January 1- December 14, 2021 Report

UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA
2021… “Another busy year representing our hromada virtually and supporting our homeland Ukraine.”

- UKRAINIAN CONGRESS COMMITTEE OF AMERICA
UCCA & UNIS send out greetings on the Feast of the Nativity and continue end of year fundraising

January 7, 2021
January

January 16 – UCCA’s Director of Communications Emcees Soyuzivka’s first virtual fundraiser

Performance by:
- Ruslana
- The Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Camp
- The Roma Pryma Bohachevsky Dance Workshop
- Soyuzivka Dance Co.
- Vasily Pshudak Trio
- Serhiy "Foma" Fononenko
- "Mystaire" featuring Andrij Soyuzivka, Roman Impalska, Olya Fizy & Friends

Hosted by Lyudia Kuhlida

Additional appearances to be announced in the upcoming weeks!

Rekindle the Magic of Soyuzivka
Free Virtual Winter Gala
Saturday, January 16, 2021
3-4:30 PM
AFTER PARTY 4:30 PM
Donate and toast with us to a healthy 2021!
Tickets at SOYUZIVKA.COM/GALA

Thanks to your support, Soyuzivka was able to raise over $200,000!

Soyuzivka is part of the Ukrainian National Foundation (UNF), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
January 19

UCCA Submits Testimony to Senate Foreign Relations Committee for the Nomination Hearing of Antony Blinken for Secretary of State

January 26

UCCA congratulates Secretary of State Antony Blinken on his appointment
UCCA Director of Communications, Andrij Dobriansky, comments on Inauguration

January 20, 2021
Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки (УККА) - Відділ у Філядельфії – підготував віртуальне відзначення Актів Незалежності й Злуки, історичних річниць, 22-го січня 1918 і 1919 рр., Бою під Крутами (29-го січня 1918 р.) та на вшанування полеглих воїнів за незалежність, свободу та соборність України.

UCCA hosted this program on our Youtube Page
January 24

UCCA’s President participates in Chicago Chapter’s virtual event to commemorate January 22 - Unity Day
February 3: UCCA/UWC Submit Final Election Observation Report to CEC
February 3

Commenting on America’s reaction to President Zelenskyy’s initiatives
February 3

UNIS urges hromada to engage their representatives and urge them to join the CUC
February 18

UNIS calls for UCCA members to request co-sponsorship of H.R.496 – the Ukraine Religious Freedom Support Act
February 19, 2021
February 20 – UCCA marks solemn anniversary of Ukraine’s Heavenly Hundred
February 25

UCCA commemorates 150th anniversary of Lesia Ukrainka’s birth
UCCA CELEBRATES LEŚIA UKRAINKA

On February 27th, Ukrainians around the world will celebrate the life of Lesya Ukrainka-Kotlyar, better known by her literary pseudonym — Lesya Ukrainka. Born on this day 150 years ago, Lesya became the foremost woman writer in Ukrainian literature, a leading figure in its modern movement, and an activist for the advancement of political, civil, and women's rights. For over a century, her contributions to Ukraine’s Literature and identity has inspired millions and will continue to do so for years to come.

Born into a talented family, Lesya Ukrainka had a number of influential people to mentor her from a young age. Her mother, Olha Dorkhowska-Kotlyar, was a writer and publicist better known by her literary pseudonym Polina Pokhich. Her uncle, Mykhailo Drahomanov, was a renowned Ukrainian scholar, historian and public figure. Lesya’s early poetry was inspired by Ukraine’s greatest literary figures — Tarsk Shershenko and Ivan Franko. Through the inspiration of these great historical figures, her love for her nation and the written word flourished.

By the time she was eight, she had written her first poem titled “Sadak” (Hope), and her first published poem “Karavaly” (The Life of the Valley) came in 1884. In 1888, Lesya and her brother organized a literary circle called “Pyschiak” (The Philander), which was founded to promote the development of Ukrainian literature and for the purpose of translating foreign classics into the Ukrainian language. Lesya had a strong knowledge of many languages including Russian, Polish, Bulgarian, Greek, Latin, French, Italian, German, and English.

She actively opposed Russian autocracy and promoted a free and independent Ukraine. Lesya also penned epic poems, dramas, prose, literary criticism, and a number of sociopolitical essays. She was best known for her play: “Bereznyak” (1914: The Neoliberal) - a psychological tragedy centered around a Ukrainian family living in the 17th century, and “Lesia’s Song” (1912: The Forest Song), whose characters include mythological beings from Ukrainian folklore. At a young age Lesya was diagnosed with bone tuberculosis, a debilitating disease which forced her to travel often to places with dry climate where she could receive treatment. Many of these treatments were torture for the young woman, as she often had to remain stationary for long periods of time. It was through her poetry that she was able to experience the freedom that her physical body could not enjoy. Her words were her wings that allowed her to soar even in her darkest moments. From her poem “Krovi Svar” (Spree) “(Hope Despite all odds)”

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On February 27th, the co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus (CUC) circulated a “Dear Colleague” letter to all 435 members of the House of Representatives requesting membership in the Caucus.

In part, the “Dear Colleague” letter states: “Since its formation in 1997, the CUC has served as a proud advocate for liberty and democracy in Ukraine... As a Member of the Caucus, Congress members will strengthen their knowledge about the variety of threats posed by a resurgent and increasingly aggressive Russia to Ukraine’s national security.”

The CUC was co-chairs by Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD), Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) and Rep. Mike Quigley (D-IL).

UCCA’s Washington, D.C.-based bureau - the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) - requests that you contact your Representative and encourage them to join the CUC.

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734th House of Representatives
Dear Colleague:

As we begin another Congress and look to the future, it is crucial that the United States come together to support Ukraine’s progress toward a peaceful and prosperous future. In recent years, Ukrainians have demonstrated their resilience and determination in the face of external threats and challenges. Their democratic values and commitment to transparency and accountability are inspiring examples for the world.

I urge all members of the House to join the bipartisan Congressional Ukraine Caucus, which serves as a powerful advocate for the rights of the Ukrainian people and for U.S. support for Ukraine’s democratic values and territorial integrity.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
[Your Title]
February 26

UCCA Marks 7 Years of Crimea’s Illegal Occupation by Russia
Seven Years of Russian Aggression in Ukraine – UCCA Urges continued bipartisan support...

In its seventh year of Russia’s war against Ukraine UCCA renewed its call for elected leaders to stand with Ukraine against Russia’s increasing military aggression and Russia’s amassing its military on Ukraine’s borders.

UCCA urged our community to continue advocating for Ukraine by contacting their Members of Congress to voice their support by:

- Putting Russia on notice that harsh economic and financial sanctions would immediately be imposed in case of an attack on Ukraine.
- Suspending the development of the NordStream2 pipeline
- Building the capacity of Ukraine’s Armed Forces to preserve the country’s territorial integrity by continuing to provide defensive weapons to Ukraine and suggesting that Ukraine receive a Membership Action Plan from NATO.
March 3

UCCA, IL Division produced and posted on their YouTube page a video entitled «Шевченко і Майдан». This project was later highlighted by Радіо Свобода.

