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*Evolving Peace Corps  
Sends First Volunteers  
to Ukraine*

by Michael Savage

"This is a very, very exciting evening for all of us. Many of us have been dreaming about this for a long time—To have our fellow Americans join those of us with Ukrainian background and heritage in the trenches of working in Ukraine." These were the opening words spoken by Nadia McConnell at the reception of the first ever Peace Corps Volunteers being sent to Ukraine, held at the Grand Hotel in Washington DC on November 13.

The new Volunteers, already training in Ukraine, open a new direction for the Peace Corps—a shift of the Peace Corps' traditional emphasis on "third world" nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America to the exciting new challenge of promotion and development of free-market economic growth and democracy in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The Peace Corps has acknowledged its changing international role, and is ready to take on this new challenge: "[We] have always prided itself on an ability to provide flexible and adaptable Volunteers, and the pro-

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*Breakfast with Maynes:  
Civic state vs. ethnic state*

by R. L. Chomiak

On a chilly Tuesday morning December 1, as the Serbs were pushing full steam to purify Bosnia-Herzegovina of everyone except the Serbs; when the Somalis were behaving like typical Ukrainians — one group fighting the other and a third one fighting both of them; when UNITA Angolans were going into Act III of the civil war with MPLA Angolans, after an intermission for an election, whose results the UNITAs did not like; when the Tajiks were beating plowshares into swords and smuggling noisier firearms from Afghanistan to destroy other Tajiks; when Slovaks were counting days to the time they would be able to say bye-bye (and worse) to the Czechs, a group of TWG members sat around a breakfast table at La Colline in Washington to discuss the problems of ethnic minorities with Charles William Maynes — editor of *Foreign Policy* magazine, Harvard grad, Rhodes Scholar, Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs (that's the bureau that watches the U.N. for the U.S.) in Jimmy Carter's administration.

It was another in a series of TWG Breakfast Forums.

December 1 happened to be the first anniversary of the day, when Ukrainians in great numbers in every oblast said Yes to independence. And on that December 1, Ukrainians in Ukraine were *not* behaving like typical Ukrainians. For example, Hungary is having all sorts of problems trying to defend its people who live as minorities in Slovakia, Romania, and the former Yugoslavia, but it has an agreement with Ukraine about full cultural rights for Hungarians living in Ukraine. Ukrainian Jews had just staged a big congress in Kiev and Ukraine's political leaders were calling on recent immigrants to Israel to "come on back." Russians in Ukraine were enjoying full citizenship without a requirement to pass a Ukrainian language test, and weren't scouting for real estate in Kaluga or Niznyi Novgorod.

And Mr. Maynes, who in the Oct. 25 *Washington Post* had an op-ed piece saying a

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### From the Board of Directors:

•Please remember to renew your membership if it expires in December/January. The bulk of TWG memberships are due for renewal these two months, and we hope to have a 100% renewal rate.

•We wish you a merry, joyous Christmas, shared with family and friends and a happy New Year. For a New Year resolution, make a commitment to work on one project to help Ukraine. With nearly a million Ukrainian-Americans that can mean a lot of changes for Ukraine.

•The last articles on the TWG 1992 Leadership Conference appear in this issue. We'd like to thank the more than a dozen people who wrote articles on the conference for TWG NEWS. Reading about it was almost as good as being there. Planning will soon be underway for next year's leadership conference. Your ideas will be appreciated.

•The TWG NEWS needs an editor. Anyone interested in coordinating the monthly newsletter, please call Lydia Chopivsky-Benson

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# Building a Political Power Base in the United States

by Natalie Sluzar

*(Robert McConnell is presently an attorney at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Washington office. His practice is legislative advocacy and regulatory representation before the U.S. Congress, executive branch and regulatory agencies. He previously served as vice-president for CBS, Inc. and was the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Department of Justice. Mr. McConnell is first vice-president of the National Coordinating Committee in Support of Ukraine and the Chairman of Government Relations Committee of Ukraine 2000.)*

Robert McConnell, noted activist on Ukrainian-American issues was the keynote speaker for the brunch on Sunday morning.

