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**CAAU 20th Anniversary Reception**

**CAAU Celebrates Twentieth Anniversary**

**Keynote Speaker Kateryna Yushchenko Conveys Gratitude and Inspiration**

By Anne Kokawa Prokopovych



Keynote Speaker Kateryna Yushchenko (center front) with Ukraine 3000 delegation, International Healthcare Fellows, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center faculty and CAAU Boardmembers. (photo by Don Hagopian)

**“Thank you for being there for Ukraine in her first 20 years – for coming immediately upon her rebirth, for helping her to grow.”**

Kateryna Yushchenko, Head of the Supervisory Council of Ukraine 3000 International Charitable Foundation and former First Lady of Ukraine, warmly greeted the audience at the California Association to Aid Ukraine (CAAU) 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception at the Hilton Hotel in Glendale, California on Sunday, February 19, 2012, with reflections on the progress and the challenges of the young nation of Ukraine, as well as the Ukraine 3000 programs.

To raise awareness of CAAU’s past accomplishments and potential for the future for the people of Ukraine, the afternoon reception began in the foyer of the ballroom, with posters and displays of CAAU projects were interspersed with silent auction items. Guests enjoy the opportunity for good-natured bidding for items ranging from handcrafted py-sanky to autographed movie posters, while raising funds for a good cause.

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## CAAU 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception, *continued from Page 1*

The program in the ballroom began with a traditional Ukrainian “bread and salt” greeting of honored guests by three children, Victoria Popel, Yuriy Polyuga and Maksym Wasylyn. Conductor Greg Hallick led the Kobzar Choir in singing God Bless America and the Prayer for Ukraine. A lively and colorful “Pryvit” traditional Ukrainian welcome dance was performed by the Chervona Kalyna Dance Ensemble, Liliya Juga, Director. Bandura soloist Luke Miller performed traditional Kozak melodies.



Photo by Don Hagopian

Chervona Kalyna Dance Ensemble performing ‘Pryvit’ traditional Ukrainian welcome dance.



Photo by Don Hagopian

Bandurist Luke Miller performing traditional Kozak songs.

Before introducing the four guest speakers, Masters of Ceremonies Paul Micevych and Marta Mykytyn-Hill summarized 20 years of CAAU’s accomplishments as a grassroots community organization coordinating support for people in Ukraine. CAAU initially focused on channeling humanitarian relief aid to address critical needs that were basic and immediate. Over the years, as Ukraine has evolved, CAAU’s efforts have expanded to include projects that leverage modest investments from the local community into lasting positive results for the people of Ukraine.

Following Mrs. Yushchenko’s keynote address, Vira Pavliuk, M.D., Ph.D., Head of Medical Programs for Ukraine 3000, presented an overview of Ukraine 3000 programs. The Foundation’s mission to “do good and encourage others to do so as well” is a call for individuals, businesses and other organizations to join together and become involved with each other to build a better society in Ukraine.

Taras Tkachyuk, M.D., followed with a brief history of the development of the International Healthcare Fellowship program, and some examples of the immediate benefits that participants have been able to achieve. Dr. Tkachyuk is former medical and legal advisor for Ukraine 3000, and was instrumental in the initiation and development of the

Fellowship program for Ukrainian medical professionals conducted by Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, in collaboration with Ukraine 3000 and support from CAAU.

He cited several examples of past Fellows that had gained knowledge, experience and self-confidence that they were able to apply in their work and share with their colleagues in Ukraine. “Having seen and experienced the medical technology and practice at Cedar-Sinai, our doctors are more familiar with possibilities and willing to try alternatives that they would not have previously considered” he remarked, In fact, Dr. Tkachyuk, a three-time Fellow, has since become a director for a private company involved with medical infrastructure development, but hopes “one day to return to Ukraine 3000 to continue developing similar programs that demonstrate immediate as well as long term tangible results.

The final speaker, Professor Vasyl Lazoryshynets, M.D., Ph.D., outlined the current status of the healthcare system in Ukraine. Since Ukraine became independent in 1991, reforms of the soviet-era healthcare system have not kept pace with the challenges of lower fertility and increased incidence of chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes, as well as communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis. As Former Vice Minister of Health of Ukraine and Head of the Department of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery of the National Academy of Medical Sciences, Professor Lazoryshynets is striving to raise awareness of the importance of implementing comprehensive healthcare reform in Ukraine.

