



St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

views from the pews

How it all began . . .

November 4, 2018

UCC-APC ANNUAL HETMAN AWARDS | Honour Ukrainian Community Volunteers!



In 1998, the UCC-Alberta Provincial Council initiated an Annual Hetman Awards to acknowledge significant volunteer achievements of outstanding Ukrainian Albertans. The Annual Hetman Awards are dedicated to the celebration of all volunteers who have chosen to give their time, effort and expertise in order to keep our Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta strong, vibrant and active. The UCC-APC welcomes nominations from any organization or group of individuals in Alberta. The Hetman Award selection committee is comprised of former Hetman Award recipients. All award recipients for 2018 were publicly honoured at the Annual Hetman Awards Gala on October 20th at St. Stephen's.

Today we honour three members of our parish who dedicate their time and expertise for the benefit of our Ukrainian community in Alberta. I reiterate what Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz said in the program, "Without you, our active organizations, celebrations, and commemorations would not be possible; you are the backbone of the community. Your organizations have nominated you and today we celebrate and honour you for your dedication".

UCC-APC Adult Category Dr. Linda Dudar



Dr. Linda Dudar is the director of St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic church choir for the past 35 years. This included various recordings, travel within, outside of Alberta and internationally. The Annual Calgary Carol Festival has been a highlight for the choir each Christmas as the choir members gathered to celebrate "Rizdvo". These performances were also recorded and played on Cable TV between both English and Ukrainian Christmas.

Dr. Linda Dudar was the Director and Dean of Education at St. Mary's University in Calgary, for 7 years, retiring a year ago. She has over 25 years of experience in both Catholic and Public-school districts in Western Canada and has led Canada's only Bachelor of Education program uniquely designed to prepare teachers for Catholic as well as Non-Catholic schools. As an award-winning teacher and school administrator, she has shared her research and teaching nationally and internationally. During her years at St. Mary's University Dr. Dudar also organized a student exchange program with the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. Six students have spent time in Calgary. Linda has assisted others to travel to Ukraine to teach English at the University. Linda also assists in the planning and orchestrating the successful yearly fundraiser at St. Stephens by the Calgary Friends for the Ukrainian Catholic University.

UCC-APC - Exemplary Volunteer Deborah Johnson



Deborah became a member of the Calgary Friends of the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) about 6 years ago and became their Treasurer. In addition in assisting in organizing fundraisers and Gala's, Deborah also taught English (ESS) for 3 years in Ukraine. Deborah has been a faithful member of St. Stephen's since moving to Calgary in 1999, she teaches the Ukrainian classes and she also is a member of the Calgary Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association.

UCC-APC - Exemplary Volunteer Darlene Jasinski



Darlene Jasinski has set the foundations in place for the Barvinok Ukrainian Dance Society with her years of dedication to the organization as a volunteer. Joining the school one year after its establishment in 1990, she began her 21-year journey as an integral member of this Calgary dance institution. Darlene's dedication to the Ukrainian dance community is the reason that Barvinok is as successful as it is today.



- ❖ Please continue to share your memories as they are important to our parish family.
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