

The Fourteenth Annual



# **Golf Tournament**



February 27 – March 3, 2014 St. Petersburg, Florida

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Proceeds will benefit: Vaiko Vartai Į Mokslą-Child's Gate to Learning



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Florida Lithuanian Open

### **Golf Tournament**

Dear Friends -

Get ready for the Fourteenth Annual Florida Lithuanian Open Golf Tournament (FLO-XIV) on Monday, March 3rd, 2014. Once again, golfers from the United States and beyond will be gathering to participate in this fun tournament and related events. After the winter many of our northern friends have experienced... it's a great time to be in Florida!

Most players are of Lithuanian descent, but each year we invite our non-Lithuanian friends to join us to become "Honorary Lithuanians" during this fun time. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. We have added a new golf course this year for the Saturday round: Pasadena Yacht & Country Club, and I'm sure you will enjoy it...it's a classic!

Our Saturday Welcome Reception will be at the Lithuanian Club Hall once again where we'll enjoy an evening of delicious food (prepared by Lithuanian chef Angele Straukiene) and beverages on an "all-inclusive" basis. And you'll get to try your luck with the silent auction, once again.

We continue to support a charity that will benefit from net tournament proceeds this year: Vaiko Vartai I Moksla (Child's Gate to Learning). Please read more about this worthy cause on the following pages or on their website: www.childgate.org.

So, we're ready to go, and all we need is ...YOU! Please accept my invitation to participate in FLO-XIV, February 27 – March 3. Meet some old friends, make some new ones, enjoy a lot of Florida golf and help support a worthy charity.

See you in a few weeks!

Algimantas A Karnavicius Honorary Consul Republic of Lithuania



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### FLO-XIV benefits Vaiko Vartai Į Mokslą -Child's Gate to Learning



#### Mission

The mission of Child's Gate to Learning (Vaiko vartai i moksla) is to help the neglected children of Lithuania - by creating an appropriate environment for the pursuit of education and character building.

#### **History**

Child's Gate to Learning is a Chicago, IL based, non-profit, volunteer organization founded in 1998. The group's founders wanted to help address the multiple social problems that emerged in Lithuania after independence was re-established in 1990, following 50 years of Soviet occupation. The Lithuanian people are still faced with high unemployment, poverty, alcoholism, disintegration of family structure, and many feel a sense of hopelessness. Truancy, delinquency, substance abuse, and suicide continue to be problematic. All of these social issues have had a devastating impact on the children and adolescents of Lithuania.

Child's Gate to Learning currently supports, by various fund-raising activities, eleven after-school and day centers that work with children and youths from dysfunctional and economically disadvantaged families. It is estimated that more than 400 children each year benefit from group-supported programs at the centers. These programs are being developed by a subcommittee of experienced educators, social workers and other psychologists.

#### **Members and Chapters**

The organization has over 100 members. They donate their time, resources, educational materials, and contact individuals, local groups, and businesses for support and participation.

The organization is based in Chicago and has chapters in Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, Sunny Hills (Florida), and Washington, D.C. Each chapter conducts various fund-raising activities throughout the year.

#### **Contact Information**

Child's Gate to Learning / Vaiko vartai į mokslą P.O. Box 381 Downers Grove, IL 60515 vvm@childgate.org







## **Schedule of Events**

#### Thursday, February 27

12:30 pm

#### Friendly "Warm-Up" Round of Golf

at St. Petersburg Country Club, St. Petersburg, Florida. This will give us a chance to play the tournament course before the main event on the following Monday. *St. Petersburg Country Club* 

#### Friday, February 28

1:00 pm

#### Friday Fun Round

A very good test of golf, the dedicated golfer will appreciate the challenges that are offered in the well-guarded, elevated greens at Feather Sound, a private club. And by allowing the average player to swing away off the tee and offering plenty of options to every player, it's a course that can challenge and be enjoyed by players of all skill levels.

Feather Sound Country Club

#### Saturday, March 1

12:00 noon

#### Saturday Fun Round

at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club. Established in 1924, PYCC has served the residents of St. Petersburg, Florida and surrounding communities for the past 90 years. This 18-hole championship golf course has been played by golfing legends including Walter Hagen, Babe Ruth, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Arnold Palmer, and Amy Alcott. PYCC has a rich history and tradition which makes it a very unique and renowned property. Walter Hagen (The Haig) was the first golf professional of the Pasadena Yacht and Country Club

Pasadena Yacht and Country Club

#### 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

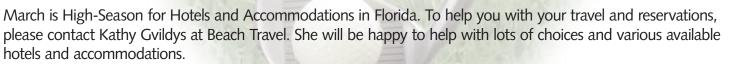
#### Saturday Tournament Reception

Golfers, their Guests and other friends of the tournament are invited to the official Tournament

Reception at the Lithuanian Club Hall in St. Petersburg. Meet and greet other golfers and friends, review the pairings and rules for Monday's tourney. A delicious Lithuanian Buffet by Chef Angele Straukiene will be prepared for us, as well as an attended full bar. And this year, food and beverages are "allinclusive" with your reception ticket! (You'll need the extra cash to spend on the silent auction!)