A big thanks to Motria Melnyk and Maria Klimchak or their incredible work on the project.
March 4

UCCA’s National Office initiates virtual meetings with Local Branches
March 3rd & 4th UCCA co-hosts
A dozen panelists including Senator Cardin, Congressman Levin and Congressman Harris discuss the

“New Administration’s Approach to Ukraine’s Most Pressing Security Issues”
March 9

3 нагоди Дня Народження Великого Кобзаря присвячуються... УККА штату Джорджія, Атланта, 9 березня 2021 рік - «Шевченко вустами дітей».

The video was posted on UCCA Georgia’s Facebook Page.
March 10 – UCCA participated in UWC’s meeting with the Head of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU, Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Mykola Tochytskyi
On March 10th given the repercussions related to the global pandemic of the novel COVID-19 virus, UCCA’s National Council, the organization’s highest ruling body, postponed the planned XXII Congress until October 2022.
March 10

UCCA President Andriy Futey and Ukrainian National Information Service Director Michael Sawkiw are among the signatories to the Joint Statement on Strengthening US-Ukraine relations presented at the 2021 Kyiv Security Forum, which included twelve “guidelines for fostering the strategic partnership between the United States and Ukraine and for advancing the goals that each country hopes to achieve through our pivotal relationship.”
March 13

The United Ukrainian Organizations of Ohio prepared this 2021 virtual program devoted to the legacy of Taras Shevchenko.

The video was produced in both Ukrainian and English language versions and posted on UZO’s YouTube page.
March 16

UCCA President facilitates call between Verkhovna Rada Chairman Dmytro Razumkov & Senator Rob Portman (R-OH)
Manor College organized yet another virtual Ukrainian Dialogue, sponsored by Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union.

We are grateful that Manor College, a member organization of UCCA’s National Council, has become a key center for holding important discussions around Ukrainian American affairs.
March 31

UWC leadership met with the newly appointed Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States of America, Ms. Oksana Markarova
March 31, 2021

UCCA BULLETIN
March 2021… Our 81st Year of Service to the Community

March 31, 2021 – 81st Anniversary

March 31, 2021

UCCA SECURITY CONFERENCE

On March 5–6, 2021, the 12th Annual US-Ukraine Security Dialogue was held via zoom to discuss the “New Administration’s Approach to Ukraine’s Most Pressing Security Issues.”

The two-day conference, which featured four panel discussions and two highlight focus sessions, explored how the Biden national security and foreign policy team might deal with (and hopefully side乌克兰’s efforts to thwart military threats, threats of political subversion, economic/cybersecurity pressures and virtual disinformation campaigns.

Over the two-day event, three members of Congress addressed the participants – Rep. R. Scott Garrett (R-NJ), Congressman Andy Harris (R-MD) and Congressman Steve Corbin (R-NC) – and they all underscored that there is strong bipartisan support for Ukraine in Congress, and that Ukraine’s security still matters to the United States.

Our interesting take away from the issues was a comment from former US Ambassador to Ukraine Bill Taylor, who moderated the first panel on “What the New Administration Should Understand About The Security Needs of Ukraine.” He remarked that in speaking with individuals responsible for Ukraine in the Biden Administration he underscored that the U.S. cannot independently assess the issues on Ukraine’s integration into NATO, but nothing prevents the U.S. from opposing the current status of major non-NATO ally status for Ukraine.

The Forum’s first organizational session, the American Foreign Policy Council, the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America and the Ukrainian National Information Service – would like to sincerely thank all of the speakers for their insightful remarks as well as express our gratitude to our sponsoring organizations for their continued support.

The National Foundation, the Heinz Family Trust, the Heritage Foundation of First Security Federal Savings Bank, and Self Reliance (OTC: FRIC)

The entire conference can be viewed at UCCA’s Facebook & YouTube pages.
UCCA & UNIS send out Easter greetings

extends its warmest greetings to Ukrainians throughout the world and sends its best wishes for a very Healthy and Blessed Easter!

Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

Andriy Futey
President

Stefan Kaczaraj
National Council Chair

Michael Sawkiw
Vice-President

Marie Duplak
Executive Secretary

Myron Kolinsky
Treasurer

April 2, 2021
April 5

UCCA’s Director of Communications – on Russian language Golos Ameriki (VOA) during his monthly interview which is dubbed over from English.

After Russia’s military activity in Eastern Ukraine, Andrij Dobriansky comments in Turkish CNN article

Ali Çınar: ABD Rusya ile sıcak temas girmez - Dünyadan Haberler - Sayfa 1 (cnnturk.com)
UCCA Marks Genocide Awareness Month

Throughout the rest of 2021, please keep in mind the following recognitions of genocide and national tragedies:

- **May 18** - the 77th commemoration of the Sürgün, Stalin’s genocidal mass deportation of the Crimean Tatars from their indigenous homeland;
- **June 24-28** - the 80th commemoration of Soviet executions of Ukrainian prisoners in Western Ukraine;
- **August 23** - Black Ribbon Day, a Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism;
- **September 11** - the 20th National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on 9/11
- **September 12** - Ukraine’s Day of Remembrance of the forced resettlement of Ukrainians from their ancestral lands in Zakerzonia
- **September 29-30** - the 80th commemoration of the “Holocaust by Bullets” at the Babyn Yar ravine on the outskirts of Kyiv;
- **November 27** - US Commemoration of the Holodomor Genocide
- **December 7** - the 80th National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- **December 9** - International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime (United Nations)

Friday, April 9, 2021
April 10th  Ukraine-based Greening Planet Global Initiative linked up with North Port Rotary and Rotary International in Lviv, Ukraine - Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, Ukrainian American Club of Southwest Florida, Ukrainian American Veterans Post 40, Men’s Club, North Port Mayor and City Commissioners to plant a tree at St. Andrews Ukrainian Cultural Center in North Port, Florida.
April 12

UCCA sends a letter urging President Biden to emphatically reject the appointment of Mathew Rojansky as the new Russia director on the White House National Security Council.
Still, the Ukrainian-American community was vehemently opposed to Rojansky’s potential appointment, further jeopardizing his prospects. Ukraine is a key ally that has been at war with Russia, both on the ground and in cyberspace, since 2014, and is currently pushing the U.S. for more support as it fends off the biggest Russian military buildup on its border in nearly a decade. The country also has influential — and vocal — allies in Washington.

In a letter to Biden dated April 12, the president and vice president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America called Rojansky’s work “a source of much anxiety,” and alleged that Rojansky viewed Ukraine as “expendable to secure closer U.S.-Russia relations.”

