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Plast Sorority Spartanky Meet for Annual Conference *article for Ukrainian Weekly*

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Forty-five members of the senior Plast sorority Spartanky gathered at Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, New York, for their annual conference and retreat. The conference, which took place on November 1 -2, was organized so sorority members could relax in the gorgeous mountain setting, renew friendships, and revitalize their commitment to support Plast youth and organization.

The conference succeeded on all points. Members started to arrive on Friday and took part in resort activities such as Tai Chi or yoga classes, and spa amenities. A hike to the Sky Tower offered breathtaking views of the surrounding Shawangunk Mountains. This was followed by a group water aerobics class led by Xrystia Stasiuk in the glass-enclosed resort pool. The day was topped with a “Tovaryskij Vechir” organized by the NJ group, with a hilarious skit that poked fun at the vagaries of getting older.

Saturday was dedicated to reviewing and planning the coming year’s work plan for the kurin. Spartanky, as a kurin, chapters, and individuals, are very active in contributing to the Plast youth program. This summer will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Spartanky initiated the very successful “Pochatkovij Tabir” program, a one-week camp designed to introduce 7-year-old scouts to the camping experience. Spartanky will continue to conduct testing for the physical fitness badges known as “Vidznaka Fizychnoji Vpravnosti” (VFV), as they have for almost two decades at the East Chatham camp. Plans are underway to organize a specialized horse-back riding camp in August.

The chapters also presented their plans for the year – conducting “Andrijivskij Vechir”, a winter ski/ board/ skating trip, among other events. Many individual members have posts in their home stanytsi or on camp boards.

A new board was elected: Louisa Kaminskyj, president; Lida Chernichenko, vice-president; Vira Myskiw, treasurer; Theresa Kuritza, recording secretary, and Irka Sawchyn, press secretary. The new chapters’ leaders are: Xrystia Stasiuk in New Jersey, Lesia Magun in New York/ Connecticut, and Halya De Vassal in Philadelphia. Two new members, Adriana Holynsky and Xrystia Iwanik, were accepted as candidates for membership.

Everyone left the conference refreshed by the wonderful camaraderie and soothing mountain environment. To obtain more information about Spartanky sorority, readers may contact Lesia Palylyk at [rxukraina@aol.com](mailto:rxukraina@aol.com).