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**TWG CULTURAL FUND
SEEKS UNIQUE ITEMS
FOR SILENT AUCTION**

To add a new twist to the festivities of the TWG Leadership Conference and the Joint Conferences of Ukrainian American Organizations being held in Washington, DC, June 23-27, 1999, The Washington Group's Cultural Fund is organizing a silent auction. The auction will be conducted during the Saturday evening gala, and will provide a great opportunity for conference participants to acquire unique items of many types. Proceeds will benefit the organizations sponsoring the Conference.

At this time, the Cultural Fund is asking for donations of items, services, and the like for the auction. The possibilities are endless. Just as an example, artistically inclined individuals are encouraged to donate personally created or acquired art works; business
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TWG re-elects Deychakiwsky team



The 1999 TWG Board of Directors: (seated l-r) Ihor Kotlarchuk, Natalie Sluzar, Oleg Jerschowsky, Laryssa Obeschuk (events); (standing l-r) Steve Boyduy, Maria Kulczycky, Laryssa Chopivsky (Cultural Fund director), Michael Drabyk (secretary), Orest Deychakiwsky (president), Adrian Pidlusky (membership), Tanya Stasiuk (vice president) Ihor Procinsky, Anya Silecky, George Masiuk, Roman Stelmach (treasurer), and Marta Zielyk. (See complete Board list on Page 2.)

At its annual meeting in Washington March 26, the Washington Group re-elected Orest Deychakiwsky as its president as well as his 1998 Board of Directors team.

The only change was the addition of Larysa Obleshchuk as Events Director and Oles Berezhny as Special Projects

Director. The vote, on the single slate presented to the meeting, was unanimous. (See the complete Board list on Page 2.)

In his report (Page 3), Mr. Deychakiwsky noted that TWG continued to stage "high quality and varied events which were well-attended," that TWG's financial

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New Members

- **Sviatoslav Andriyash**, Washington DC, Theology Student, Washington Theological Union.
- **Anatol Cebotaru**, Baltimore MD, Student, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University.
- **Victor Litkewycz**, Alexandria VA, Chef, Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington DC.
- **Andriy V. Liubych**, Somerville MA, Public Policy & Finance Student, John F. Kennedy School of Gov't., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- **Anna Makhorkina**, Norfolk VA, M.A. Student, International Studies, Old Dominion University.
- **Francis McFaul**, Washington DC, Systems Analyst, Signal Corporation, Washington DC.
- **Anatoli W. Murha**, Livonia MI, Communications / Public Relations Student, University of Michigan.
- **Alla Nayman**, Baltimore MD, International Relations Student, Johns Hopkins University - SAIS.
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- **Herman Pirchner, Jr.**, American Foreign Policy Council, Washington DC.
- **Stefan O. Popowicz**, Towson MD, Restaurant Manager, Romano's Macaroni Grill, Columbia MD.
- **Natalia Pryhoda**, Chicago IL, MBA Student, Loyola University - Chicago.
- **Fedir I. Shopsky**, Boothwyn PA, Marketing Management Student, Delaware Technical & Comm. College.
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- **Tatiana Yurievna Timchenko**, Falls Church VA, Student, Common Law Studies, Georgetown Univ. Law Center, Washington DC.



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June 1998 – March 1999

The last 10 months have continued to be good for TWG. We have continued to stage high quality and varied events which were well-attended. Our financial situation is solid. Membership continues to be at historically high levels. We enjoy good relations with governmental and non-governmental entities. Importantly, TWG's infrastructure has been enhanced, including through the creation of a website.

Events

Our events can be divided into three broad categories: political, cultural, and social. A conscious attempt was made to provide events that would appeal to TWG members' varied interests.

- On June 26, TWG and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) hosted an evening with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Steven Pifer at IREX. A reception followed the formal presentation.

- On July 10, TWG sponsored a well-attended Happy Hour at the Washington Hotel.

