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Despite cool weather and lower attendance Family Fest was great fun for all. This year Labor Day Weekend brought a cold wind and rainy conditions, limiting our ability to swim, but did not dampen the fun at Family Fest.

Festivities began on Friday evening of Labor Day Weekend with everyone traveling and settling into their favorite cabin, room in the Millennium Building or tent. Friday evening included welcomes, dinner and time to catch up with old friends. For those who have never been to Family Fest, it is a time when families can come and enjoy the beauty of All Saints Camp and the warmth of our Ukrainian Orthodox family.

Saturday morning started with morning prayers in the chapel and breakfast. The day was filled with games and catching up with friends.

In the early evening, everyone gathered in St. Thomas Chapel for Vespers. Following Vespers everyone came to the dining hall for a delicious pig roast. Chef Genia Walters is to be commended for a wonderful weekend of meals. Everything was absolutely delicious.

Saturday evening included games and a huge campfire. The campfire sing-off included both Ukrainian and American favorites. With a warm fire, great singing and roasted marshmallows, who can ask for more. Games in the dining hall included the Annual Domino Tournament. Nick Holowko is officially the Domino Champ with 3 consecutive wins under his belt. We have encouraged him to retire as ultimate champion, but think that he will be going for 4 consecutive wins next year.

Sunday morning everyone participated in Divine Liturgy. One of the joys of Family Fest is celebrating Divine Liturgy together as one family, singing together and partaking in the Holy Eucharist.



the old pavilion site. Others chose a more relaxing day, napping or lounging on the porch. (Continued on page 6)

Sunday afternoon included a canoe trip down the Allegheny. Once again this year the street hockey tournament was played in

Junior National Executive Board Fall Meeting Submitted by Taylor Gladys

The Junior National Executive Board arrived in Northampton, Pennsylvania on Friday, October 1st for their first official meeting. Junior and Senior Board members enjoyed a night of hospitality at the home of Senior UOL President, Martha Misko. Everyone was excited to reunite once again after the Convention.

On Saturday, October 2nd everyone rose early to attend Akathist Service at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Church. This was followed by a home-made breakfast from the ladies at the Church, and everyone was given time to relax before the meetings began.

The Juniors' meeting was very constructive as we covered a great deal of important discussions. We talked about things like the Great Lent Giveaway Project, creating a "How-To" Manual for starting a Junior Chapter, and uploading an I Pod Application to help fund raise for the new Monastery to be built by our Church. Membership Committee Chair, Josh Bourgerly, also committed to working on our DVD project about Convention. Financial Secretary, Greg Markiw, volunteered for several new projects, as well as heading the continuation of the Jr. UOL Sweatshirt sales. The Junior UOL

Webmaster Liaison, Katie Zimmerman, has been hard at work setting up the necessary tools for the Juniors to "go green" and send the majority of their mailings by e-mail. We also hope to publish things such as the



updated handbook, brochure, contact information, and other useful information to the Junior UOL Website. Under the Christian Care Giving and Missions Committee, we discussed the upcoming Thanksgiving Tithing Project for the Fall, and a new Camper's Assistance Grant to help fund the youth so that more people might be able to attend All Saints Camp each summer.

The Junior Board also had the opportunity to talk with his Eminence Archbishop Antony about contacting the Orthodox youth groups of other jurisdictions. We even discussed the possibility of inviting these other groups to attend an event for all Orthodox Youth in America. However, such an event would be far in the future, but the Juniors felt it important to start talking about it now.

Later that evening, the Junior Board Members attended Vespers and then went to spend quality time with each other at a nearby shopping plaza. We had a great time just getting to know one another and spending time together. When Saturday night came to an end, all of the Board members dreaded their departure the next day.

On Sunday, we rose in the morning and celebrated Divine Liturgy with other members of the National Executive Boards. Following Liturgy, the members spent time talking to the parishioners and saying goodbye to everyone they met that weekend. Thank you so much to the hospitable parish of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in Northampton. The Juniors greatly enjoyed their stay with you, and we hope to come back and visit soon!



more info at the parish website:
www.stvladimirphiladelphia.org

Start making plans for the
64th Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention
hosted by the Sr. and Jr. UOL Chapters of the
Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir the Great
Philadelphia, PA
July 27-31, 2011

Come celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL!



more info at the UOL Website
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MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR UOL PRESIDENT

Martha X Misko



The National Executive Boards of the Junior and Senior Ukrainian Orthodox League held their Fall meetings at the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Parish in Northampton, PA. Much appreciation is extended to several members of my home chapter for their gracious hospitality. A special thank-you goes out to the Zimmerman family of our neighboring parish of St. Mary the Protectress of Allentown, PA, for providing lodging for the Junior NEB members.

