



# SISTER CITIES NEWS

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Spring 2010

**Dear TOUCH Sponsors and Donors,**

The weather is changing, the bulbs are blooming, and we at the Uzhhorod Corvallis Sister Cities Association are excited about the activities coming up this spring and summer! Our annual flower sale is going on right now, we have a dinner planned during Sister Cities week with live entertainment, and we are bringing a couple of friends over from Uzhhorod to work with children in the Corvallis Arts Center Globetrotters program. Read more about it all in the articles below.

**Happy Spring**

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Els Lofgren, President

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## Presidents Message

Dear Members,

Thank you for renewing your membership. For those of you who put this off, it is NEVER too late to renew.

The Sister Cities Association in Uzhhorod, with Morika (Mary) Radetsky as their president, raised \$1,000 at a fundraiser in March. Cantus, the choir that was the guest of our organization a couple of years ago, performed and about 100 people attended. Each member of their organization had to sell one or two tickets at \$10 each. For quite a few of their members, that is 5%-10% of their monthly salary. The money raised will be used to buy supplies to update the basement in the New Family Building. Labor will be donated.

For those of you who are not familiar with the New Family program, it is a part of the TOUCH program (Take One Ukrainian's Child Hand). It is a center providing activities for the children in the New Family program. When TOUCH visits Uzhhorod, we always visit this center.

This spring, Justin T. Dorsey, an OSU senior student in political science with a minor in US history, offered to intern for CUSCA. Justin is the grandson of Connie Ash, a local resident. Connie's brother Ted Gregg lives in Philomath.

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Caroll Paulson

Their father and grandfather, Gregory and Paul Zatkovich, played a part in the search for liberty and autonomy for the country of Carpathian Ruthenia. Justin met with the board in March where his internship was accepted and a work plan was discussed. Justin is hoping to spend 20 hours a week for our organization this spring term. You will hopefully meet him at some of our planned events.

Sister Cities' Week is June 1-5, 2010. We will have a display at the FOOTWISE store downtown, shared with Corvallis Gondar Sister Cities Association.

Please mark your calendars for Friday, June 4, at 6 pm. We will host a Ukrainian dinner at the Presbyterian Church in the social hall. Tickets will be available from board members in the middle of May and at the door. The Marahimbas will cheer us with their wonderful music before and after dinner.

Our annual flower basket sale is underway. Bob Stebbins, Honored CUSCA Member, is in charge again.

We will also sell hanging flower baskets at the spring plant event on Sunday, May 2, in the Arts Center area. We are very thankful for all the support we receive for this fundraiser.

On June 5, visit us at the Farmer's Market. We will have a booth there.

Our Annual meeting is Tuesday, June 15, at 7 pm at the Corvallis Public Library. Election of new officers takes place during this meeting. I will also ask Justin to give us a report of his experience with CUSCA.

Each summer, the Corvallis Arts Center hosts a well-attended children's summer arts and culture camp known as Globetrotters. It will run from 8am-5pm for 6 weeks. The weeks are broken up into week-long studies of specific countries. A minimum of 40 local children, Grade 1-5, attend. The director of the Arts Center, Sara Swanberg, asked if we would help sponsor a Ukrainian Week this summer, and we have agreed to provide two round-trip airline tickets. Sara has invited Ira Roshkovick, director of Path to Life, and Viktoriya Danchyn-Brezhynska, a Ukrainian dance teacher, to fly from Uzhhorod to participate in the Globetrotter's Ukraine week, which will be the week before DaVinci days, July 12-16. We hope to have a Ukrainian dance performance from the kids during the Da Vinci days.

Sara is also a member of the Maharimbas band. Two years ago, CUSCA sponsored the Maharimbas visit to Uzhhorod. They performed many concerts and donated their instruments to the children of Uzhhorod. Friendships were established and resulted in the plans that were made to celebrate Ukrainian culture with our local children.

Last but not least, I want to thank Alice Rampton and Sabra Killen, our TOUCH organizers, for all the energy and time they put into the TOUCH program. They also are very informed advisors to our organization. They know our history and move us forward.

Bob Stebbins

## Calendar

April-May: Flower sales

May 2: Arts Center  
Flower Basket sale

June 1-5: Sister Cities  
Week

June 4: Bogrash dinner

June 5: Farmer's Market  
table

June 6: Footwise display

June 15: Annual  
membership meeting at  
the library

July 5-9: Arts Center  
Globetrotters Ukrainian  
week

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This fall they are planning another TOUCH delegation to Uzhhorod. For me, without them, I would not have experienced my travels and love for our sister city and the great friendships I have made with the people of Uzhhorod, people young and old.

Until next newsletter, enjoy the season,  
Els Lofgren.  
President 2009-2010

## Flower Baskets

As spring approaches, it is flower basket ordering time again! How would you like to have a beautiful hanging flower basket delivered to your home or business in late April through early May?



