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From the President's Desk

First and foremost, I would like to apologize to the members of the New York City Chapter for the fact that the November/December 2004 issue of the Chapter newsletter was never published and that this issue is slightly late. I had originally planned to delay the November/December issue so that I could include a write-up on the annual Yalynka. However, various events, which included a terminal computer problem, conspired against my plans.

The entire situation raises two very important points that the membership should always keep in mind. First of all, always make backup copies of any electronic data that you're not willing to lose. It's something we always hear, but something we sometimes fail to follow due to a lack of time or energy.

Next, it illustrates the need for the Society to continually bring in members who are willing to place some effort into the Society's various projects. The scheduling conflicts of one person shouldn't grind things to a halt.

We're fortunate that our Chapter currently has a board that is productive and dedicated. Thanks to them I think the Chapter has done a terrific job in expanding its member services.

As members, however, we must be aware that personal and professional issues can always conspire to limit the amount of time a current Board member has to volunteer to the Society. As such, we should all work hard to recruit new members and to seek out people who are willing to donate their time and expertise to the good of the Society.

Next, the National Board has recently sent out dues notices for the 2005 calendar year. As of mid January, approximately 28 of the 84 active New York

City Chapter members have failed to pay their 2004 membership dues. Please be aware that failure to respond to the most recent dues notice will result in the change of your membership status to "inactive" and the termination of all UESA mailings.

As a rule of thumb, dues notices are issued by the National Board at the beginning of the calendar year. Second notices are issued mid-year to those that have not responded to the request for payment by that point in time. In general, if you do not receive a dues notice by Spring time, then it is safe to assume that a problem exists and that you should contact the National Board.

I'd also like to note that the problem does not always lie with the Post Office. Over the past year the National Board has been developing a new computerized database which stores membership information including, but not limited to, a member's mailing address, their status, and their dues payments.

There have been several instances where members have received incorrect notices. We apologize for these instances and ask for your repeated patience. As we develop the system, we're adding rules and guidelines which will validate all entered information.

Until next time.....

Marco Shmerykowsky, PE
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2004 New York City Yalynka

As in years past, the New York City Chapter of the Ukrainian Engineers' Society of America, together with the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America and the Ukrainian Institute of America, held the annual New York City "Yalynka." The event took place on Saturday December 15th in the Ukrainian

Institute of America.



Yalynka guests enjoying the evening

The evening began with warm greetings provided by UESA New York City Board member Ivan Durbak. This was followed by a short description of the traditional Ukrainian Yalynka and poetry recitals by Orest, Maria and Olenka Kebalo. Upon conclusion of the recital, the children in the audience were invited to come up to the Yalynka to place ornaments on the tree.



Orest, Maria and Olenka Kebalo

The main portion of the program then followed with music and signing performed by the duet of Alla Kutsevych and Sergei Dushankivsky. Both Ms. Kutsevych and Mr. Dushankivsky had performed and the previous New York City Yalynka to rave reviews.

Ms. Kutsevych and Mr. Dushankivsky were also joined by the young duet of Lida and Gabriella Oros who have been seen entertaining the Ukrainian community at such events as the annual New York City 7th Street Festival.



Alla Kutsevych and Sergei Dushankivsky (center) and Lida and Gabriella Oros

After about an hours, the first act was concluded and the guests were invited to enjoy the hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

The food was once again catered by Mr. Wasyl Krawec of the Yonkers Miasarnia. Mr. Krawec has been preparing his excellent and varied menu for various New York City UESA Chapter events for many years. As always, his feast was greatly enjoyed by all in attendance.



Annual Yalynka Feast

After a short intermission period, the musical duets returned to provided additional entertainment. This was preceded by welcoming remarks by UESA's National President, Mr. Andrij Wowk. In addition to his welcoming remarks, Mr. Wowk outlined some of the future events and plans which UESA is making as it continues its push to revitalize and grow.

As the night continued, the Ukrainian Institute's hall continued to fill up as professionals, young and old, arrived together with their family and friends. New friendships and connections were made and old ones were reinvigorated.

As always, the die-hard Yalynka attendees had such a good time that it was nearly impossible to convince them that this year's event had to come to an end. On the bright side, however, the next UESA event is never too far away.