- On July 18, TWG members attended a National Symphony Concert at Wolf Trap.

- On August 23, TWG, together with the Baltimore Selfreliance Credit Union, sponsored the annual Ukrainian Independence Day picnic.

- Also in August, a Happy Hour was held at the home of TWG Member Vera Osidach in Maryland. The following day, TWG members went kayaking and canoeing at an enjoyable TWG sponsored outing to Annapolis.

- On September 21, TWG, in cooperation with the Kennan Institute, hosted an evening at the Ukrainian Embassy with Oleksander Rodniansky, general director of Studio 1+1, one of Ukraine's largest and most innovative independent TV broadcast companies, and Ilko Kucheriv, director of the Democratic Initiatives Foundation in Kyiv.

- On October 19, TWG, in cooperation with the Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS), sponsored a forum at SAIS on U.S.-Ukrainian relations with Ambassador Stephen R. Sestanovich, ambassador-at-large and special advisor to the Secretary of State on the NIS. A reception followed the formal presentation.

- On October 25, TWG joined other Washington area Ukrainian organizations in sponsoring a farewell banquet for departing Ambassador of Ukraine Yuri Shcherbak at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Two days earlier, TWG assisted in a farewell at the Ukrainian Embassy for departing community liaison Vasyl Zorya.

- On November 5, TWG cooperated with the Washing-

ton Chapter of the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) to hold an evening forum with Dr. Richard Casuccio, president of the Virginia chapter of Interplast, on a recent medical mission to Zaporizhzhya.

- On November 20, TWG hosted a Happy Hour at Buffalo Billiard's and on December 18, at Tavern on the Hill.

- On February 13, TWG held a Valentine's Day party at Old Europe restaurant in Georgetown.

The TWG Cultural Fund organized a number of high quality, successful events, including an art exhibit, and two chamber musical concerts, featuring the Kyiv Camerata, and the Leontovich String Quartet, details of which will be presented in the Cultural Fund report.

In addition, as President, I attended a number of events outside the Washington area, including the New York/New Jersey Ps and Bs focusing on the future of the community (October). Twice I traveled to Delaware for meetings concerning the upcoming June Joint Conferences of Ukrainian-American organizations (December, February). Indeed, a considerable amount of my time and effort has been spent on working on this truly ambitious undertaking which will involve numerous Ukrainian-American organizations, and planning is proceeding on track.

- On February 26, I participated in a well-attended conference in Chicago on the future of the Ukrainian-American community. I devoted a considerable portion of my remarks on describing TWG and the ingredients for our success.

In addition, either alone or together with other Ukrainian-American heads of organizations, I periodically met with various State Department officials on issues relating to U.S.-Ukrainian relations, including the recent certification to avoid substantial cuts in U.S. assistance issue.

Other Activities /Infrastructure:

In addition to the above events, the TWG Fellowship Fund last year awarded a stipend to Taras Seriy to serve as an intern at the Embassy of Ukraine. The full Fellowship Fund report will be presented later.

TWG News Editor Yaro Bihun continued to keep us informed about TWG events and about other TWG members.

TWG Members will shortly be receiving a new TWG Membership Directory, due to the diligent efforts of Mike Drabyk, Yaro Bihun and Adrian Pidlusky. And, due to the efforts of Marta Zielyk, we now have four Corporate Sponsors. They are: Ukrainian Selfreliance FCU in Phila-

(See *President*, page 4)

Financial Report

1/1/98 to 12/31/98

INCOME		Office Supplies	851.91
Leadership Conference 1997	510.00	Programs	5135.79
Scholarship Fund	2650.00	TOTAL EXPENSES	14475.99
TWG Directory ad revenue	150.00	NET ORDINARY INCOME	1054.01
TWG News ad revenue	720.00	OTHER INCOME	
Contributions	200.00	Interest income	964.26
Membership dues	8820.00	NET INCOME	2018.27
Program fees	2480.00		
TOTAL INCOME	15530.00		
EXPENSES		BALANCE SHEET	
Annual Meeting	501.86	Assets	
Leadership Conference 1997	1349.47	CRESTAR Bank NA	2650.46
Scholarship Fund	2550.00	SELFRELIANCE Baltimore FCU	25119.35
Bank Service Charges	246.62	Total Current Assets	27769.81
Licenses and permits	50.00	Liabilities & Equity	
Postage	790.69	Net Income	2018.27
Printing	2977.83	Opening Bal Equity	25751.54
Telephone	21.82	Total Liabilities & Equity	27769.81

