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JAV LB COLORADO APYLINKĖI

Pereitą spalio mėnesį suėjo 35 metai nuo mūsų apylinkės įkūrimo. Tuo laiku šios sukakties nepaminėjome, nes visi buvome užsiėmę „Girių aidų“ koncerto ruošimu lapkričio mėnesiui.

JAV LB Denverio Apylinkė (vardas 1963 metais buvo pakeistas į „Colorado Apylinkė“) buvo įsteigta 1961 m. spalio 29 d. Organizatorių tarpe buvo Antanas Tamošaitis, Algis Vosylius, Stepas Steikūnas, Albertas Vaitaitis, Juozas Lataitis, muz. Mykolas Saulius (ilgametis Denverio simfoninio orkestro čelistas), Jonas Virketis, Romas Bočkus ir kitos šeimos. Paminėtieji visi buvo „nauji“ ateiviai, t. y., į JAV atvykę po antrojo pasaulinio karo. Aktyviai prisidėjo ir keletas jau senai čia gyvenusių lietuvių: Bruno Zaweckis, Caroline Zaweckis, Benedict S. Covey, Sr., Stella Nitengale, Rožė Bučienė (Buches), Linkus. Buvo ir daugiau, - steigiamajame susirinkime, kuris įvyko Bruno Zaweckio dėka parūpintoje salėje Lakewood American Legion Hall, 1655 Simms Street, Lakewood, dalyvavo 28 žmonės.

Pirmąją valdybą sudarė Juozas Lataitis, pirmininkas, Benedict S. Covey, Sr., išdininkas ir Algis Vosylius, sekretorius. Centro valdyba siūlė naujai apylinkėi priklausyti Vidurio Vakarų (Čikaga) ar Vakarų (Los Angeles) LB apygardoms, bet organizatoriams tas nepatiko, ir apylinkė iki šių dienų priklauso tiesiog LB centrui.

35 YEARS

FOR LAC COLORADO CHAPTER

Last October marked the 35th anniversary since the establishment of our chapter. Having been occupied with the upcoming „Girių aidas“ concert in November we failed to mention it.

The LAC Denver Chapter (the name was changed in 1963 to „Colorado Chapter“) was established on October 29, 1961. The organizers were Antanas Tamosaitis, Algis Vosylius, Stepas Steikunas, Albertas Vaitaitis, Juozas Lataitis, Mykolas Saulius (a long time cellist with the Denver symphony), Jonas Virketis, Romas Bockus and other families. The above listed were all „new“ arrivals, having come to USA after the WWII. Active participants were also a few persons having lived in Colorado for longer time: Bruno Zaweckis, Caroline Zaweckis, Benedict S. Covey, Sr., Stella Nitengale, Rose Buches, Linkus. There were more, - a total of 28 people attended the organizational meeting, which was held at the American Legion Hall, 1655 Simms Street, Lakewood. The hall was obtained by Bruno Zaweckis.

The first elected officers were Juozas Lataitis, chairman, Benedict S. Covey, Sr., treasurer and Algis Vosylius, secretary. The central office suggested that our chapter belong to either the Mid-West (Chicago) or the West (Los Angeles) regions. The organizers did not like that, and up to this day our chapter operates directly under the central office.

Nuo pat pradžios buvo užmegsti ryšiai su kitų tautybių grupėmis ir dažnai dalyvauta Denverio Tautinio Meno Tarybos metinėse mugėse/parengimuose,- pradžioje su gintaro, tautinių rubų ir rankdarbių parodėlėmis, vėliau, įsteigus „Rūtą“, ir su tautiniais šokiais. Denverio miesto bibliotekai buvo užsakyta ir dovanota tuo metu Bostone leidžiama Lietuvių Enciklopedija, lietuvių-anglų ir anglų-lietuvių kalbų žodynai, bei kitos su Lietuva surištos knygos. Apylinkės nariai aktyviai dirbo su Denverio Pavergtų Tautų Taryba, ir jai ne kartą vadovavo. Teko atlikti ir visą politinę Lietuvos laisvinimo ir jos vardo palaikymo veiklą amerikiečių valdžios pareigūnų tarpe, „Lietuvos Diena Colorado Valstijoje“ proklamacijos gavimą iš gubernatoriaus Vasario 16 d. progomis ir įvairiais atvejais laiškų rašymą prezidentui, senatoriams ir kongresmanams.

