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## **New Auksuciai Foundation Board Member**

It is my privilege to announce that Mr. Gint Federas of Lafayette, California, has become a full member of the Board of Directors of the Auksuciai Foundation.

The Foundation is headquartered in Burlingame, California and has the mission to serve in an advisory capacity assisting in the development of a model farm facility near Siauliai, Lithuania that allows participants from academia, business, government and the farm community to share information and technology regarding environmentally sound land management and commercial agricultural production practices, including forestry.

Mr. Federas has extensive experience in management, in marketing and sales fields, and in fundraising. Currently he is the President/CEO of Careside Medical LLC in Concord, CA. Prior to his current position he was CEO of Mr. Sandman, Inc.; Director of Business Development of AMS Industries/Fitting Image; Owner/General Manager of Sylvan Learning Center, and Key Account Manager of AT&T/Pacific Bell, all in California

Mr. Federas is past President of the Lithuanian-American Community in Northern California, having served as President of this organization for twelve of the last sixteen years.

Mr. Federas received BS Biochemistry and BA Psychology degrees in 1976 at UCLA. In 2003 he received a Masters degree in Business Administration at St.Mary's College, Moraga, CA.

Mr. Federas is married and has two children.

The Auksuciai Foundation project is the only American based, privately funded, nongovernmental organization working toward improving farmer livelihood in rural Lithuania. The Auksuciai Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Corporation headquartered at Burlingame, CA. The Center has a 157 hectares (389 acre) farm which conducts annual research programs on new crops, improving existing crops, and improving farming practices. The farm is operated under a master lease agreement with the Auksuciai Foundation, USA. All information is available at no charge to local farmers and other interested individuals. For more information, see [www.aukfoundation.org](http://www.aukfoundation.org).