Mr. McConnell began his presentation by reiterating the title of this year's leadership conference. "You, the attendees at this conference, Ukrainian-Americans, seek to help Ukraine and that in helping Ukraine you necessarily are helping a developing and independent new democracy." It seems so simple, when in fact the issues facing Ukraine are much more complex, and solutions less concrete and definable.

Realistically, Mr. McConnell continued, "Ukraine faces serious questions about the viability of its independence" and "Ukraine may or may not be a developing democracy." These two points are critical questions for Ukraine, for the government of Ukraine and leadership, for Ukrainian-Americans, and for the United States.

"The tree of independence in Ukraine is a mere seedling. To our eyes the shining young branches of official international recognition and the leaves of the raised blue and yellow above buildings in Ukraine are long sought and vibrant symbols", Mr. McConnell continued. "But they are symbols. The roots of that seedling have barely begun to take hold in what is still a hostile and threatening environment," he said.

The notion of a Ukraine as a democracy is a long way off. The democratic ideals exposed by *Rukh* have not yet been realized, and "the challenge of sustaining independence has tempered the drive for fundamental socio-political-economic change in Ukraine," said Mr. McConnell.

He emphasized that he does not believe in blind support of Ukraine. He said it was important to assess the realities in Ukraine not the romantic, idealistic dreams Ukrainians in the diaspora have about it. He stated that the U.S. government bases its relationships with a foreign country on political realities and the decisions that the people of that country make about their future. He, therefore, urged Ukrainian-American

organizations to confront and deal with the realities within Ukraine.

Referring to the topic of his presentation, "Development of a U.S. Political Power Base," Mr. McConnell said that the "most fundamental element of a political campaign and/or organization is unity and coordination." In the Ukrainian-American community, however, there is no single identified goal or consensus on how to accomplish certain objectives. "We are destined to have a range of views; we are destined to approach things in different ways," said Mr. McConnell about the Ukrainian-American community.

Since there are differing views, Mr. McConnell gave two examples of organizations he is most familiar with, and which describe the political power base they have created: The Coordinating Committee to Aid Ukraine and the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation.

The basic elements in a politically influential power base are: political involvement, intellectual foundation and support and effort. Mr. McConnell elaborated on each of these three points. Involvement can be either volunteerism or financial. The idea of creating a Ukie-PAC has not yet been accomplished within the Ukrainian community—a political action committee which will have a source of revenue to support political candidates running for office in this country.

Having an intellectual foundation is crucial for any organization to determine policy, provide experts on various issues, etc. Unfortunately, "this is the area where the Ukrainian-American community is weakest," he noted. "We need to develop articulate spokespersons, people who can speak thoughtfully and strongly about Ukraine," said Mr. McConnell. "We need op-ed writers who will be published in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal* and in foreign policy journals," continued Mr. McConnell. Pointing out recent examples, Mr. McConnell said that while there were numerous op-ed pieces in the newspapers by noted Russian scholars and spokespersons articulating Russia's position on the Black Sea fleet, nuclear weapons, economic reforms, there were only two pieces arguing in support of Ukraine, and that he had written them.

Mr. McConnell did acknowledge the significant contribution to public dialogue that Adrian Karatnycky made by his articles in prominent national publications and his appearances on McNeil Lehrer Newshour, exposing a strong position on Ukraine. It is imperative that the most articulate among us find opportunities to "speak before groups, to appear in public forums and to publish written commentary," Mr. McConnell

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# The Diaspora in Disarray

by Christine Hoshowsky

The demise of the Ukrainian ghetto and the process of assimilation threaten to undermine the infrastructure so painstakingly created by past generations of Ukrainian-Americans. This infrastructure, which most Ukrainian-Americans take for granted, is in serious need of maintenance and renewal. The leaders of the Ukrainian-American community, of its churches, credit unions and fraternal organizations must reassess their goals, establish priorities and develop services which will better meet the needs of a changing clientele, one that is geographically dispersed, upwardly mobile and better informed than its predecessor. This was the message presented by Mr. Eugene Iwanciw, Director of the Washington office of the U.N.A, and the moderator and presenter during the session on the Ukrainian-American community at this year's TWG Leadership Conference.

