



Candidates needed for Embassy intern

TWG is looking for candidates to participate in its fifth annual summer internship program at the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington. The purpose of the project, conducted under the auspices of the TWG Fellowship Committee, is to provide the Ukrainian Embassy with an intern who could serve as a research assistant to the embassy staff and, at the same time, get valuable experience in learning how a foreign embassy in Washington works and how the embassy interacts with various Washington institutions and representatives.

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Annual Meeting

The TWG Annual Meeting, which normally would have been scheduled for early April, will, instead, be held in early May because of out-of-country travel by the president and other scheduling difficulties, including the Easter holidays, according to both the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

Members wishing to be considered for the next TWG Board of Directors or for specific Board positions should contact Orest Deychakiwsky at 301-937-0492 (eve).

An announcement about the time and place of the meeting will be sent to members in a separate mailing.

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Violinist Solomia Soroka (with flowers) greeted by TWG Cultural Fund Director Laryssa Chopivsky (left) and former ambassador to Ukraine, William Green Miller, and his wife, Suzanne Miller, following her recital in Washington.

Soroka, Kysylevych, Lassowsky Shine in Cultural Fund Recital

TWG Cultural Fund recital violinist Solomia Soroka, her accompanists—Myroslava Kysylevych and Oksana Lassowsky—as well as the featured works by composer Myroslav Skoryk received a stellar review from the Washington Post senior music critic Joseph McLellan.

Writing about the February 23 recital at the Chevy Chase Women's Club, the critic noted that until this recital, he had never heard a note composed by Myroslav Skoryk and added that this contemporary Ukrainian composer should be better known.

"He is an original, a composer with a distinct identity, a mastery of many idioms—jazzy, folk-style and moderately avant-garde—that he uses to

shape works embodying piquant contrasts, convincing climaxes and sometimes impish wit," Mr. McLellan wrote.

He said Mr. Skoryk's Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano, his Burlesque in C for Solo Piano and Spanish Dance for Violin and Piano were the highlights of the program, which featured works by Ukrainian composers—"a sadly neglected group in this country"—but also included such landmarks in the standard repertoire for violin and piano as Giuseppe Tartini's "Devil's Trill" sonata and Pablo de Sarasate's "Zigeunerweisen" ("Gypsy Airs").

The reviewer made a special note of Ms. Soroka's "two talented pianists

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New Members



Notes on Members

- Nick Azaransky, Sr. Telcomm Engineer, NATO, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Lydia Baltarowich, MD, Sr. Staff Physician, Henry Ford Hospital, Warren, MI.
- Yaroslav Bazalij, Student, Stanford University.
- Adriana Bida, Student, McGill Univ., Montreal, QC.
- Lesya Bihun, Wheaton, MD.
- Joanna Makara Deutsch, Brookeville, MD.
- George Gamota, President, STMA, Lexington, MA.
- James M. Goldgeier, Professor of Political Science, George Washington University.
- Diana Golovenko, Office Clerk, NOVA Community College, Arlington, VA.
- Motrya Hanas, Marketing Assistant, American Express Tax and Business Services, Baltimore, MD.
- Orest Hereliuk, Graduate Student, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
- Andrea Hetling, PhD Student, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD.
- Orest Kits, Graduate Student, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.
- Svitlana Kominko, Visiting Scholar, GW University, Arlington, VA.
- Zenon Kuc, Cupertino, CA.
- Yaro Kulchyckyj, Graduate Student, Johns Hopkins University SAIS, Fairfax, VA.
- Oksana Kryz, Law Student, Toronto, ON.
- Musia Lewytkyj, Student, San Francisco, CA.
- Oles Lomacky, Washington, DC.
- Oksana Makarova, Graduate Student, Indiana University, SPEA, Bloomington, IN.

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Futey gets Presidential Award

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma honored Judge **Bohdan A. Futey** of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for his work in helping Ukraine develop its judicial system.

He presented Judge Futey with the Presidential Meritorious Award (second degree) during his one-day visit in Washington December 8 for talks with the Clinton administration and international financial organizations.

Noting the time and effort Judge Futey has devoted to assisting Ukraine since its independence, President Kuchma called him "a true friend of Ukraine."

It was the second time that Judge Futey was honored for his work in Ukraine. During festivities marking the anniversary of Ukraine's independence in Kyiv in 1995, he received a third-degree Presidential Meritorious Award.

Judge Futey has been involved with democratization and

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Christmas party, auction—a fantastic evening



Cultural Fund Auction Chairperson Daria Stec introducing bandurist Roman Hrynkiw during the TWG Christmas party and silent auction.