The agenda for the meeting outlined the plans for each of the UOL Commissions/Committees and kept in focus the goals set by the VISION FOR 2020 which was developed at the 2010 UOL Convention.

- This issue of the UOL Bulletin kicks off our fundraising appeal for the LSSK Scholarship Fund, the Metropolitan John Scholarship Fund, and the UOL Annual Fund Drive. Please be generous in your response to each of these worthy accounts. Your contributions to the LSSK Fund awards deserving youth scholarships for higher education; the MJSF supports our clergy and seminarians with continuing their theological studies; and the UOL Annual Fund Drive helps our League to continue its work in response to the needs of our Church.
- The Junior and Senior UOL will continue to sponsor its Christian Care-giving and Missions projects of Thanksgiving Tithing and Souper Bowl Sunday. Traditionally the Thanksgiving Tithing project benefits one of our Church's mission parishes. This year funds generated by this project will be given to the UOC Mission Parish of Holy Trinity in Whaleyville, MD. The Souper Bowl Sunday project will continue to support St. Andrew's Society, a valuable organization of our Diocese that assists the soup kitchens and other humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.
- The Education Commission will again sponsor the annual Essay Contest. The topics for the essays and other information on the contest will be announced in January, 2011.
- To further our efforts to communicate with our UOL members and others, we are updating the UOL Website and Facebook page. Please visit both sites often, and encourage others to visit, to get UOL information.
- The Youth Commission is again sponsoring the Lenten Retreats in Bethlehem, PA, and at the Villa Maria house in Western Pennsylvania. Mark your calendars to attend one of these spiritually uplifting gatherings.

In addition to planning for the continuation of these UOL activities, the NEB spent a considerable amount of time discussing the 2020 VISION goal of "establishing a strong UOL chapter or UOL presence in every parish of the UOC of the USA." The NEB agreed that this is a goal of critical priority in order to be strong in numbers and in support of our Church.

The NEB will be designating much effort this year to attracting new members to its upcoming national events and Convention. However, we also strongly encourage each of our active chapters to invite potential members to join them at local meetings and events. Point out to them the important work that is done for our Church along with chapter activity of spirituality and fellowship.

Our goals for growth include incorporating new chapters and reactivating dormant ones. To move toward achieving this, the NEB discussed personal outreach and visitations to parishes to inform them of the UOL, making the requirements for forming a chapter comfortable and attainable, and utilizing more technology to disseminate information.

The 2010 UOL Convention has challenged us, with the development of the 2020 VISION, to reflect on the achievements of the past and to use this reflection as motivation to help our League grow and strengthen. Success will only be achieved through the efforts of us all and with the grace and blessings of our Lord.

I remain yours in Christ,
Martha X. Misko
President

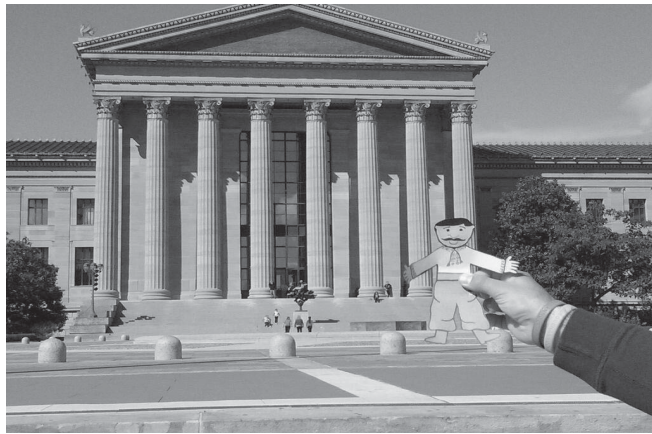
Flat Stanley's cousin Flat Slavko Does Philadelphia!

Follow Flat Slavko as he visits sites in and around Philadelphia on his way to the 64th Annual UOL Convention in July 2011!!! He'll show you all the hot spots and famous attractions that can turn your trip to the Convention this summer into a vacation to remember forever! Flat Slavko makes a stop at the Philadelphia Museum of Art to



appreciate the rich, historic, and diverse culture the museum has to offer

including the great works of C e z a n n e , Rodin, and Picasso. On his way out, Flat Slavko stops to take in the breathtaking view of Philadelphia's skyline from



the top of the Art Museum steps. You're right - those *are* the same steps that Rocky Balboa ran up after weeks of training! To



top off his first stop on the road to the 64th Annual UOL Convention, Flat Slavko visits Rocky himself. Removed from its original location at the top of the Art Museum steps, this world-famous Rocky statue now resides in a new spot befitting a champion at the foot of the Art Museum. Stay tuned for the next

stop on Flat Slavko's journey to the 64th Annual UOL Convention in the City of Brotherly Love!