The second panelist, Dr. Oleh Wolowyna, from the Research Triangle Institute, presented statistics that described the demographic changes experienced by the Ukrainian-American community between 1980 and 1990. Relying on the U.S. census reports, Dr. Wolowyna pointed out that the number of Ukrainians in the U.S. increased marginally by 1.5% between 1980 and 1990. The total officially stands at 740,803. In justifying this number, he explained the problems associated with ethnic self-identification as required on the census and the difficulty of identifying Ukrainians who were listed under one of several rubrics — Galicians, Ruthenian, Rus'in or Ukrainian. Despite the overall increase, the Ukrainian-American population is moving out of states that traditionally have had large concentrations of Ukrainian-Americans, such as Pennsylvania and New York to state which have had lesser concentrations of Ukrainian-Americans, like Georgia and New Mexico. Evidence indicates that these shifts are job related. Dr. Wolowyna predicted that the process is assimilation of Ukrainian-Americans will increase with time, partly because of intermarriages and because non-assimilated Ukrainian-Americans are dying out. The data comparing the Ukrainian-American population with the total U.S. population shows that Ukrainian-Americans:

- exhibited proportionally higher levels of attainment;
- assumed proportionately greater numbers of managerial and professional positions; and
- had proportionately fewer number of people engaged as laborers.

In closing, Dr. Wolowyna stated that our community should be organized more on a professional basis. He further suggested that in order to promote our own interests, we should enlist the participation of the many Ukrainian-American professionals

who do not speak Ukrainian, but who hold influential positions.

Dr. Olkesander Chernyk, who was instrumental in establishing a Ukrainian Cultural Center in Philadelphia, addressed the issue of how to maintain the Ukrainian-American community. Dr. Chernyk believes that the Ukrainian-American community must revitalize itself and stop the process of assimilation. This can be achieved by going beyond the present church-centered model of community, which tends to separate the community, and adopt a new organizational model that will bring the Ukrainian-Americans together. In this endeavor, Dr. Chernyk suggests that the local Ukrainian-American community seek input from the Jewish community which already has established educational and cultural centers in cities throughout the United States. He went on to say that we should emulate the Jewish community and turn to the government for financial support of our centers. Ukrainian and Jewish community leaders can co-author grant proposals to this end. Most importantly, as we search for a new model, we need to redefine and reorganize the Ukrainian-American community into a meaningful whole — lest we will have pockets of Ukrainian-Americans functioning on their own rather than as a community. He closed by saying, "We need a viable Ukrainian-American community for ourselves and for Ukraine."

Each of the three presenters called for a redefinition of the Ukrainian-American community, each underscored the vital role of the professional in bringing about this transformation and each suggested that a strong Ukrainian-American community will benefit Ukraine. Despite the time constraints which limited the presentations to a brief overview of the issues, this session was particularly significant because it legitimized the existence of a Ukrainian-American community as an entity in its own right with its own infrastructure, demography, problems and culture — a culture which is akin to, but separate from the communities in Ukraine.

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## The Washington Opera

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staging of his original production of *The Tsar's Bride* seven years ago in Monte Carlo.

Immediately following the performance of the opera, The Washington Group hosted a very enjoyable reception for this exceptionally talented troika in the Green Room of the Kennedy Center Opera House.

## Kiev Tenor Debuts with The Washington Opera

by Laryssa Chopivsky

On November 14, Volodymyr Hryshko made his Washington Opera debut as Lykov, Marfa's fiancé, in Rimsky-Korsakov's *The Tsar's Bride*. One of the highlights of his outstanding performance was an aria on how, while traveling in Western Europe, he noticed that their society was more progressive and "wives are not kept locked up the way we do it here." A review in *The Washington Post* noted that six of the ten key performers in *The Tsar's Bride* had been trained in Eastern Europe and that among them, Mr. Hryshko was one of the principals who sang best.

