

Marta Zielyk New TWG Cultural Fund Director

As far back as I can remember, culture has always been an important part of my life and growing up in New York City gave me a wonderful opportunity to explore the performing arts in all their glory. It started when I was



8 and my mother decided that it was high time to introduce me to the world of opera and took me to see "Madame Butterfly" at Lincoln Center. From that wonderful beginning, culture became my avocation, while international relations formed the base for my profession. I received my undergraduate degree from Barnard College in New York and my Master's degree in international relations from Columbia University. My first profession was as an international radio broadcaster with the Voice of America and then with Radio Liberty in Munich, Germany and in Washington, D.C. In the mid-1990's, as the Soviet Union was beginning to disintegrate, I was asked to join the State Department and became the U.S. government's first diplomatic interpreter for Ukrainian.

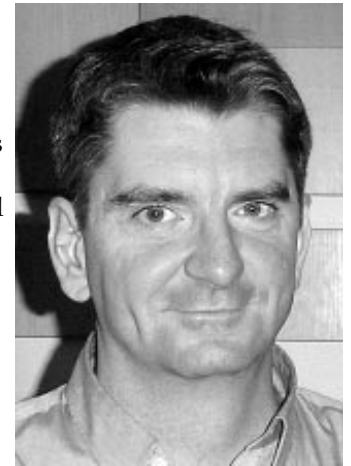
Although my travel schedule is quite burdensome, I have been an active TWG member almost since its inception and have served on the TWG Board in various capacities. I took on the challenge of being Director of The Washington Group Cultural Fund only a few short months ago, after our previous Director, Svitlana Shiells, relocated on very short notice with her family to Vienna. I consider it a great honor and a privilege to now serve in this capacity.

It's been said that "culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit" and that is exactly what the Cultural Fund is about. We want to widen people's horizons with information about Ukraine's cultural life and to imbue their spirits with its beauty and richness. □

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Adrian Pidlusky Elected New TWG President

As the new President of The Washington Group, I would like to take the opportunity to tell you a little about myself, my views on TWG, and plans for the future. I was nominated and elected President in June at TWG's annual meeting, replacing Ihor Kotlarchuk after his five active years in this capacity. Having been characterized as a member of the "younger generation," I feel a special responsibility



to carry on the good work initiated by those before me. It is a commitment I am honored to accept, and I plan to make it both fun and rewarding.

Since 2001, I have been a federal employee with the U.S. Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration working on nuclear non-proliferation assistance abroad. In 2000, I served one year in Ukraine for DOE assisting in non-proliferation projects. I graduated from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in 1999. Prior to that, I worked in Ukraine for two and a half years with the U.S. Consulate. My bachelor's degree was awarded in 1994 at the State University of New York College at New Paltz. I consider Maine to be my home where I was raised, although my family lives now in New York.

Some may question the necessity of TWG today. After all, Ukraine is now, in the words of Ukrainian President Yuschenko, both independent and free. There are other organizations based in Washington, DC, such as the U.S. Ukraine Foundation, the Ukrainian National Information Service, which provide developmental assistance to Ukraine or serve as an information resource for the U.S. government. Certainly TWG played an active role as a resource almost 20 years ago as it began to emerge from the shadows of the Soviet Union and finally gained independence. But what is the role of TWG today?

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After the Orange Revolution: The U.S. and Ukraine

by Taras Mazyar and Marta Matselioukh
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On Friday, October 14, The Washington Group (TWG), in conjunction with the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), hosted an "After the Orange Revolution: the U.S. and Ukraine" presentation. The speakers included David Kramer, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, and Taras Kuzio, visiting professor at The George Washington University. The event was held at 7:00 p.m. at SAIS in Washington, DC.

Moderated by Orest Deychakiwsky, Staff Advisor at the U.S. Helsinki Commission, the panelists assessed the contemporary situation in Ukraine, analyzed the effects of the Orange Revolution, and commented on the direction of U.S.-Ukraine relations for the near future.

As the evening's first panelist, Kramer highlighted the importance of the Orange Revolution, Ukraine's continued democratization, and its integration into Euro-Atlantic structures. Kramer explained that "The Orange Revolution has radically transformed the political dynamics in Ukraine. And it also had and still has significant ramifications for the whole region. All of us, not least the Ukrainian people, have a stake in Ukraine's continuing democratization and success, the development a market economy and rule of law and integration into global economic institutions and the Euro-Atlantic community."

