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Dear John,



Karl Janowitz

Message from the President

The wonderful month of December has arrived. Cold weather is here for many of us and the holidays are right around the corner. It is a great time to reflect on our lives and on all that is important to us.

It is wonderful to reflect on A.P.P.L.E., this unique organization, and its accomplishments over the the past twenty-five years.

I once again want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support of and interest in A.P.P.L.E.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Best wishes for a terrific 2016.

Sveikinu su sv. Kaledom! Linkiu sveikatos, kantrybės ir džiaugsmo!

As always,

Karl

Dr. Karl P. Janowitz
President

Editor's Note: The January issue of this EZine will be the last issue published.

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.P.P.L.E. Supports Viltis with Final Grant





As the twenty-five year partnership with Lithuanian educators ends, A.P.P.L.E. is pleased to recognize Viltis with a monetary tribute. A.P.P.L.E. is acknowledged by Viltis as among the first training programs that helped Lithuanian teachers and specialists that work with individuals with disabilities to improve teaching and therapeutic practice and to utilize techniques that support families to maximize the potential of their child. A.P.P.L.E. was instrumental in arranging for Dr. Dainius Puras, Director of the Center for Child Psychiatry Social Pediatrics at Vilnius University to visit U.S. programs, allowing him to transfer his observations into practice and training in Lithuania. Dr. Puras wrote a chapter, "Changing the System of Services for Children at Risk: The Lithuanian Experience" in *Advocating for Children and Families in an Emerging Democracy: The Post-Soviet Experience in Lithuania* (2003), a book edited by A.P.P.L.E. lecturers Judy Kugelmass and Dennis Ritchie.

In the past twenty-five years Lithuania has made great strides in the provision of services for individuals with disabilities and Viltis, headed by director Dana Migaliova, was essential in advocating those changes. Ms. Migaliova has been recognized numerous times for her devotion to advancing the rights of the disabled in Lithuania. Today the majority of individuals with disabilities visit day care centers or attend school. Trained therapists and professional educators work in these settings; a major change from isolation in institutions or the home. For many summers, more than 300 people, individuals with disabilities and their families, have attended Camp Pasaka at Geruliai, sponsored by Viltis. Over the years A.P.P.L.E. volunteers worked at the camp with children and adults, families, and with teachers. Many families need support such as counseling, psychological therapy, respite care, and training and some of these services are available at camp. A.P.P.L.E.'s grant will be used to support camp programs.



A.P.P.L.E. volunteers at Camp Pasaka, 2000. In front, Dana Migaliova. (L to R) Christine Richardson, Peter Cheney, Maribeth Ruder Neely, Myra Goodwin, Gita Kupcinskas, Anita Scarborough, Ritone Rudaitis, Robin Reale

A portion of the grant will be used to reduce the cost of the 12 day camp for 5 families who might not otherwise be able to attend. Though the camp utilizes volunteers for the purpose of providing respite care, those with complex medical issues require professional caregiving. A.P.P.L.E. funding will be used to partially underwrite the expense of 5 personal assistants for those requiring continual monitoring. Funds will also support members of self-advocacy groups to attend camp for the purpose of conducting training sessions. It is important for those at camp to observe individuals with a disability model their capacity to function independently. Training sessions led by coaches allow the opportunity to practice how to make decisions, how to respond in social situations, and how to offer peer-support to others with a disability.



Learning independent living skills with a coach at camp

Lithuanian Scholars' Fund

Evaluations of Lithuanian Scholars Fund Grant proposals have been completed and an announcement of the winners will be posted on the [A.P.P.L.E. website](#) shortly.

Christmas of Books 2015



The national "Christmas of Books" campaign will run from November 16 to January 6 inviting people to enrich Lithuania's library collections and to donate new books for children and youth.

This year's theme highlights volunteering for Christmas of Books. Books build bridges.

The national Christmas of Books campaign encourages all to read, to communicate and to give love to the less privileged.

How can embassies and companies contribute?

1. You can choose one of 65 public libraries and contact it directly to donate books.
2. You can buy new books and deliver them to the Martynas Mazvydas National Library where the books will be distributed to local libraries across Lithuania.
3. You can also buy books at a bookstore taking part in the campaign and leave them there for further distribution.

From November 16 to January 6 campaign labeled books will be offered for a 20 percent discount at the Vaga, Pegasas, Knygu Namai, and Humanitas bookstores, as well as in the IKI chain supermarkets and Rimi Hypermarkets. They will also be available online at Knygos.lt, Knyguklubas.lt, Knygukatalogas.lt, Niekorimto.lt, and Pegasas.lt.

For more information: www.knygukaledos.lt

A.P.P.L.E. Archives

As A.P.P.L.E. closes its doors, we are making a final call for historical documents you may have that would be appropriate for A.P.P.L.E.'s archives. The archives are located at American Lithuanian Cultural Archives (ALKA) in Putnam, CT. If you believe you have documents or photos that should be included in the archives, please contact Giedre Stankunas [giedrestankunas@gmail.com].

A.P.P.L.E. Video Finalized - New Information

At the reception for A.P.P.L.E. held at the Lithuanian Embassy, a short video with a collection of photos and media clips was shown by Amanda Muliolis. At that point it was a work in progress. The DVD that she has prepared contains several presentations - one is all 25 years in pictures and which is 90 min. long. The pictures were placed into 5-year segments. The pictures are shown with background music. Also included is the 10-year presentation prepared by Romas Sakadolskis. A short video from the beginning of the 15-year celebration in Vilnius and a sound recording of the opening speeches in Klaipėda on our 20-year celebration by President Adamkus and Barbara Henriques as well as the A.P.P.L.E. facts file listing most of our accomplishments during the 25 years are included. The cost of the DVD is \$10.00 and can be ordered by sending the money and your correct address to Amanda Muliolis, 1820 Dansy Dr. Euclid, OH 44117-2010.

Questions may be directed to Amanda at atmuliolis@gmail.com

Fundraising Corner

Thank you for your support of A.P.P.L.E. over the last 25 years. We are no longer soliciting donations. Feel free to support one of the many organizations supporting Lithuania.

This electronic newsletter is designed for quick delivery of A.P.P.L.E.-related news to an audience that includes current A.P.P.L.E. members, friends of A.P.P.L.E. and interested

potential members both within the United States and Lithuania. Note that because of compositional software constraints, we are not able to include proper Lithuanian characters in words and names.

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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