

## USRL/CYC

# Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL/CYC)

## Winnipeg, Manitoba August, 2017

### Award of Excellence Recipients



#### KAY HOBDEN – Edmonton, AB

- Held several positions including Secretary and Treasurer at the UWAC St. John's Branch for 21 years
- Trusted mentor and advisor to current and past presidents
- Fifty-plus years of membership in UWAC. Honourary Membership in 2001
- Involved in Ukrainian School, Ukrainian dancing and CYMK
- Seventy years as an active member at St. John's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish: Sunday school teacher, Sadochok secretary, catering chairperson and member of numerous committees including bazaar, bake and bingo committees. Received Honourary Membership in UOCC in 1997
- Continues to knit for the homeless and underprivileged in Ukraine. Contributes to Local Council of Women's collection for women's shelters



#### NATALIE OLYNYK KOWALENKO – Toronto, ON

- Active Toronto UWAC Sophia Rusova Branch member since 2006 and executive member 2013-2016
- Member of Eastern UWAC executive as the CYMK liaison
- CYMK member 1968-1975; executive member 1970-1973, President 1973-1975
- Sang in CYMK and Church choirs 1967-1988
- Participated in National, Provincial/Regional, Local UWAC and its component USRL organizations including SUS Foundation of Canada, UWAC, CYMK, Ukrainian Museum of Canada and St. Vladimir's Institute
- Eastern Eparchy Bishop's Advisory Council 2010-2017. Developed role of youth coordinator planning and presenting youth retreats. Also re-developing the annual Eparchy Family Celebration Day
- Chair at St. Demetrius Parish Council 2006-2010. Also served as Council member 1995-2005 serving as Treasurer, Member without Portfolio, 1st and 2nd Vice-President with Membership Portfolio



#### CARLA KOZAK – Edmonton, AB

- Chair of Promin 2011 – 2015 guiding the magazine from deficit to profit position
- UWAC National: Education Convener, Women's issues, Member-at-Large
- UWAC Provincial President 1990-1994; Convener of Women's Issues; VP, librarian, rep. to Edmonton Local Council of Women, Secretary of "Flowers of the Bible Society"
- Local: Program, VP, library, President, Ukrainian Museum of Canada. Started the Red Deer UWAC branch
- USRL convention secretary for UWAC, 2011
- Edmonton and National Council of Women of Canada – Board member, VP, President. Led Canadian delegation to International Council of Women Triennial in Kyiv 2006
- Alberta Benevolent Cantor's Association: President, cantered, taught several workshops. Arranged music for prayer and new funeral books
- Served on the Board of Canada Council of Americas, UCC Alberta Council



#### EVANGELINE GLORIA MANULAK – Winnipeg, MB

- Organized and advisor for Jr. CYMK plus supervised and taught Sunday school
- Member of Ukrainian Museum of Canada and past Board member of affiliated Manitoba Museum branch
- Audited a course at Taras Shevchenko University in Kyiv, Ukraine in 1973 designed for Teaching Ukrainian in public schools
- Organized and directed a School of Ukrainian Dance at All Saints Parish
- Member of UWAC Lesia Ukrainka Branch; held position of Vice-President (2 years) and President (3 years) Representative to the Winnipeg Council of Women
- Board member of Provincial Ukrainian Women's Association for Manitoba
- Member of All Saints Parish and the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral
- Volunteered with several health oriented organizations
- Taught Ukrainian conversational course for adult education