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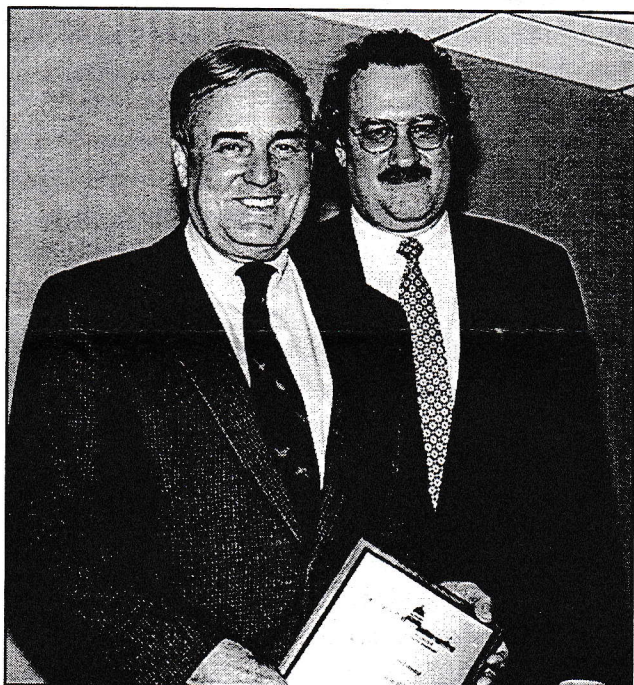


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Amb. William Green Miller (left), America's second ambassador to Ukraine, receives an honorary membership from TWG President George Masiuk.

Diplomat honored for contribution to strengthening U.S.-Ukraine ties

Ambassador William Green Miller was awarded an honorary membership in The Washington Group for his contribution to the strengthening U.S.-Ukrainian ties. The second U.S. ambassador to Ukraine was honored March 23 by TWG President George Masiuk at the conclusion of a TWG-sponsored discussion evening at The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

He joined two other diplomats in the TWG honorary membership ranks—his predecessor and first U.S. ambassador to Kyiv, Roman Popadiuk, and Ukraine's first ambassador to the United States, Oleh Bilorus.

Ambassador Miller and his wife Suzanne left Kyiv in early January after more than four years of service there. He oversaw the development of the U.S. relationship with Ukraine from its somewhat unstable early years—when the focus was on Ukraine's nuclear disarmament—to its present "strategic partnership" level.

Mr. Miller's diplomatic assignment to Kyiv capped a long professional career in international relations that began in 1959, when he joined the State Department's Foreign Service. He spent five years in Iran and two more

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A REMINDER:

TWG Annual Meeting

Friday, May 29, 1998, at 7:00 p.m.

Van Ness East, Social Room

2939 Van Ness St. N.W., Washington

(One block east of Connecticut Ave. and the University of D.C.)

Ask at the front desk for directions to the social room.

For more information contact: George Masiuk
at 202-314-1229 (office) or 703-960-0043 (home).

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New Members



Notes on Members

- **Olga Bilyk**, President, Continuum Int'l. Inc.; Alexandria, VA.
- **George Danyliw**, Manager, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Southampton, PA.
- **Yelena Golbin**, Deputy Program Manager, U.S. Energy Association; Washington, DC.
- **Dr. Vasyl Michael Harik**, Mechanical Engineer and Research Fellow, Johns Hopkins University; Baltimore, MD.
- **Ivan Katchanovski**, Ph.D. Student, Economist and Political Scientist, George Mason University; Fairfax, VA.
- **Andre Keaslov**, Associate, Sutton Place Gourmet; Washington, DC.
- **Ambassador William Green Miller**, Honorary TWG Member, Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine; Alexandria, VA.
- **Renee Provost**, Student, Johns Hopkins University – SAIS; Washington, DC.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

TWG member Adrian Pidlusky asked that we announce that as of May 31 his new address will be 1527 O St., NW, Washington DC 20005. His new e-mail is apidlusky@sais-jhu.edu.

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Observing parliamentary elections in Ukraine

Orest Deychakiwsky and Judge Bohdan Futey were in Ukraine for the recent parliamentary elections. Mr. Deychakiwsky, an international observer for the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) Parliamentary Assembly, observed the elections in Zhytomyr, Berdychev, Vinnytsya, Uman and Bila Tserkva. Judge Futey, a recipient of the Ukrainian Presidential Award for Merit for his assistance to judicial reforms in Ukraine, observed the elections in Odesa.

