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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2014

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2014, and ending December 31, 2014

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization Chicago Latvian Association Inc		D Employer identification number 36-2372504
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 4146 N Elston Ave	Room/suite	E Telephone number 773-588-2085
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Chicago IL 60618-1828		F Group Exemption Number ▶ NA

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____ **H** Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

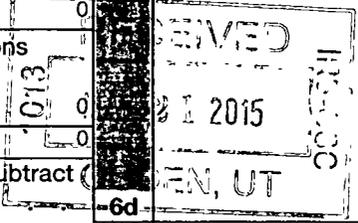
I Website: ▶ chicagolatvianassociation.com
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other _____
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 79897

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	3280	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	250
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	1335	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	25317
4	Investment income	4	65800	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	0
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	19609
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2215
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	38799
6	Gaming and fundraising events			17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	86190
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	(6294)
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	115974
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	(214)
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	109466
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0				
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	9464				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	79897				

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	42115	22 35607
23 Land and buildings	73859	23 73859
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	115974	25 109466
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	214	26 0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	115760	27 109466

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Promote Latvian culture & education

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others.)

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

28 Events held to promote Latvian culture & education, served approximately 500 people Held 12 events including lectures, films, traditional craft instruction, craft fair, concerts, plays, grammar instruction		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	28201
29 Cultural center serves neighborhood groups for gatherings, hosts international dance, Latvian folk dance groups Ongoing weekly activity and single events serving about 250 people on a regular basis		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	24547
30 Houses and supports the Latvian language library and Latvian Folk Art Museum which serves about 500		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	4391
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	57139

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated—see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Armand Birkens Director & President	4	0	0	0
Dace Kezbers Director & Vice President	8	0	0	0
Iveta Marnauzs Director & Secretary	2	0	0	0
Marite Plume Director & Treasurer	8	0	0	0
Mara Kins Director	2	0	0	0
Daina Jauntrans Director	8	0	0	0
Dana Saltans Director	4	0	0	0
Ruta Priedkalns Zirnīs Director	2	0	0	0
Reinis Kalnajs Director	16	0	0	0
Inara Bundza Director	8	0	0	0
Janis Vilcins Director	2	0	0	0
Aivars Osis Director	1	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35b	b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35c	c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a _____		
37b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38b	b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b _____		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a _____		
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b _____		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ ; section 4955 ▶ _____		
40b	b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
40c	c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ _____		
40d	d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Illinois		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Marite Plume, treasurer Telephone no. ▶ 224-250-5595 Located at ▶ 4146 N Elston Ave, Chicago, IL ZIP + 4 ▶ 60618-3114		
42b	b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
42c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 _____ <input type="checkbox"/>		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44b	b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44c	c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
44d	d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45b	b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	Yes	No
		46	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	Yes	No
		47	
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		
48			
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
49a			
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		
49b			

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ _____

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ▶ _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer Marite Plume, Treasurer <i>Marite Plume</i>	Date 5-9-15
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization

Chicago Latvian Association Inc

Employer identification number

36-2372504

FORM 990EZ Part I - Line 8 Other Revenues

Fundraisers 9464

FORM 990EZ Part I - Line 16 Other Expenses

Grants given 250

Events expense 7810

Furniture & Equipment 1254

Insurance 6864

Inventory 146

Library expense 300

Maintenance 15594

Miscellaneous 303

Office Expense 2428

Public Relations 825

Regulatory Fees 3025

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES 39799