association of America, and Ukrainian Library Association of America. Many other organizations across the country are also participating to make this a major event in our community.

Nearly eight years after independence, Ukraine stands at the thresh-

old of a new millennium. Will it develop as a politically stable and economically vibrant democracy with a Euro-Atlantic orientation? The question of Ukraine's direction has not been resolved. Anti-reform forces who look towards a Slavic union remain strong. What role will America, including the Ukrainian-American community, play in facilitating positive change in Ukraine?

TWG's conference—"At the Threshold"—will be held on June 25-27 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, VA. TWG conference sessions will examine specific subjects within the overall political, strategic, humanitarian, (See *Conference*, page 6)

Annual Meeting March 26

TWG's Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, March 26, 1999, at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Ness Party Room, 2939 Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, DC (Near Van Ness Metro Stop; parking available on premises).

Agenda includes:

- Elections to the Board of Directors;
- Annual Reports.

Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Video on Kuban Kozak revival after the meeting.

For further information, contact Marta Zielyk at (202) 647-2197 (day) or Orest Deychakiwsky (301) 937-0492 (eve).

Four credit unions become TWG corporate members

By Marta Zielyk

Four Ukrainian-American credit unions—Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Rochester—have joined TWG as the organization's first corporate members.

In an attempt to offer Ukrainian-American businesses and organizations a chance to participate more fully in TWG's activities and to boost its financial base, the Board of Directors of TWG has approved

new Corporate Member rates.

Throughout TWG's existence a number of organizations, businesses, credit unions, etc., have generously supported our organization, contributing to the success of TWG events throughout the year, as well as the Leadership Conferences. This support has been greatly appreciated. By responding to TWG's invitation to become corporate members these (See *Corporate*, page 4)

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New Members



Notes on Members

- **Yulia Anderson**, Washington DC; Program Associate, Delphi International, Washington DC.
- **Maria Fedorciw Antoniw**, Rocky River OH, Technology Director, Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Cleveland OH.
- **Oleg Biloukha**, Student & Ph.D. Candidate, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.
- **Askold Boretsky**, Washington DC, Consultant, The MITRE Corporation, McLean VA.
- **Andrew Cap**, San Diego CA, Financial Analyst, Prudential Securities, San Diego CA.
- **Olga Coffey**, Sterling VA, Project Manager, U.S. Army SLAA.
- **David Falk**, Washington DC, University of Maryland at College Park School of Public Affairs, College Park MD.
- **Natalia Feduschak**, Washington DC; Working under Fellowship on Foreign Policy Issues in Office of Sen. Frank Lautenberg, Washington, DC.
- **Lev G. Fedyniak**, Ellenville NY, Physician (Pending), Lviv State Medical University, Lviv, Ukraine.
- **John Gregory Fedynsky**, Washington DC, Student, Georgetown University & Congressional Intern for Rep. Sander Levin, 12th C.D. of Michigan.
- **Serhiy Filipov**, Student, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Washington, DC.
- **Michael Hawryluk**, Student, James Madison University, Harrisonburg VA.

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If you have any interesting news about a TWG colleague, or about yourself, share it with the rest of the TWG family. Send it to the TWG NEWS editor by e-mail, if you can, (yarob@aol.com) or by "snail-mail" to TWG, Attn: Editor, P.O. Box 11248, Washington DC 20008.

As 1998 came to a close, some TWG members took over the helm of two major Ukrainian-American institutions: **Oleksa Bilaniuk**, of Wallingford, PA, was elected president of the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S. (known by the Ukrainian acronym "UV AN"); **Ihor Gawdiak**, of Silver Spring, MD, was elected president of the Ukrainian American Coordinating Committee; and former TWG News editor Ross Chomiak took over Mr. Gawdiak's previous UACC position of Washington Office executive director.

Nadia Diuk has been elected a member of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations. She is senior program officer for Central and Eastern Europe and the New Independent States at the National Endowment for Democracy, and co-author of the book *New Nations Rising: the Fall of the Soviets and the Challenge of Independence*.