By Daria Stec

Guests at TWG's 1999 Christmas Party had an unforgettable holiday evening at the Evans Farm Inn—with its traditional Christmas decorations, a glowing fire in the fireplace and its signature country-style food. They heard a memorable performance by virtuoso bandurist and composer Roman Hrynkiw from Kyiv, and, if that wasn't enough, many walked away with some amazing bargains at the TWG Cultural Fund's first silent auction.

The party and auction were held on Friday, December 18, a few days before the historic inn in McLean, Virginia, was closed forever, giving way to more suburban development.

In many instances the auction participants paid only 25% to 50% of the fair market value for such items as two tickets to The Washington Opera's performance of *Julius Caesar*; four tickets to a performance sponsored by the Washington Performing Arts Society featuring cellist Yo-Yo Ma, an oil painting by Ukrainian artist Boreyko, dinner for 10 at the Marrakesh Restaurant, a series of 8 fencing lessons, a photo signed by the Prime Crew of the Third Manned Skylab Mission in 1974, and much, much more.

The 87 items available for bidding included paintings, etchings, and photographs; a large inlaid bulava, a pysanka, and other folk art; jewelry; a week's stay at a vacation home in Deep Creek Lake; lunch and a boat ride in Annapolis; dinner in Kyiv; a two-hour architectural consultation, preparation and filing of an individual income tax return, and other professional services; books and note cards; CDs, videos, and historic Ukrainian recordings; 2 dozen varenyky; and gift baskets.

The guests were informed when 30 minutes remained before the close of the auction and, with 10 seconds left, everyone joined in the final countdown. The items that generated the most bids—some higher than the fair market

value—were wooden inlaid objects from Ukraine, liquor, jewelry, and gift certificates to restaurants.

Thanks to the many generous donors of items and bidders, the auction netted over \$3,000 to support the activities of the Cultural Fund.

As chairman of the Auction Committee, I heartily thank all of the committee members who worked so hard to make this first-ever auction a success. Many thanks to Teresa Ben, Laryssa Chopivsky, Larysa Kurylas, Rosalie Norair, Maria Rudensky, and Marta Zielyk.

The committee has already begun to plan an even bigger and better silent auction to be held during TWG's Leadership Conference Gala in October 2000. If you would like to make a donation for this auction, please call me at (202) 362-6862. It's never too soon!



The TWG Cultural Fund thanks the following for their donations of items to the Silent Auction:

Teresa Ben
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Soroka recital

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who took turns playing and turning pages"—Ms. Kysylevych, who also soloed in the Burlesque, and Ms. Lasowsky, whose partnership in the "Zigunerweisen," he wrote, "helped to produce one of the finest performances I have ever heard of that much-played work."

Joseph McLellan called Ms. Soroka "a superbly equipped violinist, at ease with the technical challenges of Sarasate or of Jenő Hubay's Czardas No. 2, but even more impressive in the gentler moments of Evhen Stankovych's Cradle Song and Mykola Lysenko's pleasantly

conventional Fantasy No. 2 on Ukrainian themes."

"Her tone is warm and mellow on the low strings," he said, "brilliant on the high strings, perfectly controlled and expressively used."

The recital was sponsored jointly by the Cultural Fund and the Embassy of Ukraine, which featured the performers in a separate program at the Embassy on the following day.

Solomia Soroka, who debuted at the age of 10 with the Lviv Philharmonic Orchestra, is the first-prize winner of three international violin competitions—the Lysenko Competition, the Prokofiev Competition and the "Zolota Osin." She has soloed with many cham-

ber and symphony orchestras and is currently a doctoral candidate at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

Myroslava Kysylevych, an honors graduate from the Lysenko Higher State Music Institute in Lviv, has performed throughout Ukraine and in Eastern Europe. Ms. Kysylevych is now a Master of Music candidate at the University of Minnesota, studying with Lydia Artymiw.

Oksana Lassowsky, a semi-finalist at the Stravinsky International Piano Competition at the University of Illinois, has given recitals in Cleveland, Philadelphia, New York, Buffalo, Reading and Annapolis.

Embassy intern

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To be eligible for the two-month internship, candidates should have completed at least two years of undergraduate studies and be proficient in English and Ukrainian. (An excellent command of English—native or near-native fluency—is required). Applicants should possess excellent oral and written communication skills and be able to demonstrate excellent computer skills, including proficiency with the Internet. Candidates should anticipate assisting the embassy with whatever issues and tasks that may arise, including general

office work.