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delphia, SelfReliance (NY) Federal Credit Union, Rochester Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, Selfreliance Ukrainian FCU in Chicago. A full Membership Report will be presented later.

A new TWG brochure, thanks to Anya Silecky and Tanya Stasiuk, is now in the printers and will be available within a week or two.

Finally, an essential component in strengthening TWG's infrastructure was the creation of the TWG website—www.TheWashingtonGroup.org, thanks to the tireless efforts of Steve Boyduy, who created and maintains the Website.

TWG continues to be a strong, viable organization. I think the one of the principle reasons for this is that we have a Board of Directors in which most are active, and not just one or two people shouldering the entire burden, as is all too often the case in Ukrainian-American organizations. In short, I believe we have a good team! A big thanks to all, and also to those Members who have helped out at various events. In addition to those Board Members I have men-

tioned above, I would like to acknowledge Vice-President Tanya Stasiuk, Treasurer Roman Stelmach, Membership Director Adrian Pidlusky, TWG Cultural Fund Director Laryssa Chopivsky and other members of the Cultural Fund, and single out Mike Drabyk, our Secretary and keeper of the all-important data base, for his truly extraordinary efforts on behalf of TWG over the last year. Thanks as well to Nick Babiak and his sons for ensuring the TWG mailings go out in a timely manner!

I would also like to thank the Ukrainian Credit Unions mentioned above for their generous support of TWG, as well as to those who have contributed to the TWG Fellowship and Cultural Funds. I would also like to thank a generous TWG Member for funding 40 student memberships, of which 32 have been filled.

Finally, I hope that all of you will continue to not only support TWG and activities and attending our events, but also consider becoming more involved and active. Please remember that TWG belongs to all of us, not just the Board of Directors!

Thank you.

Orest Deychakiwsky



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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Adrian Pidlusky

Introduction

TWG is pleased to announce that its membership stands at an historically high level of 405 members as of this date. In addition, we have introduced a new category of membership, Corporate Member, that through the efforts of Marta Zielyk has brought an additional 4 members and \$3,500 in revenues.

Breakdown: The numbers break down as follows:

1999 and 1998 TWG Membership by Category

Category	1999	% of tot	% gain	1998	% of tot
Full	172	42%	-9%	188	45.3%
Associate	164	40%	-13%	185	44.6%
Student	58	14%	71%	34	8%
Honorary	8	2%	0%	8	2%
Corporate	4	1%	NA	NA	NA
Total	406	100%*	-2%	415	100%*

* percentages do not equal due to rounding

New Membership breakdown

	1999	% of tot	1998	% of tot
New members since 98 and 97 TWG annual meetings	77	19%	90	22%
Ex-TWG members who rejoined in the same period	34	8%*	48	13%*
Sub Total	111	27%	138	33%
Membership as of 1998 and 1997 Annual Meetings	415		366	
1999 and 1998 Membership	406		415	
Net gain	-9	-2%	49	13%

* % of previous year's total

• Analysis of Membership Breakdown

As seen by our tables, Full and Associate Memberships have fallen in real terms. Student memberships are up, however. Honorary Memberships are stable, and the new category of Corporate Membership adds to our membership.

One must view these numbers liberally. TWG membership has hovered around 400, give or take about 20, since October 1997 when it first surpassed this mark. There will be 419 members listed in the 1999 upcoming directory as this was the number last month. This is also only 3% less than last year, when there were 430 members in the directory.