Yalynka Bartenders
Marco Shmerykowsky and Adrian Berezowsky



Mr. Kotlarchuk and John Shmerykowsky, PE



UESA NYC Chapter Members
Myrosia Hankewycz, PE and Tymish Hankewycz



UESA NYC Board Members
Marco Shmerykowsky, PE and Wasyl Kinach, PE

2005 New York Metro Malanka

Once upon a time the New York City Chapter used to hold a grand black tie ball in mid-winter. Debutantes were presented. Crowds of revelers were large. It was quite simply one of the corner stones of the New York Metro Ukrainian community's social calendar.

Over time as the community changed, different debutante balls entered the picture. Today we have the Chervona Kalyna Ball, the Plast Newark Debutante Ball and the CYM Debutante Ball.

As the NYC Board surveyed the calendar, we began to wonder if there was room for the revival of UESA's event. After careful consideration, the Board decided that it would pursue the re-establishment of the Engineers' Malanka event to celebrate the New Year.

The first "renewed" Malanka took place at the Ramada Inn in East Hanover, New Jersey on January 15th, 2005. The evening began with a short cocktail hour where guests could mingle and exchanged greeting and best wishes for the coming New Year. Guests were also able to view a video tape, made by Damian Kolodij, of the demonstrations

and events at the Kyiv Maidan. The video showed Yulia Tymoshenko and others galvanizing and encouraging the thousands of protestors that had gathered on the Maidan.

After the cocktail hour, New York City Board member Ivan Durbak opened the evening program and welcomed all the guests on behalf of the organizing UESA Chapters.

This was proceeded by an invocation by former UESA president, Fr. George Bazylevsky. Upon conclusion of the invocation, Fr. Bazylevsky provided some kind words about the direction of UESA's revitalization and the revival of an event such as the Malanka.

National UESA president Andrij Wowk was the next to speak. He also provided encouraging words and thanks for the revival of the Malanka.

Upon the conclusion of remarks, the organizers decided to take some time to honor the historic events in Ukraine. First, a poem was recited by Anna Anorichin. This poem was dedicated to the Orange Revolution and the blossoming of Ukrainian Democracy.

Finally, Dr. Jurij Savyckyj showed a video of the recent dramatic events. Dr. Savyckyj had recently visited Kyiv and served as an international election monitor in Dontesk. He described the election process, the measures taken to reduce the abuses and falsifications which occurred in the earlier rounds of voting, and also provided a psychological perspective of the Ukrainian people persevering through these difficult and challenging times.

Once all of the remarks were concluded, the New Year's festivities began in earnest. The music was provided by the orchestra "Chornozem." As some of you may note, Chornozem has provided music for other past UESA events such as the Post Labor-Day / Fall Zabava and the 'tovarska zustrich' held at Soyuzivka this past Labor Day weekend.



The Orchestra Chornozem

The music and dancing continued to early in the morning. Along the way, the guests were also entertained by a short kolomeyka provided by some of the members of the Syzokryli Dance Ensemble.

In general, it appears that everyone was very satisfied with the overall event. Several people had commented on positive reflection which the revival of this event had on both the organizing chapters and UESA as whole.

The New York City Chapter is fully committed to ensuring the success and long term viability of this event. In the future, once the National Board has formally incorporated the *UESA Charitable Fund*, the chapter hopes to use this event to raise funds for projects such as the scholarship program. Additionally, we are always eager to hear comments and suggestion from our members and their guests which will aid us in continually improving this event.



Table of UESA Presidents including Fr. George Bazylevsky, Dr. Lew Dobrjansky, and Mr. Andrij Wowk.



Malanka guests dancing to the music of Chornozem



Malanka guests posing for the camera with UESA NYC Board member Adrian Berezowsky



UESA Member Wasył Liteplo and UESA NYC Board Member Adrian Berezowsky



UESA NYC members and guests enjoying the festivities



UESA NYC members Myrosia and Tymish Hankewycz with family and friends



Members of the Syzokryli Dance Ensemble performing during the Kolomeyka

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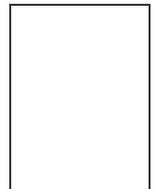
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