The afternoon reception was an opportunity to celebrate a milestone for CAAU with festive Ukrainian traditions. The four speakers presented realistic views of contemporary Ukraine, and demonstrated the potential for positive results with active participation. In Kateryna Yushchenko’s words, it will take community involvement in Ukraine and abroad to take small steps for the future of Ukraine.



Maksym Wasylyn, Victoria Popel and Yuriy Polyuga prepare to greet honored guests. (Photo by Don Hagopian)

## Kateryna Yushchenko Addresses CAAU Community

*The following is an edited excerpt of the remarks delivered by keynote speaker Kateryna Yushchenko, Head of the Supervisory Council of Ukraine 3000 International Charitable Foundation and former First Lady of Ukraine at the CAAU 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception.*



Photo by Don Hagopian

Thank you for your invitation to be here to celebrate with you. It is my honor and my pleasure. Thank you for combining kindness with professionalism, love with effectiveness, caring with impact.

Twenty years. Is that a lot, or a little? In the life of a person, it's a lot, an entire generation. In the life of a nation, it's only a second of time. But in the life of a new country, it is a great deal.

Thank you for being there for Ukraine in her first 20 years – for coming immediately upon her rebirth, for helping her to grow. Thank you for teaching her doctors, which has meant saving the lives of thousands of those doctors' patients. For giving wheelchairs to those who had no way of leaving their homes before. For teaching scientists, who may go on someday to make discoveries which will not only affect Ukraine, but may even change the world. For publishing books for our children, and helping our orphans and old people to live better lives.

Working in a country in its first 20 years is exciting, rewarding and uplifting. It is also difficult, challenging, and often very disappointing. We all want Ukraine to be successful, happy, prosperous and healthy. but that does not always happen.

Ukraine's youth has been a challenging one. It has been filled with tremendous successes and great joys. And it has also had its heart-breaking setbacks. We must never forget that Ukraine is unique: Ukraine is a post-genocidal society.

We deal every day, every moment, with the legacy of Ukraine's overwhelmingly tragic past. With the legacy of the murder, repression, exile, emigration of millions of our people – and that is only in the last several generations.

We were taught for decades and indeed for centuries not to love our country, indeed to hate the idea of patriotism, not to speak up, not to participate, not to pray or speak our language, or respect our traditions, not to take charge of our lives and our communities. That is what we have been taught for centuries, but our people have continued to fight. And the history of our nation is one of survival against all the odds.

Our survival is a miracle, in spite of the genocide that killed not only millions of our people – targeting the best and the brightest, our writers, poets, teachers and scientists, our dissidents and hard working middle class – but that was also intended to kill our language, faith, culture and traditions.

In the 20th century, Ukrainians declared their independence six times. They lost it five times. But this time we succeeded.

When things get particularly tough, I try to put this in perspective – I try to remember that generations fought for the opportunities and freedoms we have today – the right to speak our language, to practice our religion, to respect our traditions, to sing our anthem and raise our flag.

This is why we have made the main goal of our Foundation, Ukraine 3000, to help Ukrainian citizens to become involved in resolving

their social and cultural issues. That is why we have raised over \$40 million and implemented programs to encourage bottom up community activism – to encourage school children and college students, parents and businesses, museum workers, teachers, doctors and everyday people to improve our hospitals, schools, museums, libraries and communities.

Today there are obstacles, but they are not barriers.

Our country will begin to change when our people realize that it all depends on them. On their participation, on their conscious vote, on their ability to form organizations and to lobby, on their refusal to pay bribes, on the way they act and on the way they raise their children, on the language they speak and the songs they sing and the books they buy, on the art they appreciate and the churches they attend, on their activity and their optimism. On doing what they did during the Orange Revolution, but every day, every minute, in different and creative and dedicated ways.

Before, none of these opportunities or choices was even vaguely possible. Now they are essential.



Photo by Don Hagopian

Artist Lydia Bodnar-Balahutruk, with husband Michael Balahutruk, presents Kateryna Yushchenko with a copy of her book of creative work reflecting traditional and modern Ukrainian themes.