Volodymyr Hryshko, who studied at the Gliere Kiev State Music Conservatory and the Tchaikovsky Kiev State Conservatory, has been leading tenor of Kiev's Shevchenko Opera for several seasons, playing such roles as Lensky in *Eugene Onegin*, and Edgardo in *Lucia di Lammermoor*. His is the recipient of numerous prizes, including the Placido Domingo Grand Prize and was judged "Best Tenor" in the 1989 Vinas International Vocal Competition. Mr. Hryshko will also be appearing in the title role of the Shreveport Opera's production of *Faust* and will perform as soloist with the renowned Dumka Chorus of Kiev in their whirlwind two week long North American Concert Tour, performing 14 concerts in 13 cities.

Another key performer making his Washington opera debut was the conductor Woldemar Nelsson, a native of Kiev, whose skillful conducting, according to Joseph McLellan of *The Washington Post*, "showed how well the Kennedy Center Opera House orchestra can sound on a good evening." Maestro Nelsson has been Assistant Conductor at the Moscow Philharmonic and a guest conductor at the Bayreuth Festival and the State Opera in Stuttgart, Germany.

The opera was brilliantly staged by director Roman Terleckyj, who has directed twelve productions for The Washington Opera and is largely responsible for this wonderful East-West collaboration. Mr. Terleckyj, who resides in Washington, D.C. and whose parents are native Ukrainians, has directed operas for the Spoleto Festival in Italy, Charleston and Melbourne; The Michigan Opera Theater, The Opera Company of Philadelphia, The Berlin Opera, Opera de Quebec and many more. In January, he will direct *La Cenrentola* for The Washington Opera.

Prior to one of the performances of *The Tsar's Bride*, Mr. Terleckyj delivered a very interesting opera insights lecture, sharing many anecdotes and relating his experiences in the

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## Gonta Account

Washington, DC— People often ask, when will Holy Trinity's new church and rectory in Silver Spring, MD, be completed? The answer is always the same: When we have the funds! The unfinished church and rectory are already standing and with your help, we can continue to complete the beautiful project.

Above all, the roof must be secured with shakes and shingles (in Ukrainian: Gonta) before winter sets in (in our area it usually snows in January-February). We have started an intense campaign for the Gonta Account in order to collect and/or borrow \$50,000 (So far, we have collected \$15,000). Only with your generous gift, sent today to the Gonta Account, will we be able to reach our goal.

In this urgent appeal I turn to all of you, who love the beauty of wooden architecture of the Hutsul style of the Carpathian Mountains. We are reproducing it right here in the Washington Metropolitan area. All Ukrainians can be proud of their heritage and share it with their American friends with pride. With your donation, you can be one of the builders, or perhaps, benefactors, of this beautiful masterpiece!

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"God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9.7) because He Himself gives abundant graces cheerfully! He gave us freedom for our Church and freedom for Ukraine! So let's thank God! And please, send a donation to Holy Trinity Church. We will pray for you and your family, and for the many needs of our Church and our beloved Ukraine! God is with us!

Rev. Taras R. Lonchyna, pastor

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# Breakfast with Maynes

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stronger U.N. could save the persecuted minorities — in Somalia, Bosnia, or Vietnam — opened his breakfast chat at La Colline with a quote from John Stuart Mill, the early 19th century philosopher and economist, who said that it is next to impossible to have democracy in a country with many nationalities. (Well, here's another well-established theory Ukraine will have to disprove.)

