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In February we had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. Jim and Marianna Peipon. They are missionaries who moved to Kyiv to work with Music Mission Kyiv and the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Choir. Dr. Peipon gave a presentation to the Kent – Kherson Sister City Association about his medical work and discoveries in Kyiv and Ukraine. Dr. Peipon currently runs a medical clinic one day a week which he hopes to expand to five days per week. Among his (and our) long-range plans are the establishment of still more medical collaborations and forums which will facilitate the transfer of medical knowledge and practices between American and Ukrainian healthcare workers.

While the Peipons were in Seattle they met with a number of people and groups who may be able to help their cause. Squeezed into their busy schedule was an afternoon tour of Northwest Hospital's pathology and clinical laboratories conducted by AUMP's Theresa Ayers. For more information about the Peipons and Music Mission Kyiv please visit this unique mission's website at www.musicmissionkiev.org

Donations

Progress toward our goal of \$4,000 to finance our next visit to Ukraine is encouraging. We have estimated this to be the minimum cost of preparing and sending our container of donated equipment and supplies, including about one week in Ukraine to oversee its distribution and to conduct training on its use. So far we have managed to raise almost \$1,500 in cash and a great deal of local interest in our success.

AUMP is happy to announce that the Ukrainian American Club of Washington has joined with the Ukrainian Womens' Guild and some generous individuals in supporting our cause.

Jefferson Award Nominees

AUMP co-founders Russ and Terry Ayers were nominated for the 2003 Jefferson Award for Public Service. In 1972, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Senator Robert Taft, Jr. and Sam Beard founded the American Institute for Public Service to establish a Nobel Prize for public and community service. Each state selects winners who then advance to national competition. Although the Ayers were not selected for the award this year it is still an honor to be nominated. Congratulations!

New Volunteers

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week here in America. Please welcome our most recent volunteers: Mark, Website Developer; Lisa, Online Shopper, and Marina, Translator. With the rest of our corps of volunteers we now have 60 people working in various volunteer capacities to grow AUMP and ensure its success. To date AUMP volunteers have contributed over 20,000 hours of service to support our mission of advancing healthcare.

US Tax Deduction Information

If last week's tax return filing deadline left you short of deductions, consider a donation of cash or appreciated stock to help you with your 2003 tax bill. All donations to AUMP are fully deductible as we are a tax exempt charity under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Help yourself and AUMP at the same time by making a donation. With your support it will be possible to continue making a tangible difference in more of Ukraine's hospitals. For further information simply press "Reply" and ask how you can help.

Website Development

The talent to help us simplify and update our website has finally arrived in the person of Mark, our new volunteer website developer. He is a very skilled website developer who is utilizing a new approach that should result in a faster-loading, more accessible website. Among the new design's features will be simplified navigation and ease of editing in the future. A prototype site has already been composed and looks very promising.

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