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Greetings!



Message from the President

We have just concluded our Summer/Fall meeting, which had been scheduled at the Lithuanian Embassy in Washington, D.C. on September 25, 2010. We were hosted by Second Secretary, Leonas Garbacauskas. He thanked us for all the work we have done in Lithuania for the past twenty years. He introduced us to Rolandas Kacinskas, Minister Plenipotentiary, in charge of Public Relations, and he explained to us about the newly formed Baltic American Freedom Foundation,

which was formed to enrich and strengthen ties between the United States and the Baltic States.

We also would like to share the good news that the Ministry has agreed to fund another session of A.P.P.L.E. next summer and a contract has been mailed to us. We set the dates of July 11-22, 2011, and the general theme of "Integrating Technology into the Curriculum" which was expressed as a need when we met with the Director of the Professional Development Center, Giedrius Vaidelis.

Dr. Barbara Henriques gave a report on the very successful summer program in Klaipeda, and Anita Scarborough read us Vitas Underys's detailed and excellent report on the Camp Viltis Program. Both of the Embassy gentlemen were duly impressed with the reports on our programs.

There was some good news from the Grant Writing Committee. In addition to the \$5,000 received from the Tautos Fondas, \$2,000 from the Society of Analytical Chemists of Pittsburg, we have also received \$5,000 from the American Center at the U.S. Embassy in Lithuania, as well as an additional \$500 from the Knights of Lithuania. Interest has been expressed in sending representatives to the annual meeting of the Knights next summer.

A special thanks to Vida Anton for hosting our meeting in Washington, and making all the arrangements with the Lithuanian Embassy.

Dr. Vida R. Gavin
A.P.P.L.E. President

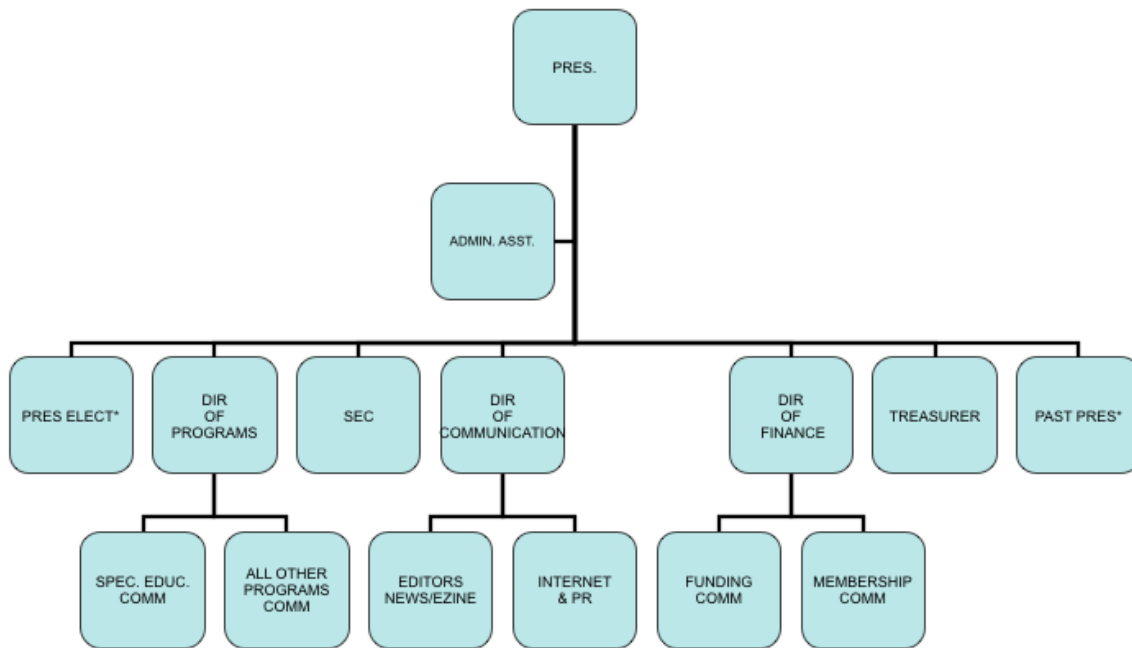
Mission Statement:

"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."