On his return, Mr. Deychakiwsky participated in a panel discussion April 15 at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington on the subject "Ukraine's Elections and Their Implications," along with State Department Ukraine Desk Officer Bruce Connuck and Carnegie Endowment Senior Associate Sherman Garnett. Dick Murphy, executive director of the CSIS American-Ukrainian Advisory Committee, chaired the discussion.

Mr. Deychakiwsky said that "despite some violations and irregularities, generally the election reflected the will of the electorate." He called it "a step forward in Ukraine's development as a democracy."

Delivering the U.S. message at the U.N.

Tania Chomiak-Salvi, a press officer at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, on at least two occasions recently addressed the Committee on Information as the U.S. delegate—on November 18 and, most recently, on May 7. The texts of both speeches as well as a RealAudio radio report can be read or heard on the U.N. World Wide Web cite <http://www.un.org/>.

On a humanitarian mission to Ukraine

Florian Steciuch, of Chesterton, Indiana, spent two weeks in mid-April in Ukraine on a humanitarian mission with a Ukrainian doctor and several pastors from the United Church of Christ in Ohio. They visited orphanages and children's hospitals, bringing along about 20 large parcels of vitamins, antibiotics and other medicinal supplies. Mr. Steciuch evaluated the conditions and needs of the state-run orphanages and discussed them with their directors. He hopes to create awareness among the Ukrainians.
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Proposed changes in TWG By-laws

The TWG Board of Directors is proposing that the following changes in the TWG By-laws be voted on during the May 29 TWG Annual Meeting:

Article II

Purposes

The purposes of TWG are to establish a professional and business network of Ukrainian-Americans to promote closer ties and contacts, ~~strive to promote the human and civil rights of Ukrainians~~, strive to eliminate discrimination and prejudice aimed at Ukrainian-Americans, promote close U.S. - Ukrainian relations, encourage the development of a pluralistic and democratic Ukraine, promote a greater understanding of Ukrainian history and culture among Americans in American society, and encourage active participation of Ukrainian-Americans in promoting the welfare of the community.

Article III

Membership

Section 1. Generally. Membership in TWG shall be open to persons whose vocation is of a professional or business nature, ~~who are either of Ukrainian descent or whose spouse is of Ukrainian descent~~, who are prepared to support and promote the goals of TWG, and who fulfill the duties and obligations of their class membership.

Section 2.

b. (Delete last sentence.) ~~Persons of non-Ukrainian descent, who are not spouses of persons of Ukrainian descent, may enroll as ASSOCIATE MEMBERS only if they seek to support the goals of TWG.~~

e. CORPORATE MEMBERS are those businesses and associations that support the goals of TWG. CORPORATE MEMBERS are not entitled to vote nor can they hold office in TWG.

Article IV

Organizational Structure

Section 1. GENERALLY. The organizational structure of TWG shall consist of:

- a.
- b.

i. SPECIAL INTEREST COMMITTEES

SECTION 3. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

a. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall be composed of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, the MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, the PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR, the SPECIAL

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Declared candidates list

The following list contains declared candidates as of press time. Other interested candidates should contact George Masiuk as 202-314-1229 (office) or 703-960-0043 (home).

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TWG hosts Ukrainian bankers, Morningstar

In what may well become an annual event, TWG once again participated in sponsoring a meeting with a large group of young Ukrainian bankers at the Meridian House in Washington.

The May 4 meeting and discussion—"Business Forum on the Current State of Banking in Ukraine"—was co-sponsored by the Meridian International Center, the International Management Institute-Kyiv, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the Barents Group.

The program included presentations by the bankers, a report by Ambassador Richard Morningstar, special advisor to the President and the Secretary of State on assistance to Ukraine and other new independent states of that region, and a reception.

Seven of the visiting bankers reported on the various aspects of the banking industry in Ukraine, from international banking to such consumer services as the issuance of VISA cards.

Mr. Morningstar explained the recent certification by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright that Ukraine has made "significant progress" in resolving investment disputes with American businesses. This action saved nearly half of the \$225 million in U.S. assistance to Ukraine that, under a Congressional mandate would have been cut if progress was not reported.