Applicants should submit:

- 1.) a one-page essay explaining their interest in the internship, when they would be available to participate in the project, and how their work, educational and personal experience would help meet the goals of the project;
- 2.) copies of academic transcripts;
- 3.) two letters of recommendation;
- 4.) two references;

To be considered for this internship, candidates must submit this information to TWG no later than April 25, 2000.

The Washington Group Fellowship Committee will provide the successful

candidate with a stipend of \$1,500.

Application materials should be addressed to:

TWG Fellowship Committee
Ukrainian Embassy Internship
Project

P.O. Box 11248
Washington, D.C. 20008

For more information call Adrian Karmazyn at 301-260-9630 or Orest Deychakiwsky at 301-937-0492 (evenings).

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The annual TWG Leadership Conference will be held over the Columbus Day weekend, October 6-7-8, 2000, at the Key Bridge Marriott. If you have any suggestions about what general or specific topics should be included in this year's program or if you would like to get involved in its preparation, please contact the conference chairman, former TWG president George Masiuk, at 703-960-0043 or gmasiuk@aol.com.

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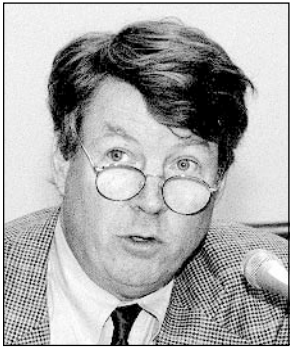
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rule of law programs in Ukraine, as well as in Russia, organized by the Judicial Conference of the United States, the Department of State, and the American Bar Association. He participated in judicial exchange programs, seminars, and workshops and has been a consultant to the working group on Ukraine's Constitution and Ukrainian Parliament.

Courtney heads DynCorp subsidiary

Honorary TWG member, Ambassador **William Courtney**, has joined DynCorp—a leading information technology and outsourcing solutions firm in Reston, Virginia—as president of DynCorp's DynMeridian subsidiary. DynMeridian provides strategic consulting and implementation services for national security—including arms control, nonproliferation, and information technology design—and for domestic security.



William Courtney

Amb. Courtney retired from the Foreign Service following a distinguished 28-year career in December. Most recently, he served as senior advisor at the

U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe. Prior to that, he was a senior advisor in the U.S. Department of State on reorganization of the foreign affairs agencies; special assistant to the President and senior director of the National Security Council staff for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia; U.S. ambassador to Georgia; and America's first ambassador to Kazakstan.

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Odarchenko publishes new book

Prof. **Petro Odarchenko**, an expert on the Ukrainian language and literature, has penned another book, "Vydatni ukrayins'ki diyachi" (Prominent Ukrainian Activists). The presentation of the book was held February 20 at the St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church Hall.

Dutkewych coming home from Kyiv

Jaroslav I. Dutkewych has notified his colleagues and friends in TWG that after eight years as Peace Corps country director in Ukraine, he is returning to the United States this spring. He established the Peace Corps presence in Ukraine in 1992 as its first country director and has served there for an unprecedented three terms.

Karmazyn appointed program director

TWG Fellowship Fund Chairman **Adrian Karmazyn** was recently appointed program manager of the Ukrainian Branch

at Voice of America. VOA broadcasts two hours of Ukrainian-language radio programming to Ukraine per day. He said he welcomes any news tips relating to U.S.-Ukrainian relations and exchanges. He can be reached at Adriankz@voa.gov or 202-401-3328.

Confer with U.S., Ukrainian officials

Three TWG members—TWG President **Orest Deychakivsky**, UACC President **Ihor Gawdiak** and UNIS Director **Michael Sawkiw, Jr.**—took part in two telephone conference calls with Leon Fuerth, Vice President Al Gore's foreign affairs advisor, preceding and following the Gore-Kuchma Binational Commission meetings in December.

Also, several TWG members participated in a State Department briefing on the FY 2000 U.S. Assistance to Ukraine in late January. In addition to the three mentioned above, also participating were Continuum International Inc. President **Olga Bilyk**, and **Andriy Bilyk** of Macfadden & Associates, UACC Washington Office Director **R.L. Chomiak** and U.S.-Ukraine President **Nadia McConnell**.

Upon his arrival in Washington during the first week of February, Ukraine's new ambassador to the U.S., Kostiantyn Hryshchenko, held a meeting with leaders of the Ukrainian-American community, among them Messrs. **Chomiak**, **Deychakivsky**, **Gawdiak** and **Sawkiw** and Ms. **McConnell** as well as attorney **Arthur Belendiuk**, TWG Cultural Fund Director **Laryssa Chopivsky**, and Federal Claims Court Judge **Bohdan Futey**.

