

## COMMUNITY NEWS

## Los Angeles Screens Genocide Revealed for the 80th Anniversary

Los Angeles: The Los Angeles screening of the multi-award winning feature documentary, *Genocide Revealed*, by Montreal filmmaker Yuriy Luhovy, was held at the Ukrainian Cultural Center of Los Angeles, (UCC), on December 1st 2013, with the filmmaker present. It was sponsored by UCC and the "California Committee for the Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Holodomor-Genocide in Soviet Ukraine 1932-1933". The screening

was part of the Los Angeles Ukrainian community's remembrance of the famine-genocide, commemorated world-wide on November 24th.

The afternoon showing was opened by Dr. Cristina Polanski who welcomed guests and shared highlights of Luhovy's biography and filmmaking career. During the screening, the audience was spellbound, being drawn into the film's story as it unfolded in a masterful and powerful way. The documentary

brilliantly captures the full progression and scope of the genocide and connects this tragedy to the problems being experienced today in Ukraine as a consequence of Stalin's brutal policies.

In the audience were famine witness survivors Eugenia Dallas and Mrs. Agness Starostenko. Mrs. Starostenko, moved by the quality of the documentary, donated copies of *Genocide Revealed* to California's Governor Brown and other elected officials. Mr. Luhovy met with Mrs. Starostenko and her son Wladimir the following day and she further recounted her ordeal in greater detail.

Following the screening, Luhovy thanked the organizers and answered questions from viewers. He described how he traveled throughout Eastern Ukraine recording the accounts of remaining survivors. He felt very fortunate to access the most recently un-

covered archives and documents on the famine-genocide. A reception followed, courtesy of Landen Cuisine and discussion lasted well into the evening. A 26 and a 52 min English educational version has been completed for schools and universities. Luhovy is currently working on a Ukrainian educational version as well as a French language version of the feature documentary and hopes that these public screenings will help defray the production costs.

Dr. Andry Olesksijuk from the Los Angeles Holodomor Committee, thanked the filmmaker after question period. To arrange showings of *Genocide Revealed* in California, please contact

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at 310-209-8500 or contact  
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or see website [www.yluhovy.com](http://www.yluhovy.com).

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## Emily Bazylo, Recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Award

On January 25, 2013 a special Awards Ceremony was held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Transcona Branch #7 (Winnipeg).

The ceremony was called to honour 14 Manitoba residents with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, which "was created to mark the 2012 celebration of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada". The medal "recognizes Canadians' service to Canada celebrating Her Majesty's unwavering service for the past 60 years". In granting the medal, recognition is given "to outstanding Canadians of all ages and from all walks of life".

One of the Manitoban recipients selected to be honoured with this Medal, is Emily Bazylo.

Lawrence Coet, MP for Elmwood - Transcona, made the official presentation of the medals and gave a brief summary of the accomplishments of each of the honourees.

Emily Bazylo:

- Member of the All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Parish in Transcona

- Member of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada Lesia Ukrainka Branch since 1962 and Pres-

ident of the Branch for 18 years

- Treasurer, for 17 years, of the Manitoba Provincial Executive of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

- Past member of the National Executive of the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada-Audit Committee

- Member of the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Branch of the Ukrainian Museum of Canada (Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada)

- Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary for 48 years and President for 12 years

- Recipient of the Royal Canadian Legion Life Membership, Meritorious Certificate & Medal in 2000, and the highest Royal Canadian Legion honour - The Maple Leaf

- Recipient of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada Award of Excellence in 2009.

Each recipient was presented with a formal certificate declaring that the Medal is given "in recognition of your contributions to Canada", and was accompanied with a congratulatory message from The Honourable David Johnson, Governor General of Canada.

Congratulations, Emily!

Многая Ліра!

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## Brief history of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association Branch in Winnipeg

### ■ PREFACE

The history of our organization is closely linked to the history of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada / CYC which was formed in 1927.

There was no official men's organization mentioned in the structural plan at that time. A provision in the By-laws of the USRL / CYC allowed individual men's organizations to be formed, in the early years, under the same name.

Then in 1938, the By-laws were amended to create a national men's organization called Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association / TYC. However, the first national Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association Executive was formed only in August, 1950 and espoused the same principles and ideology that the umbrella organization had accepted in 1927.

These same principles and ideologies were incorporated in the USRA / TYC National, Provincial and local branch By-laws.

The branch of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC) in Winnipeg was officially organized in 1950 following the National Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (CYC) convention in Edmonton. At that convention a resolution was presented and approved to organize Ukrainian Orthodox men under the name "Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association (TYC)".

Immediately after that convention, the Ukrainian Orthodox men in Winnipeg organized their Branch. Prior to this as earlier mentioned there was no Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association in Winnipeg. The men met, planned and

supported activities of the overall umbrella organization—the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada

Today the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association is one of the component organizations of the umbrella organization "Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada". The Winnipeg branch of the USRA is also a member of the Winnipeg branch of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress.

The reason for being organized was to promote and preserve the Ukrainian heritage and support the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada as outlined in the organizations *Aims & Objectives*.

The task of publishing this book was to primarily document the activities and significant accomplishments through the past 63 years. It also highlights the extraordinary devotion by a large number of its members to further the advancement of their organization's aims.

On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association of Canada (1938-2013) and the 63rd anniversary of the Winnipeg Branch, it was decided to research, prepare and publish this brief history of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance Association Branch in Winnipeg for the preservation of its activities and contribution to society and community.

For this reason the book is dedicated to the pioneer members and early organizers of the Winnipeg TYC Branch.

—Maurice (Myroslaw) J. Bugera,  
President, USRA/TYC  
Winnipeg Branch

### TYC members 2013 (current)

Front Row L - R: Rt. Rev. Dr. O. Krawchenko, F. Russin, M. J. Bugera, W. Manulak, Rt. Rev. G. Mielnik.  
Second Row L - R: W. M. Scherbatiuk, T. J. Monastyrski, O. Hnatyshyn, B. Salamon, Dr. R. Yereniuk.

Missing: His Eminence Metropolitan Ynriy, R. Dary, N. Kowalchuk, Rt. Rev. V. Lakusta, P. Maruschak, A. Romanyk, W. Senchuk.

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