But it is difficult to overcome the misconception that you should just stay home and stay silent, wait for someone else to change your life, to bring you prosperity and welfare. And it is difficult to find strength when so often efforts to make significant changes are met with overwhelming obstacles.

Our hospital, the Children's Hospital of the Future in Kyiv, like many other individuals and institutions striving to address pressing needs, has encountered these obstacles. We knew it would be difficult, but we will continue. The hospital will eventually be built, and our citizens will shape a civil society.

It will take time. And patience. And the understanding of our past and our present, and a consensus on our past and our present and our future. It will take professionalism and effectiveness, kindness and caring. It will not take one great leader or two or three, it will take millions of individual efforts and thousands of smaller leaders. It will take a change of mentality on the part of our doctors and teachers, our journalists and judges, most importantly our citizens and voters. It will take education and experience. It will take the involvement of Ukrainians abroad.

It will take efforts like yours, CAAU.

Thank you for being with Ukraine for the first twenty years, and thank you for your continued involvement in Ukraine's future.

*For a copy of the full text of Kateryna Yushchenko's address, send an email request to CAAUkraine@gmail.com.*

## International Healthcare Fellowship Program

# Ukrainian Physicians Visit Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

By Charles Simmons, M.D. and Bohdan Malaniak

Four Ukrainian physicians attended a 2-week training and orientation session at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center between February 11 and 25th, 2012.

Dr. Marta Kopan (National Medical Academy, Kyiv, Department of Pediatric Anesthesiology and Intensive Care), Dr. Olexiy Ponomarenko (National Institute of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Kyiv, Department of Surgical Correction of Congenital Defects), Dr. Liubov Sliiepova (National Institute of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Kyiv, Department of Pediatric Anesthesiology and Intensive Care), and Professor Vasyly Lazoryshynets (Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine, Amosov National Institute of Cardiovascular Surgery, Kyiv, Head of Department of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery) participated in an intensive exposure to pediatric healthcare advances in the Cedars-Sinai Health System.



Charles Simmons, M.D. (third from left) guides International Healthcare Fellows from Ukraine through Cedars-Sinai Medical Center with CAAU Advisors Andriy Olesijuk, M.D. (far left) and Bohdan Malaniak (far right).

This was the fifth cohort of Ukrainian physicians to participate in the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center International Healthcare Fellowship Training Program, which had its inaugural visit in November 2008. Over twenty physicians with interest in pediatric healthcare of the future in Ukraine have shared in this curriculum over the past 4 years.

The International Healthcare Fellowship Training program has been successful due to the visionary leadership of Kateryna Yushchenko, Head, Supervisory Council of the International Charitable Foundation "Ukraine 3000", the organizational prowess of Bohdan Malaniak, Emeritus Vice President of Academic Affairs, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and the spirited support of the California Association to Aid Ukraine (CAAU).

This fifth cohort celebrated not only their curriculum but also the return visit of Former First Lady of Ukraine

Kateryna Yushchenko to Los Angeles and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the CAAU. Anne Prokopovych and Luba Keske, leadership of the CAAU, were wonderful hosts for the festivities surrounding the CAAU 20th anniversary celebration.

Under the direction of Dr. Charles Simmons, Professor and Chairman of Pediatrics, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, and Ruth and Harry Roman Chair in Neonatology, the 2 week curriculum took the physicians from the lecture halls to the laboratories, advanced catheterization suites and operating theaters of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

The customized International Healthcare Fellowship curriculum provided the participants a useful and practical sampling of current, cutting edge developments in the provision of pediatric healthcare in both the inpatient and ambulatory setting. Administrative aspects of new facility design and the efficient operation of modern healthcare facilities were reviewed, including a virtual tour of the soon to be completed Advanced Health Sciences Pavilion, a clinical and research facility on the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center campus that will integrate modern ambulatory healthcare with translational research and basic science laboratories. The exchange of ideas afforded in this design will accelerate discoveries that lead to improved healthcare across the age spectrum and around the world.

The participants all looked forward to the continued progress in the development of the Children's Hospital of the Future in Kyiv, Ukraine. It is hoped that the CAAU and Ukraine 3000 will continue to support the training program and continue to bring Ukrainian physicians interested in new advances in Pediatric Healthcare to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for exchange of innovative ideas for the future.