Members get Embassy awards

Ambassador Hryshchenko's predecessor, Anton Buteiko, and his wife were the guests of honor at a farewell dinner organized January 2 by a grouping of Ukrainian-American organizations. The outgoing diplomat used this occasion on the eve of his departure to present the Ukrainian Embassy's Certificate of Honor to 10 Ukrainian Americans for their "personal contribution to strengthening of ties between Ukraine and the United States," among them TWG members **Arthur Belendiuk**, **Yaro Bihun**, **Ross Chomiak**, **Nadia Diuk**, **Ihor Gawdiak** and **Nadia McConnell**.

Wedding bells

Two of TWG's long-time members each got married recently. **Irene Jarosewich**, a former TWG News editor and now an editor with The Ukrainian Weekly wed Aleksandr Burakovsky on November 27, 1999, in Washington. The couple met in Ukraine in 1991.

And Washington architect **Larysa Kurylas** chose the beginning of the new millennium to begin her new life and was married to Steven Lann on January 1, 2000, in Rome. They met in Washington while working on an architectural renovation project at the Ukrainian Embassy building.

Articles published

Student Member **Oleh Voloshyn**, a graduate assistant in the CIS Department of the University of Baltimore reported

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back in December that **Christine Demkowych**, the founder and former publisher of INTELNEWS, the first English-language news agency in Ukraine, since returning to Baltimore, has published several articles in the Toronto Star and Chicago Tribune on the presidential elections in Ukraine and in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Ukraine playing the Chernobyl card in its relationship with the European Union.

New members

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- **Steven Pawlyshyn**, Manufacturing Engineer, Delphi Automotive, Dayton, OH.
- **Volodymyr Yakymets**, Graduate Student, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC.

Condolences

The Board of Directors of The Washington Group extends its heartfelt condolences to TWG Board Member-at-Large **Anya Silecky-Piazza** for the loss of her father, **Dr. Julian Silecky**, who passed away in December.

Scythian Gold Exhibit

A major archeological exhibit from Ukraine, **Gold of the Nomads: Scythian Treasures from Ancient Ukraine**, is on display March 7 - May 28, 2000, at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore. The Gallery is located at 600 N. Charles Street (in the historic Mt. Vernon Cultural District, a 20 minute walk north of Baltimore's Inner Harbor and downtown business district. Tickets and general information: (410) 547-9000 and <http://www.thewalters.org/exhibitsgoldwag.html>.

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POSITIONS

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The U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, a non-profit in Washington, D.C. implementing democratization programs in Ukraine, seeks a writer to cover stories for the Foundation's newsletter. Qualifications: strong writing skills, experience in public relations preferred. Flexible hours. Interested candidates please send resume to Motrya Hunia at motrya@usukraine.org or fax to 202-347-4264.

Fulbright scholarships in Ukraine

Approximately five Department of State Fulbright U.S. Graduate Student Grants will be available to Ukraine for the 2000-2001 academic year. A special competition for these awards, with an April 7, 2000, application deadline, is currently being held.

The competition is open to all fields of study for ten-month awards. Preference will be given to graduating seniors, Master's candidates, those enrolled in Ph.D. programs, but not yet admitted to candidacy, young professionals and young artists.

Language proficiency commensurate with the purposes of the Fulbright Program and sufficient to carry out the proposed course of study or research is expected at the time of application.

Applicants will be required to file a formal Fulbright Grants for

Graduate Study and Research Abroad application. Students currently enrolled in a U.S. college or university should contact their on-campus Fulbright Program Adviser for further information and applications. Applicants not currently enrolled in a U.S. college or university should contact IIE's U.S. Student Programs Division in New York at 212-984-5330 or one of its regional centers in Chicago, Denver, Houston or San Francisco for further information and application forms.

Kennan Institute Short-term Grants

The Kennan Institute offers Short-term Grants (\$100 per day for up to one month's duration) to scholars whose research in the social sciences or humanities focuses on the former Soviet Union, and who demonstrate a particular need to utilize the library, archival, and other specialized resources of the Washington, D.C., area. Academic participants must either possess a doctoral degree or be doctoral candidates who have nearly completed their dissertations. For non-academics, an equivalent degree of professional achievement is expected. There is no official application form for short-term grants. For more information, please contact Jennifer Giglio via e-mail at giglioje@wwic.si.edu, call (202) 691-4246, or fax (202) 691-4247.

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