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“UKRAINIAN ROCHESTER COLLECTION”

Проф. Володимир (Мірко) Пилишенко – Prof. Wolodymyr (Mirko) Pylyshenko

Рочестер, НЙ США - Rochester, NY, USA

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Ukrainian Rochester Collection

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Хор і аматорський Кружок в Рочестер, Н. Й.

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м. Рочестер,
Н.Й.**

1914

**Choir &
amateur
Actors' Club
Rochester, NY**

КАЛЕНДАР на рік 1914, Руського Народ. Союзу (Укр. Народ. Союзу) 1913 р. ст 139; 234

Ukrainian Rochester Collection...

...largest collection of primary and secondary source material
in New York State **documenting Ukrainian-American
Community in Rochester and Monroe County, New York**



1920's... Rochester UA community



The Rochester Ukrainian Collection (at UR) was compiled by **Wolodymyr (Mirko) Pylyshenko** ([see biographical note](#)) and is comprised of approximately 25 cubic feet of materials, including records and minutes from a variety of Rochester-area Ukrainian churches, clubs, schools, and veterans and fraternal organizations; books and magazines published by Rochester-area Ukrainians; family histories, personal memoirs, photographs, fliers and event programs: photographs and ephemera. (**Rochester: 1920**)

Rochester Ukrainian Collection- University of Rochester

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"The Ukrainian-American Community of Greater Rochester consists of approximately 15,000 to 20,000 residents. They came from Ukraine to America in search of economic, political, religious, and social freedom.

Their immigration history is especially complex because Ukraine was at various times occupied by Austria, Russia, Hungary, Romania, and Poland; and as the new immigrants arrived in the United States they were consequently registered as Austrians, Russians, Hungarians, Romanians, and Poles.

The majority of Ukrainians came in four (4) waves:

Although each wave of Ukrainian immigrants came to the United States for different reasons and sometimes had different goals, they shared traditions, culture, language and a sense of community and common values. At different times, the Ukrainian-American community in Rochester organized its activities in different ways: for example in the 1950's there were seven Ukrainian clubs and one Ukrainian church; in 2006 there are seven Ukrainian churches and only one Ukrainian club. More than 50 organizations have served the Rochester Ukrainian-American community; these groups have included political, religious, business, professional, sports, women's, youth, educational, veterans', reading, and dance clubs and organizations. As individuals and through their organizations, Ukrainian Americans have made major contributions to the culture, social life, and business activities of the Greater Rochester community."

Rochester Ukrainian Collection- University of Rochester

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Wolodymyr (Mirko) Pylyshenko was born in Ukraine in 1934 to Wasyl Pylyshenko and Halyna Lopuchowycz Pylyshenko. During World War II his family lived in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and then in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany after 1945. In 1950, at the age of 15, Pylyshenko and his parents immigrated to the United States, joining the Ukrainian-American community in Rochester, New York, which had existed since 1900. Both of his parents were heavily involved in the Ukrainian community, church life, and politics.

Pylyshenko studied fine arts at Rochester Institute of Technology, where he received a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in 1958 and Master's of Fine Arts in 1964. He subsequently taught art at Rochester Institute of Technology, the University of Rochester, Irondequoit's Ridgewood Junior High School, and the Memorial Art Gallery before joining the faculty at the State University of New York, College at Brockport, where he taught art for 36 years and served as Chairman of the Department of Art and Art History for 10 years.

While at SUNY Brockport, Pylyshenko also offered courses in Ukrainian culture and history, and presented special lectures on Ukraine in political science and history courses. In 1979, he was an Exchange International Scholar at Moscow State University, and he taught at Kyiv Mohyla Academy University in 1996. President Jimmy Carter appointed Pylyshenko as an advisor to the Human Rights Committee in 1980.

Rochester Ukrainian Collection- University of Rochester

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Wolodymyr (Mirko) Pylyshenko ... Since his youth, Pylyshenko has been extremely active in more than 25 religious, political, social, educational, and professional organizations in the Ukrainian-American community. This has included membership in the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences, the T. Shevchenko Scientific Society, the Ukrainian American Association of University Professors, and service on the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Museum in New York City and as Chair of the Rochester Fund for Harvard University's endowed chairs of Ukrainian Studies. He also is a Charter Member of the Western Monroe Historical Society, a Trustee of the Irondequoit Public Library, and the Director of the Ukrainian Credit Union Library.

Over the past 40 years, Pylyshenko and his family have hosted scores of Ukrainian artists, poets, academics, and political figures during their visits to the United States. In this period he also made more than 35 trips to Ukraine and visited Ukrainian minorities in Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia, and Germany.

Mirko and his wife Irma live in Irondequoit, New York; they have two daughters, Orisa Pylyshenko and Katya Kolcio.