Despite the fact that we did not have a local conference this year, membership has only fallen by 2% from 415 to 406 since the last annual meeting in May 1998. This is still 11% higher than our membership two years ago, at 366. The Board is in agreement that we are standing at historically high levels, and the numbers are impressive. We are also gaining new members at a faster rate, though retention is down. Many new and old members typically join TWG

following the annual Leadership Conference. Membership typically rises by 5% after these events, which would give us 426 members.

This year, as usual, many joined during the campaign that culminated in the publication of the annual TWG Directory. This year's effort raised roughly \$7,500 in revenue not including Corporate Members, — that amounts to a 88% rise in revenue over the \$4,000 collected last year. Other sources of new members include our TWG websites, word-of-mouth recruiting among members, as well as sign up sheets at various events throughout the year. Each is of equal value.

TWG is pleased to welcome our four new Corporate Members. We say "Vitayemo" to the Rochester Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, the Self Reliance (NY) Federal Credit Union, and the Ukrainian Selfreliance Federal Credit Union in Philadelphia as Corporate Benefactors, as well as the Selfreliance Ukrainian Federal Credit Union in Chi-

cago as a Corporate Friend." Our three classes of Corporate Membership are Benefactor at \$1000, Patron, \$750, and Friend at \$500. In return we offer them different levels of advertising and invitations to events (see handout).

A positive note is that **Student Memberships continue to rise.** Student Memberships have risen 71% this year — from 34 to 58 members. This was a major focus of our membership drive this year. As usual, we have received a several donations by TWG members to fund student memberships. One anonymous TWG member has funded 40 one-year new student memberships this year. Student members are an important part of our future if TWG is to remain active and energetic, and we must continue our efforts to recruit in this highly promising resource pool. **I remind everyone that we still have 4 free one year student memberships open.**

Regional Breakdown

TWG Members are found not just in the DC area, but also all over the world, including Ukraine Western Europe, Canada, and Australia. Membership by region breaks down as follows:

(See *Membership*, page 9)

The Washington Group 1999 Leadership Conference "At the Threshold"

June 25-27, 1999
Hyatt Regency Crystal City

As part of the Joint Conference of Ukrainian American Organizations, TWG Conference sessions will examine specific subjects within the overall political, strategic, humanitarian, economic and technical environment in Ukraine, with a focus on the U.S.-Ukrainian relationship. The five sessions, to be held Saturday June 26, are:

Saturday, June 26, 1999

8:45 a.m. **Orest Deychakiwsky, President**

9:00 a.m. **U.S.-UKRAINE MILITARY COOPERATION**

Colonel Ihor O.E. Kotlarchuk USAR (Ret.) Judge Advocate General's Corps
Colonel Askold D. Mosijczuk, US Army Medical Corps
Yurij Holowinsky, PhD, Science Applications International Corporation;
Senior Representative from Defense Department (invited)
Representative of Ukrainian government (invited).

10:30 a.m. **UKRAINE'S ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL SPACE PROGRAMS:**

The International Space Station, Research, and Human Space Flight Programs
Dr. Michael Yarymovich, President, International Academy of Astronautics
Prof. Yaroslav Yatskiv, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine
Prof. Roald Sageev, Director, East-West Space Science Center, University of Maryland
Senior NASA official (invited)
JOINT SESSION WITH THE UKRAINIAN ENGINEERS SOCIETY OF AMERICA

12 noon **UKRAINE ON THE EVE OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS**

Nadia Diuk, National Endowment for Democracy
Ambassador William Miller, former US Ambassador to Ukraine
Sherman Garnett, Carnegie Endowment
John Tedstrom, National Security Council.