He said the certification was made not only on the investment issue, but taking into account also the larger context of U.S.-Ukrainian relations—Ukraine's progress in building a democracy as well as mutual security and economic concerns.

Of the 12 disputes under review, he said, seven or

eight cases were "pretty much resolved." Those were the simple cases requiring a national government decision, he explained. The remainder are the difficult cases that relate to the business and investment climate in the country.

In one case, he said, there were four court decisions in favor of the American investor, but the prosecutor's office has yet to enforce any of the courts' decisions. In another, resolution is stymied by the Ukrainian partner's good connections in the Verkhovna Rada, which actually sent a letter to the U.S. Congress, telling it not to meddle in its affairs, he said.

The resolution of the remaining disputes is not all that important per se, he said. The overriding importance is in the message this sends to potential foreign investors about the investment climate in Ukraine.

While the Secretary of State's certification freed up most of the remaining U.S. aid for this year, Mr. Morningstar said, it held back a small amount of aid for government programs—less than \$20 million—which, if there is no further progress in the coming months, will be redirected to aid private sector programs.

The young bankers made their presentations in English, some being less fluent than others, which, in a few instances, inserted much-needed comic relief. Describing the range of services his Kyiv bank provides even to the small customer, one banker noted that his bank's motto was: "The best customer is a live customer."

The evening was chaired by Andriy Masiuk, until recently the director of the Kyiv International Management Institute. □



Ambassador Richard Morningstar

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at the State Department, but resigned in 1967 over the U.S. policy in Vietnam.

Between 1967 and 1981, Mr. Miller continued working on international as well as defense affairs at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and as staff director of the Select Committee on Intelligence and two other Senate committees.

Later, he taught and was associate dean at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and was a fellow and taught at Harvard University. And in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he was president and board member of the American Committee on U.S.-Soviet Relations, the Committee on American-Russian Relations, the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity, and was senior consultant at the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

His academic background includes New York's Trinity School, Williams College, and post-graduate degrees from Oxford and Harvard. (He also has had some out-of-the-ordinary student summer-work experience—as a combine op-

erator, an oil-field roustabout, a park ranger in Alaska, and as a stringer for Time magazine in England.

Speaking before a standing-room-only audience at SAIS, Mr. Miller spoke out against cutting back U.S. aid to Ukraine and suggested that the U.S. should continue working "collectively" and "in good faith" with the Ukrainian government.

"I'd rather do that than to use the blunt stick," said.

(Mr. Miller's appearance at SAIS as well as earlier at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and later at a Yale University conference on institutional reforms in Ukraine, preceded Secretary of State Albright's "certification" at the end of April that Ukraine had made substantial progress in resolving disputes with American investors, which defused the Congressional threat to cut in half this year's U.S. assistance for Ukraine.)

Mr. Miller admitted that the pressure from the U.S. business community and Congress had been helpful to the reform process in Ukraine. "But I don't see what is gained by cutting off assistance to Ukraine."

Ukraine needs the assistance and it is important that Ukraine succeed,

he said. "We should do everything to get through these problems; we have to find ways to resolve them."

"Certainly, that's the way to work with a strategic partner. Certainly, that's the way to work with friends," he stressed.

Mr. Miller came to SAIS directly from the airport, having just returned from a week-long visit to Kyiv, where he received the Pylyp Orlyk Award for his contribution to the democratic process in Ukraine.

Ambassador and Mrs. Miller are well known fans and boosters of Ukrainian choral music, and especially the Kyiv Chamber Choir (which TWG co-sponsored on its U.S. tour last December).

In addition to the TWG honorary membership, since returning to the United States, Ambassador Miller has been honored as Man of the Year by the Philadelphia Ukrainian-American community and with a "flag ceremony" at the State Department for his exemplary service to the nation.

Asked in an interview about what his future plans were, Mr. Miller said that while his interest in Ukrainian affairs would continue, he would now focus more of his attention on Iranian affairs. □

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PROJECTS DIRECTOR, the EVENTS DIRECTOR, the IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, CHAIRPERSONS OF SPECIAL INTEREST COMMITTEES, and no more than 15 DIRECTORS AT LARGE.

