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Thousands of people are expected to attend the IX Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival, in Chicago, over the July 4th Weekend. Join them - celebrate Lithuania's freedom!

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Essential, And Interesting, Reading

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The "front page" of this insert is the cover of our June 1992 issue (which current subscribers received last month); and which, of course, features the *IX Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival*. The contents of that issue are clearly noted on that front page.

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BRIDGES offers an incredible variety of news stories, features and information in each issue. The following gives just an example of the kinds of articles which have recently appeared in **BRIDGES** (and many of which, we feel, should be of interest to virtually anyone who has even a remote link to Lithuania):

- ✓ Developing Lithuania's Economy. President Landsbergis addresses the *U.S. Chamber of Commerce*.
- ✓ All about "Radio Vilnius".
- ✓ A Church history reveals Lithuanian life in America.
- ✓ Our Lithuanian heritage - what it means.
- ✓ A listing of all U.S. Senators; so that you can know exactly how to write to, or call, your Senators.
- ✓ What is the real U.S. position towards Lithuania?
- ✓ The *Knights of Lithuania* - a look at their varied activities.
- ✓ The restoration of civil rights in Lithuania - what is really going on?
- ✓ Touring the countryside. A memorable visit to Lithuania.

- ✓ Outgoing leaders of the *Lithuanian American Community, Inc.* reflect on their tenure.
- ✓ An analysis of the Lithuanian economy; where it is and where it's going.
- ✓ Laconia (New Hampshire) - Vilnius School Exchange Program. A "grass roots" success story.
- ✓ Helping Lithuania by increasing the information flow - with computers.
- ✓ All about the *Lithuanian Music Festival*, in Chicago (held in May of last year).
- ✓ *The Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture* begins a new program to assist you in exploring your "roots".
- ✓ *A.P.P.L.E.* - what it is; you, too, can participate.
- ✓ A listing of U.S. media leaders/addresses; so that you can get your opinions heard.
- ✓ Science Fiction clubs in Lithuania!
- ✓ Review of a popular U.S. author's "spy novel"; in which the action centers around Lithuanians and Lithuania.
- ✓ U.S. Congressmen visit Lithuania - a trip report.
- ✓ One New Jersey teacher's success in linking her American students to Lithuania.
- ✓ A university is reborn - *Vytautas Magnus University*, of Kaunas.
- ✓ Letters from Lithuania. They reveal much about past struggles; and offer hope for the future.
- ✓ Seattle's Lithuanian Americans are active - incredibly active - in helping Lithuania.
- ✓ The Summer of 1941 - the beginning of a nightmare.
- ✓ One person's experience of businesses practices in Lithuania.
- ✓ "Memories of Lithuania" radio program celebrates 50 years of broadcasting.



STIPRINKIME TAUTOS ATEITĮ. REMKIME LIETUVOS VAIKUS!

Suvažiavę iš visų išeivijos lietuvių pasaulio kampų į IX-tąją Išeivijos Lietuvių Tautinių Sokių Šventę džiaugiamės kartu savuoju prieaugliu, savos tautos gyvastingumu. Juk mūsų prieauglio stiprios lietuviškos dvasios išlaikymas užtikrina tautos kultūrinį išlikimą išeivijoje, atgimstančiai tautai taip reikalingą ateities paramos užnugarį.

Įvairiopais būdais tiesioginiai remiame atgimstančio krašto pastangas. Tačiau svarbu dalį paramos skirti ir Lietuvos savarankiškos ateities užgarantuotojams, tautos brangiausiajam lobynui -- Lietuvos vaikams.

Lietuvos Vaikų Vilties komiteto užsibrėžtas tikslas yra sudaryti sąlygas invalidams Lietuvos vaikams atvažiuoti į JAV ir pasinaudoti Shriner's ligoninėse teikiama mediciniška (ortopedine, neurologine ir apdegimo) pagalba. Shriner's ligoninių specialistai daktarai atrenka vaikus, kuriems Lietuvoj nėra jokios vilties pilnutiniam, sveikam gyvenimui. Atvažiuavę atrinkti vaikai nepastovi ant kojų, daugumas negalintis ilgai ir sėdėti. Po operacijų, grįžta tėvynėn stiprūs, normalūs, sveiki.

Gydymas nieko nekainuoja. Bet vaiko ir vieno iš tėvų atvežimas, jų išlaikymas prieš ir po ligoninės bei kitos išlaidos siekia iki šešių tūkstančių dolerių kiekvienam vaikui.