## Four models

Maynes then listed four models of how to bring order in multi-national countries:

- Germans after World War II model — cruel exchanges of population with the result that there are no more German minorities in Czechoslovakia or Poland. Similar cruel exchanges occurred between Turkey and Greece after the war, but the two countries became more stable, Maynes noted.
- Syrian or Soviet model — total repression of all nationalities; Syria now represses all minorities in Lebanon.
- Palestine or South Asia model — partition and some ethnic cleansing; there are unhappy people on both sides of the line.
- Zimbabwe model — agreed power sharing, where each group is assured seats in parliament. Maynes, of course, favors this model because it was on his watch, in 1980, that Zimbabwe achieved internationally accepted independence. (Until then the country was known as Rhodesia and operated on UDI or Unilateral Declaration of Independence, where the whites were in charge and two different black nations were fighting the whites in the bush.)

To achieve this, Maynes said, the contesting groups must abandon winner-take-all politics; “everyone has a place at the table,” as he put it. There must be proportional representation in parliament; mutual vetoes, where nothing can be changed until all groups agree; there must be what Maynes called “purposeful depolitization”; and finally — concessions from the majority. Here Maynes cited two examples: in Switzerland, after the Protestants won the war with the Catholics in the 1800's they made concessions to the Catholics; in the U.S., after the “War between the States” (this is being written in Virginia), the seniority system in Congress gave more influence to members from the defeated South.

## Majority's generosity

To John Stuart Mill's comment that it's next to impossible to have a democracy in a country with many nationalities,

Maynes suggested one possibility: “Generosity on the part of a majority group helps hold a country together.”

(This, an observer of developments in Ukraine since independence would say, is exactly what is happening there, although this generosity chafes some Ukrainians, both here and there. But it *is* holding the country together.)

Maynes's preference is for a civic state over an ethnic state, but he admits that it isn't easy to accept for nations who have struggled for decades to establish their state. He also mentioned the planned International Human Rights Conference set for January in Vienna, as the place where the many ethnic problems of the world could be discussed. He also said he would like to see the U.N. Security Council authorize studies of these problems in order to educate political leaders about them.

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A word about TWG's Breakfast Forums: these events have now been taking place for nearly two years, and we have been getting — gratis — some top, high-priced talent to talk to us over a plate of “scramble two with bacon.” We also have a chance to engage them in conversations and at least expose them — if not always convince them — to our point of view.

The number of participants at these events is never high, particularly when the audience is not padded with visitors from Ukraine passing through Washington. This is nice for the people who do attend, because they are able to ask more questions and debate with the speaker. But for those who have not been at La Colline at 8 AM, give it a try next time. It's well worth losing a couple of hours of annual leave for, and with all the worldwide concern about cholesterol, how often do you have a chance to stick a fork into a plate of “scramble two”?

The impresario of this TWG activity is Nick Babiak, who approaches big names of Washington and invites them to “break fast” with members. And most of them accept.



# The Peace Corps

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gram in Ukraine will be a true test of this ability.”

To meet the new challenges of the Peace Corps requires a shift from the traditional Peace Corps Volunteer to one that suits the needs of an industrialized, though struggling, Ukrainian economy: The Volunteers are to help Ukraine continue in its efforts toward market reform and economic stabilization. The requirements for these Volunteers are in marked contrast to the requirements of third world nations: Advanced business degrees, computer literacy and, most importantly, several years of experience in fields like urban planning, library science, public administration, banking and economic development. Nearly one thousand applications were received, and the final group was made up of a very select few, ranging in age from 25 to 77. The group is a cross-section of modern free-market economic professions: bankers, accountants, private businessman, computer specialists, librarians and business administrators.

Director of Ukraine for the Peace Corps Jerry Dutkewych described the Volunteers as “fantastic,” and told the reception that, “Ukraine is very fortunate for the caliber of the Volunteers

and the Peace Corps has made an enormous effort this last few months....It has been a tremendous endeavor.” Mr. Dutkewych, 44, was appointed in September for a thirty month tenure, and recently spoke at last October’s Washington Group Leadership Conference about Health and Environment development in Ukraine. With a professional background in corporate policy, human resources, corporate culture transformation and quality management, Mr. Dutkewych is well suited for Directing the Peace Corps - Ukraine project.