PASKUTINIEJI ĮVYKIAI

✓**Nepriklausomybės Šventė** -Kadangi Lietuva jau yra laisva šiemet mes nepriklausomybės atgavimo sukaktį atlikome pagal amerikiečių tradiciją,- ne kalbėdami, bet švęsdami. Gražus šimto žmonių būrelis vaišinosi zrazais (komplimentai **Laimai Jarašienei**). Po vakarienės jie gėrėjosi kanklių muzika ir „Rūtos“ (ypač vaikų) tautiniais šokiais, o po to pasinaudojo gera proga pašokti grojant N Keys kapelai. Kanklėmis skambino ir šokių muzikos kapelai vadovavo **Laima Gaigalaitė**.



✓**Kugelis** - Negali dejuoti jei gauni kugelio ir alaus kiek tik nori. Apie 40 žmonių, atsilankę į subuvimą balandžio 13 d., pamatė kaip galima smagiai praleisti sekmadienį. Kugelis buvo labai geras, o kompanija dar geresnė.



MŪSŲ APYLINKĖJE

Sveikiname **Lina Jarašiutę**, priėmusią Pirmą Komuniją balandžio 6 d.



Istorinio nuotraukų albumo projektas yra tęsiamas toliau. Jei turite nuotraukų iš mūsų apylinkės gyvenimo, paskambinkite Daivai Mickevičiūtei, 730-6702.



From the beginning contacts were established with other nationality groups and the organization often participated in the annual Denver Folk Council events,- with amber, national costume and craft exhibitions in the beginning, and, after “Rūta” was formed, with Lithuanian folk dances as well. A subscription of Boston-published Lithuanian Encyclopedia, Lithuanian-English and English-Lithuanian dictionaries and other books were donated to the Denver Public Library. Our members were active in the Denver Captive Nations Council, including being in charge of it more than once. The work included activities to keep the Lithuania’s fight for freedom alive, obtaining the “Lithuanian Day in Colorado” proclamation from the governor and on many occasions writing letters to U.S. president, state senators and representatives.

LATEST EVENTS

✓**Independence Celebration** - This year we incorporated an American tradition into the Independence Commemoration. After all, Lithuania is now a free country. Instead of just saying so, we celebrated it. A good size crowd of 100 ate *zrazai* (compliments to **Laima Jarasius**), enjoyed “Rūta” dancers (especially the children’s dances), listened to the wonderful melodies of **Laima Gaigalas’ kanklės**, and then danced to the exciting music of her N Keys band.



✓**Kugelis Party** - How can you go wrong with all the *kugelis* and beer you can handle? 40 people found out how great a Sunday can be when they attended the Kugelis party April 13. The food was great, but the company was even better.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Congratulations to **Lina Jarasius** on celebrating her First Communion April 6th.



Historical photo album -If you have photographs reflecting the activities of our community, please call Daiva Mickeviciute, 730-6702.



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Malonu buvo susipažinti su **Sofija ir Jonu Atkočiūnais**, mūsų apylinkės naujais nariais. Jie gyvena ir dirba Fraser, Colorado, todėl praėjo geri metai nuo atvažiavimo iš Lietuvos kol jie mus surado Denveryje. Tikimės, kad jų sūnus **Rytis** prisijungs prie „Rūtos“ šokėjų grupės.



Reiškiamo užuojautą **Jeannie ir George Senkams** dėl Jeannie tėvelio **George Warren** mirties balandžio 26 d. Jis gyveno Naperville, Illinois.



Petras Kazlas ruošia mūsų narių **elektroninio pašto** adresų sąrašą. Jei norite tame sąraše priklausyti, **pkazlas@colorado.edu** adresu galite jam apie tai pranešti.



JAV LB Rinkimai - JAV Lietuvių Bendruomenė turi Tarybos rinkimus kas trys metai. Denveryje balsavimas įvyks nuo 4:30 p.p. iki 6:30 p.p. 6th Ave. United Church salėje „Rūtos“ šokių grupės repetitijos metu. Norintieji gauti daugiau informacijų prašomi skambinti Arvidui Jarašiui, 439-2089.



It was a pleasure to meet **Sofija and Jonas Atkociunas**, the new members of our community. They live and work in Fraser, Colorado, therefore it took them a good year since coming from Lithuania to find us in Denver. Their son **Rytis** hopefully will become a member of „Rūta“.



Our condolences to **Jeannie and George Senkus** upon the death of Jeannie's father **George Warren** on April 26. He lived in Naperville, Illinois



E-mail addresses of the members of our community are being compiled by Petras Kazlas. If you want to add yours, **pkazlas@colorado.edu** is his screen address.



LAC Elections - Every three years the Lithuanian American Community of the USA conducts elections for its governing Congress. The elections locally will take place on May 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m at the 6th Ave. United Church during „Rūta's“ dance practice. For information call Arvidas Jarasius, 439-2089.



