

# Meet Dzvinka

<b>Name</b>	Dzvinka Hayda
<b>Age</b>	Just right!
<b>City</b>	Grosse Pointe Park
<b>Occupation</b>	Former full-time (now part-time) teacher at Detroit Waldorf School and author/illustrator of children's books



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## Dzvinka's Favorites

**Dessert**

Chocolate

**Movie**

*Gone with the Wind*

**Ice Cream Flavor**

Chocolate

**Activity**

Writing, illustrating, being curious

**Book**

*Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier

**Restaurant**

Ardmore Cafe

**Vacation Spot**

Buenos Aires, Argentina

**What is your guiding principle or words to live by?**

Just do it. Do not complain, agonize or set aside, JUST DO IT!

**One thing you miss about being a kid?**

Being one with nature, free play in fields and streams

**What was your first job?**

Bookkeeper in the days of handwritten ledgers

**Are you a collector of anything?**

I have the gentle madness of collecting books.

**Your biggest accomplishment?**

I have several: degree in

Waldorf education, B.S. in child development, founding a Waldorf preschool/kindergarten in Ukraine, writing and illustrating the Moonbeam Award winning book *Little Angel's Journey* and monitoring the Orange Revolution elections in Ukraine in 2004.

**What is your biggest regret?**

Not getting a PhD, but I am planning on it.

**Most historical day in your lifetime?**

After 11 days on an American war ship turned passenger ship for displaced persons in WWII, arriving in the land of opportunity and spotting the Statue of Liberty.

## About Dzvinka:

Dzvinka is the proud mother of Yuriy, Natalia, Taras and Tanas. She loves world travel, opera, symphony, concerts, plays, art, reading and doing charity work for orphans.

Dzvinka is the Vice President of the Ukrainian American Archives and Museum of Detroit.

Fluent in English and Ukrainian, Dzvinka also knows house Spanish and Polish. She presently mentors teachers, is a parent coach and loves to organize.