Kramer remarked on his most recent trip to Ukraine with Anthony Wayne, the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs. During the visit, the U.S. delegation met with Ukraine's government officials, including the Prime-Minister Yuriy Yekhanurov, Presidential Secretary Oleh Rybachuk, Foreign Minister Borys Tarasyuk, Secretary of National Security and Defence Council of

Ukraine Anatoliy Kinakh, and the Finance and Deputy Economic ministers. Meetings were also held with former Prime Ministers Tymoshenko and Yanukovych, former State Secretary Zinchenko and Verkhovna Rada (Ukraine's parliament) deputies from a number of different factions.

According to Kramer, during their meetings with Ukraine's officials, the U.S. delegation delivered



From the left: Taras Kuzio, Orest Deychakiwsky, David Kramer

a consistent message that the United States continues to support Ukraine's reform efforts and Euro-Atlantic aspirations.

"For our part, the United States' part, we stay ready to help support development of democracy, to help in anticorruption efforts

and forward economic reforms. We'll cooperate closely with the Ukrainian government across a wide spectrum of issues. The joint statement that the two presidents, President Bush and President Yushchenko, signed in April focuses on concrete areas of our cooperation such as promoting democracy and freedom, fighting terrorism, supporting Ukraine's NATO aspirations and combating weapons proliferation and promoting economic reform. We also pledge to cooperate in fighting organized crime, trafficking in persons and other issues such as HIV/AIDS. We certainly have a full agenda with the Ukrainians," announced Kramer.

The Assistant Secretary pointed out that it is also necessary to remember that Ukraine has made significant progress since this past January. "The media operate more freely, respect for civil rights has improved and the court has become more independent," stated Kramer.

Commenting on the recent Ukrainian political turbulence, Kramer said that "no country has made the transition from communism to democracy

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Our mission statement gives us the responsibility of fostering and promoting Ukrainian culture in the Washington metropolitan area and preserving and nurturing Ukrainian cultural heritage by supporting its visual, literary and performing arts.

The TWG Cultural Fund, which was the brain-child of our longtime Director Laryssa Courtney, is very proud to have recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. During the past decade, from 1994 until today, this organization has firmly established itself as a successful promoter of Ukrainian culture in the Washington Metropolitan area. TWG members as well as the general public have the opportunity to get acquainted with our work by attending our Sunday afternoon concert series, art exhibits and numerous other events.

There are many highlights among the events that TWG Cultural Fund has sponsored in previous years that deserve mention. Among them are the Odessa Philharmonic Orchestra at The Kennedy Center, the New York City Opera star Oksana Krovvytska at the Meridian International Center, the Ukrainian Bandura Chorus at the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, the Kyiv Chamber Choir at the George Mason Center for the Arts and an exhibit of the artwork of famed woodcut artist Jacques Hnizdovsky at the Embassy of Ukraine.

A unique event, which the Cultural Fund was very proud to have presented to the Washington audience at large, was a fashion show, entitled "Because life is beautiful" in which 12 models presented creations of three contemporary fashion designers from Ukraine. The aim of this event was to assist in a breast cancer awareness campaign in Ukraine and the proceeds from the show were allocated for the purchase of much needed mammography machines for women in Ukraine.

The Cultural fund's 2005-2006 Sunday Music Series is underway with the next event planned for February 12, 2006 at The Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria. It will feature Ukrainian-born, New York based pianist, Volodymyr Vynnytsky performing on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Mr. Vynnytsky has a reputation as a brilliant chamber music performer, appearing with such noted ensembles as the Kyiv Chamber Orchestra "Perpetuum Mobile," the Leontovych String Quartet, the St. Petersburg String Quartet, and Zapolsky String Quartet from Denmark. For many years TWG Cultural Fund has been showcasing the talents of the winners of the International Competition for Young Pianists in the name of Vladimir Horowitz. This year's young virtuosos, who hail from Ukraine, Japan and Russia, can be heard at The Lyceum on April 9, 2006.