David Marples, TWG Honorary Member and professor of history at the University of Alberta, was awarded a McCalla Research Professorship 1998-99 by the University of Alberta. In October 1998 he was also awarded the Shevchenko Gold Medal for his work on Ukraine by the Central Congress of Ukrainians in Canada (Ukrainian Canadian Committee) in Winnipeg. He has recently published *Nuclear Energy and Security in the Former Soviet Union* (Westview Press, 1997), a book co-edited with Marilyn J. Young of Florida State University, and is the author of a new book, *Belarus: A Denationalized Nation* (Amsterdam: Harwood Academic

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TWG seeking summer intern for Ukrainian Embassy

The Washington Group, in cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine, is seeking candidates to participate in a two-month summer internship at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the project, which is being conducted under the auspices of the TWG Fellowship Committee, is to provide the Ukrainian Embassy with an intern who could serve as a research assistant to the embassy staff. In turn, the intern would gain valuable experience in learning how a foreign embassy in Washington works and how the embassy interacts with various Washington individuals and institutions.

TWG has previously funded three internships at the Embassy of Ukraine. Helena Zyblikewycz, a student at Georgetown University, served as a summer intern in 1996. Alexandra Richardson, a student at Marquette University, worked in the Ukrainian Embassy in 1997. Most recently, Taras Seryy, a student at John Carroll University in Cleveland, completed the two-month internship in summer 1998.

Candidates for the 1999 internship should:

- 1.) have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies;
- 2.) be proficient in English and Ukrainian (an excellent command of English—native or near-native fluency—is especially important;
- 3.) possess excellent oral and written communication skills;
- 4.) be able to demonstrate excellent computer skills, including the Internet;
- 5.) anticipate assisting the embassy with whatever issues and needs should arise, including general office work;
- 6.) submit a one-page essay explaining their interest in the internship, when they would be available to participate in the project, and how their work, educational and personal experience would help meet the goals

of the project;

7.) submit copies of academic transcripts, and one letter of recommendation, and provide two references;

To be considered for this internship, candidates must submit this information to TWG no later than April 21, 1999.

The Fellowship Committee will provide the successful candidate with a stipend of \$1,500.

Application materials should be addressed to:

The Washington Group Fellowship Committee

Ukrainian Embassy Internship Project

P.O. Box 11248

Washington, D.C. 20008

For more information call Adrian Karmazyn at (301) 460-9755 or Orest Deychakiwsky at (301) 937-0492 (evenings).

For more information about The Washington Group, visit <http://www.TheWashingtonGroup.org>

The Fellowship Fund relies on contributions from individual donors. Tax-free contributions to the Fund may be sent to the above address. Checks should be made out to The Washington Group. □

TWG Sponsors "Paris to Kyiv" concert at French Embassy

Presenting treasures from the deepest layers of an ancient culture in a strikingly contemporary vocabulary, "Paris to Kyiv" captures the essence of tomorrow's Ukrainian spirit. Canadian singer Alexis Kochan, along with bandurist Julian Kytasty, jazz violist Richard Moody, and multi-instrumentalist Martin Colledge, explore the creative possibilities that are found at the interfaces where traditional music meets the modern world and where the global meets the culturally specific.

"Paris to Kyiv" will perform at the Embassy of France, on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15; \$10 for seniors and students.

Send checks made out to TWG Cultural Fund to:

The Washington Group Cultural Fund

3722 48th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20016

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TWG member appeals for more aid for orphans in Ukraine

By Mary Jowyk

The Orphans' Aid Society for Ukraine has worked for more than seven years to aid orphaned children in Ukraine. Its work is enabled by the orphans' sponsors, and by all people of good will who know that these children are a new nation's most important resource. These sponsors are truly the builders of Ukraine's future. They support the country morally and materially by helping the children who need it most, especially in these trying times of hardship.

At the present time, the Society manages the sponsorship of more than 1,000 orphans in Ukraine who are living either with their grandparents, distant relatives, or sometimes even with strangers. As we all know, the state of the Ukrainian economy is deteriorating steadily. A typical middle-aged adult is hard-pressed to support his or her children or to help his or her elderly parents. This situation is a long-term problem, without any improvement in sight, and has led to a higher than normal suicide rate. Combined with a decreased life expectancy, conditions in Ukraine have left many suffering children without any family support.

Many Ukrainian policemen, soldiers, and people in other protective services have lost their lives while performing their duties in helping to build a strong and independent Ukraine, among them Ukrainian soldiers who died performing their United Nations duties helping stabilize war-ravaged Bosnia. Many were parents who left their children behind without

provisions for their sustenance.

The consequence of these tragic events and conditions in Ukraine is that the Society now has more than 600 applications from newly orphaned children seeking support or some kind of assistance. In addition to being orphans, many are ill, and they need help desperately.

