



**A CENTURY OF STRENGTH:  
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**2025 Marks the 100th Anniversary of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America: A Century of Strength, Inspiring Generations**

**New York, NY – January 2025** – The Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA) is proud to announce a series of events celebrating its centennial anniversary. Founded on March 12, 1925, by eight visionary women, UNWLA celebrates 100 years of empowering Ukrainian women, preserving cultural heritage, and fostering community service within the Ukrainian-American diaspora.

Reflecting on the organization's beginnings during its 25th anniversary in 1950, first president Yulia Shushstakevych wrote:

*"It wasn't easy for the founders of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America to establish a women's organization. None of us had the appropriate preparation, but it is clear that these eight women who gathered for the first initial meeting...had a 'lucky hand' and that God had blessed their plans."*

Since its early days, UNWLA has been a leading advocate for education, leadership, and cultural preservation. Centennial events include releasing an English-language history book in late 2025, special "Look Back" features in *Our Life* throughout the year, and a short film debuting in spring. Exhibits will be hosted at **The Ukrainian Museum in New York City** (September 2025 to January 2026) and the **Museum of the Ukrainian Diaspora in Kyiv**, showcasing archival materials and artwork by diaspora women. Branches and Regional Councils are encouraged to host local celebrations, culminating in a theatrical production and reception in New York City on **October 19, 2025**.

**A Century of Legacy and Looking Ahead**

This centennial honors the UNWLA's founders and its lasting impact on the Ukrainian-American community. It celebrates the vital role of Ukrainian women in leadership, culture, and service while reaffirming its commitment to empowering women and preserving Ukrainian heritage for future generations.

For more information or to get involved, visit [www.unwla.org](http://www.unwla.org).

**About the UNWLA**

Founded in 1925, the Ukrainian National Women's League of America is the oldest and largest organization of Ukrainian women in the United States. Dedicated to promoting Ukrainian culture, identity, and heritage, the UNWLA fosters leadership, education, and community service, connecting generations of Ukrainian-American women.