Show your UOL Spirit or honor your friends and family by placing their name on the UOL WALL OF FAME at the Philadelphia UOL Convention!

Yes you can be among the 100 listed on the UOL Wall of Fame and get your own Hollywood style star!

The parish hall will have an honorary UOL Wall of Fame at the Ostaps -- the Ukrainian Academy Awards!

Lynn Nemeth is our first Philly UOL member with the honor.



Make sure that your name is listed as well as those of your fellow chapter members! For just \$5 you can be listed on the wall of UOL Greats! Who needs boosters -- when you can see your name in stars! To order your star send the name to be printed on the star along with a \$5 check (payable to St. Vladimir's Senior UOL) to Natalie Bilynsky
703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086

Philadelphia UOL Convention 2011 July 27-31, 2011
Philadelphia will be hosting the
50th Reunion for the Junior UOL At the Convention
Fifty Year Update – Where Are They Now?

Our reunion planning has had very pleasant communication with past Junior UOL Board Members. I have been reaching out to all of the Philadelphia Board Members and would like to give you some updates.

Pauline (Podgurski) Kuyper, served as Treasurer in 1967-68 and Vice President in 1968-69. She currently lives in Durham, NC, and is a kindergarten assistant teacher at a private school in Durham (Durham Academy). She spent 19 years working at Burroughs Wellcome Company as a lab technician/research assistant before “retiring” when her youngest was born.

She has a wonderful husband, Lee, who is the U.S. Director, BioMolecular Structure at GlaxoSmithKline; a son, Andrew, who is a freshman at Appalachian State University; a daughter, Christina, who is married and a Speech Language Pathologist in Burlington, NC and is the mom of her precious granddaughter, Kayla Ann who just turned 2; and a stepson, Christopher, who is married and a Patent Attorney in Seattle, WA.

Additionally, as mentioned before Philadelphia has the wonderful blessing of having previous board members who moved to the area. Rebecca Druash served on the board as Vice President in 1976-77. Rebecca is happily married to Steve McNulty and they have two wonderful children, Daniel (who served on the Junior Executive Board) and Christopher. Rebecca is a pediatrician and moved to Philadelphia to attend medical school. Rebecca has been a member of the St. Vladimir parish in Philadelphia for over twenty years and will be chairing the Banquet and Ball at the upcoming Convention.

Jordan Gladys served two terms as Vice President in 2004-05 and 2005-06. Daughter of Jim Gladys and former Junior Executive Board Recording/Corresponding Secretary, Mauri Druash-Gladys, and sister of current Junior Executive Board President, Taylor Gladys of Pittsburgh, PA, Jordan became a part of the St. Vladimir Philadelphia parish family in the fall of 2006, when she began her college career as a Biological Sciences Major at Drexel University. As a student in Drexel’s 5-year Co-Op program, she will graduate this June and plans to complete a year of service as a Health Corps member of the national AmeriCorps program. Jordan will be helping her Aunt Rebecca prepare for the Banquet and Ball at the upcoming Convention.

Joshua Oryhon, served as Financial Secretary in 1995-96 and two terms as Vice President, in 1996-97 and in 1997-98. Joshua relocated to Philadelphia from Albany, NY in 2008. He currently works for Camp Susquehannock and at Germantown Friends School. He also maintains the UOL’s webpage.

Perhaps one of the most unexpected blessings was the ability to catch up with one of my fellow board members. Natalie Jaresko served as Financial Secretary in 1981-1982. In our reaching out to previous board members, I got in touch with Natalie via e-mail and was able to visit with her during a recent trip to Ukraine. Natalie has been living in Kyiv and invited Oleh and me into her home, for a lovely dinner and to meet her two beautiful daughters Christina and Daria. It is hard to summarize twenty years in one brief paragraph, especially given Natalie’s many accomplishments, but let’s try.