“On behalf of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, which has promoted U.S. national interests and democratic values, and sought to advance the sovereignty and security of Ukraine for more than 80 years, we emphatically request that you reject Mr. Rojansky’s appointment,” they wrote.
April 12

UCCA participates in Borshch-making event sponsored by Veselka and Ukraine’s Mission to the UN
April 14 & 15

Dobriansky comments on Russia’s illegal occupation of Crimea and Russia amassing its military on Ukraine’s borders
April 16

Commenting to the Media about Russian troops on Ukraine’s border
April 15

President Biden issued a range of sanctions against Russia. Several segments of the sanction package included actions that UCCA and UNIS have advocated for in the past – increased Crimea sanctions and preventing U.S. banks from dealing with Russian sovereign debt.
The **Senate Ukraine Caucus** penned a letter to President Biden requesting the Administration provide “critical material assistance to Ukraine in the short term,” as well as to provide robust defensive military and economic assistance for Ukraine in the President’s budget request. The **Congressional Ukraine Caucus** also released a statement “strongly condemning Russia’s illegal war in and on Ukraine” and calling for “increased sanctions and putting an end to Nord Stream 2.”
US Engagement
April 1-15

A Letter on Blocking Property with Respect to Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

UNIS Director Moderates Central and East European Coalition (CEEC) Webinars
В 2021 році виповнюється 75-ліття відновлення СУМ в Діаспорі. Президент Українського Конгресового Комітету Америки - Андрій Футей - привітав Спілку Української Молоді з нагоди цієї великої річниці
April 25

UNIS Director and UCCA VP, Mychajlo Sawkiw, Jr., met with Ukraine’s new Ambassador, Oksana Markarova, upon her arrival to Washington, D.C.
UCCA Honors the 35th Anniversary of the Chornobyl Disaster

April 26, 2021
April 28

UCCA sends a letter to President Biden requesting a meeting with Community representatives
UCCA President Andriy Futey participates in the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine’s panel of experts commenting on President Biden’s first 100 days.

April 26, 2021
UCCA Director of Communications, Andrij Dobriansky comments to press on 100 days of Biden Administration

April 29, 2021
April 30th – Ukraine’s Permanent Mission to the UN holds virtual Crimean Tatar event
April 30, 2021

On March 31, UWC leadership met with the newly appointed Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States of America, Ms. Oksana Maiakova. UWC was represented by President Paul Gred, First Vice President Stefan Romaro, UWC Vice President and President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of Americans (UCCA Ukraine Farm), and UWC Representative to UWC’s Board of Directors Marinia Faran, UWC Executive Vice President and Director of the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) Michael Jankovsky, Chair of UWC’s Foreign Policy Council Ambassador Roman Waschuk, Chair of UWC’s Mission to the United Nations Andriy Dobchynsky, Chair Lorna Kompan, Director Natalya Nemyrych of UWC’s Economic Prosperity and Investment Committee (ECIP), and the Directors of UWC’s Kyiv and Toronto Offices.

In a candid discussion, the parties raised a number of important issues, including joint efforts and initiatives to support Ukraine in countering Russia’s military aggression; support for Ukraine in reforming its key sectors (especially renewable energy); support of Ukraine’s ambitious agenda for a new role and development of cooperation with the United States; and joint efforts to establish multilateral cooperation in Washington, DC, to secure the best representation of Ukrainian interests at all levels; and preparations for the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s independence.

The Ambassador also thanked UWC and all Ukrainians abroad for their support and active work in the interests of Ukraine. “In my next position, I plan to be a very open ambassador and will do everything possible to ensure proper and better communication. I also plan to actively engage with the Ukrainian community,” stated Ms. Maiakova. According to Ambassador Maiakova, strengthening of political, security, economic, and humanitarian cooperation with the US will be her priority in Washington, DC.

On April 19, the website Axion.com, citing an anonymous source, reported that Matthew Rojansky, head of the Wilson Center’s Kennan Institute, was being considered for a key position under the new Russian administration. Following confirmation that this potential development had been discussed, the US leadership released a statement expressing its support for Ukraine’s democratic values and commitment to promoting a peaceful resolution of the conflict.

UWC CHALLENGES
POTENTIAL APPORTIONMENT
TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

35-та Річниця
Чорнобильської Катастрофи

26 кітень 1986 року на Чорнобильській атомній електростанції в Надійній Україні сталася потужна вибухівка, що підтримала створити в атмосферу незвичайний обсяг радіоактивних речовин. Із таких вибухівок відбулося відкриття раритетної унікальної катастрофи, що поступово змінює світову політику. У 1996 році був заснований Київський залізничний транспорт інтовілки, а з 2000 року – Кошовий залізничний транспорт.

УККА вдячний за Вашу підтримку

УККА складає шару дяків за Ваші пожертвування, отримані у налаштвання від нас з 2020 року на підтримку наших дій.

УККА також допомагає відкриття інші пляшечі з нашої програми, такі як "UAkEasy" з Facebook, "Asociation" і через Network for Good.

Основні витрати відкритий в 2021 році. Заявлення до Фонду з 2017 року.

У суботу, 10 квітня, Радянська у м. Нор-Порт, шпиталь Форестра, та Російська інтелектуалізація у Львові, разом з Українським Комітетом Комети Американської Українсько-американськими клубами підприємство в містах, розміщені в Америці, Українському Ветерану, Чоловікам і в м. Нор-Порт, УСФК, та інших міських поселеннях, приділили до глобальної спільноти акції «Бібліотеки Плесецька», засновані на 2020 році в Україні, а посіданням діячів Українського Ресурсного Центру Св. Андрея та м. Нор-Порт.

\"The representative organization of 1.5 million Ukrainian Americans, we look forward to a constructive working relationship which will benefit our community and enhance the dialogue. Partnership between the United States and Ukraine. We welcome you and pledge our support,\" stated Andy Fasly, President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of Americans.

Paul Gred, president of the Ukrainian World Congress, greeted Ambassador Maiakova on her diplomatic posting and wished her success in implementing her stated priorities. “UWC and all Ukrainian American organizations stand ready to collaborate. Your success is our success,” stated Paul Gred.

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Христос Воскрес! Великодні привітання УККА, та посилання на онлайн-трансляції Великодніх богослужінь з Києва

Український Конгресовий Комітет Америки
Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

бажає всьому українському народові здорових і радісних
Свят Воскресіння Христового!
Христос Воскрес! Воїстину Воскрес!

April 30, 2021
May 1

UWC Regional VPs virtually wish the global hromada a Happy and Blessed Easter
UCCA Publishes its 2020 Annual Report
Vol. 1 of the 2021 The Ukrainian Quarterly was mailed out in the Spring
May 9

Representatives of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America Illinois Division, the community organization Orange Wave, Selfreliance Association and ODFFU rallied in Chicago in support of Ukraine
May 15-16
UCCA invites Consular Section of the Embassy of Ukraine to provide Consular Services in Florida
DRAFT PROCLAMATION

On the 30th Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine

WHEREAS, thirty years ago, on August 24, 1991, the Parliament of Ukraine formally declared an independent, sovereign, and democratic Ukrainian state, establishing the territorial integrity of Ukraine as sovereign and inviolable, further upheld by over 90% of Ukrainians in a national referendum in December of that same year; and

WHEREAS, for centuries the people of Ukraine yearned and struggled to achieve an independent state all the while preserving their culture, language, and self-identity; and,

WHEREAS the territorial integrity of Ukraine is sovereign and inviolable, and portions of Ukraine’s territory are currently under Russian military occupation in contravention of international law, we honor the efforts and sacrifices of the Armed Forces of Ukraine to stop further Russian military advances in Ukraine, and take actions to defend and the entire European continent and its United States allies against further aggressive actions of the Kremlin; and

WHEREAS, thirty years ago, on June 30, 1991, the indigenous Crimean Tatar people of Ukraine restored their historic executive-representative body - Mejlis of the Crimean Tatar people - which in 2016 was once again banned by Russian occupying forces and the Mejlis building in Simferopol seized by Russian law enforcement, as the language, rights, and culture of Ukraine’s indigenous people remain under threat today, just as they were during the Soviet and Nazi eras; and,

