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38TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 38th General Assembly of the membership of the Ukrainian Technological Society was convened at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 25, 2007, at the Ukrainian-American Citizens Club of Carnegie, PA.

Members and guests were welcomed by President George Honchar. Reports were received on the events sponsored by the Society in 2006, and on the financial condition at year end. Annual dues were reconfirmed as \$50 for full members and \$10 for student members for all of 2007, as was adopted at the 37th General Assembly.

Elections were held for the Executive Board of Directors. Nominees (all were present or their consent to be nominated received before the election) elected were: President- Dr. Roksana Korchytsky, Ph.D.; and Directors- Ihor Havryluk, Roman M. Hlutkowsky, George Honchar, Daria B. Jakubowycz, Michael Korchytsky, Nickolas C. Kotow, Kristina K. Szmul, and Debra A. Walenchok. Auditors elected were Bohdan Hryshchynshyn, Myron J. Spak, and Ted Sywy. Under new business, plans for the upcoming visit of the Ambassador to the USA from Ukraine, were discussed.

The Executive Board finalized its officers at its meeting on March 13, 2007 with Debra A. Walenchok serving as Vice President, Daria B. Jakubowycz as Treasurer, and Nickolas C. Kotow as Secretary. Scholarship Committee Co-Chairs will be Michael Korchytsky and Nick C. Kotow. The Board also considered the idea of having at least one "Founders" event each year.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE

Annual dues for full members are \$50.00 and for student members they are \$10.00. Please send in your dues to the above address as soon as possible. Your dues underwrite the activities of the Society. Also, the 38th General Assembly declared a full amnesty for all past dues. Thus, you can maintain your membership in the Society by paying current 2007 dues.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 22 at 3:00 PM- Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus' *Bandura - The Soul of Ukraine* concert at Carnegie Free Library Music Hall, 300 Beechwood Avenue, Carnegie, PA. Tickets- \$20 adult in advance; \$25, if bought at the door. Call Michael Komichak at 412-331-6724, or Ukrainian Selfreliance Credit Union at 412-481-1865. Children tickets are also available. The concert is being hosted by the Ukrainian Nationality Room Committee, Inc.

Sunday, May 6 at 6:00 PM- Talk by Dr. Daniel W. Pituch, DMD, MD, world renowned surgeon in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at The Club at Nevillewood, 1000 Nevillewood Drive, (turn from Washington Pike-Route 50, onto Thoms Run Road- the road to Chartiers Valley High School, in Heidelberg; after 1.2 miles, turn right onto Forsythe Road; go one mile to Club on left). This is a free talk, and complimentary coffee and dessert will be served. Please call Nick C. Kotow at 724-337-5704 to reserve your dessert and place. The talk is being sponsored by the UTS. (See more on page 2 over.)

Saturday, May 12 at 7:00 PM- Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game against the Atlanta Braves at PNC Park. Costumed members of Pittsburgh Folk Festival will sing the National Anthem. Free stage performances on Federal Street from 5-7 PM. Discount tickets in Section 129 (3rd base side) at \$14.00 each, and bleacher seats at \$5.00. For tickets please call Nick C. Kotow at 724-337-5704.

Saturday, May 19 at 10 AM - 2 PM- Car wash at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, 730 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA, parking lot to benefit the costume fund of Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and School.

Friday - Sunday, May 25-27- Pittsburgh Folk Festival at David L. Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh. Three days of fine family entertainment and ethnic foods. Please call Nick C. Kotow at 724-337-5704 for advance tickets- adults-\$8.00 and \$4.00 for children (ages 4-12); child under age 4 is free.

Saturday, June 9 at 7 PM- Concert of opera selections by Vitaliy Lomakin at Carnegie Free Library Music Hall in Carnegie, PA.

Sunday, June 10- Proposed date for UTS "Founders' Picnic" and networking social.

WHERE IS JULY-DEC 2006?

The UTS Newsletter for July-December, 2006, has been delayed. But see 2007 Scholarship Program over on page 2.

INTRODUCING DR. PITUCH

The Ukrainian Technological Society is proud to host Dr. Daniel W. Pituch, DMD, MD, in a talk about his surgical specialties. Dr. Pituch was a recipient of scholarships through the UTS Scholarship Program in the mid-1980s while he was pursuing his education at the University of Pittsburgh. Since then he has developed his surgical skills and has been working very hard helping others. His expertise was made more publically known, when he operated on Pittsburgh Steelers' quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, in the spring of last year.