Welcome reception at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for Kateryna Yushchenko and Ukraine 3000 delegation, with International Healthcare Fellows from Ukraine, CAAU Boardmembers and Cedar-Sinai faculty. (Photos courtesy of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)

## CAAU 20th Anniversary

# 20 Years of Channeling Support from California to Ukraine

## CAAU's Evolving Projects Target Unmet Needs

By Anne Kokawa Prokopovych

In March 1990, a community meeting was organized by Bohdan Mykytyn, Lubomyr Osadca and Zenon Zachariasevych to coordinate a grassroots response to the news of developments in Ukraine that later led to that nation's independence. With overwhelming community response, the three organizers spearheaded the formation of the California Association to Aid Ukraine.



CAAU 2007 Ball Awardees (l-r): Bohdan Mykytyn (Founder Award), Zenon Zachariasevych (Founder Award), Lubomyr Osadca (Founder Award), Taras Kozbur (Lifetime Achievement Award), Bohdan Malaniak (2006 Humanitarian Award), Roman Kulczycky (2006 Volunteer Award). Photo by Don Hagopian

With support first coalescing in the Ukrainian diaspora community, then extending into the local Southern California community and beyond, CAAU's commitment has been based on a belief in the resourcefulness and spirit of the men, women and children in the emerging democratic nation of Ukraine, and their ability to grow stronger, more prosperous and more compassionate. By targeting unmet needs, CAAU continues to facilitate broader development of social and economic infrastructure for current and future generations.

Initially, CAAU was actively engaged in promoting democracy by supporting organizations such as RUKH and the Sabre-Svitlo Foundation, as well as coordinating humanitarian aid relief efforts that included shipments of clothing and medical equipment and supplies. Over the past 20 years, CAAU's efforts have expanded to include projects that leverage modest investments from the local community into lasting positive results for the people in Ukraine.

### International Healthcare Fellowship Program

During her visit to Los Angeles in June 2006, Head of the Supervisory Council of Ukraine 3000 and then First Lady of Ukraine Kateryna Yushchenko shared her vision for the Children's Hospital of the Future in Kyiv as a state-of-the-art institution to provide medical care to critically ill infants and children in a country where such services have not kept pace with the rest of the world. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) in Los Angeles responded through

its interest in international collaboration and technology transfer to develop the International Healthcare Fellowship program in conjunction with Ukraine 3000 and support from CAAU.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center has been ranked by U.S. News



Photo Courtesy of Cedar-Sinai Medical Center.

First International Healthcare Fellows (November 2008), Tetiana Kurilina, Svitlana Donska, Taras Tkachuk, Julia Davydova and Boris Sheiman, with CAAU representatives, Bohdan Malaniak, Luba Keske, Anne Prokopovych, and CSMC staff.

and World Report as one of America's best hospitals, and is the largest academic medical center in the western United States. Physicians and scientists at Cedars-Sinai are engaged in basic and clinical research to bring medical advancements directly from the laboratory to the bedside.



Photo Courtesy of Cedar-Sinai Medical Center.

Second cohort of International Healthcare Fellows (August 2009), Kateryna Pekur, Valentyna Davidchuk, Taras Tkachuk and Vladislav Kropelytskyi, with Charles Simmons, MD (far right), Bohdan Malaniak and Oxana Tcherniantchouk (right).

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Third cohort of International Healthcare Fellows (February 2010), Taras Tkachuk, Vira Pavliuk, Olena Kreminska and Tamara Smolenska, with Oxana Tcherniantchouk, MD and Irko Prokopovych (right), Charles Simmons, MD and Anne Prokopovych (center) and Bohdan Malaniak (3rd from right). (photo courtesy of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)

The first session of the International Healthcare Fellowship Program for physicians from Ukraine was held in November 2008, followed by about one session annually. Each session is tailored to the special interests of the participants, ranging from oncological hematology to build diagnostic skills that will guide effective treatment procedures, to administrative and operational disciplines, including finance, logistics and recordkeeping.

Charles, F. Simmons, M.D., Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and principal architect of the curricula at CSMC, stresses that “we don’t want to tell them what to do, but rather show them how we approached the problems we faced.”