Natalie works in Ukraine and is one of the co-founders of Horizon Capital, where she manages funds that invest in businesses in Ukraine. She also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of Western NIS Enterprise Fund. Prior to her roles in SNISEF and Horizon Capital, Natalie worked at the US Department of State. From 1992 to 1995 she served as the Chief of the Economic Section of the US Embassy in Ukraine. She also worked at the State Department in Washington prior to her positions in Ukraine. Natalie received her Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government in 1989. She also received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from DePaul University in Chicago in 1987. Natalie also



received the Order of the Princess Olha award from the President of Ukraine in 2003 for her contributions to the Ukrainian economy.

Natalie also shared the sad news that her sister Kathy, who served as Corresponding Secretary in 1975-76, passed away from breast cancer.

It was truly wonderful to spend the evening reminiscing and catching up with Natalie. We hope that as we are planning for the 50th Reunion of the Junior UOL that you also reach out to previous UOL Members and submit articles that let us know about your Reunion updates.



NEWS FROM
THE JUNIOR
UOL
PRESIDENT

Taylor Gladys

Glory to Jesus Christ!

The Junior National Executive Board attended their first meeting on October 2, 2010 in Northampton, Pennsylvania. We would like to thank the Chapter and Parish of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary for their hospitality, time, and care. The Senior and Junior Boards alike greatly enjoyed their stay with their spiritual family in Northampton.

The Junior National Executive Board had extremely productive discussions about the coming year. We talked about things like the Great Lent Giveaway Project, as well as other fund raisers to help us attain the goals set by the Junior Convention body at Maplewood. We even established a new “Technological Advancements” committee as well. We are extremely excited about this new committee, and hope to further promote our organization and its mission in new ways.

I would like to extend a few last minute reminders! If anyone still needs to turn in their membership dues, please send them to Financial Secretary Greg Markiw as soon as possible (the deadline for these passed on September 30). Election Report forms should have also been returned to Corresponding Secretary, Katie Zimmerman, at this time.

At this time of year, the National Executive Boards are organizing the Thanksgiving Tithing Project, and I humbly request that you all consider contributing. The project is a fantastic way to give of oneself as we approach the holiday season. I pray for the the project’s success, as well as the success of the League and the safety of its members throughout this coming season.

Yours In Christ,
 Taylor Gladys

ALL SAINTS CAMP WORK WEEKEND
Submitted by Pani Matka Mary Anne Nakonachny

It’s amazing to see just how much work can be done during a weekend by a few enthusiastic volunteers!



Under the leadership and guidance of Hans Harasimchuk and Michael Nakonachny, 25 volunteers from Allentown, Butler, Carnegie, Emlenton, Parma, Pittsburgh and Youngstown gathered at All Saints Camp from September 24th – 26th. They spent the time sharing

their skills and learning new ones in an effort to make improvements to our camp facilities and to prepare the camp for the winter.

Volunteers painted, plumbed, remodeled, built, tiled, and did other assorted tasks for hours, working as long as there was sufficient light to see what they



were doing or until the night insects made it hard to breathe and see.



Fr. John Nakonachny from Parma served the Divine Liturgy early on Sunday, allowing everyone to get back to the tasks they wanted to complete before it was time to go home.

Most sincere gratitude is extended to everyone who gave so willingly of their time and energy, with special thanks to Mrs. Chris Zimmerman who provided and prepared the most delicious meals for the workers.

LSSK Scholarship Recipients Submitted by Daria Pishko Komichak

At the 63rd Annual Ukrainian Orthodox League Convention hosted by the Junior and Senior UOL Chapters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Holy Ascension, Maplewood, New Jersey, the UOL awarded scholarships totaling \$6,100 to four Junior UOL members whose dedication to their Church and her League have distinguished them from their peers. In the thirty-five years since the LSSK Scholarship Fund was established in 1975 in memory of Lynn Sawchuk and Sharon Kuzbyt, the UOL has awarded 134 scholarships totaling over \$152,550.

Criteria considered by the Scholarship Committee include: being a current or past member of the Junior UOL; enrolled in or about to enroll in a program of advanced education; a record of outstanding performance in service to the Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Ukrainian Orthodox League; academic performance in high school; involvement in extracurricular activities and be of high ethical and moral character.

The 2010 LSSK Scholarship recipients are:

Lesia Mahlay of St. Vladimir's Junior UOL Chapter of Parma, Ohio, has served as President of her local Junior UOL Chapter and Recording Secretary of the National Board of the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League. She is a member of the choir, the Kashtan Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, a church reader, and an honors graduate of the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies. She has attended Teenage Conference, UOL Lenten Retreats, and UOL Conventions. She is an active volunteer in all of her parish's activities. Lesia has spearheaded many charitable projects including visits to St. Herman's House of Hospitality, fundraisers to benefit Zoe for Life and St. Andrew's Society, making crafts for the craft fair and Paschal Baskets for shut-ins. Her Chapter Advisor writes — "Lesia's faith is her main priority. While she is involved in many extra curricular activities, the Church always comes first." "She strives to reach out to each child [in our chapter] individually, placing value in their opinions and ideas. She will delegate tasks to even the youngest members, helping them find a sense of worth and begin developing their leadership skills."