For only \$15.00 per month, sponsors can make a difference, perhaps the most important difference, in a child's life.

Upon choosing a child to sponsor, you will receive the child's picture, address, and information about his or her living conditions. The child is required to write a personal letter to you. Most of the Society's sponsors write back to their sponsored children, and many personal relationships have been crafted in this fashion. Translation of letters is available if needed.

The Orphans' Aid Society for Ukraine is a registered charity with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and all donations are tax-deductible. Administrative costs are amazingly low: less than 2% of revenues. These costs are kept so low because all Society personnel work on a volunteer basis, and most expenses are covered from personal funds, not from donations.

For more information, please write or call:

Mrs. Mary Jowyk
Orphans' Aid Society
129 Ridge Road
Douglaston, NY 11363
(718) 423-4966

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types of organizations can continue to show support for TWG's activities as well as received valuable returns on their investment.

There are three corporate member rates: Benefactor, Patron and Friend. The benefits of corporate membership, which tops out at \$1,000.00 per year, range from a full-page ad in the TWG Directory, to a corporate profile on the TWG web-site, to complimentary invitations to most TWG events, as well as the Leadership Conferences.

Following a Corporate Membership Drive in the first two months of 1999, four organizations have taken

advantage of the new membership category. They are the Selfreliance Federal Credit Union of New York City, Selfreliance of Philadelphia, and Selfreliance Credit Union of Rochester. They are now corporate members of TWG at the highest, i.e., Benefactor, level. The Chicago Federal Credit Union joined as a corporate member at the Patron level.

We welcome our new corporate members and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship.

Anyone wishing to become a corporate member of TWG is encouraged to call Marta Zielyk at 202-244-8836 or e-mail her at Zielykmn@state.gov. □



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Conference...(from Page 1)

economic, and technical environment in Ukraine, with a focus on the U.S.-Ukrainian relationship. The five sessions are:

- Ukraine on the Eve of Presidential Elections;
- U.S.-Ukraine Military Cooperation;
- Trafficking of Women from Ukraine (jointly with Washington/Baltimore Chapter of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America);
- Ukraine's Role in International Space Programs (together with the Ukrainian Engineers Association);
- U.S.-Ukraine: Business, Trade and Investment (together with the UABA).

These five sessions will be held on Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27. Panels will include experts from government, academia, business, and non-governmental organizations. Among them are Ukrainian Americans who have worked on collaborative projects with Ukraine in these areas.

TWG Conference attendees are encouraged to participate in Joint Conference events, including a Congressional reception on Thursday, June 24, an evening reception at the State Department (in the elegant Diplomatic reception room where ambassadors are sworn in and heads of state are hosted) on Friday, June 25, a TWG-organized luncheon on Saturday, June 26, the Gala Banquet and Ball on Saturday evening featuring two bands and a special guest speaker, and a Brunch and Cultural Event on Sunday, June 27. These joint events will feature prominent personalities from the United

States and Ukraine.

The TWG conference package deal will include admission to the TWG conference (including cost of all conference sessions, handouts, coffee breaks), the Friday State Department reception, Saturday luncheon, Saturday gala banquet/ball, and Sunday brunch and cultural event.

The cost of the package deal for TWG Members and its sister organization, the New York/New Jersey Professionals and Business Association, is \$205 before May 1 (early registration), \$245 after May 1. For non-Members, the early registration package deal is \$230, and \$270 after May 1.

For TWG Membership information and application—and to take advantage of the \$25 TWG Member discount—please contact TWG Membership Director Adrian Pidlusky as soon as possible by e-mail: apidlusky@sais-jhu.edu or telephone: 202-667-1831.

Hotel arrangements for an aggregate block of hotel rooms have been made at the Crystal City Hyatt for the very favorable rate of \$109 per night plus tax, single or double occupancy. Reservations should be made ASAP. Please call 1-800-233-1234 for reservations and ask to be registered at the Crystal City Hyatt under the "Ukraine Events Week."