Organizational Development Message

Revised Bylaws..... While we are disappointed that the lack of a quorum at the recent A.P.P.L.E. Fall Meeting in Washington D.C. has caused a delay in the approval of the revised bylaws, we continue to be optimistic for its eventual approval.

**A.P.P.L.E.
RESTRUCTURED
ORGANIZATION CHART
AS OF
4/11/2010**



PLUS SIX (6) BOARD MEMBERS

* INDICATES ALTERNATING YEAR

The revised bylaws will ultimately reflect the organizational changes officially approved at our Annual Meeting held in April this year. For a more clear understanding of those changes, see the Board-approved organization chart attached.

Election Procedures..... Publishing the final draft of our Election Procedures will be the next order of business for our committee. Our intention is to publish our final draft for a review by our Board members during the month of October, to allow sufficient time for discussion, suggestions and recommendations. We trust that sufficient discussion and any necessary changes required can be accommodated in time for their use at our next Annual Meeting in April 2011.

ARTICLES

Additionally, we want to remind you that **you are encouraged to send articles** to us that you feel would be of interest to our readers. They can be items that you have authored or articles from others, including photos, from whom you have received permission to duplicate and to publish.

A.P.P.L.E. Member Profile - NANCY HANSSEN



· **University:** University of California at Davis, BS in Psychology
San Diego State University, MS in Counseling San Diego State
University, MS in Reading

· **Work Experience:** 35 years with the Poway Unified School
District, Elementary and Secondary Teacher, Reading Specialist,
Resource Specialist 21 years at the University of San Diego as
Adjunct Faculty, Methods Courses, Special Education

· **Current Job:** Teacher Consultant with the Beginning Teacher
Support Program, working with first and second year teachers

My journey with A.P.P.L.E. began with a compliment. Joann Hammer's sparkling amber necklace caught my eye one day. She then enthusiastically told me about her work in Lithuania. I felt her zeal, submitted a proposal and was off to Lithuania that summer.

For two weeks, Lithuanian teachers attended our workshop on elementary literacy strategies, eager to participate. Their appreciation was abundant. We not only exchanged teaching strategies but life stories. We learned about our personal histories over a cup of coffee after hours and friendships were made. Quite impressed with Lithuanians' love of music, I remember reading a children's book about caterpillars when the entire class broke out in song about this small creature. I was amazed and inspired. What a lovely way to build community in a classroom!

The exchange of innovative teaching practices was enhanced by these personal connections. I traveled to Lithuania filled with ideas to share but came home learning so much more. It is not just the sharing of teaching strategies that links us together but the sharing of experiences not knowing that they are common, until we reach out to each other. The Lithuanian spirit is what continues to draw me back each summer.

As my friendships have grown, so has my work with A.P.P.L.E. From Vilnius to Visaginas to Venta, regional workshops have been offered in rural areas for teachers who might not otherwise be able to attend, and I am grateful to have been part of them. Joann Hammer and I developed a series of workshops around best practices in literacy for both Elementary and Secondary teachers. One summer we focused on supporting Special Education teachers in strategies to adapt and modify curriculum for students with learning disabilities. That work led to a summer working with Vitas Underys at Camp Viltis.

Camp Viltis is a beautiful refuge near the Baltic Sea where Special Education teachers and families with children with disabilities come together. The teachers attend the A.P.P.L.E. workshops and provide support for parents.

The Dr. Grigonis' Special Education Program in Kaunas, directed by Dr. Karl Janowitz, is where you will find me next summer. This program has expanded to include a partnership with the University of San Diego, where I teach and of which I am very proud. Every other summer, a course is offered for graduate students to work with Special Education teachers and students with disabilities at the Social Care Home, Vilijampole, in Kaunas.

My first class traveled to Lithuania in the summer of 2007 and returned to San Diego having had a life-changing experience.

