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Saturday, August 14, 2010
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!!!
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619-713-2713 or 619-507-7156

In Case You Missed It

Mockus lost to Santos in Colombia's Presidential Election

–By Rokas M. Tracevskis.

On June 20, [son of] Lithuanian [immigrants], Antanas Mockus was defeated by the governing Social National Unity Party candidate Juan Manuel Santos in the final round of Colombia's presidential elections. Santos received 69 percent of the votes while Green Party candidate Mockus got 28 percent. There was no big difference in essence between both candidates, but there was a significant difference in style. In his victory speech, Santos told Colombia's leftist rebel group, FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), that their "time had run out." ***.--Excerpted from The Baltic Times, June 30, 2010.***

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Antanas Mockus is now on Facebook.]

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Commemorating 70th Anniversary of U.S. Support and Refusal to Recognize 1940 Soviet Annexation

Vilnius.- Commemorating seventieth anniversary of the Welles Declaration, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton emphasized that the declaration provides tribute to the ideals of freedom and democracy. On July 23, in [the] Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, a commemorative plaque [was unveiled], with the declaration's text in English and Lithuanian.

The Welles Declaration, issued on July 23, 1940, by United States Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, then acting Secretary of State, condemned what the U.S. saw as the USSR's annexation of the Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and initiated its refusal to recognize the legitimacy of Soviet control over these three states. It was an application of the Stimson Doctrine to the Baltic issue.—*Edited from Wikipedia*(Welles Declaration)

YOUTH SERVICE IN SIBERIA

–By Rokas M. Tracevskis.

VILNIUS - On July 16, 20 young Lithuanians arrived at the Vilnius Railway Station, back from their mission in Russia's Sverdlovsk region. Lithuania's Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and other officials welcomed the participants of the expedition Mission Siberia 2010. During two weeks in Siberia, the young Lithuanians cleared the cemeteries of Soviet-era Lithuanian deportees and constructed wooden crosses there. They also met with some descendants of Lithuanian deportees still living there. It was the eighth Mission Siberia. Such expeditions of young Lithuanians started in 2006. The missions are organized by the Lithuanian Youth Council. The expeditions are very popular and those willing to join need to pass a big competition, which is mostly related to physical capabilities. Expeditions are financed by state institutions.--***Excerpted from The Baltic Times, July21, 2010.***

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