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UCC Saskatchewan 2021 Nation Builders & Community Recognition

On Nov 7, the UCC Saskatchewan held their Online Honouree Announcement of the 2021 Nation Builders & Community Recognition Awards.

Annie Lyzaniwski, recipient of the Community Recognition Award for Leadership, was born December 10, 1939 in Regina to Michael and Eva (Soroka) Halapatz. Her parents were founding members of the Ukrainian National Federation (UNF) in Regina. Annie and her brother, Andy, attended Ukrainian School at the UNF, and Annie was a member of the youth club, various choirs, the dance school, and performed in many concerts and plays.

Annie was a member of St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Parish, participated in the youth club, helped fundraise to build the new church, served as secretary, and coordinated social events. Annie applied the leadership skills developed in her youth as a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada in the 1960s and early 1970s and then as a member of the Ukrainian Women's Organization (UWO) beginning in 1975. Over the next three decades she served as President for seven terms and Vice-President for four terms. She was also a representative and contributor to the Women's World and Gold Cross periodicals, showcasing events in Regina.

Annie mobilized the membership to host annual art and literature shows, children's carol festivals, and culinary workshops. She organized fundraisers to support Regina charities as well as spearheading concerts honouring community pioneers and Ukrainian notables such as Taras Shevchenko, Olga Basarab, and Lesia Ukrainka.

In the 1970s Annie co-managed renovation of the UNF kitchen with John Huculak and his wife, Angie, enhancing food preparation and expanding services to both member organizations and non-members for many decades. The UWO flourished under Annie's leadership. Ukrainian culture and traditions were maintained and shared with non-Ukrainians. Her skills of diplomacy, team building, collaboration, willingness to compromise, being open to others' suggestions, and having the imagination to do things differently, all resulted in successful endeavors.

In 1975 and 1976 Annie was Volunteer Coordinator for the Ukrainian Kiosk in the Regina Folk Arts Council's Multicultural Festival. In 1977 and 1978 Annie was instrumental in organizing the Ukrainian Canadian Committee's Kyiv Pavilion when the event became Mosaic, recruiting and scheduling up to 300 volunteers to work throughout the pavilion. She concurrently coordinated food provision by the four Regina Ukrainian women's organizations. Annie continued to volunteer annually at the pavilion until moving to Calgary in 1999 with her husband, John. Annie helped organize a trip by the Regina Ukrainian Centennial Choir to Canora, SK in 1992 to participate in the Saskatchewan Ukrainian Centennial. In December 1994, she organized the first Ukrainian Carol Festival at the UNF Hall, with seven choirs participating. Proceeds were donated to the Chernobyl Disaster Fund. Annie has continued to volunteer in Calgary for various organizations.

Annie has two sons, Michael and Paul, and one daughter, Nancy, and enjoys spending time with her four grandchildren, Maria Carol Anne, Grace Eva Patricia, Rachel Kathryn Pauline, Jacob Michael. ANNA MYC.

Click on the link below to watch *Nation Builders & Community Recognition Awards*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wb5efmHlxPc>



LYZANIWSKI, Annie

Congratulations to
the honourees
who were formally
presented online!