Siuo metu Chicagoje yra devyni vaikai. Dar trys neužilgo atvyksta. Vieniems operacijos jau padarytos; jie sveiksta. Kiti tebelaukia eilės. Portlando ir Californijos ligoninėse priimti dar keturi vaikai. Prašymų yra daugybės. Negaluojančių vaikų vien Šauliuose esamoje sanatorijoje yra šimtai.

Kreipiamės į Jus prašydami pagalbos. Savo auka padėti Lietuvos invalidams vaikams.

Padėdami Lietuvos vaikams atsistoti tvirtai ant savų kojų užtikrinsime stiprius žingsnius Lietuvos savarankiškai ateičiai.

*"Lietuvos Vaikų Vilties" komitetas yra dalis JAV LB Krašto Valdybos
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STRENGTHEN A NATION'S FUTURE; HELP LITHUANIA'S CHILDREN!

The IX Lithuanian Folk Dance Festival is a time to celebrate freedom; to rejoice in our youth -- the pride and strength of Lithuanian heritage and spirit. It is only through our children that we will be able to assure the survival of our culture, ensure a firm support base strengthening Lithuania's future.

There are various methods and means which we can choose to aid reawakening Lithuania. Few would disagree that a portion of this aid should be directly directed to Lithuania's most valuable asset -- Lithuania's children.

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On behalf of Lithuania's children we appeal to you for assistance -- a donation. By helping Lithuania's children, we will be helping to strengthen Lithuania's future.

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- ✓ Connecticut based *VETRA* dance group performs at Ellis Island.
- ✓ Pennsylvania Governor's *Heritage Award* won by a Lithuanian American.
- ✓ *The Hudson Institute's* view of Lithuania.
- ✓ The Baltic Sea - of ecological concern.
- ✓ The Linas Kojelis story. (A profile of the President of the U.S. - *Baltic Foundation*.)
- ✓ A directory of the current Lithuanian leadership - names, telephone numbers, addresses, etc.
- ✓ Lithuania and our enigmatic President (Bush). Why has he been; why is he like that?
- ✓ *VII Lithuanian World Youth Congress* meets in South America.
- ✓ Searching for business opportunities in Lithuania.
- ✓ Lithuanian Rock & Roll band tours the U.S.
- ✓ Lithuanian fashion designer gains recognition.
- ✓ *Caritas - Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid*. An extremely productive partnership.
- ✓ The state of Lithuania's economy.
- ✓ The *International Theater Festival* is coming to Vilnius.
- ✓ *Ateitis* - a unique organization, and publication, celebrate an anniversary.
- ✓ The *Peace Corps* is going to Lithuania; and you can be a part of it.
- ✓ A hero of Lithuania's earlier struggle is fondly remembered.
- ✓ *The Lithuanian World Community Foundation* - its activities and status.
- ✓ Activities of the *Lithuanian Foundation, Inc.*
- ✓ Vice President Quayle visits Vilnius.
- ✓ *The Lithuanian Research & Studies Center* - what it is, and what it does.

But that's not nearly all! In addition to such unique articles and feature stories, BRIDGES, in virtually each issue, has far more:

- ✓ The "**Bits & Pieces**" section keeps you up to date, and informed, on activities and events scheduled to happen/recently concluded. All kinds of activities and events, all over the world (and even in your own neighborhood). In this section, as well, you'll get leads you may want to pursue even further; and we make it easy because we include names, addresses and telephone numbers!
- ✓ The "**Updates**" section gives you just that on organizations and activities featured in the pages of past issues of **BRIDGES**; so that you know where the activities which hold your interest are going.
- ✓ The "**Letters to the Editor**" section - which is fairly "heated", at times - allows for a frank exchange of ideas of interest to us all.
- ✓ The "**Book Notes**" section offers reviews of, and information on, the latest books pertaining to Lithuania.
- ✓ The "**From The Past...**" section offers excerpts from issues of **BRIDGES** of 15 years ago. An incredibly interesting look back!
- ✓ The "**From The Lithuanian Press**" section is a compilation of translated items from Lithuanian publications in America - items which we feel would be of interest to our readers.
- ✓ The "**Lithuanian American Community, Inc. News**" section provides the latest information on activities and programs of the *LAC, Inc.*; at both National and Chapter levels.
- ✓ The "**Op-Ed**" section is a forum for ideas and views which may be controversial, unique, etc. Interesting!

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