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POTLUCK BEGINS AT 1 P.M. –

HoL meeting follows
Allied Gardens Recreation Center
GARDEN ROOM
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

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VISITORS WELCOME!!!

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NEWS FROM LITHUANIA

RYBAUSKAITE 1 PUTIN 0:

Lithuanian President Dalia Grybauskaite met with Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin in Helsinki on Feb. 10. The meeting was initiated by Putin. Grybauskaite is a former master of karate while Putin is a master of judo. This fact gave cartoonists and commentators material for jokes. It was the first meeting of Lithuanian and Russian leaders at such a high level since 2001.

The meeting, was organized at the initiative of Putin. Even the biggest critics of Grybauskaite in Lithuania praised her tough stance towards Putin. The Russian prime minister was forced to acknowledge that oil supplies via the Druzhba pipeline were stopped because of political, not "technical" reasons (as Russia used to explain it). ***--Excerpt from Baltic Times, 2/17/10, written by Rockas M. Tracevskis***

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A Commentary

LITHUANIA!
A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM!

Laisvę! ***The word that symbolized the struggle of Lithuanians for independence for almost a century.***

March 11, 1990 is the most recent date in the many struggles for self-rule. This most recent period of 20 years gives hope that it will extend longer than the period between the first World War and the 1939 treaty of non-aggression between Germany and the Soviet Union which divided Eastern Europe.

Lithuanians and those of Lithuanian heritage also celebrate the events of February 16, 1918, when Lithuanian self-rule was achieved again after hundreds of years of its own great nation, the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, being swallowed by great empires during the three partitions of Eastern Europe by Russia, Prussia and Austria (1772-1795).

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The three green areas to the East are the acquisitions of Russia, the blues of Prussia, and the yellow and orange of Austria.

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