Mirko & Irma Pylyshenko

2009 Credit Union Opinion DUMKA - ДУМКА



spread their native roots for the fall 1995 Faculty Roots festival series.

Irma '88 and Mirko Pylyshenko

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SUNY Brockport - 1995

Ukrainian FCU Director Retires

On April 26, 2009 Prof. Wolodymyr (Mirko) Pylyshenko, a dedicated Rochester community activist retired from the UFCU Board of Directors. Since 1972, he served the credit union in various volunteer positions, first as member and chairperson of the Educational committee and editor of quarterly magazine Credit Union Opinion-DUMKA, then as member of the Board, assistant treasurer and President-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

He was born in Ukraine in 1934 to Wasyl Pylyshenko and Halyna Lopuchowycz Pylyshenko. In 1950, at the age of 15, Pylyshenko and his parents immigrated to the United States, joining the Ukrainian-American Community in Rochester, New York. Both parents were involved in the Ukrainian community, church life and politics. Pylyshenko studied fine arts at Rochester Institute of Technology, where he received a Master's of Fine Arts degree in 1964. At the State University of New York, College at Brockport he taught art for 36 years and served as Chairman of the Department of Art and Art History for 10 years.

While at State University College of Brockport, Pylyshenko also offered courses in Ukrainian culture and history, and presented special lectures on Ukraine in political science and history courses. In 1979 he was an exchange International Scholar at Moscow State University. He also developed courses and taught SUNY students at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in 1996. In 2008 he lectured on the 100 year history of Ukrainian Rochester and its archives at the Ostroh Academy National University in Ukraine.

Since his youth Pylyshenko was active in more than 25 Ukrainian-American religious, political, social, educational, and professional organizations. He is a member of the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences, the T. Shevchenko Scientific Society, the Ukrainian American Association of University Professors. He served on the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Museum in New York City and as Chair of the Rochester Fund for Harvard University's endowed chairs of Ukrainian Studies. He also is a member of the Ukrainian Historical Association, member of the Western Monroe Historical Society, an Honorary Trustee of the Irondequoit Public Library, and the Director of the Ukrainian Credit Union Library.

Over the past 40 years Pylyshenko and his wife Irma have hosted scores of Ukrainian artists, poets, academicians and political figures during their visits to the United States. They made more than 50 trips to Ukraine and visited Ukrainian minorities in Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Croatia, Serbia and Germany. He also traveled to Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan in Central Asia.

Mirko and Irma live in Irondequoit, a suburb of Rochester, New York. They have two daughters: Orysia Pylyshenko and Katya Kolic and grandchildren: Anastasia, Zenon and Axel - all members of our Credit Union. We wish Mirko much good health and continued success in all his future volunteer community endeavors.

26-го квітня 2009 року професор Володимир (Мірко) Пилишенко, відданий активіст української громади Рочестера пішов у відставку з посту Ради Директорів.

Народився Мірко 28 липня 1934 року, в селі Поромів, Володимир-Волинського повіту, в Україні. Його батьки - Василь Пилишенко, бувший член Центральної Ради 1917 р. та Галина (Лопухович) Пилишенко, учителька, організатор жіноцтва. Сім'я прибула до Америки в м. Рочестер в 1950 році, коли Міркові було 15 років.

Вищу освіту та ступінь Майстра Образотворчих Мистецтв Мірко отримав в Рочестерському Технологічному Інституті. В Державному Університеті штату Нью Йорк, коледжі Брокпорта він здобув вчений ступінь ад'юнкта-професора. В кінці 70х - на початку 80-х років Володимир Пилишенко був вченим по обміну в Державних Університетах Москви, Львова та Києва.

Мірко є членом, основоположником або членом дирекції понад тридцяти українських і американських громадських, академічних, гуманітарних організацій. Разом з дружиною вони заснували чотири окремі стипендійні фундації. На його власні фонди був виданий переклад на німецьку мову «Енеїда» Івана Котляревського, зроблений Українським Вільним Університетом у Мюнхені.

В часи «застою» або сумнозвісної «холодної війни» хутір Пилишенків в Брокпорті гостинно приймав багатьох видатних людей України, серед яких були Станіслав Лазебник, Ростислав Братуль, Олександр Підсуха, Іван Драч, Оксана Забужко, Володимир Бровченко та інші поети і журналісти, а також митці кіно і сцени - Юрій Іллєнко, Анатолій Мокренко, Діана Петриненко, Лідія Кондрашевська. Слід згадати також бандуристів сестер



Wolodymyr and Irma Pylyshenko

Байко, Галину Менкуш, Василя Нечепу. Не обминули його гостинності і декламатори Ніла Крюкова, Святослав Максимчук, академік Ярослав Попович, митці Іван Остафійчук, Любомир Медвідь, Михайло Попов, Феодосій Гуменок. Приїжджали українці з Польщі, Югославії, Румунії і інших країн, і всім їм влаштовувалися виставки, концерти, постані - читання їх творів і т.п. Під час поїздок в Україну Володимир Пилишенко зустрічався з Валерієм Шевчуком, Юрієм Смоличем, Валентиною Шевченко, Семеном Стефаником, Олесею Гончарем, Лубківським і іншими. Спількувався також з родинами в'язнів - В'ячеслава Чорновола, Михайла Гориня, Ани Садовської та інших.

