

# Kahden Uutiset

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Trudy Enke

This is my first official message as President of Suomi Hall, and we have many upcoming activities so you will need to get your calendars out. Remember, there is a St. Urho's Potluck featuring corned beef and cabbage at our March meeting on March 12. Matt Crichton has offered to wear the robes and play St. Urho. If you have purple or green, please wear the colors. The good saint is of course credited with driving the grasshoppers out of Finland and saving the grapes for wine making. We will feature the standard corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots. Leroy has already signed up for his famous meatballs.

On March 19, Sunday from one to four we will be having an old-fashioned family dance with a live DJ. This gentleman plays regularly at the LO. Bo has an excellent voice and keeps the music coming. He is also most willing to take requests from the floor and plays all kinds of tunes.

Kathy's Longview friends plan on bringing down a few cars and they will dance with everyone. The cost for entry is \$5.00 per person and \$15.00 for family so bring the kids and grandkids. We will serve a light snack, a half sandwich, chips, a home-made cookie, and a beverage at intermission.

Our final event in March on the 25th will be a lecture on the Kalevala by retired PSU Professor Emeritus and local Astorian, Dr. Greg Jacob. This event is FREE and open to the public. We plan to serve pulla and coffee. The lecture will begin at 6:30 at Suomi Hall. Please tell your friends, family, and neighbors. If you have a copy of the book Kalevala, please bring it for a hall decoration. The lecture is part of our celebration of Finland's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence.

Within the next two weeks you will be asked to fill out an interest survey and to let us know what activities you would be willing to work on. There are so many ways to be involved, from folding and putting stamps on mailings, calling members to remind them of events, coming to an afternoon activity, sharing a hobby with the group. We will conduct a combination of phone surveys, member mailings and filling out surveys at our meetings. Remember, if everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot.

With lodge approval, it would be fun to try sale tables in the hall and having a Sisu Sale. We all have items that would be happy in a new home, things we make, bake, sew, or have too many of. If a committee can be created, it would be a one-day event. The vendors would buy an 8-foot table and set up and take down in one day. If this could happen before Sunday Market, it would be great.

We have Leena Riker's Kitchen Corner, but it would be interesting to have a men's section. Thanks to Kurt for adding his Puukko Tales. Another idea is short interviews with members to get their family history. Soon, I will attempt to interview Greta Passetti who has wonderful stories to tell.

## **Announcements:**

Members, please, remember to bring dessert to Lodge meetings during your Birthday month. Come in to enjoy St. Urho's Day celebration on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time starts that day. And mark your calendar for two more events in March: *Old Fashioned Dance* on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the *Kalevala Lecture* on March 25<sup>th</sup>. See announcements inside the newsletter!

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 Arnie Hummasti

*Newsletter-* Vacant

**2017 Officers of Astoria Lodge #2**



Welcome new  
 members Tim and  
 Karen Malinen

**WANTED NEWSLETTER  
 EDITOR**

The position of the Lodge #2 newsletter Editor is vacant. The newsletter, KAHDEN UUTISET, is published six times a year. The Editor receives an honorarium for formatting, editing, getting it printed and mailed to about 180 addresses. If you have the skills of formatting text, photos and images, and are interested in the job, please contact President Trudy Enke at [trudenke@gmail.com](mailto:trudenke@gmail.com)

## Lodge News

By Leena Riker, Secretary

During the January Social Hour members enjoyed hearty soups, salads and Finnish style open face sandwiches for lunch. We listened to Terry Arnall's presentation on the Swedish artist Carl Larson and admired examples of his art.

### **The following 2017 Officers were installed:**

Trudy Enke, President

Marvin Hautala, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Karen Reintzell, Jr. Vice President

Leena Riker, Secretary

Bernie Bjork, Financial Secretary

Faith Swanson, Treasurer

Kurt Koivu, Doorkeeper

Katherine Hendrickson, Conductress

### Trustees:

Arnie Hummasti, Nettie Blair, Willie Nyberg and Marvin Hautala

Auditors: Cindy Daly, Stan Hendrickson and Greta Passetti

**Communications:** The Secretary reported e-mail communications with the Finnish Metsalehti group. They have accepted the date of September 20<sup>th</sup> for their visit to the Lodge. Dr. Greg Jacob will present a lecture on the Finnish epic, Kalevala, in March.

**Sick Members and Sunshine:** Cards will be sent to Sue Guderjohn whose husband is ill, and to Charolette and Willie Nyberg, Charolette's mother is ill and is in the hospital

**Trustees report:** Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees: The group Save our Wild Salmon has rented the Hall for their meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. They estimate 30 - 40 members to be present at the meeting.