Meg Small, a computer controller for Hewlett-Packard selected as a Volunteer, described her reason for going as a, “tremendous belief in the global nature of our world, and a fascination with the people of Ukraine.” She stressed that she does not want to lecture to the Ukrainians she will work with, rather she hopes to develop ideas and plans together with them as a team: “I realize that I have a tremendous amount to learn and some things to teach. We have a lot to offer to each other.”

The group has already begun its three month intensive workshop in Ukraine, intended to not only introduce the Volunteers to Ukrainian business practices, but also to teach Ukrainian language and culture. Once the workshop is completed, the Volunteers will serve for a two-year enlistment in various cities and oblasts, while maintaining Program Headquarters in Kiev. According to the Peace Corps Briefing Paper, the main goal of the Peace Corps will then be to: “Provide business management and training in areas of planning, economics, financial analysis, marketing and record keeping...About half [of the Volunteers] will work in small teams working with municipal governments as advisors to the local Economic Committees. The remainder of them will work individually helping to establish new micro-businesses.”

There is no doubt of the economic assistance this first group of Peace Corps Volunteers can be to Ukraine, but just as important as what the Volunteers can offer to Ukraine is what the people of Ukraine can offer in return. As Serhiy Koulyk, First Deputy of the Embassy of Ukraine emphasized in his speech: “You will see the heart of the Ukrainian people, you will see the soul of Ukrainian people. You will be working hand in hand with the Ukrainian people. You will be part of Ukraine.” Therein lay perhaps one of the greatest strengths of the Peace Corps program.

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## Political Power Base

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said. "Several organizations should consider funding a fellowship, a chair or several chairs at places like the American Enterprise Institute, Brookings, or one of the other Washington public policy enterprises to allow a prolific scholar on Ukraine, or several, to write and speak full time on Ukraine," Mr. McConnell stated.

In addition, Mr. McConnell said that time must be spent visiting "targeted intellectual circles," such as editorial boards, news producers, so that "information must be shared, and education undertaken."

On his third point, effort, Mr. McConnell stated that "if you feel the cause is worth it, give of yourself, lose the sleep, sense the frustration, feel the pain of commitment, indeed, share the agony of this effort." James Reston said: "All politics are based on the indifference of the majority. If you do not want to be a part of the indifferent majority, you have to pay the price of working hard for your cause." Quoting Plato, Mr. McConnell said: "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."

In conclusion, Mr. McConnell mentioned a few details about the goals and accomplishments of the Coordinating Committee to Aid Ukraine, and the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, both set up to provide assistance to Ukraine and its struggling democratic institutions.

The U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, headed by Nadia K. McConnell and Katherine Chumachenko work with leading reformers in Ukraine to promote democratic policies, and institutions, establish a library resource center for study of democracy, set up a hot line for information exchange to and from the West, and organize seminars for Ukrainian Parliamentarians in the U.S. They have established the Pylyk Orlyk Institute for Democracy in Kiev. The Orlyk constitution, written in 1710 predates the U.S. constitution, and is a significant factor in demonstrating that democracy and democratic roots are inherent in Ukraine, he noted.

Concluding on a personal note, Mr. McConnell said that he is involved in Ukrainian issues because what happens in Ukraine can make a difference to the security and future of his native country — the United States.

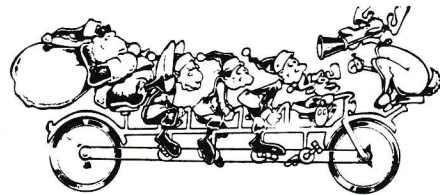


## Bottled in Ukraine

During last year's TWG Leadership Conference someone was saying that he would like to import bottled water from Ukraine for the gourmet supermarkets of America.

Halyna Teodorovych of Lviv, who has worked at the Library of Congress on a Ukrainian National Association project since June, said a man in Lviv asked her to explore in the States the possibility of exporting mineral water from Ukraine. This man, Ms. Teodorovych said, has access to several highly regarded mineral water sources in Western Ukraine, and to a sand quarry (gotta have sand to make bottles, which also are in short supply in the former Sovland).