This year the Cultural Fund has decided to

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TWG is still relevant and necessary today. The TWG By-Laws state: "The purposes of TWG are to establish a professional and business network of Ukrainian-Americans to promote closer ties and contacts, strive to eliminate discrimination and prejudice aimed at Ukrainian-Americans, promote close U.S.-Ukrainian relations, encourage the development of a pluralistic and democratic Ukraine, promote a greater understanding of Ukrainian history and culture in American society, and encourage active participation of Ukrainian-Americans in promoting the welfare of the community." This purpose is just as valid today as it was 20 years ago when written. I intend to abide by this statement when planning TWG's activities and its future.

TWG is a civic, non-partisan organization that promotes several directions, namely social, cultural, and political. By social, I mean a networking association whose members can help each other professionally and socially, and have easy access to each others' professional and contact data. We achieve this by publishing a membership directory and hosting social activities. By cultural, I mean promoting Ukrainian culture by sponsoring and hosting concerts, performances, and exhibits. Our TWG Cultural Fund is very active and effective. By political, I mean hosting events in which the Ukrainian-American community and the growing number of non-Ukrainian American supporters of Ukraine's independence and democracy can exchange thoughts and information about Ukraine with U.S., Ukrainian, or other policymakers. Although TWG is not a lobby group, we should take advantage of our presence in Washington, DC to promote such an exchange and inform our members and broader community. Indeed, this should be our responsibility.

So in the future, with your help, we will continue organizing such events. In addition, because we are not the only organization to promote such events, I plan to work with others with common interests to achieve maximum effect. These may include not only Ukrainian-American organizations, but also other non-governmental organizations, interest groups, think-tanks, universities, churches, as well as the Embassy of Ukraine.

We are proud to sponsor the annual paid summer internship at the Embassy, which has become very popular and successful, with 10 interns sponsored over the last 10 years. We will continue to invite U.S. and Ukrainian government representatives, experts, and activists to periodically address the community. Currently, we are collecting information to update and publish our Membership Directory. We continue to host our monthly socials with increasing attendance and cosponsor other social events. Importantly, we

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2005 TWG Ukrainian Embassy Intern Selected

by Michael Drabyk

Some 50 students, the most in recent memory, applied this year for The Washington Group's annual TWG Fellowship Fund Internship at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington DC.

The Embassy selected Marta Matselioukh, a Graduate Student at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. Marta also edits an electronic newsletter for the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, has interned for the Save The Children Foundation, teaches 3rd graders at the Taras Shevchenko Ukrainian School in Washington DC, and also teaches Ukrainian Dance.

"It is truly an honor and a privilege for me to be selected as this year's TWG Ukrainian Embassy Intern" says Marta.

"Currently, I am contemplating the diplomatic service as a future career option, and the internship will allow for me to become more acquainted with this profession."

"Marta has quite a busy schedule," according to Ms. Nataliia Holub, Second Secretary in the Cultural, Information & Press Office of the Embassy. "Although primarily working in the Political Section, Marta divvies up her time between the Embassy's Political Section, the Cultural and Information Section, and the Press Office. As part of her internship experience, Marta writes lengthy reports, edits and translates documents, organizes a tour of the Smithsonian Museum of American History, and helps update information on the Embassy's website".

"Overall, Marta's work is of tremendous assistance to the Embassy", Ms. Holub says, adding the Embassy of Ukraine "looks forward to working together with The Washington Group in the future."

□Ms. Matselioukh was born in L'viv Ukraine, and came to the U.S. at the age of nine. Before coming to Washington DC, she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and International Studies from Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT.

With some 50 applications received, The Washington Group Fellowship Fund appreciates the high level of interest this year in the Embassy Internship, and

thanks all who applied. Due to this high volume however, individual inquiries could not always be answered as often as would have been liked. The Fellowship Fund regrets any resulting inconvenience.

□Thanks also go to TWG Fellowship Fund committee members Orest Deychakiwsky and Adrian Karmazyn

for their assistance in the selection process, and TWG President Adrian Pidlusky and Board Member Steve Boyduy for their help in publicizing the Internship. Michael Drabyk is Chair of the TWG Fellowship Fund.



TWG Embassy Intern, Marta Matselioukh

TWG Socials

by Adrian Pidlusky

At a recent TWG Social, two young gentlemen were having a conversation.