Discussion on the possible installation of the chair climber continues, and no decision has been made. Further cost estimates are sought by the contractor.

**Scandinavian Midsummer festival:** Correction to last month's minutes: Senior Miss Finland 2017 is not Aimee Schacher, but her sister Megan Schacher. Aimee was Sr. Miss Finland in 2013. 2017 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Several performing groups have already been contacted.

Carole Lyngstad reported that the Scandinavian Monument Committee has made an agreement with the City on the maintenance issues. City Council will discuss the Monument at its February meeting. When the plan is approved, donation solicitations will start and an architect will be hired.

**Auxiliary news:** David Drafall read the January 2 minutes of the Auxiliary. Laksloda will be in October. The auxiliary needs another serving cart. Several possible functions were discussed:

Bruce Connor has been consulted about possibly using the Hall for cooking classes to cruise ship passengers.

Presentations of Scandinavian culture and Finnish language were also considered.

Suggestions were made about opening the Lodge to Bingo and craft meets.

It was decided to serve corn chowder and pea soup at the January Lodge meeting

The February meeting will be at the Golden Star Restaurant

**Reading of Trustee Minutes:** Carole Lyngstad wondered why the Trustee minutes are not read at the Membership meetings, just as the Auxiliary minutes are. Members pointed out that a report is read at each meeting immediately after the Trustees meeting of the same day, and also published as part of the Lodge News in Kahden Uutiset. Further discussion on the issue was tabled until the next Lodge meeting, which hopefully would have a larger member attendance.

During the February meeting Social Hour members heard a presentation by Bruce Connor of Sundial Travel. He had been invited by members of the Auxiliary to talk about feasibility of arranging cooking classes or demonstrations during some Cruise Ship stops in Astoria during the 2018 season.

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**Membership applications:** An application was received from Julie Leonhardt Overby. Her membership was proposed by Viola Leonhardt, Bernie Bjork and Leroy Adolphson. Her application was approved.

**Initiations:** Tim and Karen Malinen were initiated and welcomed to the Lodge by members present.

**Communications:** The Secretary read several communications:

In a note, Mary Cornell informed us about the death of Eric Lappi and apologized for not having his obituary available at this time and asked for the postponement of Draping of the Charter until the next meeting.

In a note Margaret Johnson thanked the Lodge for her 25-year pin, which means a lot to her.

The Secretary read an e-mail message about Dr. Greg Jacob's Kalevala Lecture, scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Portland lecture on the topic was held on February 10<sup>th</sup> and it received rave reviews from about 80 people in attendance.

Two separate messages from the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Foundation were read, one from the President asking for our Lodge to continue sponsoring the events, and another describing the levels of support requested.

**Sick Members and Sunshine:** Another card will be sent to Sue Guderjohn whose husband has been hospitalized after an amputation of his leg because of severe infection. We wish him and Sue well.

**Newsletter Kahden Uutiset:** Editor of the KU, Elizabeth Newton, has resigned. We need a new Editor as soon as possible. The next newsletter is due at the end of this month.

**Audit** was held today, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Lodge Picnic:** Lodge picnic will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Cullaby Lake picnic area. Parking is available next to the picnic site. There is a parking fee at the County Park.

**Trustees report:** Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees: The date of the Kalevala lecture by Dr. Greg Jacob has been set for Saturday evening on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Lecture will be open to the public and will be advertised.

The Finnish Metsälehti group visit will be on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustees will contact the group to ask about the number of Finnish guests. Light Dinner will be served. All members are welcome.

Trustees discussed tuning of the two pianos. The consensus was that they are not part of the building structure and thus, should be the responsibility of the Lodge and not Trustees.

Willie Nyberg listed items of repairs discussed during the walkthrough by Lodge officers with contractor Lee Burnard:

— A corroding gas pipe leading to the building from the gas meters needs to be replaced as soon as possible.

— Deteriorating posts and beams supporting the building structure need replacements in the basement to stabilize the building that is sagging, cost estimate \$5,750

— Replacing the kitchen water heater with an on-demand unit, cost estimate \$2,819

— New dining area carpet and elimination of the ramp to the kitchen, cost estimate \$7,005

— Bathroom heaters and floor tiles, no cost estimate yet available.

— The front door needs to be repaired or replaced to secure the entrance to the building and to change the door to one that qualifies as a fire exit, cost estimate \$2,050.

Trustees will continue to prioritize the needed work on the building according to funds available.

**Scandinavian Midsummer Festival:** Members voted to sponsor the 2017 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival with a gift of \$250. No further news on the Scandinavian Monument.