Lesia is also actively involved in her school and community. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Ambassador's Club, Latin Club and Pre-Med Club. Her scholastic advisor writes "Lesia enjoys a reputation of being a highly motivated and inspired student who is fascinated by the course material. Lesia is a leader in the class because she fully engages herself in all class activities ... Lesia sets the bar...Lesia is an enthusiastic student whose thirst for knowledge is never quenched."

Lesia will attend Loyola University of Maryland in the Fall.

Anastasia Markiw is a member of the Sts. Peter and Paul Senior UOL Chapter of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Anastasia served as Secretary and President of her Junior UOL Chapter and has been an active member of her parish's Senior UOL Chapter for the past two years. She has been an active participant in our Church encampments, both Diocesan Church School Camp and Teenage Conference, and a delegate to numerous National UOL Conventions, in addition to attending the UOC of USA Youth Sobors in both 2004 and 2007. Anastasia is a member of the Kyiv Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, an avid pysanky writer and participant in hosting of the St. Matrona Ladies Society Annual Cookie Walk at her parish. In 2009, she conceived the idea and organized a fundraiser Zabava to benefit the Orphanages in Ukraine. Her Senior Chapter Vice President writes — "During Anastasia's Jr. UOL years, she was not just a junior chapter officer, she was very active and a very hard worker in every project of the Junior Chapter, the Parish and assisted with Senior UOL Chapter activities. . . . Anastasia's record demonstrates outstanding performance academically, a dedication and devotion to serving the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, a commitment to the Ukrainian Culture . . ." Her Spiritual Advisor writes — "[Anastasia] is generous and giving, and shares herself, her faith and culture at school with friends and community."

Anastasia was also actively involved in her schools, both in high school and college, and in her community. In addition to her involvement in her parish and the League, she is a member of the Ukrainian Technological Society, Girl

Scouts of the USA (Lifetime Member), Orthodox Christian Fellowship (Kent State University), American Institute of Architectural Students, and US Institute for Theatre Technology (University of Pittsburgh Chapter) and has also received numerous scholarships and awards.

Anastasia will begin her Junior year in the Architecture program at Kent State University in the Fall.

Darya Gapon of Holy Ascension UOL Chapter of Maplewood, New Jersey has just completed her freshman year at Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, New York. As a Junior UOL member, she served as Treasurer of her local chapter. She has attended the Diocesan Encampments, both Church School and Teenage Conference, UOL Lenten Retreats and has served as a delegate to numerous Junior UOL Conventions. She is an active member of the choir and constant volunteer for all projects at her parish, whether helping in the church kitchen, painting in their recent parish renovation project, or using her talents in art and design to create advertising for parish and chapter projects and for her chapter's sponsorship of the 63rd Annual UOL Convention. She has generously contributed her musical and artistic talents to benefit her Chapter and Parish by participating in their caroling fundraisers and St. Nicholas and Holodna Kutia dinner programs. Her Spiritual Advisor writes "There is a Ukrainian saying about children,—may they grow up "to the Glory of God and to the delight of their parents." Darka has certainly achieved this." Her Chapter Advisor writes "Even with her busy schedule [as a full time college student], she always is available to participate in any and all of our activities. . . . As a committed Orthodox Christian, her dedication to God, her parish and the UOL are exemplary."

In high school, Darya was an avid musician and participant in the marching and symphony bands as well as various vocal ensembles. Her scholastic advisor wrote "Compassion, loyalty, and sincerity are personal qualities that Darya possesses. . . . Her strong character, compassionate approach and sincerity in [dealing with a situation] earned her the respect and admiration of both her peers and the faculty at Millburn High School."

Darya will begin her sophomore year at Pratt Institute in September.



Olenka Zharsky of St. John's Junior UOL Chapter of Johnson City, New York has served as President, Vice President and Secretary of her local Junior UOL Chapter. She is a member of her church choir, Ukrainian dance group, and a volunteer for the church catering group and coat room crew.

She has attended Diocesan encampments including Church School and Teenage Conference, UOL Lenten Retreats, and UOL Conventions. She is an active volunteer in all of her parish's activities. Her Chapter Advisor writes — "[Olenka] has great ideas for social interaction with our younger youth and also takes an initiative to help out in the community. Many of our youth look up to her."