Upon our return home, one of my students said, "Working with my Lithuanian friends changed my life. I will be a better teacher having worked there. The world will be a better place if we learn to work together like the people who volunteer for A.P.P.L.E.".

On the Lighter Side

Lithuanian beer? You must be joking!

The title of this article is from Paul Hightower, Dallas Craft Beer Examiner, who goes on to laud and applaud the beers of Lithuania. He pointed out that one of the great things about brewing great beer is that it knows no boundaries of any kind-ethnic, cultural, racial or political. Great beer can be found in some of the most unlikely of locations, sites that may seem wholly un-beer-like to our Western tastes.

So, you like beer do you ? Did you know..... that one brewery, Svyturys Brewery, has been brewing beer in Klaipeda, Lithuania, since 1784, the oldest operating brewery in that country. And not just brewing beer: This Lithuanian brewery has produced some award-winning beers over the years. They received their first gold medal in 1883 during the international trade fair that was held in Klaipeda. The second was in 1927 during the show of Lithuanian agriculture in Klaipeda.

A little-known fact is that Svyturys is the only leading Lithuanian brewery with cold cellars. And such a beer production process as this is only possible in breweries that still have naturally cold cellars with additionally installed containers. Longer storage times in cellars add a deepness, clearness, and mildness to the taste of the beer making it easier and more pleasant to enjoy. A double storage period makes the beer absolutely clear, mature, and its flavor becomes more distinct. The carbon dioxide, which dissolves in the beer naturally, later gives it a thick, long-lasting head.

Last year in Lithuania beer made up almost half of the alcohol sold, primarily Lithuanian. Each Lithuanian last year would have drunk 82 liters of beer. The stores carry beer of various flavors and strengths, but most agree that unpasturized beer is tastier.

Ekstra Draught is the first non-pasteurized beer pioneering the draught beer segment in Lithuania.

This supreme premium beer of 5.2% alcohol volume is produced under a unique technology, which allows it to be produced without pasteurization and is bottled in exceptionally designed unique bottles which preserve the flavor that could previously be enjoyed only in pubs. Therefore, mild in its flavor, this beer is easily drinkable.

Adler Bock is a Bock type, naturally strong beer of a deep, rich taste made according to a special recipe whose exquisite flavor properties are determined by the long maturation process.

On a lighter note, historical sources claim that Bock beer has been produced and drunk in Catholic monasteries in Germany since time immemorial. Most often monks brewed it for special occasions - before Christmas or Easter.

Today, the beer culture in Lithuania is shifting towards high quality light beer. This is why Svyturys Premium Pils was created, a beer especially for consumers who appreciate taste, quality, and lightness. It has a light taste, golden colour, and is only 3.9% alcohol by volume.

You now know more Lithuanian beer trivia than you ever needed to know.

Heard In Lithuania

Lithuania earns first medal in FIBA World Basketball Championships..... Lithuania's National basketball team earned the Bronze Medal and finished third in the recent World Basketball Championship Tournament held in Turkey last month. How significant an achievement was this! Well, for a country with just under three and a half million people (3.4M), they sent seven (7) other much larger countries home early during the course of the elimination process. Entering their game with the U.S. National Team, Lithuania was undefeated with a record of 7-0 and playing outstanding team basketball with new heroes emerging in every game. The U.S. team, the eventual winners of the tournament, proved to be too much for the boys from Lietuva, and they suffered their only loss of the tournament. They went on to beat Serbia for the Bronze medal. For all of their prior basketball successes, this was the first time that Lithuania has won a medal at the FIBA World Championships. Congratulations on a well deserved medal!

"Youth On The Move" a flagship initiative of Europe 2020.... On September 15th the European Commission on Education launched a strategy to drive improvements in EU education, training and learning mobility to ensure that young Europeans gain the skills to match the best students in the world.

This strategy is targeted primarily at early-leaving students and addressing their needs for education levels at and beyond the secondary school levels. The report, **"Education At A Glance, 2010,"**

recently published by the European Commission focuses on what is spent on education, how education systems operate and what results are achieved. For further information go to: www.oecd.org/edu/eag2010.