The Society is inviting all Ukrainian dentists and physicians and other interested persons in the Pittsburgh area to come and meet Dr. Pituch at his talk on Sunday, May 6, 2007 beginning at 6:00 PM at The Club at Nevillewood. This is a wonderful opportunity to network with a world renowned colleague of Ukrainian heritage practicing in Pittsburgh. Please call Nick C. Kotow at 724-337-5704 to say you are coming so that the desserts can be ordered.

'07 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications for scholarships through the UTS Scholarship Program are now available. You may write to the Society's Post Office Box for an application, or ask your pastor at Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox Churches in Western Pennsylvania, or call Scholarship Committee Co-Chair, Nick C. Kotow at 724-337-5704. Also, check the www.utspgh.org website for a downloadable application form and instructions sheet.

A completed scholarship application form **and** an official registrar-issued transcript of the student's academic record must be received by **July 7, 2007**, to be considered. Please do not delay in getting the Scholarship Application Form and contacting your school's registrar for your transcript. Thoughtful applications do best.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

In 2007, the UTS begins the 35th campaign of the Scholarship Program. In the prior 34 campaigns the Society has awarded \$142,400 in 329 scholarships to 235 different students.

The Scholarship Program depends directly on the financial support of the Pittsburgh area Ukrainian Community. Those individual donors, who believe in the higher education of our Ukrainian young people, are the real people behind the Scholarship Program.

The Society now asks our faithful donors and new donors to contribute to the UTS Scholarship Fund for our 35th campaign. Please make checks payable to UTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND and mail to P.O. Box 4277, Pittsburgh, PA 15203-0277. Your donation is federal income tax deductible to the extent of applicable tax law, because the Society has IRC 501(c)(3) tax status.

AMBASSADOR WELCOMED

Dr. Oleh Shamshur, the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States of America was welcomed to Pittsburgh on March 4-5, 2007. The visit was coordinated by Ms. Galyna Podedonosteva, Third Secretary at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, DC, in cooperation with Dr. Roksana Korchynsky, UTS President; UTS Vice President Debra A. Walenchok; Michael Korchnysky, UTS Executive Board; Michael Komichak, Director of the Ukrainian Radio Program and his son, Roman Komichak, Esquire; Stephen Haluszczak, President of the Ukrainian Cultural and Humanitarian Institute; and Mrs. Luba Hlutkowsky, Director, of the Poltava Ukrainian Dance Company of Pittsburgh, Inc.

A lunch after the Ambassador's arrival on Saturday, March 4, was hosted by UTS President Dr. Roksana Korchynsky accompanied by Vice President Debra A. Walenchok and Secretary Nickolas C. Kotow.

At 4:00 PM, Ambassador Shamshur addressed the Pittsburgh Ukrainian Community at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott Hotel, where he was welcomed with the traditional bread and salt by members of the Poltava Ukrainian Dance Company and the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. The Invocation was prayed by Right Reverend Protopresbyter George Hnatko, Dean of the Pittsburgh Deanery of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. In his remarks and in the Question and Answer session, Dr. Shamshur emphasized that there was no going back on the road to democracy. The meeting closed with a Benediction prayed by Monsignor George Appleyard, Dean, of the Central Deanery of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat in Parma. A dinner followed at which many Ukrainian organizations informed the Ambassador of their activities.

On March 5, Stephen Haluszczak accompanied the Ambassador to meetings at the offices of Mayor of Pittsburgh, Luke Ravenstahl, and Allegheny County Chief Executive, Dan Onorato, and hosted a business luncheon with corporate leaders interested in exploring business opportunities in Ukraine. In the afternoon, Dr. Shamshur visited with his Beatitude, Metropolitan Archbishop Constantine, of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, along with Very Reverend Father Steve Repa and Very Reverend Father Michael Kochis. Concluding the visit was a dinner with the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Cultural and Humanitarian Institute during which the Ambassador encouraged their work with the Donetsk region of Ukraine.

As a trained historian, Dr. Shamshur enjoyed his visits to the Senator John Heinz Regional History Center, and to the Ukrainian Nationality Room at the University of Pittsburgh, to which he presented an embroidered rushnyk for future display.