WHEREAS, 75 years ago, in the immediate aftermath of World War II, when many thousands of Ukrainians found themselves beyond the borders of their homeland as refugees, nearly half between the ages of 10 and 30 upon the initiative of a group of older activists at the English, American and French occupied zones of Germany, the Ukrainian Youth Association (CUY) was founded on July 6, 1946, and quickly spread to several continents, branching out from Europe into North and South America, and Australia, and again found a home in the place of organization’s founding – Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, Ukrainian Americans continue to make significant contributions to the cultural fabric of the United States while never forgetting about their rich history and heritage, more than 100 years since first immigrating to this great nation, with which they share the collective U.S. Ukrainian values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine has always had a special bond with the United States, with a now over 20-year working relationship on U.S.-NATO deployments, with Ukraine funding exercises and training to serve alongside U.S. Forces in theaters such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor’s Name, Governor (Name of State), on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim this day/week, August 24, 2021, in Ukraine’s Independence Day Week and request and urge all citizens to join in commemorating this important anniversary. On this day, let us recommit ourselves to helping the Ukrainian nation reclaim full sovereignty over its international borders and remember its heroes who sacrificed their lives to secure freedom and happiness for the future generations.

May 17 – UCCA begins Independence Day planning for the 30th Anniversary in 2021
On April 20th, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine held a special virtual forum titled “100 Days of Biden Presidency – Ukraine on the Agenda.” The first 100 days of the U.S. presidential term is a symbolic milestone, that paves the way for FDR’s first term in office, and is considered a benchmark to measure the early success Failure of a President.

UCCA’s President Audrey Finley joined a panel of experts that also included Tom Finerann, Partner at Baker & McKenzie LLP, and Andrew Myhr, Partner at Zavodovska. Moderated by ArtChum Ukraine’s President, Andy Hunter, the panelists provided their comments, forecast and analysis on the future of U.S.-Ukraine relations under the new Administration.

To watch the entire online event, please visit ru.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_of_the_Union_address

May 18, 2021

President Biden’s top Ukraine, the UCCA sent a letter to the Secretary of State affirming the United States’ commitment to Ukraine’s sovereignty and independence. The letter highlighted key areas of support for Ukraine, including accelerating a Membership Action Plan for Ukraine into NATO, bolstering U.S. diplomatic presence for Ukraine aimed at strengthening trans-Atlantic stability, implementing and expanding a Russia sanctions regime to include greater security for the Black Sea. Non-Nato members, calling for the immediate withdrawal of Russian forces in occupied Eastern Ukraine and Crimea.

In concluding the letter, UCCA reiterated the importance of support to Ukraine as a strong partner. “The U.S. must take definitive action to help stabilize the transitional, trans-Atlantic security framework, which clearly serves our national interests as Americans, or the crisis in Ukraine is likely to resolve.”

Several congression initiatives have also been introduced to further advance the U.S. support for Ukraine and the Central and Eastern European region. Reps. Nancy Kapit (D-RI) and Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) are introducing the Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act (TTEA), which strengthens U.S. national security interests by providing U.S. planning to Europeans to analyze their cyber and digital threat profiles from stealthy influence from China and Russia.

Asren Schmitt, Susan Roach Wiche (R-MS) and Shaja Shabazz (D-New Mexico) have reintroduced the Ukraine Religious Freedom Support Act - H.R. 4161. The bill is in a committee on HR 4169, which recently passed the House Foreign Affairs Committee and is awaiting passage in the House of Representatives.

Both bills authorize the President to consider the religious violations in Russia-occupied territories of Ukraine when making a determination of Russia as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC).

May 18, 2021
May 18

UCCA paused in remembrance for the innocent victims of the crime of genocide committed against the Crimean Tatar people by Josef Stalin’s soviet henchmen in 1944.

Whatever attempts Russia makes to legitimate the occupation of the peninsula, the fact remains indisputable:

Crimea is Ukraine
May 18 - UCCA sends letter to President Biden
May 18 – UCCA Invites Hromada to participate in #Vyshyvanka Day
May 19 - UCCA Urges Continued U.S. Sanctions Against NORDSTREAM 2
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS VOICE CONCERN: #StopNordStream2

I am opposed to the decision by the Biden Administration to approve sanctions on Nord Stream 2 AG and Matthias Wanzl. I urge the administration to stand by the Biden-German joint statement, hold these negotiations more forcefully with the German government, and do not sign an agreement that does not protect the United States. It is the position of the United States to ensure that our energy security is not in danger. We are not willing to see Russian aggression in our energy sector.

If the administration reinstates these waivers, I have several questions:

First, what does the administration now expect from Germany after having made this significant concession to reverse the strategy? Will the West support Ukraine in the Normandy Format? Will it provide additional assistance to Kiev in its struggle against Russian aggression? Also, what will the administration do to bolster our relationship with Israel?

This decision has created uncertainty in many corners of Europe and I expect to hear every voice from the administration in its move moving forward. Before President Biden could do anything possible to accomplish what the Trump administration failed to do for four years: stop the completion of the Nord Stream 2 pipeline for good.
May 18 - UCCA Sends letter to President Biden to urge NATO MAP for Ukraine

May 18, 2021
The Honorable Joseph B. Biden
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of the 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, is writing in support of the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Ukraine. As Americans, we believe that a democratic and independent Ukraine is in the national security interest of the United States. The government of the United States has a continuing commitment to strengthening the defense capabilities of Ukraine and ensuring its role in the trans-Atlantic alliance.

The UCCA has issued a letter urging the Biden administration to support Ukraine in its bid to be considered for membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). We believe that it is crucial for the United States to provide Ukraine with the necessary support to strengthen its defense capabilities and ensure its security.

The UCCA is committed to standing with Ukraine and supporting its efforts to secure membership in NATO. We hope that the United States will continue to work towards this goal and take concrete steps to support Ukraine's security and sovereignty.

Sincerely,
Andrew Romny
Vice President
Ukrainian Congress Committee of America

On behalf of the UCCA Executive Board,
May 20 – UCCA Participates in #VyshyvankaDay events with Ukraine’s Mission to the UN
May 22 - UCCA President Visits Chicago, IL

Andriy Futey addressed the Ukrainian community in Chicago as keynote speaker at the Sviato Heroiv Commemoration organized by the Orange Wave organization. While in Chicago Futey met with representatives of the Selfreliance Assoc., the Board of Director of Selfreliance FCU, UCCA Illinois Division and was interviewed by Chas & Podii Newspaper.
May 24 – UCCA Participates Belarusian Demonstrations following the arrest of journalist Raman Pratasevich
It is with great sadness that UCCA learned of Bohdan Fedorak’s passing on May 29th. He was an active member of organized Ukrainian diaspora life since his days as a Plastun and as one of the student founders of the Ukrainian Student Association of Mykola Mikhnovsky (TUSM). For many years, pan Fedorak served as THE voice of Ukrainian American relations with elected officials in the United States, as UCCA’s point person for contact with Congress. His work was so respected worldwide that he was named to the Secretariat of the World Congress of Free Ukrainians, and following Ukraine’s independence, he was named Honorary Consul of Ukraine in Michigan.
June 1

UCCA co-hosts webinar with Ukraine’s Ambassadors to the United States and Canada

Ties That Bind: Canada, USA and Ukraine
June 1, 2021 8:00 – 9:30 PM EDT

Featured Speakers:
Andriy Shevchenko
Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada
Oksana Markarova
Ambassador of Ukraine to the USA

Moderator:
Roman Waschuk
Former Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine

Register at: www.ucc.ca
June 1

UCCA’s National Office prepared and distributed Ukrainian Language materials in advance of the New York City primary elections on June 22.