LITHUANIA's ADMISSION TO NATO

Lithuania's future will be decided in July 1997 by US and the NATO allies in a conference in Madrid. The subject of NATO expansion will be discussed. Russia is doing everything it can to defeat Lithuania's application to join NATO, as well as the European Union (EU). This is critical for Lithuania because there is an impending merger between Russia and Byelorussia. This would result in Lithuania being the only thing between Russian mainland and their property in Kaliningrad. Lithuania will need special support to keep Russia from applying tremendous pressure to do who knows what.

There is a House Concurrent Resolution #10 supporting the integration of Lithuania and other Baltic States into NATO. So far none of Colorado delegation has signed on as co-sponsors.

- 1) Call your Congressman and ask him to support the expansion of NATO and to sign on as a co-sponsor of H.C.Res. 10;
- 2) Call both senators and ask them to support NATO expansion. Local phone numbers are listed below;
- 3) Write letters (samples given below) to the president, your senators and congressmen.
- 4) If you need more information call Arvidas Jarasius, 439-2089.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Your name</u> <u>Your address</u>
The Honorable William J. Clinton The White House Washington, D.C. 20500	
Dear Mr. President:	
I strongly urge you to support the admission of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia into NATO.	
	<u>Your signature</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Your name</u> <u>Your address</u>
The Honorable (Senator's full name) United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510	
Dear Senator (Senator's last name)	
I strongly urge you to support the membership of the Baltic States in NATO. Your support of H. Con. Resolution 10 is important.	
	<u>Your signature</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Your name</u> <u>Your address</u>
The Honorable (Congressman's full name) U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515	
Dear Representative (Congressman's last name)	
I strongly urge you to support House Con. Resolution 10, introduced by Congressman Solomon, regarding the Baltic States and NATO.	
	<u>Your signature</u>

Colorado Senators: Wayne Allard, local tel. 220-7414; Ben Nighthorse-Campbell, local tel. 866-1900

Colorado Congressmen: District 1 (Denver) - Diane DeGette, local tel. 303- 844-4988
 District 2 (Boulder) -David Skaggs, local tel.303- 650-7886
 District 3 - Scott McInnis, local tel. Pueblo 719-543-8200, Grand Junc. 303-245-7107
 District 4 (Ft. Collins) - Bob Schaffer , local tel. 970-493-9132
 District 5 - Joel Heffley, local tel. Colo Springs 719-520-0055, Englewood 303-792-3923
 District 6 (Englewood) - Dan Schaefer, local tel. 303-762-8890

IN LITHUANIA

(Selected News, reprinted without editing)

LITHUANIAN POPULATION REDUCES

Vilnius, April 22 (ELTA) - Lithuanian population during the first two months of this year reduced by 1,000. At the beginning of March it stood at 3.706, Lithuanian statistics department data showed.

During the first two months of this year Lithuania registered 6,553 births, i.e. 24 births more as compared to the same period of last year.

Lithuanian death rate during January and February 1997 reduced by 1,350 as compared to the first two months of 1996.

SAJUDIS MOVEMENT PUSHES LANDSBERGIS INTO PRESIDENTIAL POLLS

Vilnius, April 23 (ELTA) - The council of Lithuanian Sajudis movement (LST) urged parliamentary leader Vytautas Landsbergis, earlier head of this movement which prompted rebirth process in Lithuania, to contest presidential election.

"Your merits in restoration of Lithuanian State and democracy gives you total moral and political right to be the president of our country," LST said in a statement that appeared on Wednesday in Lithuanian dailies.

Landsbergis is an honorary chairman of Sajudis and leader of the ruling Conservatives Party.

Last weekend the congress of political prisoners and deportees association also addressed the chairman of Seimas asking him to put up his candidacy in presidential polls.

Meanwhile, the leader of parliament said earlier in the week "he would soon make a final decision."

Lithuania will elect a new president at the end of this year. The sources of ELTA found out the date might be set for December 21.

For the time being a list of presidential candidates identified former Deputy Prosecutor General Arturas Paulauskas, ex-head of Catholic radio studio Vaidotas Zukas, founder of Tele-3 Co. US Lithuanian Liucija Baskauskaitė, and US environmentalist Valdas Adamkus of Lithuanian descending.

The current President Algirdas Brazauskas stated he would voice his decision in October.

(Press review by ELTA, Wednesday, April 23)

VYTAUTAS A. DAMBRAVA MOST LIKELY LITHUANIA'S ENVOY TO U.S.

It has been almost decided to offer Vytautas A. Dambra, who currently serves as Lithuania's ambassador to Venezuela, Columbia, Brazil and the Argentine, to be Vilnius' envoy to the United States, the Respublika says.