### Wheelchairs for Ukraine

For the past fifteen years, CAAU and UCP/Wheels for Humanity have been working in partnership to bring the gift of mobility to needy children in adults in Ukraine. Together, the partnership of CAAU and UCP/Wheels for Humanity has completed over 10 deliveries of wheelchairs and other mobility aids to needy people in regions including Lviv, Rivne, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil, Khmelnytskyi, Volynh, Zakarpattia, Chernivtsi and Kharkiv.



Clockwise from left, Volunteers Luba Keske, Jim Conwell, CRTS, (rehabilitation specialist) and Roman Kulczycky custom fitting wheelchair for young girl in her “Sunday best” in Chernivtsi in 2005.



Fourth cohort of International Healthcare Fellows (April 2011), Mariana Nikolaychuk, Valentyna Makhniuk, Tatyana Orlova and Yulia Shcherbak. (photo courtesy of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center)

The success of the Wheelchairs for Ukraine partnership between CAAU and UCP/Wheels for Humanity has been largely due to the countless hours of volunteer work to refurbish wheelchairs at the UCP Wheels for Humanity facility in North Hollywood and to assist with the customized seating and distributions in Ukraine, traveling on their own time and expense.

Donations and proceeds from the 20th Anniversary Celebration Reception are designated for the Wheelchairs for Ukraine program, with the next distribution targeted for Fall 2012.



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### Aid to Orphans in Ukraine

The range of CAAU's projects for orphans during the past 20 years exemplifies the broadening range of CAAU's efforts. Initially providing basic items, such as clothing and medical supplies, CAAU support has expanded to target specific projects. Most of these projects involve education, especially the education that can lead to higher education of training in practical skills that can lead to jobs and self-sufficiency after the children graduate from the orphanage.



A special CAAU project for orphans is the Little League Baseball Championships for Orphans in Ukraine. CAAU has been a partial or full sponsor Annual Ukrainian Little League Baseball Championships for children ages 11-12 for the past 3 years, and will again be a full sponsor for the Championship scheduled for Fall 2012.

Children from orphanages in several oblasts in Ukraine learn skills and teamwork while participating in training and competition, as well as travel to local historic and cultural sites.

Founded by Basil Tarasko, scout for the San Diego Padres professional baseball team and coach for the National Baseball Teams of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Little League is dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged youth in Ukraine through the sport of baseball. Only one team wins each championship, "but all of the children were winners," according to Mr. Tarasko.



Col. John Kark, Ph.D. (rear) with orphans and administrators at the internat /orphanage in Radomyshyl, Ukraine. Col. Kark, founder and director of the Committee to Aid Orphans and Children without Parents in Ukraine, has advised and assisted CAAU for over ten years. During that time, he has personally delivered CAAU aid to internats/orphanages, senior residences and other persons in need. CAAU honored Col Kark with its Humanitarian Award in 2008, in recognition of his many years of service.

### Aid to Needy Seniors

Since Ukraine became an independent nation in 1991, the social and economic changes that created opportunities for young and resourceful individuals also adversely affected seniors on fixed pensions. Social benefits have declined in real terms, and seniors have been left with less and less on which to survive.



Helping the disadvantaged and socially vulnerable seniors in Ukraine is one of the ways CAAU contributes to the well-being of the entire population. CAAU supports the development of regional organizations in Ukraine that have organized local programs to provide food, housing, medical and other services to needy seniors.

CAAU has provided assistance with various senior homes and residences with basic requests, such as medications, kitchen utensils, refrigerators, stoves, and furniture items. CAAU has also provided funding for a "soup kitchen" to maintain nourishing meal service for needy seniors.



Konstantin Yavorskyi, Regional Director of Social Services in Uzhhorod (left), documenting delivery of CAAU funded kitchen equipment and utensils to senior center.

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### Research Saves Lives

As a part of the "Research Saves Lives" initiative, CAAU continued its support of research scientists with a \$5,000 travel grant for Ukrainian scientists to attend the 6th Annual Bridges in Life Sciences Conference of the Regional Cooperation for Health, Science and Technology (RECOOP HST) Consortium in Debrecen, Hungary in April 2011.