Olenka is an avid athlete and participated in her high school's athletic program. Her Scholastic Advisor writes "Olenka is an intelligent, well adjusted and confident young woman. She shows initiative and drive with every challenge. . . . She is creative and shows wisdom beyond her years."

Olenka will attend Broome County Community College in the Fall.

The LSSK Scholarship Committee would like to congratulate this year's recipients on their accomplishments and thank the UOL members, friends and chapters for their support of this worthwhile scholarship.

Please remember, donations to support the LSSK Scholarship are accepted at any time and may be forwarded to: Daria Pishko Komichak 64 Coleman Avenue Chatham, NJ 07928-2278 (973) 635-8124 dapia@aol.com

Scholarship applications for 2011 will be mailed to the Junior UOL Chapters in March 2011 or may be downloaded from the Scholarships and Recognition page of the UOL website now found at www.uol.orthodoxws.com. Completed applications are due May 31, 2011. **All former Junior UOL members entering into or enrolled in continuing education within five years of high school graduation are encouraged to apply.**

ANNUAL FUND DRIVE - 2010

PLEASE SUPPORT THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX LEAGUE'S
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- ◇ PRESERVING OUR UKRAINIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE

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DONATIONS TO UOL PROJECTS WILL BE USED FOR:

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The Junior UOL is Turning 50!

We will be celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the Junior UOL Convention at the UOL Convention in Philadelphia in 2011 - with the Reunion of all Reunions!

We are still collecting pictures for a Golden Reunion Picture Show!

We are planning a yearbook with all of the pictures we collect from UOL members and a small directory. If you were a Junior



UOL member and would like to be included in the Directory:

Please send the following information: (feel free to include or exclude any information): Name, Address, Phone, Email, What are you doing now?

You can e-mail responses as well as e-mail addresses and phone numbers of members to nsufler@aol.com or send to Natalie Bilynsky 703 Pine Ridge Road Wallingford, PA 19086.



Save the date July 27 to July 31, 2011

Thanksgiving Tithing Project 2010

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Christian Caregiving and Missions Commission of the Ukrainian Orthodox League will once again sponsor its annual Thanksgiving Tithing Project. Chapters and individual members are asked to save their receipts for all expenses that they incur for Thanksgiving Day – food, tablecloths, centerpieces – and donate 10% of the amount spent to this project.



This year, the Junior and Senior UOL National Executive Boards have chosen *Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Whaleyville, MD* to be the beneficiary of all donations received.

Whaleyville is a small town located near Ocean City, MD. Although the parish recently celebrated its 50th anniversary, the building itself is over 150 years old. It had been shut for almost 8 years because there was no priest available to serve Divine services. Currently, the parish is being served by Fr. Steven Hutnick, Fr. Mark Koczak and Fr. Gerald Ozlanski, who take turns driving to Whaleyville to serve the needs of the parishioners.

There is much work to be done around the church and parishioners are anxious to undertake the task but, in this small parish, few resources are available.

More than ever, this season of Thanksgiving is a time for us to reflect, to thank God for all the blessings that he has bestowed on each and every one of us and to reach out a helping hand to a tiny parish in Whaleyville, MD. All donations should be made out to the Ukrainian Orthodox League and sent to Financial Secretary, *Mrs. Pam Scannell, 2000 Clover Drive, Vestal, NY 13850*. One check will be presented to the parish on behalf of all our membership. We hope that you will support this worthy cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact P.M. Mary Anne Nakonachny (nackos3201@gmail.com) or Julian Burgan (julianburgan@gmail.com).

A Short Interview with Mary Siemon Submitted by Gayle Woloschak



On July 17 I had the opportunity to visit Mary Siemon at her apartment in an assisted living facility just outside Minneapolis-St. Paul. I walked in, we embraced, and it was like old times again. I sat in her living room and for several hours we remembered the past, and I updated her on the present. She told me about the loss of her twin daughter Beth a few years ago from cancer, the visits by her daughter Mari who is living in Seattle with her husband and two grown sons, and the many losses

in her life since I saw her last. Many will remember that Mary was active in the Church and particularly the UOL over the years serving on the National Executive Board as First and Second Vice-President, UOL Bulletin Editor, and Secretary for well over 10 years. Along with her husband Dr. Sam Siemon (who passed away in the 1980's) who also served on the UOL Executive Board, Mary accomplished a great deal for the UOL. Here's the interview:

Gayle Woloschak (GEW): Mary, would you be willing to grant me a short interview for the UOL Bulletin so I can tell your friends what you have been up to in recent years?