"What do you do for a living?" inquired one.

"I work for a consulting firm," replied the other.

"Which one?" asked the first.

"Booz, Allen and Hamilton," answered the second.

"Hey, I work there too!" exclaimed the first.

And thus a contact was made between two non-Ukrainians who work at different locations for the same company. Such connections are made even more often among those of Ukrainian heritage and those from Ukraine at the monthly socials organized by TWG. "I really enjoy TWG's monthly socials," declared Andrew Kurylko who came all the way from central Pennsylvania to attend one recent function, "It gives me a chance to catch up with old friends, as well as make new ones!"

Many have complemented the current choice of venue for the socials. Currently these socials are held at Leopold's Kafe and Konditerei in Cady's Alley in the heart of Georgetown, and just steps from the Ukrainian Embassy. "It is so pleasant to the eye in this brick courtyard!" said Marta Lopushanska on a recent evening, "And the décor and hospitality make me feel like I'm at home in Lviv!"

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TWG Fellowship Fund Raises \$6.5 Thousand

The TWG Fellowship Fund has raised about \$6.5 Thousand over the past two years. Two fund-raising drives were held during this time, along with other individual donations received. Proceeds paid for two \$1,500 stipends for TWG Embassy Interns this year and last, along with printing and postage fundraising expenses. Another \$1,500 stipend is earmarked for a TWG Embassy Internship in 2006.

The TWG Fellowship Fund thanks all those who donated:

Mykola Babiak, Arthur Belendiuk, Theresa Ben, Yaro Bihun, Oleksa & Larissa Bilaniuk, Marta Cehelsky, Ross Chomiak, The Chopivsky Family Foundation, Orest Deychakiwsky, Dr. Yuri Deychakiwsky & Irena Eva Mostovych, Nadia Diuk, Lydia Giffler, Boris & Ulana Hlynsky, Yuri Holowinsky, Peter Jarosewycz, Lidia Karmazyn, Chrystyna Kinal, Ihor Kotlarchuk, Capt. Daniel Kozak, Julian Kulas & The Heritage Foundation of First Security Federal Savings Bank, Stephan Kurylas, Lubow Lesyk, Dr. Lydia Martynec, Alexandra Melnyk, Petro Odarchenko, Olia Onyshko-Hartzler, Marta Pereyema, Ihor Petrenko, Omelyan & Roxolana Pyk, Dada Sloniewsky, Natalie Sluzar, Steven Steiner, Dr. & Mrs. Stephan Tymkiw, Maria Werediuk, Don Wynnyczok, Andrij & Lydia Zakrewsky, Hanna Zyruk.

Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to: TWG Fellowship Fund, PO Box 7951, McLean, VA 22106.

More information about the Fellowship Fund is available on the TWG website at: www.TheWashingtonGroup.org.

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Socials are held typically on the first Friday of every month, but postponed for holidays. Recent socials this Fall have averaged about 25-35 people and, despite occasional rain and cold weather. This compares to 40-50 attendees at the socials held over the summer at the National Gallery of Art Sculpture Garden on the National Mall. These events draw a large crowd with the natural setting, large fountain, outdoor bars and tables, and live jazz music. "This is like an oasis in the city!" exclaimed Larissa Shamraj last summer, "I always enjoy coming here." "I like the mix of people who come out, stated George Stasiw that evening, "Young and old, single and married, Ukrainians from both the U.S. and Ukraine – you never know who you'll run into!"

The socials will be held in Georgetown at the Kafe through May until the summer socials begin again at the Sculpture Garden in June. Those new to the socials can look for the small Ukrainian flag often standing at one of the tables. More information on the location and exact dates may be found at www.TheWashingtonGroup.org.

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emphasize Ukraine's rich literary experience and will unveil a new series of events entitled "Meet the author" during which attendees will have a chance to hear from Ukrainian authors, novelists, poets, publicists as well as non-Ukrainians writing on issues of interest to Ukraine. The first of such events will be held in January 2006 and will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster. The invited author will be Ukrainian-American journalist Mary Mycio, whose recently published book "The Wormwood forest: a natural history of Chernobyl" takes the reader on "a timely tour of the eerie, surprisingly vigorous area around the Chernobyl nuclear disaster that's too radioactive for safe human habitation, yet where, 20 years after the explosion, flora and fauna are 'thriving.'" For complete details on this event please visit The Washington group website.