2006 Sabit program – eight scientists from Ukraine spend six weeks at CSMC for seminars and training



2008 Best Young Scientist Dr. Rostyslav Bilyy (center), with mentor Dr. Rostyslav Stoika (l) and Dr. Calvin Hobel, CSMC (r)

The RECOOP HST Consortium inspires young scientists and clinical researchers from Ukraine for the creative thinking. The Consortium helps to learn how to make decision on "publish and disclose" or "publish and

protect" during scientific work.

Starting in 2012, the RECOOP HST Consortium will begin transitioning to a member organization, with each participating institute paying an annual membership fee. CAAU has committed to assist the five actively participating Ukrainian research institutes to become fully self-sufficient members within two years. Initial funding has been generously provided by J. Patrick Johnson, MD.



clockwise from front: 2009 Best Young Scientist Dr. Vitalina Gryshkova, Dr. Karl Maramosch, Dr. Calvin Hobel, Dr. Sandor Vari; on the right, Dr. Ramziya Kiyamova with two CSMC representatives

### More CAAU Projects

CAAU has also participated in several other partnerships to maximize the impact of our support. CAAU has partnered with Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF) to train medical doctors and deliver medical services, with a particular focus on neonatology. CAAU has joined with the Coordinating Committee to Aid Ukraine (USA) to support the Rebirth of Sports in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Olympics



CAAU Vice President Dr. Jerry (Yarko) Maryniuk and Dr. Kornacka (head of the Warsaw Neonatal Unit) meet Lviv neonatologist Dr. Andrij Nowikiewicz in Warsaw, June 2008. Transportation and training of Dr. Nowikiewicz in neonatological resuscitation was funded by the CAAU/CMCF "Healthier Children in Ukraine" project.

team, and the publishing of Ukrainian language books for schools in Ukraine, as well as technical books and manuals. CAAU has joined with the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America (UMANA) to support the "Eye Project for Ukraine".



William Selezinka, M.D. (r) with David Schanzlin, M.D. (l) and patient Slavko Semchshyn (c), who receive a corneal transplant through the "Eye Project for Ukraine."

CAAU has sponsored a printing by Smoloskyp of *Ukrains'ke Doshkillya* children's book for free distribution to needy children to promote linguistic and cultural literacy in all regions of Ukraine. CAAU has also coordinated several fundraising programs to channel support through organizations such as Children of Chernobyl Foundation, International Education Program, Direct Relief international, and the Sabre Foundation.



CAAU has also coordinated direct support to the University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and several other educational institutions, International Center of Physics in Kyiv, Cerebral Palsy Clinic in Kyiv, Western Regional Biomedical Research Center, Lysenko Museum, and other institutions. CAAU has also helped to underwrite a multi-national conference organized by the Young Diplomacy Center to foster democratic ideals and communication. CAAU has also coordinated direct support for educational resources to implement the Ukrainian language as the official language of the Ukrainian military.



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### CAAU Events

To provide a social venue to raise awareness of CAAU and its projects, CAAU has organized a variety of community events. The initial events were primarily meetings with visitors representing the newly independent and democratic Ukraine. In 1991, CAAU hosted meetings with Nadia Diuk and Adrian Karatnycky (co-authors of "Hidden Nations"), Viacheslav Chronovil (head of the Lviv Rada) and poet Atena Pashko. In 1992, CAAU organized a community meeting with Ukraine's Ambassador to the United Nations, Gennadi Oudovenko, and joined with other Ukrainian American organizations to host week-long festivities celebrating the first anniversary of Ukraine's Independence, including a gala celebration featuring Ukraine's Ambassador to the United States Oleh Bilorus.

In 1994, CAAU held its first Charity Ball to raise funds for Ukrainian language educational materials for publication in Ukraine. Subsequent Charity Balls have benefited other educational publications and programs, orphans, needy seniors, and several medical and healthcare delivery projects. Debutantes and Silent Auctions were also added in later years to enhance the festive atmosphere and fundraising.



CAAU Ball 2006: ( front l-r) debutantes Lisa Nesterova, Andrea Swartzlander; (rear l-r) debutantes Aaryn Kopinski, Antonia Shcherban, Yulia Jakymyshyn.



CAAU Ball 2007: ( l-r) escort Vasily Pavdun, debutante Marta Kateryna Hura, debutante Maria Louise Haras, escort John Kopinski.

