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## from the editor

Dear readers,

The month of June is so beautiful with its forests, parks, and meadows brimming with LIFE. And yet, for many years this month has been marked of remembrance of horrible events of 1940 and 1941 that drowned Lithuania in DEATH. The statistics below taken from the Genocide and Resistance Research Centre of Lithuania shows the extent of the losses Lithuania suffered. I encourage everyone who visits Lithuania go to the Genocide Museum in Vilnius. I also encourage everyone to collect the stories of your family members if they were touched by the mass deportation to Siberia. These stories should be recorded so that future generations would never forget.

Sincerely,

Karilė Vaitkutė  
Editor

| LOSSES OF LITHUANIA'S RESIDENTS<br>IN THE YEARS OF OCCUPATION   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>OCCUPATION BY THE SOVIET UNION</b>   |               |
| <b>15 June 1940–22 June 1941</b>  |               |
| Imprisoned, killed, deported  | 23 000        |
| Perished during the June Uprising in 1941   | 700           |
| <b>1944–1953</b>  |               |
| Arrested, imprisoned  | 186 000       |
| Deported  | 118 000       |
| Partisans and their supporters killed   | 20 500        |
| Died in camps and prisons   | 20 000–25 000 |
| Died in the deportation   | 28 000        |
| <b>1954–1986</b>  |               |
| Arrested and imprisoned due to political reasons  | 1 000         |
| <b>In 1991, when defending Lithuania's<br/>independence</b>   |               |
| Perished (on 13 January at the Television Tower,<br>Krakūnai, Medininkai border posts,<br>at the Supreme Council) | 23            |
| Wounded or suffered in other way  | 900           |
| <b>OCCUPATION BY THE NAZI GERMANY</b>   |               |
| <b>22 June 1941–July 1944</b>   |               |
| Imprisoned, transported to concentration camps  | 29 500        |
| Killed (including 200,000 Jews)   | 240 000       |
| Transported for forced labour to Germany  | 60 000        |
| <b>Forced to leave and to repatriate<br/>in 1940–1941, 1944–1947 and 1957–1960</b>                                |               |
| Lithuanians, Poles, Germans, "Memellanders"   | 496 000       |

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

## 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: knightsoflithuania.com

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

## AUGUST 2017

August 12-13  
**Lithuanian Days Festival**  
 The Knights of Lithuania Council 144  
 The Annunciation Hall in Frackville, PA  
 7 South Broad Mountain Avenue.  
 570-874-1109

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.  
 Bring a dish to share.  
 Info: milliemarks@aol.com

## NOVEMBER 2017

November 5, 1 p.m.  
**Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club**  
 will present a fashion show of Lithuanian designers and others at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Hwy, Orland Park, IL.  
 More information: ericabrooks1@yahoo.com

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.  
 Info: milliemarks@aol.com

## 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.  
 Info: milliemarks@aol.com

## JUNE/JULY 2018

June 30 – July 6  
**Dainu Svente: Lithuania's Centenary Song Celebration**  
 Vilnius and Kaunas, Lithuania  
 Info: dainusvente.lt/en/programme/

## GOT EVENTS?

Let us help you spread the word! Please send your event notice to kariledalia@yahoo.com two months in advance of the month in which you would like to see it listed.

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