Lithuanian Club Hall.

### **Travel and Hotel Information**



Kathy Gvildys

#### **Beach Travel of Treasure Island**

142 Treasure Island Causeway Treasure Island, FL 33706 Phone: (727) 367-1933 | Fax: (727) 367-5536 Email: beachtravel@mindspring.com

#### <u>Monday, March 3</u> <u>The Fourteenth Annual</u> <u>Florida Lithuanian Open Golf Tournament</u>

at St. Petersburg Country Club in St. Petersburg, Florida

#### **Tournament Schedule:**

11:45am	Registration opens
12:00pm to 12:55pm	Check-in, Practice, Putting Contest (new)
1:00pm	Shotgun Start for all Golfers
5:30pm (approx)	Buffet, Full Cash Bar,
	Awards Ceremony in Clubhouse Ballroom

(Non-golfing guests welcome. See costs on Registration form.)

#### The Competition:

Each player will play their own ball as an individual in one of four divisions: Ladies' Division, Men's Division (age 55 or under) Senior Men's Division (age 56-71) and

Super Senior Men's Division (over age 71)

Depending on the number of players, there will be at least two flights in each division according to declared handicap (or average score). USGA Handicaps rules will apply. There will also be prizes awarded for several contest holes, including <u>Closest to the Pin</u> (Ladies' and All Men) and others. A minimum of 18 prizes will be awarded.

#### **Optional Competition!**

**<u>Putting Contest</u>** – Golfers will get three chances to make this tough putt for a prize award.

#### Registration:

<u>Fee includes:</u> Greens Fee, Cart Rental, Beverage Tickets, Goodybag, Eligibility for prizes, Buffet in the Clubhouse after the tournament during the Awards Ceremony. *And*, *YES*.....*We* <u>will</u> have *Lithuanian Beer again*!

**<u>Please note</u>**: We cannot reserve or accept any registrations without full payment

For more information, contact: Al Karnavicius • (727)895-4811 • (727)822-2252 Fax akarnavicius@LTConsulFlorida.com

# **Registration Form**

for the Fourteenth Annual Florida Lithuanian Open Golf Tournament You may register up to two golfers on this form. **Please make extra copies if needed.** 

<u>Player #1</u>	
Name	Check Appropriate Boxes:
Address	_ Thurs. Warm-Up Round @ SPCC □\$60
City State Zip	_ Fri. Fun Round at Feather Sound CC □\$85
Telephone	
Email	Sat. Welcome Reception at Lithuanian Club Hall □\$40
Handicap If no Handicap, average score for last 10 rounds:	
Division (check one)	Optional Putting Contest 🗆 \$10
□ Ladies' □ Men's (55 & under) □ Sr. Men's (56-71)	□ Super Sr. Men's (over 71)
If possible, who would you like to play with?	
Player #2	
Name	Check Appropriate Boxes:
Address	_ Thurs. Warm-Up Round @ SPCC 🗆 \$60
City State Zip	_ Fri. Fun Round at Feather Sound CC □\$85
Telephone	Sat. Fun Round at Pasadena Y&CC $\Box$ \$70
Email	
Handicap	Lithuanian Club Hall
If no Handicap, average score for last 10 rounds:	
Division (check one)	<b>Optional Putting Contest U</b> \$10
□ Ladies' □ Men's (55 & under) □ Sr. Men's (56-71)	
If possible, who would you like to play with?	
<u>Extra Tickets?</u> (for non-golfing spouses and guests)	
•	Club Hall: How many? 🛄 \$40
Monday Awards (	@SPCC: How many? 🛄\$35
Total enclosed for all Registrations/T (Optional) Additional contribution to Childs Gate (100% of this amount ge Grand To Make Checks Payable to: Honorary Consulate of Lithuania Please enclose this completed form along with your	e to Learning
check for the total amount and mail it to:	
Florida Lithuanian Open c/o Al Karnavicius 2235 16th Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 FAX: (727) 822-2252	Credit Card Option: Register Online with PayPal: www.LTConsulFlorida.com

<u>Detach Here</u>

All registrations must be received with payment no later than Monday, February 24th, 2014



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