The Cultural Fund operates under the patronage of the Embassy of Ukraine and in cooperation with other Ukrainian American organizations of the Washington, D.C. area. It is funded solely through charitable donations and through sponsorships of its Sunday Music Series. I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to the many supporters who understand the importance of our mission and contribute generously to our Fund throughout the year.

Donations to the Cultural Fund can be made by check to "TWGCF" and mailed to Marta Zielyk 2939 Van Ness St. NW, apt.1147, Washington, D.C. 20008.

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must strive to invite, include, and involve new Ukrainian immigrants who are becoming an increasing part of our community. Indeed, a growing number of new immigrants are attending TWG events and becoming involved in TWG activities. In addition, we should utilize the benefits of technology, such as the internet (www.thewashingtongroup.org) to make our activity more efficient.

Fortunately, we are mostly a volunteer organization which helps us to keep our costs down. We are thankful for all those who assist in any way. Of course, we could not do it without all of our volunteers and members who contribute in time and resources. We request that you offer your ideas, skills, or funds for our various initiatives, such as the Fellowship and Cultural Fund, to continue and increase our activities. In exchange, I ask, how may we assist you? Please feel free to contact me at president@thewashingtongroup.org or 240-381-0993. I look forward to hearing from you.

Adrian Pidlusky
President, The Washington Group
17 November 2005

President's Report

This will be my last annual President's report as I do not plan to seek another term of office. I have had the distinct honor and pleasure to be President of The Washington Group (TWG) for over 5 years, having first been elected President in June 2000, and it is now time to turn over the helm to a member of the younger generation. I am very glad to report that The Washington Group, as usual, had a very active, interesting, and productive year sponsoring numerous diverse political, social, educational and cultural activities. All of the events were very well attended. I do not plan to enumerate each and every TWG event in my report as there are too many events to mention. Furthermore, most of these events will be discussed in reports of other officers. I do plan to mention a few events that, in my opinion, are of special note. There is no question that this year's event of the year, maybe of all time, was TWG's 20th Anniversary Leadership Conference and Banquet in June 2004 at the Key Bridge Marriott. It was an affair to remember. The theme of the conference was "TWG at 20: Reflection, Renewal and Celebration." The conference reflected on the events that occurred during TWG's 20 year history. One of the highlights of the conference was the Ambassador's Forum which focused and reflected on the history of U.S. – Ukraine relations as seen through the eyes of Ambassadors Oleh Bilorus, William G. Miller, and Steven Pifer. During the banquet, a slide show organized by Natalie Sluzar allowed conference participants to reflect on TWG's history and on the role many of them played in TWG events. At the conference, I had the pleasure of presenting TWG Honorary Memberships to both the current Ambassador to the U.S. Mykhailo Reznik and to the former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Steven Pifer. The featured speakers at the conference were General Kostyantyn Morozov, Ukraine's first defense minister, and Ambassador Mykhailo Reznik. The conference was preceded by an elegant reception sponsored by TWG and hosted by the Embassy of Ukraine.

Among some of the other more notable events that TWG sponsored this year included presentations by Hon. Borys Tarasiuk, the present Foreign Minister of Ukraine, on the political situation in Ukraine, Ambassador Mykhailo Reznik on U.S. – Ukraine relations, and author and Professor Lubomyr Luciuk on the role of the Ukrainian Diaspora post the "Orange Revolution." Finally, TWG was extremely fortunate in that we (TWG in conjunction with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars) were able to sponsor a presentation by the Hon. Richard Green Lugar, United States Senator from Indiana, on the topic of "A Changing Ukraine." Senator Lugar traveled to Ukraine to observe the Ukrainian Presidential elections as well as the "Orange Revolution" and then reported his findings and observations to the President of the United States. It should be noted that Senator Lugar is one of the most knowledgeable U.S. politicians on the subject of U.S. – Ukraine relations. As President of TWG, I represented TWG on the National Shevchenko Commemoration Committee and actively participated in the planning and the organizing of the 40th Anniversary of the Unveiling of the Monument to Taras Shevchenko in Washington, DC. But more importantly, I had the privilege of having served as one of the five (5) co-chairs of the Welcoming Committee for President Yushchenko when

