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HOUSE OF LITHUANIA'S

ANNUAL LAWN PROGRAM

July 26, 2009

DANCES AND PROGRAM
2-3 p.m.

VIDEO SHOW & CULTURAL DISPLAY
HALL OF NATIONS
&
LITHUANIAN FOOD BOOTH
Noon to 4:30 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL COTTAGES
Off Pan American Road East & President's Way
BALBOA PARK
SAN DIEGO

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Contact Food Booth Committee 858-733-1504
to assist in the Food Booth or Video Show

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JULY MEETING & POTLUCK

1 P.M Saturday, July 11, 2009

Allied Gardens Recreation Center
GARDEN ROOM
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego
VISITORS WELCOME! For directions please call Julie-Meilute Benedict at 619-507-7156

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NEWS FROM LITHUANIA

Vilnius –The 125th anniversary of the birth on August 10, 1874, of Lithuania's last prewar WWII president, Antanas Smetona. Smetona died and was buried in 1944 in Cleveland, Ohio. Efforts by his family are now under way to have Smetona returned for final burial in Lithuania.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? FROM THE SWORD TO THE WRITTEN WORD

The Annual Lawn Program of the House of Lithuania commemorates the founding of the Nation of Lithuania in the forests on the north-eastern boundaries of medieval Europe.

In this year 2009, the Lithuanian's peoples also celebrate the historic record of the 1,000 year existence of its name. The peoples of Lithuania have seen its name recorded in history in many forms, accommodating the diphthong-rich Lithuanian language to the local tongue.

Earliest surviving written record is in the Chronicles or Annals of Quedlinburg, an historic record of Europe written at the birthplace of the German nation. It was recorded in a Latinized, Slavic form of the name: Litua (Litva), the Germans being in contact with the Polish nation., and Lithuanian yet to be a written language.

By 1340, a recording of the battles of the soon to be Henry the Fourth, King of England, speaks of battles and raids with help from the Knights of Pruys (Prussia) and battling the king of Lettowe (Lithuania).

The travels of the Knight in the Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, written 1385-1400, too, speak of the Knight's raids in Ruce (Russia), Pruce (Prussia) and Lettowe (Lithuania). In time the Lithuanians were to call the nation Lietuva.

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For information about the House of Lithuania,
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