Photo courtesy of Don Hagopian Photography



CAAU Ball 2007: Signing of Memorandum of Agreement that initiated the International Healthcare Fellowship Program (l-r) Anne Prokopovych (CAAU President), Vira Pavliuk (Ukraine 3000 Director of Partnership Programs), Bohdan Malaniak (CAAU Advisor and VP Emeritus of Academic Affairs for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center), Olesandr Maksymchuk (Ukraine 3000 Director), Luba Keske (CAAU Chair)

Photo courtesy of Don Hagopian Photography



CAAU Ball 2008: (Front, l-r) Debutantes Sophia Zacharczuk, Jessica Martin, Lindsey Martin, Marianna Olesijuk; (Rear, l-r) Escorts Zach Hatch, Nick Kopinski, Michael Zubach, Octavia Victor.

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CAAU Ball 2009: (l-r) escort Andrij Soluk, debutante Oksana Petrechko, debutante Chelsea Mudlo, escort Michael Zubach

Photo courtesy of Don Hagopian Photography



CAAU Ball 2010: (lower l-r) Debutantes Bianca Makara, Andrea Natalia Kusina, Marisa Blumer, Alexandra Halyna Korol; (upper l-r) Escorts Esau Huerta, Justin Stasiuk, Bohdan Kosenko, Andrij Soluk.

Photo courtesy of Don Hagopian Photography

### CAAU Children are Ukraine's Future Endowment Fund

- Interest Income provides stable source of income regardless of annual donations
- Nearly \$80,000 from John Tymkiw estate provided "seed" money
- Donors can add to existing CAAU endowment funds or designate a new fund (minimum \$10,000)

In October 2011, CAAU hosted the "Ukrainian Stories: A Day in Film" film festival on the campus of UCLA, featuring two films that represent the contemporary Ukrainian experience from two different perspectives. Filmmaker Roxy Toporowych was present to introduce her film "Folk: Finding Our Roots in Red Dancing Boots", one month before her film was screened by invitation at the American Film Festival in Kyiv. The second film was the Los Angeles premiere of "Klitchko", about the brothers Wladimir and Vitaly who overcame hardship with hard work to become boxing champions, while never forgetting their Ukrainian identity.



Filmmaker Roxy Toporowych and CAAU Event Director Shannon Micevych greet arrivals to the CAAU Film Fest in October 2011.

CAAU's accomplishments over the past 20 years have been made possible by the generosity of our members and supporters. Financial support is the fundamental resource, but countless hours of volunteer time and effort make things happen.

We are proud of that CAAU has been able to adapt its projects to target unmet needs during these years, but realize that the current situation in Ukraine will continue to present growing challenges for its people.

We invite you to be a part of CAAU's next 20 years. Please consider joining CAAU's volunteer corps or making a financial contribution.

Your generosity provides significant support and encouragement that have lasting positive impact for the people of Ukraine.

## CAAU Open House

Sunday, July 8, 2012, 2-5pm

featuring honored special guest

### Basil Tarasko

District Administrator of the Little Leagues in Ukraine

Learn more about the Little League Baseball Championships for Orphans and other CAAU programs.

Learn more about ways you can get involved to help children and adults in Ukraine.

Light refreshments will be served.

Irko and Anne Prokopovych residence  
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### House of Ukraine



#### Ukrainian Festival 2012

September 1-3, 2012  
in San Diego, CA

featuring  
from Winnipeg, Canada  
Selo Ukrainian Dance Ensemble  
Sloohai Musical Band

For more information:  
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Wilshire Ebell Theatre



Christmas Concert  
Saturday, December 8, 2012

featuring  
The Ukrainian National Choir "Kobzar"  
The Yevshan Choir of New England  
The Los Angeles Doctors' Symphony Orchestra

benefiting  
Ukrainian Catholic Education Foundation  
[www.ucef.org](http://www.ucef.org)

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- Mailing assistant
- Membership database administrator
- Photographer
- Wheelchair refurbishment helper
- Electronic media content coordinator
- Website     Facebook     Twitter
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Please send this form to: California Association to Aid Ukraine, 23232 Park Ensenada, Calabasas, CA 91302  
or email: [CAAUkraine@gmail.com](mailto:CAAUkraine@gmail.com)



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