he came to the U.S. on an official visit in April 2005. As co-chair, I was actively involved in the planning and organizing of the welcoming ceremonies for President Yushchenko and his wife at the Shevchenko monument as well as in the planning and organizing of the Banquet in honor of the Ukrainian President at the Omni Shoreham Hotel which took place on April 6, 2005. Additionally, I represented TWG at various State Department and White House briefings on Ukraine as well as at conferences sponsored by other Ukrainian organizations and numerous Embassy affairs and events.

As you all know, TWG also has two very active organizational components: the TWG Cultural Fund (TWGCF) and the TWG Fellowship Fund (TWGFF). First of all, I would like to note that TWGCF had another extremely successful year. TWGCF, headed by its long-time Director Ms. Laryssa Courtney for the first part of the year and now by its current Director Ms. Svitlana Shiells, under the patronage of the Embassy of Ukraine, sponsored and presented a number of world class musicians, musical groups, singers, and traditional folk ensembles in its 2004- 2005 Music Series. TWGCF, in cooperation with the Embassy of Ukraine, also hosted and sponsored a number of art shows and literary evenings featuring noted Ukrainian artists, sculptors and writers at the Embassy. More detailed information about all of the TWGCF events can be found in its Annual Report. The TWGFF, headed by Mr. Michael Drabyk, has also been very active. Under Mr. Drabyk's capable management, the TWGFF was able to raise the funds, in a very short period of time I might add, necessary to fund the "2004 TWG Fellowship Fund Embassy Internship" at the Embassy of Ukraine. The increasing popularity of the program is reflected in and evidenced by the fact that this year the TWG Embassy Internship Program has attracted a record number of highly qualified applicants. The activities of the fund are detailed in its Annual Report.

TWG socials continue to be popular and offer our members and prospective members an opportunity to meet on a regular basis where they can socialize and network. The socials continue to be held on the first Friday of each month.

The Washington Group, as an organization, has something to offer every member of the Ukrainian community and, therefore, continues to attract many dedicated and talented Ukrainian American professionals to its ranks. We all need to support its activities throughout the year so that our organization can remain vibrant and relevant.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and its officers for their cooperation and hard work during this year as well as in the past years. I would also like to thank all the TWG members for the confidence, trust, and the generous support you have given me and the Board. Special thanks go to Ambassador Mykhailo Reznik, Ms. Natalia Hulub, (Cultural Attache) who earlier this year received an award from TWG, and to all the diplomats and staff for their support of TWG. As you all know, many of our TWG events were jointly sponsored and held on the premises of the Embassy of Ukraine.

I hope that you will continue to support TWG and its various activities in future years. Thank you.
Ihor O.E. Kotlarchuk, Esq., President

TWG Membership 2004-5 Annual Report

by Membership Director Adrian Pidlusky

Membership in general stands at 235, an increase of 51 from two years ago. This consists of 109 Full members, 98 Associate members, and 11 Student members. There are two Corporate members and Honorary members remain at 10.

Perhaps the greatest factor in the increase in membership is the heightened awareness of Ukrainians following the Orange Revolution late last year. Also contributing to a rise in membership is the 20th Anniversary TWG Leadership Conference held last year and the steady number of events TWG has held over the last two years.

There are a number of things that can be done to help maintain and increase membership levels. Probably one of the best things we can do is to send Membership Renewal Notices periodically. This year, TWG changed its membership durations from annual to one that follows the calendar year. Therefore, renewal notices will go out at least to everyone at the end of every year. Sending these letters helps to remind members to renew their membership and thus maintains retention. Member expiration dates are also always placed on the address labels of mass mailings.

A number of events in the upcoming year will likely increase membership levels. TWG plans to publish a new Membership Directory this year. The 2001/2002 TWG Membership Directory, published in the fall of 2001, listed a record number of members. The request to current and expired members to update their member information for the Directory historically increases membership significantly. Furthermore, TWG newsletters, brochures, and sign-up sheets will be placed at Ukrainian events and establishments for individuals to submit their addresses so that the Membership Director may send application materials.