New York City will use Ranked Choice Voting in the June 22nd citywide Primary election.

You can now rank up to five candidates in order of preference, instead of choosing just one.

На попередніх виборах — тобто пріймерзі — у місті Нью-Йорк які відбуваються 22 червня, виборці Нью-Йорку мають можливість оцінити п’ять (5) кандидатів у порядку перерахунку.

Key dates for the primary election:

June 12–20: Early voting
June 22: Deadline to submit absentee ballot in person or by mail
June 22: Primary Election Day

Важливі дати:

12–20 червня: Дострокове голосування
22 червня: Останній день подання заповненого бюлетеня особисто або поштою
22 червня: День виборів

Visit voting.nyc to learn about Ranked Choice Voting and more!

Visit the site bit.ly/YKPVoteNYC2021 for more information on Ranked Choice Voting for the 2021 New York City Primary election.
June 1

UCCA sends President Biden a letter requesting he meet with President Zelensky prior to his meeting with Vladimir Putin.
June 3

UCCA’s National Council (*Krayova Rada*) gathered virtually for their Biannual meeting.
After a 15-month hiatus due to coronavirus restrictions, Andriy Futey, president of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), returned to Ukraine on a fact-finding mission where he discussed “concrete issues” with high-level government, security and diplomatic officials, as well as a member of parliament.

While in Kyiv, Mr. Futey was interviewed by The Ukrainian Weekly about recent developments in U.S.-Ukraine relations and the purpose of his visit to Ukraine.
June 11

UCCA issues statement prior to President Biden’s attendance at NATO Summit:

“Now is the time for the United States to live up to its stated promise in 2008 of NATO Membership for Ukraine as well as for both nations to reaffirm their shared commitment towards a more peaceful and prosperous future with the signing of a new 21st century, U.S.-Ukraine Charter on Strategic Partnership.”
June 16th & 17th:

On June 16-17, the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the Ukrainian National Information Service, and the American Foreign Policy Council, in partnership with the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute, and the Open World Program, convened the ninth US-UA Working Group Summit: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card. This online conference, held in (2) four-hour segments spanning two consecutive days, brought together key government and non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU and the U.S. to take measure of Ukraine's 2020-2021 progress/regress in six categories: "robust democratic politics, mature market economics, ever greater energy security, ever greater general security, viable social cohesion and an established national identity." In addition to speakers such as Ambassadors Volker, Popadiuk, Taylor and Herbst, the conference featured remarks by Dmytro Razumkov, Speaker of Ukraine’s Verkhovna Rada (parliament), Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze, Chair of the Verkhovna Rada’s Committee on Matters of Integration of Ukraine with the European Union, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) and a video greeting from Sen. Robert Portman (R-OH). Throughout the conference the speakers provided their grades on the topic at hand. At the conclusion of the two-day conference, the Tally Master, Andrij Dobriansky, calculated all the grades from the over two dozen speakers and determined that the overall grade Ukraine received for 2020-21 was a C+. The audience, which also was able to grade Ukraine’s progress/regress was a little more gracious and graded Ukraine a B-. 
This May, the Ukrainian Parliament passed a law that would make it illegal to use the Crimean Tatar language in public. The law, which was passed with the support of the Ukrainian government, has sparked outrage among the Crimean Tatar community, who see it as a violation of their rights and a step towards assimilation.

The law, known as the “Law on the Protection of Ukrainian Language,” is part of a broader effort by the Ukrainian government to eliminate the use of Crimean Tatar in public spaces and to promote the use of Ukrainian as the official language. The law also requires that all official documents be written in Ukrainian, and that any Crimean Tatar signs or inscriptions be removed from public spaces.

The Crimean Tatar community, who are the native people of the Crimean peninsula, have been fighting for their rights for decades. They were forcibly deported from their homeland by the Soviet authorities in 1944, and have been struggle to preserve their language and culture ever since.

The Ukrainian government has been accused of attempting to assimilate the Crimean Tatar community by eliminating their language and cultural practices. The law, which was passed by a vote of 224 to 0, has sparked widespread condemnation from both domestic and international human rights groups.

The Crimean Tatar community has vowed to continue fighting for their rights and to preserve their language and culture. They have called on the international community to support their struggle and to hold the Ukrainian government accountable for its actions.
June 24

UCCA held a webinar joint with the World Congress of Crimean Tatars, entitled “Making Ukraine Whole Again – A Commemoration of Crimean Tatar Flag Day.”

The virtual forum featured Oksana Markarova, Ambassador of Ukraine to the U.S.A.; Yuri Vitrenko, Chargé d’affaires, Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the UN; Oleksii Holubov, Consul General of Ukraine in NY; Anton Korynevych, Permanent Representative of the President of Ukraine in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol; Denys Savchenko, Board Member of CrimeaSOS; Ayla Bakkalli, Representative of the Crimean Tatar Mejlis at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
June 26 – UCCA Participates in Crimean Flag Day events with Ukraine’s Mission to the UN
June 26

UCCA-Illinois Division organized a celebration of Ukraine’s Constitution at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art.
June 28:

UCCA Honors the 25th Anniversary of Ukraine’s Constitution

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of the over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent, joins the global Ukrainian hromada in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the adoption of Ukraine’s Constitution. After a centuries-long struggle for independence – twenty-five years ago today, the Verkhovna Rada (parliament) of Ukraine secured a legal framework for an independent country.

The adoption of Ukraine’s Constitution on June 28, 1996 was an important milestone in the life of the people of Ukraine by ensuring their human and civil rights while protecting their country’s sovereignty and territorial integrity. May Ukraine’s Constitution, the backbone of the country, always protect the rights of her citizens and keep the government accountable to her people.

Glory to Ukraine on Constitution Day!
July 6

UCCA’s President, Andriy Futey participates in the All Ukrainian Forum “Ukraine 30” initiated by the President and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The session «Ukrainian World Community» was held in the context of discussing the priority areas of Ukraine’s foreign policy. The event was dedicated to the Ukrainian diaspora, its role and significance.
July 7

To assist UCCA’s member organizations in honoring Sviato Heroiv, UCCA’s Facebook and YouTube pages hosted a video presentation prepared by the Women’s Association for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine, the Organization for Defense of Four Freedoms of Ukraine, the Ukrainian American Youth Association (CYM), the Society of Veterans of Ukrainian Insurgent Army, and the Ukrainian American Freedom Foundation for the second year in a row.
July 9-10 – UCCA’s Director of Communications Emcees Soyuzivka’s first festival since 2019
July 14, 2021
On July 17, 2014, 298 innocent passengers and crew, flying from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur aboard Malaysia Airlines flight MH17, were murdered by a Buk anti-aircraft missile launched from Russian terrorist-controlled territory in Ukraine. On June 7, 2021, the trial of four suspects -- three Russians and one Ukrainian citizen -- entered the phase during which judges heard the evidence accumulated by prosecutors.