Mary Siemon (MS): I would be really honored (she grins). I miss so many of my UOL friends...please be sure to tell them all I think of them often and have such fond memories of them all.

GEW: How have you been in these recent years?

MS: I am now 91 years old, and I guess I'm doing pretty good for an old-timer. I can still walk around with the help of a walker. I think the biggest problem is that the diabetes has affected my eyesight and I just can't read any more. I have it in my heart to write a history of the UOL, but I just can't see to do it. These young people today need to know about the many things we accomplished. There were so many ideas, so many new projects to do, such influence the UOL had on the Church. I wish I could document it all.

GEW: What would you say was the most important thing that the UOL accomplished in its years?

MS: I spent much of my life fighting for the use of English in Church and for the engagement of young people in Church activities. The UOL was active in both of these areas. With the camp and conventions, there were always young people around ready to be involved. If I could speak to the members of the UOL today I would tell them to continue to keep the young people involved and to make this the most important goal.

GEW: What is your fondest memory of your UOL days?

MS: It has to be the conventions. Getting together every year with all the friends I made there. I guess the best fun was going to the dances and then meeting in rooms afterward to sing all night and talk. The fellowship was the most important and it is what I miss most.

GEW: What message should I pass on to all your UOL friends who have told me to say hi to you when I see you?

MS: Tell them that I miss them, that I think of them often, and that they are blessed for their continued work for the UOL and the Church.

GEW: Thanks, Mary. I'll pass on the message.

Mary can't really read any more, but if you would like to visit or to have a message passed on, please email me at g-woloschak@northwestern.edu. I'm hoping to get back to Minneapolis.

Membership and Chapter Development Submitted by Pam Scannell

At our first NEB meeting on October 2, 2010 in Northampton, PA we continued our discussion on the 2020 Vision of the UOL of the USA. This discussion started at the convention held in Maplewood, NJ this past summer. The process we took, by breaking into small groups and brainstorming about our strengths and weaknesses, led us to think about:

- Where do we want to be in the year 2020?
- What is the UOL's 10-year plan to get there?

After reviewing the suggestions from our convention activities of stating UOL strengths and weaknesses, the main themes that continued throughout most groups regarding Membership and Chapter Development were to:

1. Have clergy support for the UOL in each parish
2. Have a UOL Chapter in each parish
3. Triple attendance at conventions

We are now asking all of you for any ideas you may have to reach these goals regarding Membership and Chapter Development. Meet with your chapters and hold a brainstorming session and send all your thoughts and ideas to Pam Scannell, Membership and Chapter Development Chair. All ideas can be emailed to wscannell@stny.rr.com. Thank you for taking the time during your meetings or sending in your individual ideas to help us reach our goals.

(Family Fest -Continued from page 1) Dinner was huge with lots to enjoy. A special treat for all was Genia's wonderful apple cobbler.



That evening many attended a question and answer session with Mike Kapeluck in the St. Thomas Chapel. Sunday night at Family Fest saw the biggest and best bingo ever, with nearly 50

people participating in a marathon bingo event. Sunday night games continued late into the night, with Pictionary, Uno, and dominoes. There were games for everyone.



Monday morning everyone joined for morning prayers at St. Thomas Chapel and came to the dining hall for breakfast. There was time to clean up and say goodbyes before our journeys home. Pani Matka Nakonachny did a wonderful job planning another great Family Fest Weekend. Thank you to her for all of her hard work. The weekend was fantastic!



Junior UOL Fundraising Submitted by Nick Holowko

For the upcoming year, the Jr. National Executive Board has many great new and creative ideas for fundraising. At our recent past meeting the first weekend of October, we decided to pursue raising money through a few new efforts that include:

- An Application on the iTunes store containing prayers and recordings
- Putting the All Saints Camp CD on the iTunes store
- Possibly creating a prayer book to be available on Kindle and/or iBooks
- Matching donations

In addition to this, we would like to encourage all individual Jr. UOL chapters to continue raising money on their own. At the 2010 Convention in Maplewood, NJ, the Fundraising Committee came up with a list of ways that chapters could raise funds, which we specially intend to contribute toward the Monastery Fund and the All Saints Camp S.O.S. Project (we have pledged to sponsor the millennium building). This list includes:

- Chinese auctions and 50/50 raffles
- Bake sales, cookie walks, and all other food sales
- Caroling
- Rummage Sales
- UOL merchandise sales
- Breakfasts, Lunches, Dinners, Coffee Hours

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**St. Vladimir Senior and Junior UOL Chapters
Philadelphia, PA
Submitted by Jim Sawchuk**



September and October have been busy months for our Senior and Junior UOL Chapters in hosting and assisting in various Chapter and St. Vladimir Cathedral functions and fundraisers.