1:00 p.m. **LUNCH** (Joint)

2:30 p.m. **U.S.-UKRAINE BUSINESS COOPERATION**

Nick Deychakiwsky, Eurasia foundation
Markian Silecky, Silecky Firm
Representative of Inurcolegia
Representative of Ukrainian government (invited)
JOINT SESSION WITH THE UKRAINIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

4:00 p.m. **TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN FROM UKRAINE**

Anita Botti, U.S. Department of State
Irene Kurowyckyj, Ukrainian National Women's League of America
Walter Zalisko, Jersey City Police Department
Representative of anti-trafficking NGO
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**(See separately mailed Joint Conference of Ukrainian American Organizations program for details
on other conferences and joint events)**

Conference Registration

Join TWG and Register by May 15 and save up to \$65 on the TWG Conference Package Deal!

Your TWG conference registration fee includes the cost of the conference handouts and coffee breaks. TWG package deal includes TWG conference registration, evening reception at the State Department on Friday, June 25; Saturday luncheon; Saturday Gala Banquet and Ball featuring two bands and special guest speaker; Brunch and Cultural event on Sunday, June 27.

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Family Members: _____ (include dates of birth for anyone requesting State Department reception)

Address: _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

	Up to May 15	After May 15
TWG Conference Panel Sessions only:		
Member	\$40	\$45
Non-Member	\$65	\$70
State Department reception	\$25	\$30
Saturday luncheon	\$30	\$35
Gala Banquet/Ball	\$80/person \$150/couple	\$100/person \$180/couple
Sunday Brunch/Cultural Event	\$30	\$35
Thursday Congressional reception	\$25	\$30

TWG package deal (TWG Conference Registration plus following Joint Events: State Department reception, Saturday luncheon, Saturday eve Gala/Ball, Sunday brunch/cultural event)

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Membership...(continued from Page 6)

Membership by Region

Region:	1999	% tot	1998	% tot
Maryland	82	20%	80	19%
Virginia	78	19%	90	22%
Washington, DC	54	13%	48	12%
Elsewhere, UU & Foreign	192	47%	197	47%
Total	406	100%*	415	100%

* percentages do not equal 100 due to rounding

Current System

The current system of membership maintenance like this. Referrals of potential new members come to me from various sources. I then send these individuals our latest copy of *TWG News* with membership application, and a letter explaining the benefits of TWG. (Soon instead we will be sending our new **TWG Brochure** thanks to the efforts of Anya Silecky.) Then, the prospective member hopefully returns the filled-out application to our mailbox address with a check, or he or she can call to sign on with a Visa credit card. TWG secretary Mike Drabek receives the application, enters the new member into the database, sends the payment to TWG Treasurer Roman Stelmach, and one of us sends the new member a welcome letter and Membership Directory. Those individuals who do not sign on for membership stay on our mailing list. Soon I will have access to the database due to a computer donated by the same donor who funded the 40 one year student memberships. We have almost 1,200 valid addresses on our database, about 580 of which are in the area. This means each post card mailing we send costs approximately \$115.

Methods of membership acquisition and retention

Memberships expire throughout the year. For simplicity and efficiency, we have sent out letters urging membership or renewal to our entire database a few months prior to our target date for publication of the new Membership Directory.

Thanks

TWG's retention of high membership levels is a team effort. I would like to take a moment to thank Orest Deychakiwsky, Steve Boyduy, Laryssa Chopivsky, Roman Stelmach, and Tanya Stasiuk. **Most especially, I would like to thank current Secretary and former Membership Director Mike Drabek for all his significant help and support.** For those not mentioned here, it doesn't mean we have overlooked you. We appreciate your help and assistance, and hope it will continue.

How you can help

Each TWG members is responsible for spreading the word. All we need is an address to place someone on our mailing list and send an application. Mention our Membership Directory, our lobby efforts with U.S. policymakers, cultural and social events, Embassy internship funding, website, etc. We are among the most inclusive of Ukrainian organizations. The new immigrants are a growing pool. There are too many Ukrainians living in the area who are not members. In addition, the more and the bigger the events we have, the more we get our name out and acquire membership. I encourage everyone to take initiative this. Anybody can do this stuff. We are here to help. Working together we can do more to become a highly effective and regarded institution. Thank you for your attention.