Fuschias

During the weeks preceding Mother's Day each spring, Peoria Gardens provides an array of beautiful 20-inch hanging flower baskets to CUSCA at cost, which we then sell throughout the community as a fundraiser. Our flower basket sales program is a major fund raising activity for the programs of the Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association.

To order, please go to the CUSCA website  
<http://sistercities.corvallis.or.us/uzhhorod-news/flower-basket-fund-raiser>,  
complete the form and mail it (along with your check) to:

CUSCA Flower Baskets  
c/o Kathy Meddaugh  
1328 NW Souza Place  
Corvallis, OR 97330-2920

There will also be a sale of plants on Sunday, May 2nd, at the Corvallis Arts Center.

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Bob Stebbins, Chair  
Flower Basket Sales Committee

## Sister Cities Week

Sister Cities Week is the first week of June this year. We are planning a Bogrash Dinner Fundraiser, which will be held on Friday, June 4 at the First Presbyterian Church. Bogrash is a traditional Transcarpathian stew and is absolutely delicious!

There will be other dishes and desserts to accompany the main course and the cost is only \$10 per person.

The Maharimbass, a local marimba band, will provide entertainment during the dinner. There will also be some jewelry for sale that was made by children from Uzhhorod.

The dinner will start at 6pm and go until 8pm. Tickets will be sold at the door and the money goes for Sister Cities activities for the rest of the year.

## Arts Center Globetrotters Camp



Corvallis Arts Center

## Ukrainian Visitors to Teach Children, Speak to Community Groups

Iryna Roshkovich, Vice President of the Uzhhorod Sister Cities Organization and teacher/choreographer Viktoriya Danchyn-Brezhynska will be in Corvallis for 10 days in July, to teach Ukrainian arts and culture classes to children enrolled at The Arts Center's Globetrotters Arts & Culture Camp. The two energetic Uzhhorod residents will work 4-6 hours daily at The Arts Center site offering six classes in Ukrainian traditional dance, language and storytelling, needlework, and cooking. As a camp finale, the Globetrotters

students from the Ukraine traditional dance classes will perform on stage at the da Vinci Days Festival the weekend of July 17-18.

The Uzhhorod visitors will also be available in the afternoons and some evenings for speaking engagements with local groups such as Kiwanis, Rotary, and the Corvallis Benton County Library. The visitors will also have an opportunity to engage with professionals in their own line of work.

Uzhhorod Sister Cities Organization is assisting in bringing Iryna and Viktoriya to Corvallis for which The Arts Center is extremely grateful. The Arts Center is dedicated to offering unique and authentic programming to the children in the Globetrotters program, and it is thrilling to know that our Sister City of Uzhhorod is taking part in the entire Ukraine Week, from July 12-16.

For further information, or to schedule a presentation for Iryna and Victoriya, please contact Sara Swanberg, Director at The Arts Center, at [sara@theartscenter.net](mailto:sara@theartscenter.net)

Contributed by Sara Swanberg

## **INTERN RETURNS FROM WINTER TERM IN UZHGOROD**



Tanya Chavarha (AFS exchange student at Crescent Valley High School from Perechin, Ukraine), Ally Tritten (2010 Global IE3/TOUCH Intern to Uzhhorod), and Emily Hess (2009 Global IE3/TOUCH Intern)

Ally Tritten, a senior at the University of Oregon, has completed her TOUCH internship in Uzhhorod and recently returned to the US. Ally was sponsored by Oregon University System's Global IE3 Internships and The TOUCH Project. During her 2.5 month experience in Ukraine, she lived with a host family, taught English at the Chaslivtsi Orphanage and volunteered at the Center for Children with Disabilities in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. This the fourth intern through Global IE3 internships to travel and teach in Uzhhorod. Ally will graduate this spring from the University of Oregon.

### **TENTH TOUCH DELEGATION TO TRAVEL TO UKRAINE IN SEPTEMBER**

Plans are underway for the tenth annual delegation to travel to Uzhhorod, Ukraine with The TOUCH Project this fall. About 120 individuals have traveled with the project to Ukraine during the last 9 years. If you are interested in being part of this delegation, please contact either Sabra Killen at 360.835-1240 or Alice Rampton at 541.753-5170.

As in the past, all delegation members pay for their own lodging, airfare, ground travel and food. This amounts to about \$1500-1800 per person. If you are interested, there will be a meeting to discuss the delegation's plans and itinerary on Sunday, May 16, 5:00 pm at the Rampton home in Corvallis, 5455 NW Crescent Valley Dr.

### **CHASLIVTSI ORPHANAGE CHOIR TAKES FIRST PLACE AT REGIONAL COMPETITION**



Chaslivtsi Orphanage

The choir at the Chaslivtsi Orphanage outside of Uzhhorod, Ukraine recently took first place at a regional competition held in Ivano Frankivsk, Ukraine. This is a major accomplishment for the choir which was non-existent less than 8 years ago. Choir members will now have the opportunity to travel to Kiev in May to compete and perform on a national level.

### [UCSCA Membership](#)

Letters will be going out to current members with instructions about how to renew membership.

