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POTLUCK BEGINS AT 1 P.M. –

HoL Business meeting follows

Allied **Gardens Recreation Center**
GARDEN ROOM
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego

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VISITORS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

For directions call:
619-713-2713 or 619-507-7156

FROM A LAND OF POETS

VILNIUS, June 6, 2010

House of Lithuania Member Irena Remeikiene, now in residence in Vilnius has sent the following poem, presented here in English and its original Lithuanian.

No Closeness

Misunderstandings happen on this planet because of distance,

because there is no closeness, no one ever "sits next to" the other.

In one house people live on different planets.

In a town, people live in different galaxies.

There is so much distance, and so there is no understanding.

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Nėra artumo

Nesusipratimai šioje planetoje vyksta dėl atstumo, nes nėra artumo, niekas niekuomet "nesėda šalia" kito. Viename name žmonės gyvena skirtingose planetose. Viename mieste žmonės gyvena skirtingose galaktikose. Tiek yra atstumo ir todėl nėra supratimo.

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A CELEBRATION OF PAST & FUTURE

As Americans do in the month of July, we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence from England, so , too, do the Americans of Lithuanian heritage in celebrating the Coronation of King Mindaugas on July 6, 1253.

The founding of the nation-state of Lithuania will be celebrated by the House of Lithuania on July 25, 2010. The program will be held on the Lawn of the International Cottages of the House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park, as well as in the Hall of Nations nearby. The date given has been determined to be when the crown was bestowed by the Pope on the Duke Mindaugas, which anointed him a king of the Holy Roman Empire and King of Lithuania.

This is a day also honored in Belarus, where Mindaugas (Mindouh) made its city of Novogrudok the capital of the Grand Duchy of Litva. The histories of these two modern nations, and, later, that of the Ukraine, were intertwined, making the Grand Duchy a multi-ethnic, multi-sectarian state, leaving a permanent imprint on the borders of Eastern Europe.

To quote former President Adamkus, “politics grounded on the values of freedom and democracy are unpragmatic… [The] establishment of the State of Lithuania and its restoration on February 16 [1918] and March 11 [1990] were the most unpragmatic things to do.” The idealistic call for Freedom led to the “Signing Revolution.” The latest development of a Lithuanian nation will carry forward its cherished legacy of the love of Freedom and the unity it achieved. Former President Adamkus has said, “It has always been like that and it will be like that in the future.”

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