Adrian B. Pidlusky, Director



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invites you to a

Spring Fling

When: Saturday, May 22, 1999, 7:00 p.m. to ??

Where: 1428 Longfellow St., NW Washington, DC (16th and Longfellow)

The occasion will also honor the graduation of 4 TWG student members:

Adrian Pidlusky, Luba Shara, Yaroslav Voloshin, and Larisa Vovk.

All are welcome to bring their favorite beverage. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call Jim Fedorko at (202) 782-7312 or Adrian Pidlusky at (202) 667-1831

CULTURAL FUND REPORT

Laryssa Chopivsky

In 1998, The Washington Group Cultural Fund continued its work to promote Ukrainian culture in the Washington area. The Cultural Fund sponsored several events: a concert featuring the Kyiv Camerata under the direction of Virko Baley, with pianist Mykola Suk, performing works by Beethoven, Karabyts, Prokofiev, Silvestrov, Stankovych and Tchaikovsky at the Dumbarton United Methodist Church; an exhibit by Ukrainian French artist Volodymyr Makarenko, who showed his richly colored surrealist paintings at the Alla Rogers Gallery in Georgetown, cosponsored with the Alla Rogers Gallery; and Myroslav Skoryk's 60th Anniversary Concert, featuring the works of Myroslav Skoryk performed by Maestro Skoryk, the Leontovych String Quartet and pianist Volodymyr Vynnytsky at the Dumbarton United Methodist Church, in Georgetown. The art show and both concerts were well attended, the Kyiv Camerata receiving a very favorable review in The Washington Post under the heading, From Kiev, a Camerata With Class.

The Cultural Fund is continuing to work on several long range projects which include a group show of Ukrainian women artists at The National Museum of Women in the Arts, an exhibit of miniatures from the Pecherska Lavra in Kyiv and recommendation of Ukrai-

nian films for the annual Filmfest DC. Our recommendation, A Friend of the Deceased, directed by Vyacheslav Krishtofovich, was shown at the Filmfest DC1998.

All members of the Cultural Fund Committee deserve recognition for their dedication, support and hard work. They are Teresa Ben, Yaro Bihun, Katya Bowers, Nadia Diuk, Larysa Kurylas, Stefan Maksymjuk, Rosalie Norair (treasurer), Slavko Nowytski, Chrystia Sonevsky, Daria Stec, Marta Zielyk, Vasyl Zorya and Honorary Chair, Maria Shcherbak. Special thanks to artist Marta Anna Randazzo for donating her design of a "Didukh" for our Christmas card this year. Our Christmas mailing generated over \$4000 in donations.

There are many expenses associated with sponsoring cultural events (professional fees for the artists, hall rental fees, travel expenses, publicity, etc.), and ticket sales are not sufficient to offset expenses. In addition, in order to reach out to the Washington community, some of our events are free. As a result, your donations to the Cultural Fund are vital. We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed and hope that our work will continue to generate new supporters.

Laryssa Chopivsky
Director

FELLOWSHIP FUND REPORT

Adrian Karmazyn

For the fourth consecutive year the Washington Group Fellowship Fund is sponsoring a summer internship at the Embassy of Ukraine. Applications are being accepted through April 21st.

The joint TWG-Ukrainian Embassy project was established in 1996 in keeping with the Fellowship Fund's tradition of sponsoring internships, research or study in the nation's capital. The project has been beneficial for TWG, the embassy and for the participating interns.

The first intern was Helena Zyblikewycz of Georgetown University. Among other things, she helped the embassy prepare for the Washington visit of then-prime minister Pavlo Lazarenko. The intern during the summer of 1998 was Alexandra Richardson of Marquette University. During her internship she helped translate various documents, including the independence day letters exchanged between President Kuchma and President Clinton. Last year, Taras Seryy of John Carroll University in Cleveland assisted the embassy with computer-related tasks. Each intern received a grant of

\$1,500.