A.P.P.L.E.'s 20th Anniversary Celebration

To congratulate A.P.P.L.E. on its 20th anniversary of on-going specialized volunteer work with Lithuania's educators, please join our celebration by contributing \$20.

We invite you to mark this occasion by writing a check to A.P.P.L.E. and mailing it to our treasurer, Jack Vellis, as follows: A.P.P.L.E., P.O. Box 179017, San Diego, CA 92177. Jack's reply will be an income tax receipt sent to every donor. As a token of our appreciation for your donation and to further acknowledge our 20th. Anniversary we will also send to each donor a commemorative pin displaying the joined flags of the United States and Lithuania.



With your donation, please indicate your name as you wish it to appear in our published list of contributors along with your residential location as well as the year in which your involvement with A.P.P.L.E. began.

Please also indicate one specific role relating to A.P.P.L.E. such as lecturer, donor, editor, etc. - all to fit into one line of print. Should you choose to double your donation to \$40, this fact will be included in the one-liner assigned to you. One-liner examples identifying two \$20 contributors follow:

1991 - Dr. Vida (Strazdaite) Gavin, Cape Cod, MA - President 2009-2011

1996 - Grazina Irena Ross, Toronto, ON, Canada - President 2003-2004

Submitted by Irena Ross

Reminders

BOO!!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on October 31st, Halloween night.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Robert Grosshandler <Betty.iGive-592371@member.igive.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 29, 2010 at 12:16 PM

Subject: Special Bonus to Help American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education

To: edtopar@gmail.com

Hi Edward,

It's been another hard year for many causes. The approaching holiday season gives us a chance to help American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education. It requires your participation, but it's free and definitely easy.

iGive.com is going to attempt to donate \$5,000 in just 24 hours to American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education and other causes.

For each person who joins iGive using the special link below and does just one qualified web search on our site between now and noon, Thursday, September 30, 2010 (Chicago time), we'll give American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education a dollar.

Share this e-mail now if you care to help American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education.

5,000 new members, \$5,000. No purchase necessary.

We hope that it'll turn into much more, as these new members shop and search during the holidays.

If these new members search more (or buy something at an iGive store) they'll earn even more money for American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education. Right now, we're donating a \$.01 per search and a bonus \$5 for that first purchase plus the usual percentage.

Here's where you come in. **The only way American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education will get new supporters and that free \$1+ is if you invite them.** Send your friends, family, and colleagues the following link in an e-mail, tweet it, do a Facebook posting, put up posters, shout from mountain tops (you know the drill) and let them know you think American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education is pretty cool and deserves their support, especially since it's free! You can even just forward this e-mail.

This is the link:

http://www.igive.com/welcome/warm_reg_promo.cfm?m=592371

If they wish to shop and help American Professional Partnership for Lithuanian Education this holiday, they can choose from eBay to Amazon, iTunes to Home Depot, Staples, JC Penney, Expedia, and about 800 other great stores.

Next scheduled A.P.P.L.E. meeting is set for Sat. April 30, 2011 in Orlando, Fla....

All A.P.P.L.E. members are welcome to attend the Open Meeting on that day. Additional information will be forthcoming as we get closer to that date.

Quotables and Quizzes

"Every decision you make is not a decision about what to do.

It's a decision about Who You Are."

- Neale Donald Walsh

Have you been considering being personally active in a volunteer organization? We have been looking for you! A.P.P.L.E. is actively recruiting volunteer members who feel their need to contribute to a cause larger than themselves. We have been an integral part of the positive development of the educational system of Lithuania for the past twenty (20) years, as it emerged from fifty (50) years of Soviet rule. There is much more work to be done.

We would welcome greater participation on the part of our members and friends in the support we provide to the educational and social needs of Lithuania. If you have thought about it....contact us.

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.

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.

Editing for grammar, punctuation, and spelling of submitted materials is the responsibility of the authors.

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