Anyone interested should get in touch with: **Myron Krupka**, by phone: (032) 272-3311 (that's 011 7 032 272-3311.)



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## **TWG Volleyball Team Update**

The TWG co-ed volleyball team concluded its debut Fall season in Montgomery County MD, with a respectable one-third games won. The competition was fierce in A-Level, playing against long-established teams such as Net Pigs, Hot Peppers, and Power Eclipse. Spirit was high as each team huddle ended with a resounding cheer of SLAVA! After twisting her ankle executing an awesome spike in a close match, team member Olenka Dobczanska was forced to sit out half the season.

At the end-of-the-season party, members decided unanimously to adopt the team name: TWG GEESE. Starting the first week of January, TWG GEESE will be playing A-level in the DC — at the Carlos Rosario Adult Education Center (34th and Wisconsin Ave. NW — across from the Social Safeway in Georgetown). The match schedule will be printed in the next TWG News. Plan to attend a few games! The support will be greatly appreciated. For further information contact team manager Larysa Kurylas at (202) 797-8263.

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## **Turn in Your Candy Wrappers**

The Holy Family is collecting wrappers with the proofs-of-purchase (UPC bar code) from Hershey's candy bars, 1 oz. or larger. For each UPC bar code the parish will receive a donation from the Hershey Foods Corp. Participating brands include: Hershey's Milk Chocolate, Almond, Special Dark, Reese's, Kit Kat, Rolo, Skor, Nibs, Bar None, Whatchmacalit, 5th Avenue, Mounds, Almond Joy, Reese's Crunchy, Twizzlers, Caramelo, Cadbury's Bar, Symphony Milk Chocolate, Krackel, Symphony Almond & Toffee, Mr. Goodbar, or York. If you purchase any of these, please drop off the wrapper/UPC bar code at the parish office.

Not to be outdone, M&M/Mars Company will also give the parish a donation for each wrapper with UPC bar code for the following items, in single or king size: M&M brand Chocolates, Snickers, Skittles Bite size candies, Starburst Fruit Chews, TWIX Cookie, Bounty, Today's Munch, PB MAX Real Peanut Butter Snack, 3 Musketeers, Mars Almond, Mars Milky Way, Mars Milky Way 11, Combos Snacks, Dove Chocolates, Dove International Singles, 3 Musketeers Ice Cream, Snickers Ice Cream, Mars Almond Ice Cream, Milky Way Ice Cream. If you purchase any of these, please drop off the wrapper/UPC bar code at the parish office.

# View from the Potomac

by Janus

The 1992 Presidential elections are over. For most of the country, life returns to normal. No more campaign speeches, no more raunchy TV campaign ads; no more debates which sometimes even bored the candidates (Bush looking at his watch!).

But in Washington, on this side of the Potomac, things are never normal. All contests have winners and losers. For the past twelve years the Republicans have been the winners, the Democrats the losers. Now, the Dems are in, and the Repubs are out.

All of the over 2000 political appointees (the Schedule C's in Potomac language) will be given pink slips before January 20th. Some have handed in their resignation already. After riding high, living fast and hard, the day of reckoning is here. No more cushy government jobs, no more power lunches, no more calls from the White House, no more golden eagle on your office card, no more treasured government passes.

It's time for revising that resume. Where once the magic words "Republican Party" opened the doors, they will now be anathema. Once inscribed boldly at the top of the resume, ties to the GOP will now be placed in a less prominent position, preferably left out. Instead of talking about all the "connections" or relying on "friends in high places", Schedule C's can only count on themselves. All those "friends in high places" may still be friends, but they're no longer in "high places". Who needs those kinds of friends!

Most of the Schedule C's will end up out in the cold joining the ranks of the few million unemployed. Unless of course, they open up a consulting office and begin lobbying the same government agencies they used to work for. Such is the revolving door of Washington.