This year's internship opportunity was advertised in TWG News and The Ukrainian Weekly, at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute and on the TWG web site. These announcements also provided information about contributing to the fund.

I would like to thank the following persons for their contributions to the fellowship fund in 1988: Yuri Deychakiwsky (\$250), Yaro Bihun (\$200), Irene Jarosewicz (\$100), Olena Boyko (\$100), Maria Kulczycky (\$500). The total amount contributed was \$1,150. A matching grant for Maria Kulczycky's contribution is pending from Fannie Mae.

The Fellowship Fund account balance is \$2,911.76.

A \$300 grant has been approved for Bella Sideman of Simferopol, Crimea, Ukraine—currently a student in North Carolina—to participate in a summer internship at the Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe in Washington, D.C.

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For years, the primary vehicle for advertising, publicizing and disseminating information with regard to TWG events (social, political, and cultural) as well as for promoting TWG as a national organization for Ukrainian Professionals has been the task of The Washington Group's monthly newsletter—the TWG News. TWG is extremely grateful to Mr. Yaro Bihun, the Editor of TWG News, who has been covering TWG events, writing and editing all of the articles, and publishing the newsletter. This is a Herculean task and Yaro has been doing a great job at what at times can seem to be a thankless endeavor. Additionally, Yaro has written numerous articles with regard to TWG events for the Ukrainian Weekly and Svoboda. On behalf of the TWG President, Board of Directors as well as its members, I extend my thanks to Yaro for his tireless efforts in publishing this superb monthly newsletter. At this juncture, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Rostyk Chomiak, who has just returned from his overseas assignment as a journalist and writer covering events in Ukraine, for writing articles for Ukrainian newspapers with regard to TWG and TWG events, among them an article on the TWG Fellowship Program. It should also be noted that many of the political events sponsored by TWG have been taped and broadcast by Voice of America and Radio Liberty.

Recently, thanks to the creative and technical efforts of Mr. Steve Boyduy, a NT Web Engineer, TWG has now acquired a Web page on the Internet. Once again, on behalf of the TWG President and the Board of Directors as well as its members, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to Steve for creating, developing, maintaining and updating TWG's Web page. The TWG Web page not only contains relevant and useful information with regard to the organization

itself but also provides timely information as to the various planned events which are sponsored by TWG. Thanks to Steve, TWG has now entered the high tech world of the twenty-first century.

This year, TWG's Leadership Conference (June 25-27) will be held in Washington in conjunction with the conferences of five other major Ukrainian organizations. The theme of this year's conference is "At the Threshold" and it will focus on the U.S.- Ukrainian relationship in the political, strategic, humanitarian, economic and technical spheres. Needless to say, the planning and execution of this multi-organizational Ukrainian-American parley will require much time and effort on the part of the TWG President and the TWG Board of Directors if it is to be at all successful and I have no doubt that it will surpass all of our expectations. It will also require the active support of TWG's members and the Ukrainian community at large. In this regard, I would like to add that many of the TWG Directors and especially TWG President Orest Deychakiwsky have already devoted much time and effort to ensure the success of this unique and enormous project.

Finally, I would like to conclude with a few personal remarks. First and foremost, I would like to thank TWG President Orest Deychakiwsky for his able leadership. The success of any organization, in a large measure, depends on the leadership abilities of its President. In my opinion, Orest has done an outstanding job. I would also like to thank all the members of the TWG Board of Directors for their friendship, spirit of cooperation and their collegiality. It was a pleasure to work with all of you. Last but not least, I would like to express my thanks to all of the members of TWG for their active support of TWG and TWG's activities during this past year.

Thank you.

Ihor Kotlarchuk, Director

DON'T FORGET

Register for the TWG Leadership Conference and the joint events of the June 23-37 Joint Conference of Ukrainian American Organizations. See the Conference program and registration form on pages 6-7.



