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JBANC also continues to engage with Congress together with the Central and East European Coalition (CEEC), holding a joint Advocacy Day in April on the eve of JBANC’s 11th conference. On September 16 the CEEC held a congressional briefing to exchange views about improving communications about upcoming events generated ideas for the future.

Also joining the group as special guests were Eric Suuberg, Vice President; Marki Tihhonova-Kreek, Deputy Chief of Mission; Marju Rink-Abel, EANC President; Linda Rink, Executive Director; Guest Speaks Karl Altau, Managing Director of the Joint Baltic American National Committee; Karl Altau, Managing Director of the Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc. (JBANC), who gave a briefing on recent political events in Washington D.C., and Priit Vesilind, who treated the audience to a personal account of Estonia’s experiences: "Estonia in a Land of Promise," scheduled to be published by JBANC next fall.

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For more information, you can sign up for JBANC’s revamped newsletter via our website: http://JBANC.org. Twitter and Facebook also play a big part in expanding networks and making sure the Baltic-American voice is heard. Please stay in touch!
To honor our most generous supporters, EANC has launched a new initiative: The EANC President’s Council.

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Estonians who participate in EANC’s “Greatest Generation,” those who came to the United States after World War II via displaced persons camps. The book will be published in EAN in Fall 2016. Edited by Frit Krohn, the book will feature 150 color and black-and-white images. The hard cover book will chronicle the fifty years from 1945 to 1995. Part documentary, part reference and part narrative, the 500-plus pages will tell the story of the “Greatest Generation.”

The Republic of Estonia will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2018 and will also host the presidency of the European Union in the same year. Major celebrations are expected to start in April 2017 to mark the unification of Estonian lands into one province. The 100th anniversary celebrations will continue up until February 22, 2020, the anniversary of the Tartu Peace Treaty.

An important part of the session was the participation of Maarja Lõhmus of the University of Tartu Institute of Social Studies and Media Studies moderated, asking EANC and EKN to address the essential role and contributions of exiled Estonians – both political and cultural – during the period between 1939 and 1950, and to express their priorities for preserving this heritage and taking it forward to build a global Estonian culture. EANC’s response to these themes, presented by Maarja Lõhmus, Bartling, are on EANC’s website www.estosite.org, menu button “EANC Activities.”

A special dedicated EV100 website has been launched for Estonia’s 100th anniversary at https://ev100.ee/en

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In addition to books of interest, we are including film information as well. Three notable recent ones are:

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