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Dear John,



Karl Janowitz

Message from the President

The exciting month of December is here! Cold weather is here for many of us and the holidays are just around the corner. This is a perfect time to reflect on our lives and to re-examine all that is important to us.

I want to wish you a marvelous holiday season. May you have a very merry Christmas and a fine New Year and 2014.

I sincerely thank you for all you do and have done for A.P.P.L.E.

All my best.

Karl

Dr. Karl P. Janowitz
President

Mission Statement:

"The American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education (A.P.P.L.E.) is a volunteer international non-profit educational organization. With the support of the Lithuanian Ministry of Education and Science, A.P.P.L.E. partners with Lithuanian educators to foster the implementation of innovative educational approaches that contribute to the development of a democratic society."

A + A - Edward B. Jakubauskas, Ph.D.



Marilyn Edwards & Ed Jakubauskas (center) with their class during this past summer's program in Lithuania

Shortly after the previous Ezine was sent, we learned the sad news that one of our volunteer educators, Edward B. Jakubauskas Ph.D., 83, of Fort Collins, CO died suddenly on Oct. 30 with his family was at his bedside. You may remember that the August Ezine included an article about Ed's experience in Lithuania with A.P.P.L.E. this past summer. The article noted that history was made for A.P.P.L.E. as three generations of Lithuanian-Americans team taught classes in Prienai, Lithuania on the topic of "Real World Applications of What We Teach in School". Ed, his daughter, Marilyn Edwards and her son, Jack Edwards all traveled to Lithuania and had "the experience of a lifetime." While we are sad to report Ed's passing, we are glad that he was able to have this family experience with A.P.P.L.E. and extend our sincerest

sympathy to his family.

Ed was a world-traveler, scholar, and a gentleman whose love of life was only exceeded by his love of family. He was living proof of the Mark Twain quote, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." He traveled to over 60 countries in the world, and was a friend to everyone he met.

Ed was born April 14, 1930, in Waterbury, Conn., the fourth child of Lithuanian immigrants Constantine and Barbara Jakubauskas and was the beloved big brother to Ann and kid brother to Constantine Jr., Alphonse, and Anthony.

Ed grew up during the Great Depression. As a boy, he was an air raid warden during WWII. In school, he excelled in academics, track, and drama. After graduating from Crosby High School with honors, he went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees in economics from the University of Connecticut. After graduate school, he was drafted into the US Army in 1954 and sent to Germany as part of the Army of the Occupation. There he spent two years in Stuttgart teaching soldiers. During this time he discovered his passion for travel and became fluent in German, his third language after Lithuanian and English.

He returned to the U.S. and worked as an economist with the Federal Power Commission and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, D.C. He then decided to pursue a doctorate in economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in the process adding his fourth language, Russian. While a graduate student at the university, he met a vivacious young public health nurse who stole his heart. Ed and Ruth Carolyn Friz were married on Aug. 29, 1959 in Madison. Ed finished his PhD two years later and they soon welcomed daughters Caroline and Marilyn into their family.

After a year teaching at the University of Wisconsin, Ed and family moved to Ames, Iowa where Ed became an assistant professor of economics, and sons Mark and Eric soon joined the family. At Iowa State, Ed moved rapidly up the academic ranks, becoming a full professor within five years and was the director of the Industrial Relations Center. In the 1970s, the family moved to Laramie, Wyoming where Ed became Dean of the College of Commerce and Industry at the University of Wyoming, and later, Vice President for Academic Affairs at UW. From 1979-1988 he was President of State University of New York in Geneseo, New York, where he turned a small, struggling teachers college into a nationally-ranked, highly selective liberal arts college. He served as President of Central Michigan University from 1988-1991, when he and Ruth retired to Fort Collins, Colorado.

Since retirement, he had been involved in numerous consulting appointments in the US and overseas (Latvia, Lithuania, Armenia, Bermuda, Brazil, and many other countries). He was proudest of his work in Lithuania, starting while he was a college president, developing exchanges between Poland and the US, and later teaching in Lithuania at the Universities of Vilnius, Kaunas, Siauliai, Klaipeda, and the Lithuanian Christian College. He was awarded two Fulbright Fellowships to teach at the universities in Lithuania and Latvia.

His was a retirement in name only. In addition to his overseas travel and work, he was very active in the Fort Collins community, serving on the Transportation Board, Library Board, Senior Advisory Board, Hospital Board, and was the president of the local Fulbright Association chapter and the local Friendship Force Chapter. He was a member of Plymouth Congregational Church.