On Sunday, September 17th, Protopriest Taras Naumenko became Dean of our Cathedral and served his first Divine Liturgy. Coinciding with our 84th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Vladimir The Great and following the Veneration of the Cross, all in attendance were invited to commemorate these two special events at a delicious luncheon, which was blessed by Father Taras. It was prepared and served, in our Cathedral Hall, by fellow parishioners and Senior

and Junior UOL Chapter members.

On Sunday, October 3rd, St. Vladimir's held the 2010 Basket Raffle in our Cathedral Hall. Now in its 8th year, this annual fundraiser is co-chaired by Senior Chapter and Cathedral Board members Andrea Swan and Dori Nemeth. Many of St. Vladimir's Senior and Junior Chapter members, along with fellow parishioners and friends, worked throughout the year to make this a successful event. They donated their time and talents from the early planning stages to Sunday's final presentation.



With over 170 people in attendance, including Chapter members, parishioners and neighbors from our community, this year's event was a great success. One hundred themed baskets along with gift cards, door prizes, gift certificates, ten grand prizes and one grand-grand prize were raffled off. Many Chapter members, parishioners, friends and local businesses graciously donated wonderful gift



baskets, other prizes and/or made cash donations. Senior Chapter member DJ Al Shinn was the M.C.

St. Vladimir's Annual Basket Raffle has truly become a "fun" tradition. It has also grown to serve as one of

the two primary yearly fundraisers at our Cathedral. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated, worked at and attended this year's event and look forward to your continued support. We hope to see everyone again next year at the 9th Annual Basket Raffle - 2011 !

St. Vladimir Senior and Junior Chapters are continuing the arrangements for hosting the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, July 27 - 31, 2011. Our hope for this anniversary/reunion event is to get both representation from all 50 Junior UOL Boards and prior Junior UOL members to attend our convention in Philadelphia. We are planning special events and are currently collecting names and addresses, pictures, e-mail addresses, etc. for this reunion. If you would like to assist us in these plans, have pictures or just want to be sure you are on the mailing list, please contact: Natalie Bilynsky, 703 Pine Ridge Road, Wallingford, PA 19086, e-mail: nsufler@aol.com.

Our up-coming Chapter sponsored events include: Christmas Caroling to our shut-in parishioners - Sunday, January 9, 2011; Theophany Eve Dinner - prepared by Chapter members Vera Sufler and Natalie Bilynsky - Tuesday, January 18, 2011; Theophany Ice Cross Blessing and Breakfast - Sunday, January 23, 2011; Malanka - Saturday, January 29, 2011. For those of you who haven't yet made your plans, the Philly Malanka is a great event ! We hope to see you there !

Don't forget you can always get further information and up-dates on the 64th Annual UOL Convention and 50th Anniversary of the Junior UOL, hosted by our Senior and Junior Chapters: July 27 - 31, 2011, by visiting our UOL website: www.uol.orthodoxws.com and St. Vladimir's website: www.stvladimirspihila.org.

**News from St. John the Baptist SR UOL
Submitted by Pam Scannell**

Our SR Chapter got off to a great start at our first meeting following the convention in Maplewood, NJ. Several of our members attended the convention and would like to thank the members of the Maplewood SR and JR UOL and their parish family for an inspiring and spiritual experience.

We have decided to help the SOS Campaign for All Saints Camp by sponsoring a cabin financially for its needed repairs. Colleen Scannell has agreed to chair this endeavor and has already started by organizing a fundraiser through a local department store. The sale of coupon books will benefit our efforts.

We try to support our parish by volunteering our time and energies to improve something around us, and this year we are jointly helping our church grounds committee with their work party at the end of October. At the same time we are going to also clean out the storage space above our church hall and reorganize its belongings. This will be a full day of hard work and a great reward when the day is done. Thank you to all our members who so willingly spent their day toiling or helping with the organization of efforts and food.

**LSSK Donations - Submitted by Daria Pishko Komichak
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Looking to see if anyone inadvertently picked up a movie camera and a digital camera from Holy Ascension on August 1 (after the farewell brunch). The owners of the camera are desperately searching to retrieve the camera and movie camera. If you have any information please contact Lynn Gulak at tagdayz@aol.com.

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