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## from the editor

Dear Readers,

This year's April was especially joyful as we learned of the news regarding the finding of the original Lithuania's Independence Declaration in the German Archives. I am very much familiar with the feeling people get when the birth and baptism records of their ancestors are found in old church books that are kept in the archives. As a rule, they are overjoyed and delighted over the findings. Lithuania's Independence Declaration is like the "birth certificate" of our country, and now it has been found. It is especially joyful because the Declaration was discovered by an independent researcher, a professor, a citizen who cared enough. It proves that one does not have to belong to a government institution and have huge funds allocated in order to do great things. How inspiring it is! All of us can do similar things. The finding also made me think about the importance of archives and preserving items, documents, artifacts, photos, stories, and other "witnesses to history" for future generations. I like to think that Bridges is also contributing to this work of Lithuanian American history preservation for future generations. I therefore urge everyone of our Readers to collect stories about Lithuanian Americans and, if possible, send them to Bridges to be published. You can always reach me at [kariledalia@yahoo.com](mailto:kariledalia@yahoo.com).

Wishing You a beautiful and joyful spring,

Karilė Vaitkutė  
Editor

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## erratum

In Sigita Šimkuvienė's address to the community published in the March issue there was a mistake made. We wrote: "In 2016 we participated in an especially beautiful event – the 10th North American Folk Dance Festival in Baltimore." Instead, it should have been "the 15th North American Folk Dance Festival in Baltimore. "

Please verify all events, as places and times are subject to change.

## ONGOING

Most Fridays, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Friday Fish Fry at the Rockford Lithuanian Club**  
 716 Indiana Avenue, Rockford, Ill.  
 Open to the public. Weekly specials vary. First Friday of the month—Lithuanian dumplings.  
 Info: lithuanianclub.org, 815-962-9256

Every Sunday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**All-You-Can-Eat Lithuanian Brunch Buffet**  
 Lithuanian Club and Gintaras Dining Room  
 877 E. 185 St., Cleveland, Ohio  
 \$15 per person; \$6 kids 6-12  
 Info: lithclub@gmail.com, 216-531-8318

First Sunday of the Month, 12-4 p.m.  
**Lithuanian Brunch**  
 The Avenue Restaurant, 71-22 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, N.Y.  
 Reservations strongly recommended.  
 Info: 347-725-3853

First Sunday of the Month  
**Rockford Lithuanian Club General Membership Meeting**  
 716 Indiana Avenue, Rockford, Ill.  
 Open to all members.  
 Info: lithuanianclub.org, 815-962-9256

Every Third Saturday, Mar-Jun & Sep-Nov, 1-3 p.m.  
**Amber Roots Lithuanian Heritage Club**  
 Lithuanian Music Hall, 2517 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Use Tilton Street entrance. Bring a dish to share.  
 Info: milliemarks@aol.com

## MAY 2017

May 13, 6 p.m.  
**"Grandis" Annual Concert**  
 Pasaulio Lietuvių Centras in Lemont, IL  
 Info: grandis.vadovai@gmail.com

May 13-14, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
**45th Annual Baltimore Lithuanian Festival**  
 Catonsville Armory, 130 Mellor Avenue, Catonsville, Md.

May 19-21  
**Counselor Retreat**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

May 21, 1 p.m.  
**Farewell Reception for Consul General Marijus Gudynas**  
 Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture  
 Info: info@balzekasmuseum.org or 773-582-6500

## JUNE 2017

June 3, 6 p.m.  
**Kestutis Nakas will present his book When Lithuania Ruled the World**  
 Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture  
 Info: info@balzekasmuseum.org or 773-582-6500

June 3-4, 2017  
**Talka Work Weekend**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: regina@neringa.com, 978-582-5592

June 5 – July 28  
**Baltic Studies Summer Institute**  
 Indiana University Bloomington Campus, 107 S. Indiana Ave., Bloomington, Ind.  
 Six-week intensive beginning Lithuanian, Latvian and Estonian language courses.  
 Application deadline for Title VIII Fellowships is February 1, 2017.  
 Info: indiana.edu/~swseel/balssi

June 9-11  
**New England Chapter Knights of Lithuania Retreat**  
 Franciscan Guest House, 26 Beach Ave., Kennebunk, Maine  
 Info: 207-967-4865

June 24-29  
**Heritage Family Camp in English**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

## JULY 2017

July 2-8  
**Family Camp for Lithuanian Speakers**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

July 9-23  
**Children's Camp for Lithuanian Speakers 7-16**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

July 23  
**Lithuanian Friendship Day/ Putnam Picnic**  
 600 Liberty Hwy., Putnam, Conn.  
 Info: neringa.org

July 23-29  
**"Third Week" Youth Camp for Lithuanian Speakers, 12-16 Years Old**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

July 27-30  
**Knights of Lithuania 104th National Convention**  
 Holiday Inn Hotel, Dayton, Ohio  
 Info: knightssoflithuania.com

July 30-August 12  
**Heritage Camp in English, 7-16 Years Old**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

## AUGUST 2017

August 12-19  
**"Third Week" Youth Camp in English, 12-16 Years Old**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.

August 5-11, 2017  
**Ateitis Annual Lithuanian Cultural Week**  
 Franciscan Guest House, 26 Beach Ave., Kennebunk, Maine  
 Concert and lecture series with accommodations available.  
 Info: 207-967-4865

August 20-27  
**Meno8Dienos Adult Art Camp in Lithuanian**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

## SEPTEMBER 2017

September 16, 1-3 p.m.  
**Amber Roots Heritage Club**  
 Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia  
 Everyone welcome. Use side entrance on Tilton Street.  
 Bring a dish to share.  
 Info: milliemarks@aol.com

## OCTOBER 2017

October 6-8  
**Iskyla/Walk-a-Thon**  
 Camp Neringa, Brattleboro, Vt.  
 Info: neringa.org

October 21, 1-3 p.m.  
**Amber Roots Heritage Club**  
 Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia  
 Everyone welcome. Use side entrance on Tilton Street.  
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## NOVEMBER 2017

November 18, 1-3 p.m.  
**Amber Roots Heritage Club**  
 Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia  
 Everyone welcome. Use side entrance on Tilton Street.  
 Bring a dish to share.  
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## DECEMBER 2017

December 9, 1-3 p.m.  
**Amber Roots Heritage Club Kučios**  
 Lithuanian Music Hall, 2715 E. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia  
 Everyone welcome. Use side entrance on Tilton Street.  
 Bring a dish to share.  
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## GOT EVENTS?

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