In January every four years, after the Presidential elections, the most important book printed by the US Government will be on sale (\$13.00 at the Government Printing Office). Called the "United States Government: Policy and Supporting Positions," but more commonly called the "Plum Book," this will list all the jobs available to be filled by the incoming president.

The list is a motley assortment of titles, most amusing, some impressive, some almost glamorous, some comical. What is a "Confidential Assistant to the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture"? Or how about "General Counsel Senior Counsel to the General Counsel Confidential Assistant Coun-

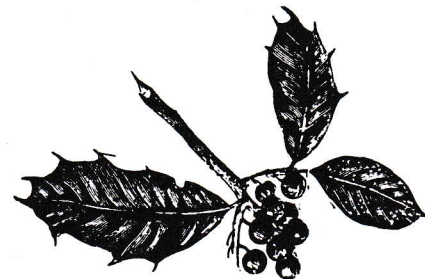
selor to the General Counsel Deputy General Counsel Assistant General Counsel" (Courtesy of *The Washington Post*) Is a "Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary" higher than an "Executive Assistant to the Assistant Secretary"? Is a "Special Assistant" higher than a "Confidential Assistant"?

There are special assistants all over the place. At Treasury there is a special assistant to the secretary (policy analysis), a special assistant to the assistant secretary (policy management), and a deputy assistant secretary (policy coordination). One wonders what all these special assistants do. Or why the government is such a mess with all these special assistants running around who are supposed to be assisting their chiefs get things done!

But don't despair. There is indeed one person, somewhere in the Department of State (according to *The Washington Post*) who does get things done. Her title is brutally honest. She's a "Secretary."

Besides special assistants, the next big title is "liaison." The White House has two deputy assistant to the president for public liaison as well as a special assistant for public liaison and another deputy assistant who is also director, Office of Public Liaison. Most of the Cabinet secretaries also have a string of liaisons from congressional liaison to corporate liaison to White House liaisons. At the Department of Commerce there are 10 people at the Office of White House Liaison.

According to the transition team sources, however, the Clinton Administration will cut considerably into these plum jobs. But one wonders. The Clinton Administration has created a National Economic Council to the already existing Council of Economic Advisors. No doubt there will be numerous confidential assistants, as well as special assistants, probably at least a dozen deputies to the confidential and special assistants....Life on this side of the Potomac goes on.



# Community Calendar

## HOLIDAY SERVICES

### HOLY TRINITY PARTICULAR UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

16631 New Hampshire Avenue  
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#### Thursday, January 7

Christmas

9:00 AM Great Vespers

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, January 8

Sobor of the Mother of God Feast

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Saturday, January 9

Feast of St. Stephen

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### Thursday, January 14

New Year

7:30 PM St. Basil's Divine Liturgy

#### Monday, January 18

Ecumenical Celebration of the Eve of Theophany

(held jointly at St. Andrew's)

6:00 PM Blessing of the Water

7:00 PM Community "Schedriy Vechir Kholodna Kutia"

#### Tuesday, January 19

Feast of Theophany

7:30 PM Divine Liturgy

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#### Thursday, December 31

New Year's Celebration

9:00PM -1:00 AM

Music, Buffet and Dance

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#### Wednesday, January 6

Eve of the Nativity of Christ

6:30 PM Great Compline and Matins,

Singing of Carols

#### Thursday, January 7

Nativity of Jesus Christ

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Singing of Carols

#### Monday, January 18

Ecumenical Celebration of the Eve of Theophany

6:00 PM Blessing of the Water

7:00 PM Community "Schedriy Vechir Kholodna Kutia"

#### Tuesday, January 19

Theophany, Baptism of Christ

7:30 PM Divine Liturgy and

Great Sanctification of the Water

#### Saturday, January 16

Malanka Banquet and Ball

Indian Spring Country Club

Layhill Road, Silver Spring, MD

6:30 PM Cocktails, 7:30 PM Dinner & Dancing

Tickets: \$75.00 per person, \$40.00 Students w/ID

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