**New Committees:** President Trudy Enke discussed the need for committees to take care of various tasks. Suggested committees are: Grand Lodge Officers Committee, Historical Committee, with Arnie Hummasti in charge; Cultural Committee with Kurt Koivu and Marvin Hautala; Dance Committee with Katherine Hendrickson.

Kurt Koivu had studied the history of the Lodge and its many activities. The lodge used to have an Athletic Club. He suggested that we start activities such as sports, exercise, walk and talk, step aerobics etc. Members approved these types of plans.

**Next Lodge meeting:** The next regular meeting will be on Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, with social hour at 1 PM and business meeting at 2:00 PM. Note that Daylight Savings Time starts on March 12<sup>th</sup>. **St. Urho's Day potluck dinner will be served.**



*Old fashioned family dance at Historic Suomi Hall  
244 W Marine Drive, Astoria  
Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM  
DJ Bo, the one man show*

Admission \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 for a family

Bo has been entertaining as a DJ for 30 plus years and is willing to take your requests. He has great keyboard skills and a smooth voice. Bo comes to us from Anchorage, Alaska, and also fished Alaskan waters.



A half sandwich, chips, a homemade cookie and a drink  
\$5.00 at intermission  
We might even provide a little instruction for a number or two.

## LODGE COMMITTEES

*The Lodge has a number of standing Committees, which are always in need of help. Please contact:*

### Auxiliary

David Drafall — 325-6197

### Cultural and Heritage

Activities – Vacant

### Historian

Liisa Penner — 338-4849

### Membership

Vacant

### Safety Committee

Lynn Thompson — 325-0918

### Scandinavian Festival Princess

Vacant

### Scandinavian Midsummer Festival

Nettie Blair — 325-4964

### Sunshine

Karen Reintzell – 325-2672

### Union Town Association

Leroy Adolphson – 325-6197

## AUXILIARY NEWS

By Trudy Enke

The yearly Chinese luncheon for auxiliary members and others who have helped during the year on events was held at the Golden Star Restaurant. Faith Swanson always makes the arrangements, Peggy Nikkila did the calling for the head count, and we were treated to almost unlimited choices. After a very short business meeting, lead by President David, Leroy stepped up to be the overall chair of the Scandinavian Festival, and we got down to the serious business of dining. Faith brought in gift bags and packages plus flats of primroses, which were handed out with the fortune cookies. If there was a heart sticker on the bottom, you could then select a gift. This is one of my favorite events and I came home with a flower and a Swedish lace runner. Thank you Faith, for always being so gracious about the lunch and for being such a good shopper. Judi Lampi even took a few minutes to join us. We hope to see all of you at the next Auxiliary meeting at the Hall on March 6 at 10 AM.

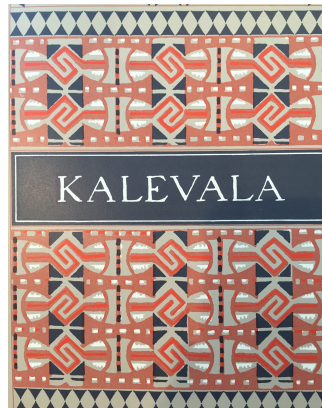


Image of original Kalevala graphics by Akseli Gallen-Kallela

## SPECIAL LECTURE ON THE FINNISH NATIONAL EPIC KALEVALA

**Presented by Dr. Greg Jacob**  
Native Astorian

**Retired Linguistics Professor, Portland State University**  
Suomi Hall, 244 W Marine Drive, Astoria  
Saturday, March 25, 2017  
6:30 PM

In his lecture about *The Kalevala*, Dr. Greg Jacob will discuss the epic's origin and its poetic expression of Finnish culture. In particular, he will explore its homespun teachings and motifs. The lecture is sponsored by the Finnish Brotherhood Astoria Lodge #2, as part of the 2017 events celebrating Finland's 100-year anniversary of independence.

**Everyone is welcome to attend - Refreshments will be served**

## PUUKKO TALES

By Kurt Koivu

### *Great Adventure at Small Places*

7 May 1957

Kevin, Emile, Guisepe, Helmut, and myself attended the last Cub Scout meeting before the Summer break. We had completed the knife safety course. Each of us received the official legal size blue Cub Scout pocketknife. It had a 2 7/8 inch polished silver blade with blue plastic handle and gold baby karhu (Finnish for bear).

We had passed around some J. F. Cooper novels during the year and we were ready for some Natty Bumpo adventures. Living in a metro area precluded a true wilderness experience so we had to be satisfied with a trip to the forest preserve next to the tree museum.

