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Ukrainian Social Reform

This May marked the completion of a four-year partnership between Canada and the Ukraine — a project to create sustainable resources for reforming social services in the Ukraine through social work education and through the promotion of disability issues.

The project was sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Circle had the opportunity of working closely with Andy Zurawsky from The University of Manitoba Faculty of Social Work in developing posters and certificates to commemorate this historic initiative. Andy and his colleagues attended the closing ceremonies in the beautiful city of Lviv, Ukraine.



Not-so-secret Getaway

For more than two decades, Carol and Murray (her recently-retired — a.k.a. ‘work-free’ hubby), have built and enjoyed a summer weekend retreat at Lake Wanipigow. A cottage at the lake seems typical for hardy Manitobans, but this retreat holds something special...

In the MacKay family, no getaway is complete without intimate gatherings with friends — whether it’s dinner featuring Murray’s famous Friday pizza, a rainy day around the Scrabble board, walking the woods with grand-puppy Pippa and cats at foot, or cruising the lake on the sailboat. It’s these events that have unexpectedly built traditions and have made the MacKay ‘not-so-secret getaway’ the retreat of choice for Carol’s extended family as well. (No, we’re not revealing where the cottage is, but it’s off the power grid, and there’s no phone).



Remember, a kite rises against — not with — the wind.

~ HAMILTON MABIE ~

H A P P E N I N G S



Keep Climbing

Rob's summer climbing sorties took him to Pallisade Head on the north shore of Lake Superior, the crags of north-west Ontario on weekends, and 10 days at the end of August in the Canadian Rockies. Although several attempted summits proved elusive, a good time was had! The season ended with a hike of the Eiger Trail in the Swiss Alps.

Family Vacation Memories

This summer Brian and his family set out for tours across Canada's diverse landscape. Their annual family vacation took them as far west as a mountain trek in British Columbia. Closer to home, Brian, daughter Krista, and several good friends paddled down the Assiniboine River from the Stockton Ferry to Spruce Woods Park. Their two-day trip took in Manitoba's finest scenery — an evening under the stars on a remote sandbar and the occasional log jam. The summer came to a romantic finale with the wedding of Brian's niece, Dana. *What better way to spend a summer than with some special people?*



Can We Fix It? Yes We Can!

Inspired by the popular 'Bob the Builder' character, Sue and husband Ryan crossed a new threshold in their life this summer — they bought their first house. Summer holidays entailed many visits to the local building centre, demolishing and rebuilding a kitchen, laying and refinishing wood floors, and lots of painting. The summer has left Sue wondering if it's only graphic designers who complain that there aren't enough colour options in the paint store. *Perhaps Pantone™ should look into this?*

Most forward-looking people have their heads turned sideways.

~ HAROLD ADAMS ~