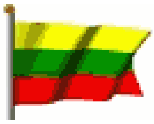

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HOUSE OF LITHUANIA
POTLUCK

1 P.M Saturday, August 8, 2009
Followed by Meeting

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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TRIAL MEETING ORDER CHANGE

The order of the regular meeting of the House of Lithuania has been changed to have the business meeting follow the potluck. Advancing the potluck to 1 p.m., closer to the lunch hour, may make the business meeting work more smoothly for the benefit of the members.

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News From Lithuania

LITHUANIA'S FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT

Dalia Grybauskaite, 53, a martial arts black belt, and says her political models include Margaret Thatcher and Winston Churchill, pledged to pull her homeland of 3.34 million "out of the political and economic shadows". Grybauskaite, since 2004, has been a member of the European Unions's Brussels-based executive European Commission.–***From Baltic Times***

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DANCERS CELEBRATE 18th YEAR OF PERFORMING AT HOUSE OF LITHUANIA ANNUAL LAWN PROGRAM

For Eighteen Years, the Performing Folk Dancers of Balboa Park, with David Odenwalder as director, has surprised the audience gathered there on the Lawn on July 26. Years ago he placed his infant daughter in the barrel for the dance "Kubilas," The Barrel.

Sunday, he added singing along in Lithuanian as the music and dances were performed. David is not Lithuanian, but looking at his dancers, in the ethnic costumes they have made and added to over the years, David's individual appreciation for the culture, as well as that of the dancers, was very evident in the energy and enthusiasm of the dancers. This time they went well over the time to end their performance.

Two special performances by Joseph Gurskas, accordionist, were on the program. Joe played old songs from different regions of Lithuania.

The Food Booth did not sell out as it did last year. Park attendance was off by two-thirds. Sausages will be available at the meeting Saturday, August 8, to purchase and also will be the entrée of the day.

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