In advance of this latest stage, relatives of the 298 MH17 victims issued a joint plea to Russia’s Vladimir Putin in June, in the name of their “children… parents, sisters, brothers,” asking him to accept his nation’s mistakes and failures. “It is sad to see a president who does not strive for true greatness for the nation he leads,” they wrote.

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the largest representative organization of Americans of Ukrainian descent, joins with international calls for Putin’s Russia to account for its role in the downing of MH17 as determined by the multinational Joint Investigation Team, led by the Netherlands, Australia, Belgium, Malaysia and Ukraine; in a rules-based international order, those responsible for unacceptable actions, such as the launching of a missile which intercepted and downed a civilian aircraft, must be held accountable. Only by establishing the truth about what happened to those 298 innocent men and women, including 20 families and 80 children, will those responsible be brought to justice. UCCA hopes that the Russian Federation will finally accept responsibility and fully cooperate with the international community so that those responsible are brought to justice.

On this solemn anniversary of the downing of flight MH17, UCCA’s thoughts and prayers go out to the victim’s families, including one American citizen, and we ask God to remember all those who perished and grant them eternal peace.
UCCA issues Statement in support of #CaptiveNationsWeekProclamation

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, is dismayed after confirming that the White House would consider replacing the Captive Nations Week Proclamation with “Free and Open Societies Week.”

The renaming of this Proclamation, which has been observed by every U.S. president since Dwight D. Eisenhower, goes against the very spirit of PL 86-90 passed by Congress in 1959. UCCA’s President at the time, Dr. Lev Dobriansky, the principal author of the Captive Nations Week Resolution to raise awareness and demonstrate the U.S.’ support for and solidarity with the suffering of peoples living under oppressive communist and other totalitarian regimes.

Mistakenly, many believe that with the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, communism collapsed, and totalitarianism is no longer a threat. However, today, more than one hundred years following the Bolshevik Revolution, one-fifth of the world’s population continues to live under communist oppression. Changing the name of the Proclamation is not only morally foolish/daft but wholly premature. Today in the streets of Cuba thousands are protesting the communist government; the Chinese Communist Party is choking Hong Kong’s autonomy; the Russian Federation is illegally occupying Crimea and strangling the peninsula’s freedoms; while millions continue to suffer in Laos, North Korea and Vietnam under one-party communist regimes.

On the eve of the scheduled Captive Nations Week, UCCA sincerely hopes that instead of changing the name of the Proclamation, President Biden will demonstrate the United States’ unwavering commitment to democracy, liberty and human rights and will issue a powerfully worded Captive Nations Week Proclamation. As was stated in a recent editorial, “In the contest between democracy and authoritarians, language matters.”

#CaptiveNationsWeekProclamation
#StopNordStream2 Campaign Continues…
July 21st zoom strategy session held
July 22

UNIS Director greeted Belarus leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya during her visit to Washington, D.C.

CEEC rally for Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

At Lithuanian embassy honoring Svetlana
July 22

Belarus leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya visited the Holodomor Memorial with the Ukrainian, Polish, and Lithuanian ambassadors.
July 25

UCCA joined the Belarusan American community in welcoming Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya to New York City
July 29 – The Polish American Congress (PAC) and the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) Issued a Joint Statement on Nord Stream 2
Vol. 2 of the 2021 The Ukrainian Quarterly was mailed out in the Summer
Україна проводить абарку коштів: «30 багато»

УККА знову збирає гроші та приїздять деньгі до країн-членів міжнародної комунікації, які коли-небудь відбувалося 24-26 липня 2021 року.

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PRESIDENT ZELENSKY TO WASHINGTON

Contact you elected officials: seek support for President Zelensky's visit while Congress is in session.

Promote
U.S.-Ukraine Strategic Partnership

Contact Congress
House: www.house.gov
Senate: www.senate.gov

Seek Support
Request elected officials contact the White House to schedule Pres. Zelensky's visit to Washington while Congress is in session!

It's time to take action!
You can make a difference in advancing U.S.-Ukraine relations.

The CROOK Act

PUTIN'S KLEPTOCRACY

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR

SUPPORT S.158
Countering Russian and Other Overseas Kleptocracy (CROOK) Act

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UCCA/UNIS INFOGRAPHICS – SUMMER 2021
August 19 – UCCA nominated awardees for UWC’s “30 Under 30” list of talented young leaders who are at the forefront of the Ukrainian diaspora globally.

**Expert committee**

- **Kateryna Yushchenko**
  First Lady of Ukraine (2005-2010)
- **Borys Gudziak**
  Archbishop-Metropolitan at Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia
- **Orysia Lutsevych**
  Head and Research Fellow of the Ukraine Forum of Chatham House, the Royal Institute of International Affairs
- **Nataliya Poshyvaylo-Towler**
  Regional Vice President, Ukrainian World Congress

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- **Maksym Lozynskyj**
  23 years
  United States
- **Mark N. V. Temnycky**
  28 years
  USA
August 23

UCCA releases its Crimean Doctrine (in three languages – Ukrainian, English and Crimean Tatar) in anticipation of the high-profile Crimean Platform summit in Kyiv.

It reads in part:

“UCCA categorically rejects Russia’s illegal occupation of Crimea and pledges to maintain this policy until Ukraine’s territorial integrity is fully restored.”
August 23

Crimean Platform Summit

UCCA’s President, Andriy Futey, who was in Ukraine to mark Ukraine’s 30th anniversary, joined the NGO community alongside the delegations from 46 countries who participated in the August 23rd Crimean Platform, which President Zelenskyy hopes will become a center for the development and adoption of key international decisions on Crimea.
August 24

UCCA Local
Branches across the country lead independence day events
Fundraising

UCCA launches fundraising campaign in the summer of 2021 so that we may continue our vital work of representing and serving the needs of the Ukrainian American community and assisting our homeland, Ukraine.
UCCA’s President, Andriy Futey, participates in official commemorations marking the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s Renewed Independence, including the ceremonial military parade down Kyiv’s central boulevard, the solemn Independence Day session in Ukraine’s Verkhovna Rada and the Presidential reception at Mariinsky Palace.
UCCA holds high-level meeting in Kyiv

Joining other members of the Ukrainian World Congress’ leadership, Andiy Futey participated in a series of meetings with high-ranking officials, religious leaders, diplomats and non-governmental representatives. UWC leadership meeting with Prime Minister of Ukraine Denys Shmyhal.
August 28

Commenting to the BBC about President Zelenskyy meeting with President Biden
August 31st - September 3rd
Official visit of President Zelenskyy to Washington

On a working visit that included the much-anticipated White House meeting with President Joe Biden, President Zelenskyy also met with: Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin; Secretary of Energy, Jennifer Granholm; President of the World Bank Group, David Malpass; Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Bill Nelson, and representatives of U.S. business circles, among others. UCCA President Andriy Futey and UCCA Vice President Michael Sawkiw, Jr., were invited to participate in President Zelenskyy's meeting with members of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus and jointly pay respects at the Holodomor Memorial to Victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932–1933.
September 1st

UCCA President Andriy Futey; UNIS Director, Michael Sawkiw; and UCCA Illinois Division Vice President, Marta Farion participate in President Zelenskyy’s meeting with members of Congress, including Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Rep. Jaime Raskin and Rep. Victoria Spartz.
President Zelenskyy awards UCCA Leaders

Congratulations to our UCCA leaders who received Ukraine’s state awards for their commitment and service to the Ukrainian nation.