Additional details about the Joint Conferences, including the TWG conference, will be forthcoming. For more information, send an e-mail to: conference@umana.org, read *The Ukrainian Weekly*, check with www.brama.com/conference99 or visit our website at www.TheWashingtonGroup.org. □

New Members...(from Page 2)

- **Vlas Honcharuk**, Student, Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst MA.
- **Xenia Horczakowsky**, Washington DC, Legislative Correspondent for Congressman Bob Schaffer, Washington DC.
- **Bohdan Nicholas Horeczko**, San Pedro CA, Civil Engineer, ICBO Evaluation Service, Inc., Whittier CA.
- **Daria Kaczaniuk**, Mass Communications Student, Towson State University, Towson, MD.
- **Jeremy Kaczaniuk**, Music Student, Villa Julie College, Baltimore MD.
- **Maria K. Kondrat**, Cheltenham PA, Educator - Retired.
- **Daria Kotlarchuk**, Hillsborough NJ, Student, Drew University, Madison NJ.
- **Basil Kushnir**, Bethesda MD, Student, University of

Maryland at Baltimore City, Baltimore MD.

- **Ksenia Lutz**, Laurel MD.
- **Tatyana Mochenyova**, English, German and Sociology Student, Mykolayiv Pedagogical Institute, Mykolayiv, Ukraine .
- **Orysia Nasar**, Berryville VA.
- **Mark Naydan**, Washington DC, Editor / Researcher, Bureau of Nat'l Affairs, Inc., Washington DC.
- **Alex Orlov**, Ann Arbor MI, Environmental Engineering Student, University of Michigan.
- **Lynn Pedigo**, Chevy Chase MD, Reference Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington DC.
- **Vladimir A. Pigenko**, Bloomington IN, Ph.D. Student, Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington IN.
- **Donna Pochoday**, Chatham NJ, Attorney & President of Ukrainian American Bar Assn.
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Publishers, 1999). From 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, he will serve as acting director of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies in the absence of Dr. Zenon Kohut, who is taking sabbatical leave.

Federal Judge **Bohdan Futey** and his wife hosted a reception in their Annapolis home for a high-level Ukrainian government delegation participating in an international conference in Washington on corruption and organized crime. The delegation was headed by the director of the recently established National Bureau of Investigation Vasyl Durdynets.

Yurij Holowinsky recently lectured on Ukraine at the U.S. Air Force Special Operations School in Hurlburt, FL. A Major in the Air Force Reserve with a Ph.D. in History from the University of Virginia, Mr. Holowinsky was recalled to active duty and served as a guest speaker at the Russia, Central Europe, and Central Asia Orientation Course. The week-long course is designed to provide a comprehensive orientation to Department of Defense

TWG celebrates Valentine's Day

The Washington Group (TWG) hosted a Valentine's Day Party on February 13 at the national award-winning restaurant Old Europe in Upper Georgetown. The evening opened with a tantalizing dinner buffet, consisting of appetizer, entree, and an assortment of dessert items and ended with music and dancing. The party was well-attended and, as our TWG VP Tanya Stasiuk reported, "a great time was had by all!"

New Members...(from preceding page)

- **Olha Prymak**, Bowling Green KY; Corporate Communications Student, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green KY.
- **Bohdan Shandor**, North Brunswick NJ, Consultant, Shandor & Company, Inc., Iselin NJ.
- **Zenon B. Sheparovych**, Palm Beach Gardens FL, Professor & Dean Emeritus, Essex County College, Newark NJ.
- **Bohdan Shevchik**, Severna Park MD; Business Development, The Coca-Cola Company.
- **Taras Smetaniouk**, International Business Student, Loyola College, Baltimore, MD.
- **Andy Szul, Jr.**, Alexandria VA, Healthcare Leadership Council, Washington DC.
- **Volodymyr Tarabara**, Houston TX, Student, Rice University.

personnel supporting Special Operations Forces (SOF) missions related to that region of the world. A graduate of the course himself, Mr. Holowinsky presented a synopsis of Ukrainian history and current U.S.-Ukrainian military relations and trends. He ended with a few notes regarding Ukrainian Christmas traditions. In his day-to-day work, he holds the position of International Relations Specialist with SAIC's Center for Verification Research, working on the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program (CTR)—also known as "Nunn-Lugar." In mid-January he participated in meetings on SS-24 missile disassembly in Ukraine. □

POSITION

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Email: usuf@usukraine.org

- **Michael J. Trainor**, Rockville MD, Student, Johns Hopkins University SAIS.
- **Yurij Trytjak O.D.**, Plainfield NJ.
- **Helen Tymoczko**, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Attorney, Barrister & Solicitor.
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To apply for membership, please fill out the form below and mail with a check to:

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(The Board of Directors considers membership applications at its monthly meetings.)

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