We packed our bicycles with canteens of water, peanut butter sandwiches, and our trusty blue knives. As we rode away Daniella, a Belgian girl, ran out in front of us and demanded to know where we were going! She

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was our age, a Brownie, but had no knife so she didn't count. We let her come along. We said she could do the cooking and laundry.

We arrived at the woods, took off our packs and ate what food we had and were ready for whatever dangers lay ahead. Daniella had read an article about wild foods written by Euell Gibbons of "Tastes like wild hickory nuts" fame. She also had a book about wildflowers. After she had called out the names of fifty some species we all chorused "who cares!" Acting under peer pressure I joined in the deriding. Secretly I was actually quite interested in the designs of nature and especially the colors.

We climbed over a small sand ridge near Powderhorn Lake and found a cattail marsh that seemed to go on forever. The cattails were well over our heads so it was eerie walking through them. After an hour we came to a water covered clearing filled with hundreds of fleeing ducks..

Daniella resumed her dissertation on flora and fauna and she mentioned that the Indians once used the cattails for food. Our starving brains jumped to attention. Kevin and Helmut frantically began cutting the cattails with their new knives. Someone said they should taste like boiled potatoes. Soon we had a pot of boiling brown and green gook. Daniella said I think that is enough and we each took a spoonful of the concoction and swallowed. A silence fell over the group. Nobody heaved but no one was smiling.

Our lives were about to change. Later that year Sputnik could be seen orbiting the sky and the cattail marsh seemed less remote. We would continue to visit that special place over the years. I came to appreciate the vast number of life forms sustained by this fragile and complex creation.

## *Happy Birthday, Members*

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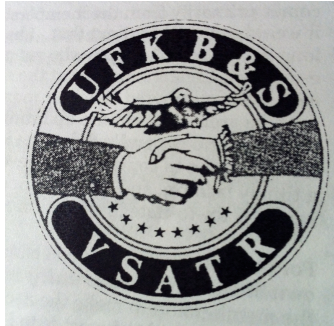
Heidi Nissen	March 1
Elsa Cline	March 3
George Harrison	March 3
Briitta Algeyer	March 4
Kim Supple	March 5
Peggy Pogue	March 7
Anita Raistakka	March 7
Claudia Deloff	March 8
Fred Larson	March 8
Darlene Bjornsgaard	March 9
William Meyer	March 12
Doug Kero	March 13
Charolette Nyberg	March 13
Leila Collier	March 14
Charlotte Nyberg	March 15
Anja Ranta	March 17
Katherine Hendrickson	March 18
Erica Curtis	March 19
Leroy Adolphson	March 21
Jeff Cline	March 22
Greta Robinson	March 22
Sue Guderjohn	March 27

### APRIL:

Bernie Bjork	April 3
Teresa Passetti-Fonseca	April 3
Emil Nyberg	April 4
Carrie Paldanius	April 4
Debbie Lake	April 5
Leena Riker	April 5
Rebecca Rubens	April 5
Esther Gotting	April 8
John Mattila	April 8
Jean Aarnio	April 9
Pirjo Schulbach	April 10
Rick Parrish	April 12
Cindi Cahill	April 14
David Drafall	April 14
Alli Cahill	April 16
Karen Cornell	April 16
Sandra Robinson	April 16
Missy Maese	April 17
Lawrence Martin Jr.	April 17
Juha Junkkarinen	April 19
James Dickson	April 20
Jerry Gustafson	April 20
Austin Long	April 21
Susan Lewis	April 24
Robert Swaggert	April 24
Jon Westerholm	April 24
David Hearn	April 27
Gertrude Kinnunen	April 27

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## ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

### Upcoming Dates:

**March 6, 2017, Monday:** Auxiliary meeting, coffee 10:00 AM, Business meeting 10:30 AM

**March 12, 2017, Sunday:** 12 Noon Trustees, St. Urho's Potluck, 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM

**March 19, 2017, Sunday:** 1 - 4 PM, Family Friendly Dance with a live DJ, \$5.00 per person, \$15.00 for a family, food available for purchase

**March 25, 2017, Saturday:** 6:30 PM, Kalevala Lecture by Dr. Greg Jacob, native Astorian, PSU Professor Emeritus. FREE, open to the public, invite friends and neighbors

**April 3, 2017, Monday:** Auxiliary meeting, coffee 10:00 AM, Business meeting 10:30 AM

**April 10, 2017, Monday:** Trustees 5:00 PM, Coffee and cooking demo 6:00 PM,  
Business meeting 7:00 PM

If there is enough interest we will take a field trip to IKEA for a walkthrough, lunch and some good conversation, TBA