In addition, we thank TWG website's founder and keeper since 1998, Steve Boyduy, for his long dedicated service, and we welcome the new TWG Webmaster Volodymyr Hnativ, from Stryy, Ukraine, currently in Houston, TX, who we know will follow well in Steve's footsteps. The website facilitates communication with our members, draws new members, and provides others with information about our organization and activities. Finally, we welcome our new Membership Director, Christine Redko, a graduating student at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs.

All TWG members can help by actively recruiting new and former members and volunteering to either organize or help with TWG events. Maintaining TWG Membership levels continues to be a team effort, and in addition to all the Board Members, I would especially like to thank Mykola Babiak for printing and sending

out the mail, including expiration notices, post cards, and new and potential member packages. Also, I appreciate Natalia Sluzar's efforts in periodically picking up the mail, which I know from experience is no small effort. TWG is a very dynamic group and will continue to be so for years to come.

Thank you.

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and market economy without ups and downs. So, we need to have realistic expectations and to keep helping to steer Ukraine in the right direction. We [the U.S.] also said that there is a very urgent need to regain the momentum on vital economic reforms and to redouble efforts to combat corruption." During meetings with Ukraine's officials, the U.S. side also stressed the need to set aside personal animosities, and to cooperate on issues that are vital for Ukraine's future.

Following Kramer's presentation, Kuzio analyzed the recent events in Ukraine, the public reaction to them, as well as the overall trends in contemporary Ukrainian politics.

According to Kuzio, it is incorrect to assess the recent crisis in Ukraine from two maximalist viewpoints - to either ignore it, or to emotionally exaggerate that the Orange Revolution has been betrayed. Ukraine's politics is also too complicated to blame only one side (usually Tymoshenko) for creating the crisis. Blame is to be shared between Yulia Tymoshenko and Viktor Yushchenko.

Eight positive developments are currently taking place in Ukraine since the Orange revolution, explained Kuzio. Firstly, although the new government is a mismatch of various political factions, the new guard, unlike its Kuchma-era predecessor, is not pursuing violent means against those who oppose it.

Secondly, the Orange Revolution has empowered young people and reinforced civil society. Thirdly, there has been a great increase in media freedom. Fourthly, law enforcement is being brought under democratic control and corruption attacked.

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Fifthly, according to Kuzio, there is a positive trend in that Ukraine is moving away from Eurasia's and the CIS's super-presidential system to a European, Central-European system." Of the 27 post-communist states which have undergone democratic transition since 1991, the most successful have been those with parliamentary systems in Central Europe, not a presidential system. Ukraine is moving in its reforms towards the Central-European, Baltic model. And that's a good thing," said Kuzio.

Sixthly, Kuzio continued to point out that the political spectrum of Ukraine is radically changing, with the Centrist camp in an even worse mess than that of the Orange coalition. The Communists are on the decline. Seventh, corruption is being dealt with, but not as much as one would have hoped. Finally, Russia and Ukraine's paths are diverging.

But, there are also areas to criticize. Overall, Kuzio believes that President Yushchenko has traveled abroad too much, and the Ukrainian diaspora in the United States should not have encouraged his most recent trip to America. Instead, Yushchenko should have focused more on Ukraine's domestic political crisis and getting his candidate for prime minister through parliament in the first attempt. Also, signing the recent memorandum with former Prime Minister Yanukovych was a strategic mistake.

Both Kramer and Kuzio agreed that the upcoming March 2006 Ukrainian parliamentary elections are crucial for Ukraine's future. Because of Constitutional reforms, the next parliament will be extended by one year, until 2011. "During that time basically Ukraine's fate is decided in terms of NATO, WTO and the EU.

That's why Yushchenko has to work hard for the next few months," said Kuzio.

A question and answer period with the audience followed the discussion. Questions were asked about corruption in Ukraine, Ukraine's perspective membership in the WTO and the EU, Ukraine's treatment of the country's Jewish community, the problem of Ukraine's graduation from the Jackson-Vanik amendment, and the media situation in Ukraine were of special interest.

With regard to the Jackson-Vanik amendment, both speakers confirmed that the Ukrainian government has made significant progress in this area throughout the years, and that the U.S. Government supports the graduation of Ukraine from Jackson-Vanik.