The September award ceremony took place during the opening of the Ukrainian House as part of a working visit of the President of Ukraine to the United States of America.
September 3

Commenting about President Zelenskyy meeting with President Biden
September 8

Commenting about President Zelenskyy meeting with President Biden
September 8th  
UCCA meets with CEC

On September 8, members of Ukraine’s Central Election Commission (CEC) - Chairman Oleh Didenko, Vice-Chairman Vitalii Plukar, Secretary Olena Hataullina, member Oksana Boyarchuk and Head International Cooperation Department Oksana Kostiv - met with two of UCCA’s experienced Election Observers: UCCA’s Executive Director Tamara Olexy and UCCA’s Director of Communications and Media, Andrij Dobriansky.

This was the first time a delegation from the CEC had the opportunity to visit with UCCA in the United States. Not having the time restrictions that election cycles pose, UCCA was able to freely exchange ideas and address several recommendations our Elections Missions have proposed over the years and discuss how the CEC is acting upon many of our suggestions.
Twenty years ago, our nation faced the unimaginable. The terrorist attacks in New York City, Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon on September 11th, 2001, left a permanent mark on us all.

As we remember the 2,977 innocent lives lost on that fateful day, and honor the bravery, resilience and sacrifice shown in the face of such tragedy by the first responders and survivors alike, UCCA calls on our community to actively participate on this National Day of Service and Remembrance, for even a small act of service is a great act of patriotism.

UCCA sends its thoughts and prayer to all those affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Даруй їм Бог Царство Небесне і життя вічне.
Вічна і світла пам'ять!
September 21st – UCCA organizes community meeting with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy
President Zelenskyy bestows awards to:

UCCA Executive Board Member and Honorary President of United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, Dr. Larissa Kyj;

National Commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Ihor Rudko

President of Revived Soldiers Ukraine, Iryna Vashchuk Discipio

Executive director of Winner Group Ukraine and philanthropist John Hynansky

for their personal contributions in supporting Ukraine and the Ukrainian American community.

President Zelenskyy bestowed the title of ‘Honored Artist of Ukraine’ to Julian Kytasty, composer, conductor, Bandura player.
Ukraine at 30
A UHES Special Event

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
UKRAINIAN INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
New York City
In conjunction with the Center for US-Ukrainian Relations, the Ukrainian Institute of America and the American Foreign Policy Council, UCCA, held their first in-person event of such magnitude since March 2020. Regardless of covid protocols of social distancing, all the seats at the Ukrainian Institute of America were held by those that came to hear the almost 2 dozen speakers reminisce about Ukraine’s 30 years of renewed independence.

The full-day conference brought together panelists who took a fresh, critical look at the myriad of circumstances that led to the declaration of an independent Ukraine in 1991 and shaped Ukraine’s present course as an aspiring member of the Euro-Atlantic community. The forum highlighted the three great manifestations of popular will, known as the 'Maidans' as well as Ukraine’s unwanted conflict with its northern neighbor simply labelled 'the War'.
UCCA President Celebrates Ukraine’s 30th Anniversary & Holds High-Level Meetings in Kyiv

After months of virtual meetings, UCWA’s President, Andriy Fidyay, traveled to Ukraine to mark the 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s Renewed Independence.

Joining other members of the Ukrainian World Congress’ leadership, A. Fidyay participated in a series of events to commemorate the historic anniversary, including the ceremonial military parade down Kyiv’s central boulevard, the solemn Independence Day session in Ukraine’s Verkhovna Rada (parliament), and the Presidential reception at Mariinsky Palace.

Ukrainian Americans Celebrate Historic 30th Anniversary

Ukrainian American communities throughout the U.S. celebrated the historic 30th anniversary of Ukraine’s renewed independence in a variety of ways.

September 23, 2021
October

UCCA Launches its Fall Fundraising Drive

Fall is now in full swing, school is in full swing, and things are beginning to slowly open up. After the worldwide pandemic crept almost two years ago, UCCA is working to make the difficult decisions of working almost entirely remotely, postponing important events and meetings - we are striving to see the light at the end of the tunnel and find hopeful signs of returning to a sense of normalcy and better times ahead.

It has been challenging for UCCA during this period of working almost remotely, but we were able to adapt our officers and members. UCCA is a community in a manner that not only continues our mission, which we have always been dedicated to, but even more so to celebrate our community’s achievements, while maintaining support for our homeland Ukraine.

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President of Ukraine Meets with Ukrainian American Community

While on a working visit to New York City to attend the 25th United Nations General Assembly, Ukraine’s Head of State, Volodymyr Zelensky, took time to meet with organizational leaders of the Ukrainian American community. President Zelensky opened his remarks by stating, “I think you are one of the best representatives of our country. You are defending our state, our sovereignty and territorial integrity!” Stressing that the Ukrainian American community is very active, Zelensky suggested that citizenship for Ukrainian Americans may be granted but underscored that this issue must be carefully considered given that it is impossible to grant such status to people who live in unfriendly states.

In noting that this year Ukraine is celebrating its 30th anniversary of renewed independence, President Zelensky emphasized the importance of restoring respect for Ukraine and Ukrainian history, but also stressed its importance of restoring peace.

Following his remarks, President Zelensky bestowed honorary awards to several members of the United Ukrainian American community including, executive director of Winter Group Ukraine, John Hynynsky; Honorary President of the United Ukrainian American Community, Dr. Leonid Kly; National Commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Chuck Ratcliffe; and President of Reserve Soldiers Ukraine, Yuriy Vashchuk. Director, President Zelensky also bestowed the title of “Honor Artist of Ukraine” to composer, conductor, and benefactor, Julian Klatko.

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President Zelensky at 30 Forum

On September 18th, Ukraine hosts the 30th anniversary of the Association of the United States of America. The conference also highlighted the three great initiatives of popular will, known as the “Mad” - the Revolution on Granite, The Orange Revolution and the Revolution of Dignity - as well as Ukraine’s unresolved conflict with its northern neighbor simply labeled the “War” as local points in the discussions.

The conference can be watched in its entirety online: https://bit.ly/3BqglkJ

October 8, 2021
October: UCCA organizes meetings in NYC & WDC for Human Rights Delegation from Ukraine

Olena Lunova, Advocacy Manager of the Human Rights Centre ZMINA. Olena is an internally displaced person (IDP) from Crimea.

Olha Skrypnyk, Board Chairperson at the Crimean Human Rights Group (CHRG), the only human rights monitoring organization working on a permanent basis in Crimea since 2014. Olha Skrypnyk was elected a coordinator of the Working Group for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law of the Crimea Platform Expert Network.

Maksym Kyiak, International Advocacy Manager of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union.

