UCCA Helps Welcome Tennis Champion, Honors Ukrainian Women

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America recently co-sponsored a special event together with the Embassy of Ukraine, honoring Ukrainian
women activists. Held at Ukraine House in Washington, D.C., on 26 July, the evening highlighted the work of extraordinary Ukrainian women.

Following Amb. Oksana Markarova’s opening remarks, attendees viewed a special screening of “Escape from Russian Captivity,” Slidstvo.Info’s first documentary film since Russia’s genocidal war of aggression began its full-fledged stage on 24 February 2022. Investigative journalists and co-producers of the film, Yuliia Khymeryk and Nastya Stanko, were on hand to elaborate further on the forcible transfer and deportation of Ukrainian children by Russia. The 45-minute film (with English subtitles) details how enemy occupiers in the Kherson region coerced 17-year-old Masha and 18-year-old Nastya into “taking a vacation” in occupied Crimea, where the girls were forced to sing the enemy’s national anthem and pressured to become Russian citizens. The film’s two teenage heroines also attended the event in Washington, D.C., and shared what they endured, as well as how they kept their spirits up, and how they escaped.

“This is an important event for UCCA to co-sponsor because we cannot let the world become complacent to the atrocities Russia continues to commit in Ukraine,” UCCA president Andriy Futey remarked. “These indomitable women continue to play an integral role in shining a light on Russia’s war crimes and underscoring the need for continued western support for Ukraine,” he continued.
Following the documentary film, the gathering welcomed world tennis champion Elina Svitolina - the first Olympian to win a medal in tennis for Ukraine, the first Ukrainian woman to reach the top 10 in worldwide tennis rankings, and only the third player in history to defeat four former Major champions in a single Grand Slam tournament, which she accomplished just last month en route to reaching the semifinal in this year’s Wimbledon Championships. While a Ukrainian man could one day equal these honors, it was also noted that Ms. Svitolina gave birth to her first child in-between her Olympic victory and her record-tying run at Wimbledon. Following her 17th career title at the Internationaux de Strasbourg on 27 May, her first title as a mother, Elina donated her entire prize winnings “to the children of Ukraine.” Since its founding, the Elina Svitolina Foundation has supported and helped Ukrainian tennis players. With so many young tennis players displaced away from Ukraine, the Foundation takes care of young Ukrainians who are temporarily in different cities in Europe, taking care of their accommodation, food, and athletic training.

Ms. Svitolina talked about the importance of maintaining sanctions at international sports competitions and holding the Russian federation accountable for war crimes. Following the invasion on 24 February 2022, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) released a statement announcing “the immediate suspension of the Russian Tennis Federation (RTF) and Belarus Tennis Federation (BTF) from ITF membership and from participation in ITF international team competition until further notice.” While this ban remains in place, earlier this year the International Olympic Committee (IOC) issued a recommendation to International Sports Bodies that Russian and Belarusian
athletes could compete as individuals in qualifying events in advance of the 2024 Paris Games. The IOC has not yet made a decision on whether these athletes can take part in the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Following this special gathering, four-time Ukrainian Olympic fencing medalist Olha Kharlan was disqualified from the World Fencing Championships in Milan on 28 July after her defeated Russian opponent sat in protest for not receiving a handshake:

Olha Kharlan: "Ukrainian athletes are ready to face Russians on the sports field but we will never shake hands with them."
UCCA’s Humanitarian Aid efforts continue with regular deliveries to Ukraine

UCCA Humanitarian Update #61

as of July 26, 2023

UCCA’s 61st Humanitarian Aid Update details UCCA’s ongoing efforts to supply our freedom fighters with critically needed non-lethal military assistance thanks to charitable donations to UCCA’s #SupportUkraine Fund.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ukrainian American community and the general public, each donation, large or small, to UCCA’s #SupportUkraine campaign has made an impact, because 100% of these tax-deductible donations continues to be used to help alleviate the challenges Ukrainians continue to face. In addition to UCCA’s 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid, all of UCCA's
“War Aid Updates” and “Special Mission Reports” can be reviewed at UCCA.org.

Donate to #SupportUkraine Today!

Review UCCA’s Aid Reports

Candid.

UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world’s largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.

Your checks are also welcome!
Mail to:

UCCA
203 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003

UCCA is a registered 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit organization and all donations to UCCA are tax deductible.
If you or your local community receive any official proclamations or stage any independence events, please share them with UCCA's National Office so that we may gather them together with our archives of proclamations and greetings dating back to our founding in 1940.

Download UCCA’s Draft Proclamation Request (PDF)
Did you miss a recent UCCA email?

UCCA archives all of our email updates at UCCA.org

Read more here

Searching for information?

UCCA’s Fact Sheet Hub collects wartime statistics from both the Ukrainian and US governments as well as the United Nations

Read more here
Movie Night: Hutsulka Ksenya
Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center

Details:
- Come to Dnipro for a special summer night showing of Hutsulka Ksenya under the stars
- Friday, August 4th, 2023
- Gates at 6pm
- Movie starts at 7pm

Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center
562 Genesee St
Buffalo, NY 14204

16th Annual Parish Picnic
St. Mary’s Ukrainian Catholic Church
210 West Main Street • McKeesport, PA 15237

Live Entertainment Daily

• Friday:
  - The Legends - 6-9pm
• Saturday:
  - The Pennsylvania Villagers - 2-5pm
  - “Recalling Elvis” by Joe Krushinsky - 5:30-6:30pm
  - Sapphire 80s TRIBUTE BAND - 7-10pm
• Sunday:
  - Outdoor Divine Liturgy - 9:00-10:00am
  - Polka Joe Manjuck & WMGH Live - 10-1pm
  - The Vox Ethnika Orchestra - 1-4pm

Join us for our annual celebration of wonderful ethnic food, music, community, and fun!