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persons can contribute gift certificates or services; professionals can offer specialized consultations. Anyone can contribute by simply purchasing an item and donating it for the auction. Following are some suggestions:

- paintings, folk art, books, CDs (Ukrainian or other theme)
- gift certificates for restaurants, stores, spas
- nights at a hotel, weekend getaways
- tickets to cultural or sporting events and activities
- gift baskets with a theme, i.e., a collection of wines, foods, bath products
- lunch or dinner with public or other well known figure.
- items for children
- autographed items
- unique clothing and jewelry
- offers of services

This is an opportunity to be creative, or to share with someone else the many acquisitions for which you have no room. (While we welcome antiques and other items of unique value, some worn or used items may not be sought after by bidders.)

Please keep in mind that, since TWG is a tax-exempt organization, your donations may be tax deductible. Consult your accountant or lawyer for details. Moreover, your donation will be acknowledged, and you can submit a business card or brochure for the display, which will provide advertising for you. We hope to get a variety of unusual and interesting items and services so that we can have a truly fun experience for all participants.

If you would like to contribute, or to discuss possible ideas for a contribution, please call Laryssa Chopivsky (202-363-3964) or Daria Stec (202-362-6862) by May 15. Thanks to everyone!

Meeting with State Department

TWG President Orest Deychakiwsky and members Ihor Gawdiak (President of UACC) and Arthur Belendiuk were part of a group of Ukrainian-Americans who met with officials from the State Department's Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor on April 21 to discuss the State Department's Annual Human Rights Country Report on Ukraine for 1998. The otherwise objective and comprehensive report included an unfortunate reference to "deep-seated societal anti-Semitism" as being a problem in Ukraine. Mr. Deychakiwsky said afterward that the State Department officials displayed sensitivity to the concerns of the community leaders present and gave strong indications that they will be more careful in future reports.

COMING EVENTS

May 15, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.: CABARET NIGHT & LIVE AUCTION sponsored by the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Branch 78, of Washington, D.C., at St. Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral, 15100 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. Featuring soprano MARIANNA VYNNYTSKA and pianist/composer MYROSLAV SKORYK. Taras Charchalis, MC. Admission: \$15.00, buffet included, and cash bar. For additional information contact Marta Terleckyj at (703) 521-3048.

May 22, Saturday, 7:00 p.m., TWG SPRING FLING, at 1428 Longfellow St., NW Washington, DC (16th and Longfellow) The occasion will also honor the graduation of 4 TWG student members: Adrian Pidlusky, Luba Shara, Yaroslav Voloshin, and Larisa Vovk. All are welcome to bring their favorite beverage. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Jim Fedorko at (202) 782-7312 or Adrian Pidlusky at (202) 667-1831.

May 22, Saturday: GRADUATION DANCE, sponsored by the Taras Shevchenko School of Ukrainian Studies. Cocktails begin at 7:00 p.m. Presentation of the 1999 graduates at 8:00 p.m.. Traditional and modern dance music by Mykola and Luba. Cash bar and buffet. Admission: \$15 adults. Additional information: Zenia Choma (703) 256-2679 or Julia Romaniuk (301) 779-8468.

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situation was "solid," and that membership continues at "historically high levels."

Membership Director Adrian Pidlusky, in his report, indicated that TWG membership continues to be above 400 and that it now has four corporate members, which increased the annual membership revenues by \$3,500.

TWG Treasurer Roman Stelmach reported that the TWG treasury had a net income of \$2018.27 in 1998 and that the current assets were at \$27,769.81.

See the individual Board of Directors reports in this issue for details of the organization's activities in 1998-1999.

The Washington Group Membership Information/Application Form

TWG is an association of Ukrainian-American professionals who live throughout the United States and in several countries of the world. It offers its members an opportunity to meet and get to know each other through a variety of professional, educational and social activities. TWG NEWS is a monthly newsletter for TWG members, and a membership directory, published for members only, helps them in networking.

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