Alim Aliev, Deputy Director General of the Ukrainian Institute, co-founder of Crimea SOS NGO.

Kateryna Yesypenko, activist and a wife of a journalist of the “Radio Liberty” Vladyslav Yesypenko, who was illegally detained by Russian occupation authorities in Simferopol in March 2021, for gathering information “in the interests of Ukraine’s special services.”
UCCA moderated an international celebration of “Defenders of Ukraine Day” organized by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations.
October 21\textsuperscript{st}

UCCA co-hosted the XXII Ukraine’s Quest for Mature Nation Statehood Roundtable: Forging A Strong Yet Forbearing National Identity – Past Endeavors, which took place at the University Club in Washington, DC.
On October 21st – UCCA member organization, Manor College held a virtual conversation with H.E. Oksana Markarova, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States, Natalie Jaresko, Congressman Joe Hoeffel, and UCCA’s Vice President, Michael Sawkiw, Jr.
October 23

UCCA-Illinois Division organized a remembrance around the October 14 commemorations regarding UPA and religious feasts
In preparation for the Ukrainian World Congress’ Annual General Meeting on October 23rd, UWC held a series of virtual Roundtables in which UCCA actively participated:

25 вересня— «СКУ сьогодні: виклики, можливості, стратегічні зміни»
2 жовтня— «Міжнародна політика та протидія російській агресії»
9 жовтня— «Розвиток українських громад у світі»

And on October 16th UWC held its Executive Board Meeting
National Office prepares 15-page report of UCCA’s work for Ukrainian World Congress’ Annual General Meeting
October 21st
CEEC Webinar

Panel participants:

Elisabeth Braw
Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

Konrad Muzyka
Independent Defense Analyst & Director of Rochan Consulting

Alex Tiersky
Senior Policy Advisor, Helsinki Commission

Moderated by Michael Sawkiw
October 23rd

UCCA participates in the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian World Congress - Nearly two hundred delegates and guests, representatives of Ukrainian communities and organizations, from more than 20 countries joined the annual meeting to sum up the year and discuss future plans of our organized worldwide community.
October 23 - UCCA Executive Director MCs
Ukrainian Institute of America’s Gala Event

– Program –

6:00 PM
Cocktails & Silent Auction

7:15 PM
Concert featuring

Victoria Carchietta . flute
Slau Halatyn . piano  Solomiya Ivakhiv . violin
Eugene Kotlarchuk . piano
Andrea Nalywajko . soprano

With guest artists

Martha Locker . piano
Bradley Moore . piano

8:00PM
Dinner

9:30PM
Mingling

Dr. Viktor Gribenko . piano

Master of Ceremonies
– Tamara Olexy –
October 26th

UCCA Marks 80th Anniversary of Babyn Yar

UCCA National Office organized a virtual conversation between representatives of the Ukrainian and Jewish American diasporas following the historic commemorations in Kyiv earlier this month.

Joining the conversation were H.E. Sergiy Kyslytsya, Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations, UCCA President Andriy Futey, AJC Chief Executive Officer David Harris, Ukrainian Jewish Encounter founder Adrian Karatnycky and Sam Kliger, Director, Eurasian Affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC).
It is with great sadness that UCCA learned of the passing of long-time Executive Board Member, Ivan Burtyk, on October 31. Among his many contributions to our community, he was a Sumivets present at the Ukrainian Youth Association’s (CYM - a UCCA member organization) restoration in 1946, he was President of the Ukrainian Free University Foundation (a UCCA member organization), National Commander of the Brotherhood of Veterans of the Second Division of the Ukrainian National Army (a UCCA member organization) and the longtime Chair of UCCA’s Council on Aid to Ukrainians (RODU). UCCA sends its sincerest condolences to his entire family.
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Senate: www.senate.gov
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November 1\textsuperscript{st}

UCCA held a zoom meeting with MP Oleksiy Honcharenko and Andrii Bondarenko from the European Solidarity Party, to discuss our advocacy work regarding #NordStream2
November

UCCA Local Branches organize commemorations of the Holodomor
November 27

National Commemoration and Requiem Service for the Innocent Victims of the Holodomor
November

UCCA President Andriy Futey meets with Rep. Vern Buchanan.

Congressman Buchanan represents a district in Sarasota, Florida, and is a member of the House Ways & Means Committee and co-chair of the House Democracy Partnership Commission.
November 19

UCCA Executive Director was invited to meet with the Passaic Ukrainian American Youth Association and discuss the work of UCCA and our organized Ukrainian hromada.

Thank you Jim Fedorko for this great opportunity!
November 21st

UCCA HONORS UKRAINE’S DAY OF DIGNITY AND FREEDOM

Since 2015, UCCA has paused annually to honor the legacy of two historic wintry revolutions in Ukraine, and their transformational legacy of national identity and patriotism in Ukraine. November 21, the Day of Dignity and Freedom – *Hidnosti ta Svobody* – is an annual occasion to celebrate the indomitable Ukrainian spirit along with our fellow Ukrainian Americans and Ukrainians worldwide.
November 27

Holodomor commemorated in Washington, D.C.
November 29th…
Giving Tuesday

Please consider supporting UCCA this #GivingTuesday. People all around the world will unite online on November 30 to give back to their communities.

Will you join them? -
December

UCCA Launches its End of Year Appeal
December 3 - Commenting on Russia’s Buildup on Ukraine’s Border
December 7

Following a nearly 2 year hiatus, Ukrainian organizations registered at the United Nations gathered in person at the request of the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to plan for a return to UN Headquarters when conditions once again allow for visitors in 2022.
December 7 – 80 Years since the Day That Will Live In Infamy

Several years of planning and preparations were culminated when representatives of the Ukrainian American Veterans and the Ladies Auxiliary recently presented a bronze memorial plaque at the Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Pictured accepting the memorial plaque in the Shrine Room above the sunken Battleship Arizona is U.S. Navy Lt. Stephen E. Becker. Making the presentation is the immediate past national commander of the Ukrainian American Veterans, Bohdan Bezkorowajny. Assisting in the presentation were Walter Bacod, past national commander, and Anne Bezkorowajny, Ladies Auxiliary national judge advocate. In response to the placing of the plaque in honor of Arizona veterans and especially those men entombed in the warship, a picture plaque was given to Mr. Bezkorowajny by Rear Adm. Stanley J. Welerson, commander, U.S. Naval Base, Pearl Harbor.
December 7 – UCCA President interviewed on Ukraine24 TV
Commenting to the Media about the Biden-Putin Video Call
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 7, 2021
Readout of President Joe Biden’s Video Call with President Vladimir Putin of Russia

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. held a secure video call today with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss a range of issues on the U.S.-Russia agenda. President Biden voiced the deep concerns of the United States and our European Allies about Russia’s escalation of forces surrounding Ukraine and made clear that the U.S. and our Allies would respond with strong economic and other measures in the event of military escalation. President Biden reiterated his support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity and called for de-escalation and a return to diplomacy. The two presidents tasked their teams to follow up, and the U.S. will do so in close coordination with allies and partners. The presidents also discussed the U.S.-Russia dialogue on Strategic Stability, a separate dialogue on ransomware, as well as joint work on regional issues such as Iran.

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