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nian-American communities across America of the availability of Ukrainian orphans.

Socialist and other art on display

Orysia Pylyshenko and Alla Rogers have teamed up to present an exhibit of "Soviet Socialist Realism" art at the Georgetown Art Guild, at 1054 31st Street, in Georgetown. Ms. Pylyshenko, the exhibit curator, says the 50 pieces that comprise the exhibit cover a period from the 1940s and into the 1970s. The pieces will be on display for one month,

TEES.

Special interest committees consist of THE TWG CULTURAL FUND and THE TWG FELLOWSHIP FUND. The TWG BOARD OF DIRECTORS may approve the formation of other SPECIAL INTEREST COMMITTEES provided that they promote the goals of TWG and are consistent with TWG's status as a SECTION 501(c) (3) organization. □

beginning May 19.

After—or before—viewing that exhibit, stop by the Alla Rogers Gallery just across the courtyard from the Georgetown Art Guild. Ms. Rogers, the exhibit host, herself has been in the news recently for exhibiting a famous (or infamous) realistic canvas—not of the Socialist variety, however. The April 15 Washington Post carried a feature about how the *Phryne* nude that once graced the National Press Club made its way to her gallery. The story was accompanied by a large

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Osinchuk, Wilkins bring Kosenko to Washington

It was an engaging, pleasant evening devoted to the compositions of the Ukrainian Romantic composer Viktor Kosenko—works infrequently heard in concert and recital halls in the West, but works, as pianist Juliana Osinchuk pointed out in her introduction, that, nonetheless, deserve to be played and enjoyed.

And then she and violinist Lee Wilkins proceeded much to the delight of the audience at the Summer School in Northwest Washington on March 24.

The evening was sponsored jointly by TWG and the Embassy of Ukraine.

The program included Kosenko's four *Children's Pieces* and *Eleven Études, Op. 8* for the piano, and the *Sonata in A Minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 18*.

Expressing her appreciation at the conclusion of the concert,



Lee Wilkins and Juliana Osinchuk

Photo by Natalie Sluzar

Ukrainian Embassy Press Counselor Natalia Zarudna thanked the artists for introducing the works of Ukrainian composers to the American audience.

Ms. Osinchuk, a long-time

member of TWG, and Mr. Wilkins also performed the Kosenko program at the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art in Chicago and at the Ukrainian Institute of America in New York City. □

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photo of Ms. Rogers in front of the 4-by-6-foot painting of the reclining Phryne, a 4th-century BC Athenian courtesan and popular model for Aphrodite.

The turn-of-the-century painting was bequeathed to the NPC by the Brazilian ambassador's widow. It was on display from 1945 until 1982, when it was removed during the renovation of the building. It was never returned, however, being judged to be so politically incorrect. The NPC's "Silver Foxes" (old-timers), veteran journalist Warren Rogers among them, decided that the painting needed a better foster home than the warehouse in which it was stored. Since Mr. Rogers was the only Silver Fox with a gallery in the family—that's where it went until its ultimate fate is decided. □

Take advantage of Plast's dues 'amnesty'—Babiak

Former TWG President and local Plast youth organization leader says that Plast is offering a one-time "amnesty" to former or current members who have not paid membership dues for a significant period of time. With this amnesty, Plast is hoping to attract former members back into the active roster, he says.

The following are eligible for the amnesty:

- former members dropped from Plast's active rolls prior to 1998 because of failure to pay dues;
- those who graduated from the young adult fraternal branch of Plast (*starshi plastuny*) to the senior division, without having brought their dues up to date.

The amnesty offer, which in most cases would require a settlement of no

more than \$100 (including current dues), expires on July 1, 1998, Mr. Babiak said.

Mr. Babiak, who heads the Washington area Plast *stanytsia*, urges those who have settled—even if temporarily—in a new locality to contact the head of the local *stanytsia* and make their talents and skills available in the training and education of the area's Ukrainian-American young people.

Former Plast members interested in the amnesty can get more information and the necessary forms from their local *stanytsia* leadership, Mr. Babiak said. In the Washington area, contact Mykola Babiak, at 202-543-4965, or e-mail mbuke22@aol.com.

To contact the Plast national headquarters in New York, call 212-475-6960. □

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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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