Taking into account the positive achievements of the Orange Revolution, the speakers were generally positive about the medium-term prospects and possibilities for Ukraine's future. However, they expressed the view that the future will depend on the success of Ukraine's government policy and economic reforms which have been slowed recently and require the attention of President Yushchenko.

With almost every seat in the SAIS Rome Auditorium occupied, the event was very well attended. Among the attendees were Steven Pifer, former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Marcus Micheli, Senior Ukraine Desk Officer at the U.S. Department of State, and Eugene Fishel, Acting Division Chief at the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the State Department. A reception followed the event.

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Profit & Loss

January through December 2004

Income

4100 – Membership Dues			
4110 – Full Membership	1,450.00		
4120 – Associate Membership	885.00		
4130 – Student Membership	20.00		
4140 – Corp Membership – Benefactors	2,000.00		
Total 4100 – Membership Dues		4,355.00	
4200 – Program Revenue			
4201 – Leadership Conference	18,183.00		
4206 – Valentine’s Day Party	990.00		
Total 4200 – Program Revenue		19,173.00	
4300 – Donations			
4310 – Cultural Fund	750.00		
4320 – Fellowship Fund	3,547.80		
Total 4300 – Donations		4,297.80	
4900 – Other Revenues		218.00	
Total Income			28,043.80

Expense

5100 – Membership Expenses		39.67	
5200 – Program Expenses			
5201 – Leadership Conference	34,786.34		
5205 – Social Hour1	50.40		
5206 – Valentine’s Day Party	1,028.00		
5212 – Kuzio Event	350.78		
5218 – Shevchenko 40 th Anniversary Mem	447.20		
Total 5200 – Program Expenses		36,061.16	
5300 – Disbursements			
5310 – Cultural Fund	750.00		
5320 – Fellowship Fund	1,537.61		
5330 – Maydan – Kyiv	1,000.00		
Total 5300 – Disbursements		3,287.61	
6100 – Bank Charges			
6120 – Credit Card Charges	457.70		
6199 – Other Bank Charges	199.10		
Total 6100 – Bank Charges		656.80	
6300 – Office Expenses			
6399 – Other		484.43	
6400 – Postage			
6410 – Newsletter	1,543.33		
6499 – Other	516.71		
Total 6400 – Postage		2,060.04	
6500 – Printing			
6510 – Newsletter	1,229.12		
6599 – Other	693.29		
Total 6500 – Printing		1,922.41	
6600 – Stipends			
6630 – Treasurer		1,050.00	
6900 – Other Expenses		80.00	

Total Expense
45,642.12

Net Ordinary Income -17,598.32

8100 – Interest 766.90

Net Income - 16,831.42

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Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2004

Assets

Checking/Savings

1100 – Cash

1110 – Checking

1116 – Ukrainian Washington FCU	1,649.13	
1119 – Sun Trust Bank	396.78	

Total 1110 – Checking **2,045.91**

1120 – Savings

1121 – Rochester Ukrainian FCU	50.58	
1122 – Self-reliance – Baltimore	101.08	
1123 - Self-reliance – Chicago	105.33	
1124 - Self-reliance – New York	101.12	
1125 - Self-reliance – Philadelphia	90.75	
1126 – Ukrainian Washington FCU	1,939.14	

Total 1120 – Savings **2,388.00**

1130 - Certificates of Deposit

1131 – Rochester Ukrainian FCU	3,025.59	
1132 - Self-reliance – Baltimore	3,035.07	
1133 - Self-reliance – Chicago	3,014.72	
1134 - Self-reliance – New York	3,040.19	
1135 - Self-reliance – Philadelphia	5,368.12	

Total 1130 – Certificates of Deposit **17,483.69**

Total 1100 – Cash **21,917.60**

Total Checking/Savings **21,917.60**

Other Current Assets

1210 – Account Receivable	44.56	
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Total Assets **21,962.16**

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Account Payable	54.83	
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Total Liabilities **54.83**

Equity

3000 – Opening Balance (06/30/2002)	46,125.36	
3900 – Retained Earnings-	7,386.61	
Net Income	- 16,831.42	

Total Equity² **21,907.33**

Total Liabilities & Equity **21,962.16**

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