He was a born teacher, teaching math in the US Army, economics as a professor, and later, his Fulbright teaching fellowships in Lithuania and Latvia. He especially loved teaching with Front Range Forum in Fort Collins, teaching classes in such topics as

foreign policy, Russian literature, and the "Arab Spring." Ed was a supporter of the arts, particularly theatre and classical music. In Fort Collins, he enjoyed Bas Bleu and the Open Stage Theatre.

Ed loved spending time with friends and family and was a master storyteller to his children and grandchildren, weaving tales of his childhood, Army life, and his immigrant father's experiences. He was an excellent listener, with a wonderful sense of humor. We all leaned on his wisdom, his honesty, his kindness, and acceptance of everyone he met. As a friend said, "He was a class act."

Ed always said "Live life to the fullest extent, and think of it as an adventure every day of the year."

His legacy lives on in his children: Caroline Marwitz (Curtis); Marilyn Edwards (Bob); Mark (Sara Taliaferro); and Eric (Kelsey); his grandchildren: Adam (Katie), Benjamin (Sarah), and Alex Marwitz; Ashlee and Jack Edwards; Allison and Cecelia Jakubauskas; Christian, Ana, Eve, Zachary, and Asen Jakubauskas; and great-grandchildren: Annabelle and Micah Marwitz. He will be greatly missed by his kid sister Ann Anastasio and her husband George, whom he introduced to each other.

Though saddened by his loss, his family knows that Ed is at peace with Ruth, and we cherish our memories of him.

Education Exposition Opens in Vilnius



photo by T. Bauro

President Dalia Grybauskaitė opened the exhibition "School 2013", which features innovations in school equipment and learning aids.

"The modern world is changing at great speed. Modern technology, enormous amounts of new information, new books, and computer programs encourage schools to innovate. However, no technology will replace a good teacher. The future of Lithuania is based on the creative, enterprising and innovative teacher. Progressive schools develop responsible citizens, which creates a strong state," said the president as she welcomed the exhibitors.

According to the President, Lithuania's teachers easily accept advanced business, academic, and cultural innovations that nurture a motivated, creative thinking youth.

This year's educational exhibition theme is "leadership enlightenment". The exhibit hall's greatest focus is on the natural sciences. It showcases creative world-known

academic methods and includes interactive events on natural science topics.

The president visited a mobile research lab on wheels that travels throughout the country schools. The president also toured the intelligent classroom booths and was interested in the interactive educational museum exhibits.

The exhibition not only presents the latest school equipment, instruments, and technologically advanced learning systems, but also alternative development methods and ongoing museum educational programs that can be integrated into the teaching process.

All of this can be tested in practice. The exhibition is equipped with an interactive natural sciences and world-known "Dream Classroom", which presents the latest Samsung solutions for schools.

Here one can find improvised lessons for teachers where they can be introduced to various natural science technologies and new educational models.

In the science laboratory on wheels, students can try out a researcher's job - including modern devices to perform a variety of scientific experiments to investigate live nature and construct robots.

This year's exhibition aims to draw attention to creative and active learning, a communal and investigative school, where every student can unfold and develop their best abilities, announced the Ministry of Education .

For the first time, the exhibition includes an Educational leadership forum. It will bring together school and other educational institution leaders, so that they can exchange ideas on leadership and cooperation in education, sharing of best practices and everyday challenges and learn more about what is happening in the world of education.

Innovative technologies, equipment and tools for schools are being presented by 89 companies; there will be more than 100 different events and seminars.

The exhibition will run until Sunday.

A.P.P.L.E. Summer 2014 Call for Proposals

Don't forget that the official Call for Proposals to volunteer as a lecturer for A.P.P.L.E.'s 2014 Summer Program can now be found on the [A.P.P.L.E. website](#). Detailed information on how to apply and an application form are included. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2014.

Fundraising Corner

Many of you are finishing your shopping for Holiday gifts. Don't forget that you can support A.P.P.L.E. and its programs at the same time through an application called iGive. Every time you shop on the Internet at one of the over 1300 stores participating in the **iGive program**, a percentage of your spending will be donated to A.P.P.L.E. by the participating store. So far, A.P.P.L.E. has received almost \$1,000 in donations through the iGive program.

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Increasing communication and the exchange of ideas among our members increases the strength of our organization and our ability to be relevant to our Lithuanian constituents. Exciting and pertinent events occur all year round, and we want to keep all of you abreast of what is happening, when it's happening.

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