За віддану безперервну україно-творчу жертвову працю - в Америці підозрювали його в симпатіях до комуністів, а деякі вважали і агентом КДБ, а під час його поїздок в Україну і в Москві вважали його агентом американських спецслужб. В 1979 році йому було заборонено продовжувати працю в Московському Держуніверситеті імені Ломоносова, а також заборонили в'їзд до СРСР. В часі перебування, за урядовання Горбачова, цю заборону скасовано. В Пилишенку є членом Української Вільної Академії Наук і Наукового товариства Т.Шевченка, Українського Історичного Товариства та Українських професорів американських університетів. В Пилишенку останнім часом збирає архів української громади Рочестера, НЙ, завдячує бібліотекою Кредитної Спільноти та веде українську телепрограму. В Пилишенку також співає в хорі Української Православної Церкви Св. Покрови, де очолює Братство Св.Архистратига Михаїла.

Rochester UA Community

Blaschak Hussar Families (USA...1881)

Irondequoit Public Library Exhibit (2018)

BLASCHAK FAMILY PATT BLASCHAK HUSSAR

Grandfather Constantin born 05/21/1855 in Galicia (Western Ukraine)

In 1881 immigrated to coal regions of Eastern PA. with brothers, Mytrophan and Phylamon.

Married Rosalia Popawich and had four sons. All worked in the coal mines. Michael started 1908 at age 14.

Hoping for better lives moved the family in 1916 to Allentown, PA. from Minersville, PA. Michael, the oldest son was a World War I veteran. He was an industrial foreman and on weekends had a band that played for Ukrainian and other ethnic weddings for over 40 years.

Children were:

Dr. Stephen Blaschak, Ret. Lt. Colonel USAF Reserve and pianist for Ukrainian Male Chorus, Allentown, PA.

Patricia Hussar, Retired Teacher and former Choir Director of St. Josaphat's (Rochester) and St. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Auburn, NY.



Rochester UA Community ...

Hussar: (1909) - USA - Shewchuk (1913)

Irondequoit Public Library Exhibit (2018)

The Hussar Family One Hundred Years in Irondequoit

Andrew Husar was born on December 2nd, 1892 in Rohatyn, Austrian/Hungarian Empire now (Western Ukraine)

At age 16 he arrived Ellis Island on August 25, 1909 on the ship Argentina from Trieste, Austria.

He relocated to 1753 N. Goodman/Irondequoit early 1911.

Married Tekla Frieda Plekan in October 1914 at St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church.

On September 20th, 1917 for the total sum of \$ 1.00 bought a Lot # 547 map North Goodman Park #2, from J.W. Wilber Comp. Inc., State St., City of Boston, Suffolk County, Comm. of Massachusetts. Later to be known as 2102 N. Goodman St.

Andrew became a Naturalized USA Citizen on 03/27/1925.

The North Goodman-Norton Street section of Irondequoit became known as the "Little Ukraine" as over 75 Ukrainian families settled in the area. In 1923 he founded the Taras Shevchenko Society which had a Clubhouse and Picnic grounds at the corner of Clark Avenue/Dix Street area.

Andrew's wife Tekla died in 1945 and Andrew raised the 2 remaining children by himself. He died at 84 on 11/05/1977.

Shewchuk Family (Bob Hussar maternal family)

Konstantyn Shewchuk born, June 1, 1894, Holyn, Kalush, East Galicia, Austrian/Hungarian Empire (Western Ukraine).

In 1913, to avoid being taken into the Austrian/Hungarian army he now (19) became a stowaway by hiding on a ship's lifeboat heading for America with his older cousin Roman Shevchuk.

Arrived Ellis Island 7/03/1913 on vessel Friedrich der Grosse.

Lived at Liszak's house on Ditmar Avenue, Astoria, New York.

Worked in Coal Mines in PA. & later at Con Edison in NYC.

Married Anna Tatiana Liszak in 1916 at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lower Manhattan, NYC.

Moved to Rochester, NY 1918. Became a Naturalized USA Citizen on April 1st, 1924. He had various jobs until he opened Shewchuk's Meat Market & Grocery on Hudson Avenue & Vienna St., next door to St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church now (Jordan Health Center)

He sponsored over 80 families to Rochester and was an officer in many local and national Ukrainian organizations for over 70 years. Konstantyn died on January 3, 1989 at the age of 94 is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Rochester, New York.