• Friday August 4 - 5:10pm
• Saturday August 5 - 2:11pm
• Sunday August 6 - 11-4pm

*Kitchen Clinic @19

Ukrainian Festival
August 4, 5, 6

Live Entertainment

- Fabulous Foods & Spirits
- Live Entertainment
- Ukrainian Bazaar
- Kids Corner

Tickets - $50 online and at the door
Donations are accepted online and at the event.

Benjamin S. Carson, Sr.
Inaugural Medal of Honor Award Recipient
82nd Airborne

Ukrainian National Museum
2249 W. Superior St. Chicago, Illinois 60612

Donations are accepted online and at the event.
All proceeds will benefit the charitable non-profit 501 (c)(3)
Ukrainian Medical Association of North America Foundation and support their lifesaving projects.
Application Form

Miss Sozuyzivka will audition and select candidates to compete at the Sozuyzivka Ukrainian/Polish Center throughout the year. The finals will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023. The title winner will receive a scholarship, a trip to Ukraine, and a crown. Miss Sozuyzivka will create a video clip to be aired on TV and social media accounts.

Miss Sozuyzivka will receive a $500 cash prize donated by the VNM and five (5) Sozuyzivka Petite awards. The grand prize winner will receive a trip to Ukraine. The runner-up will receive a $300 travel voucher to be used toward their trip to Ukraine.

Printed Name: ____________________________
Email Address: ____________________________
Phone Number: ____________________________
Place of Birth: ____________________________
Date of Birth: ____________________________
High School: ____________________________
Highest Education: ____________________________
Organizations, Clubs, etc.: ____________________________
Hobbies: ____________________________
Honors, Awards, Achievements: ____________________________

Required in Ukrainian Language:
- Choral Singer (Intermediate, Advanced, Speaker)
Annual Picnic
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church
Sunday, August 6, 2023
11:30 – 5:00 PM
308 Fillmore Ave. Buffalo, NY
Varenky, Holubtsi, Baked Goods
Theme Baskets, Raffles
Enjoy an afternoon with your friends
Renew old acquaintances
At St. Nicholas’s Annual Picnic

Церковник пікнік – 6 серпня, 2023
ПРОСИМО ВЗЯТИ УЧАСТЬ!

Welcome the Stranger - Ukraine Support and Service

August 6, 11:00 AM
Napa Valley Unitarian Universalists
1625 Salvador Ave. Napa, CA 94558
KOZAK SYSTEM

AGUST 3 PHILADELPHIA
AGUST 4 NEW YORK
AGUST 5 DETROIT
AGUST 6 CHICAGO
AGUST 11 CHARLOTTE
AGUST 12 WASHINGTON DC
AGUST 17 TORONTO
AGUST 18 MONTREAL
AGUST 19 WHITNEY
AGUST 20 BOSTON

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church
Invites You To Attend Our Annual Chicken Barbecue
Great Food, Live Ukrainian Music, Raffles, Family FUN & More!!!
SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023
Parish Grounds Franklin St. & Stamboul Ave. Kingston, NY 12401
Grill Open: 5:00-7:00 pm. Food service from 5:00-2:00 pm
Tickets: Advance Sale: Adults - $30, Child (under 12) - $15, At Gate: Adults - $35, Child (under 12) - $15
For Tickets & More Information: Rectory Tel: 845-777-2746 or call Caroline Tel: 845-777-8805
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PROCEEDS WILL BE FORWARDED TO SUPPORT PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

(UKRAINIAN BANDURA PERFORMANCE

C Ukraine Pop-Up Space
August 8, 7 pm

The Ukrainian Cultural Center Library invites you to a

Book Launch & Poetry Reading by Vera Sirota

Friday, August 11, 2023
at 6:30 pm

2800 Baywood Road 2nd Floor
Kannan, Michigan 48196

HUGE UKRAINIAN
COMMUNITY WIDE
GARAGE SALE!

Saturday, August 12th
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
200 Como Park Blvd, Cheektowaga, NY 14227

What will you find? Household items, antiques, jewelry, furniture, vintage items, tools, collectibles, baby items, toys, new clothing, decorations, and so much more.

Booze Barrow Raffle | Shish Kebab | Hotdogs

Info: www.UkrainiansOfBuffalo.com or text 716-324-6625
All proceeds will go toward Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine
Organized by UCCA, Help for Ukraine, Aid for Ukraine

Moya Ukraine, Inc & Choir-Lanka Halychanka
Invite you to a Fundraiser in Support Ukraine!

UKRAINIAN PICNIC!
Fundraiser to Support Ukraine
August 12th
12pm – 9pm
Churchill Park
1936 Main St, Newtonville, CT

Let’s save lives of Ukrainian soldiers together!

A good opportunity to spend time in pleasant company and taste delicious Ukrainian dishes: kutia, baked potatoes, shish kebab, and much more!
Performance by Choir-Lanka Halychanka and other talented guests!
Great Ukrainian songs from Chichkas are waiting for you!
Price: $15 per car
www.moyaukraine.org
UKETOBER FEST IS BACK!

SAVE THE DATES AUGUST 12TH & 13TH!
LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

WHAT IS UCCA?
The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

СЮ ТАКЕ УККА?
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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