Mindaugas Stankevicius, the prime minister of the last Democratic Labour government, is said to be a likely candidate to head the Lithuanian diplomatic mission in France.

Austria has sent a long-awaited Approval of Edigijus Kurys' appointment as Lithuania's ambassador to Vienna. Kurys is director of the Vilnius University International Relations Institute.

Halina Kobeckaitė who is to be recalled from Estonia is likely to be offered to head the embassy that is being established in Turkey.

ITALY BACKS LITHUANIA'S WESTERN INTEGRATION BID

Italy understands and backs Lithuania's bid to integrate itself into the West European security and economic systems, Italy's Senate leader Nicola Macnini is quoted as saying at the Seimas by the Lietuvos Aidas.

Macnini was on an official visit to Vilnius on Tuesday.

According to the daily, the Senate leader praised the Lithuanian parliament for successful coordination of local laws with European Union legislature.

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A letter from Tadas Mikelevicius

I would like to thank all the people that donated to the Prienai English and Business Information Center during the independence celebration in Denver. For those that still want to donate to the center can contact me at <tadas@ppc.viltis.lcn.lt> or anyone in the Lithuanian community with access to email. Magazine subscriptions (Reader's Digest, National Geographic, Life, etc.) are desperately needed, but cash donations are also welcome.

The Center is proceeding as planned and has a tentative "Grand Opening" date of May 28, 1997. Further updates and pictures will follow soon.

Thank you very much for the support - Tadas Mikelevicius; Prienai, Lithuania



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Lithuanian Community of Colorado
1997 CALENDAR

*Please join us on the **first Sunday of every month** (unless scheduled otherwise) to socialize and participate with the Colorado Lithuanian Community*

MONTHLY SOCIALS:

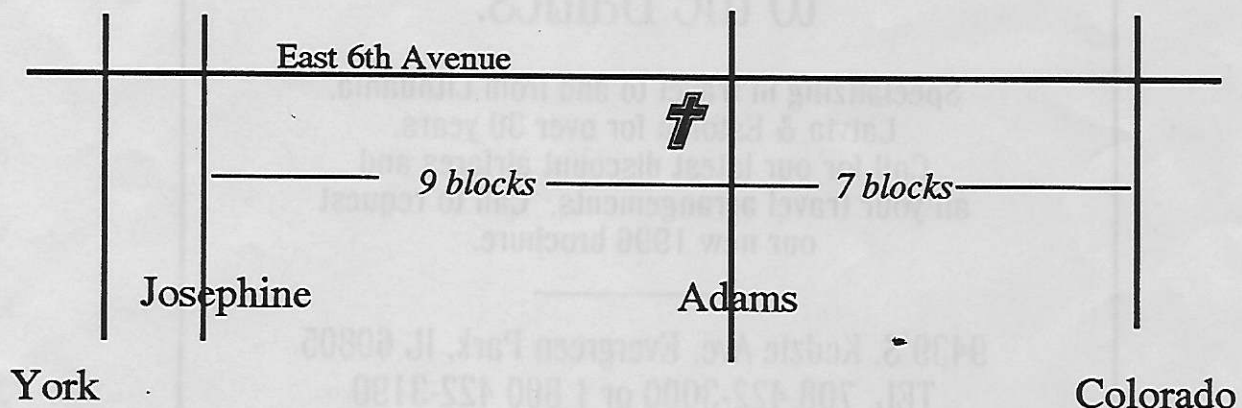
WHEN:	FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
TIME:	3:30 - 6:30 PM
<u>NEW HALL LOCATION</u>	6TH AVENUE UNITED CHURCH
	3250 EAST 6TH AVENUE., DENVER

May 4	Monthly Social - Card Playing (karasinka, tūkstantis, \$3.00 admission)
June 14-15	22nd Annual International Heritage Festival at McIlvoy Park in Arvada - "Rūta" performance
July 13	Day Hike at Three Sisters followed by BBQ at Kaleda's house
August 17	Annual Summer Picnic, Dekoewend Park
September 20	Weekend camping in the mountains
September 27	September Dance (Saturday)
October 5	Monthly Social - Lithuanian Stamp and Coin collecting (\$3.00 admission)
November 2	Pancake Party (\$10.00 admission for pancakes and beer)
December 13	Christmas Party



Monthly Social events are potluck, coffee provided. Please make reservations by the Wednesday before each event. RŪTA dance practice will be held at the same location 4:30 - 6:30 Sundays.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ARVIDAS JARASIUS AT (303)439-2089 OR JURGIS SENKUS AT (303)694-6518



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Mr. Juozas Kaleda, 5363 S. Pine Rd., Evergreen, CO 80439*

All other mail to the LAC is to be addressed as follows:

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