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(Українське Культурно-Освітнє Товариство в Приморській Віржинії)

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Word from our President:

The “Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine” was adopted by the Ukrainian parliament on August 24, 1991; The Act established Ukraine as an independent, democratic state. This August 24 will mark the 20th anniversary of Ukraine’s independence.

To us in the “older” generation, this was a monumental event in our lifetimes. I say “older” because 20 years is considered a generational timeframe. Basically, that means anyone under 25 does not have a memory associated with the Soviet era. In order to understand Ukraine’s problems and progress, the “older” need to pass on to the “younger” the memories we have from before Ukraine independence – the good and the bad.

Myron Bilyj

TUCA 2011 Independence Day Picnic

The TUCA picnic on Sunday, August 28, 2011 will be in celebration of this 20th anniversary.

The picnic will be at First Landing State Park, located at 2500 Shore Drive in Virginia Beach (website: <http://www.first-landing-state-park.org/> or http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/fir.shtml; phone: 757 412-2300). Scheduled hours for TUCA activities are from 3 PM to 6 PM in Picnic Shelter 1. The picnic area is near the main entrance to the park and the shelter will be marked with flags and signs to make it easier to find.

From I-64, take Northampton Blvd.-U.S. 13 North (Exit 282). Go through eight lights and take the Shore Drive/U.S. 60 exit (on right - It is the last exit before the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel). Turn right on Shore Drive and go four and a half miles to the park entrance on the right. Driving directions and maps are available through the above websites. Admission to the park is \$5 per vehicle on weekdays. TUCA will reimburse this cost to members.

There will be a *Bazaar Table* set up offering various Ukrainian associated items for purchase by attendees. I will be coordinating the picnic details and if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me (Myron Bilyj; Phone: (757) 850-1873, Email: crusier27@cox.net.)