

Kahden Uutiset

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President's Message - For the Good of the Order

Suomi Hall has a very special place in my heart. It is like home to me, and even though I am now President of Astoria Lodge #2, no job is too menial. From cleaning spots on the carpet, scrubbing the kitchen floor on my knees, to cleaning toilets, we should all treat this hallowed place as if it were our homes. And, we should all step up and take on jobs when they present themselves. Our purpose here is to do Finnish Culture and Heritage. If you are here for any other reason, then you are in the wrong Hall.

No one should be a Little Red Hen, because all of us members are owners of the Hall. We all have different gifts, talents, knowledge, and timeframes that allow us to help as a member of the team. We have a number of events and projects, and need chairs to take on these functions. It is truly amazing how quiet it can get when the President asks for volunteers to step up. A good President is a good delegator, not a one woman show, and often just asking members and then reminding them as the date approaches can work.

I am actually rather shy and often reluctant to take a hard line, but recent concerns and accusations about the way things are done around here, have caused me to change my former ways. We are the only Lodge left that has the responsibility of maintaining and managing a building. Our downstairs renter is absolutely essential to our survival financially. A renter that is as trouble free as our renter has been for over 20 years is a landlord's dream come true. And, when a renter comes and asks the Trustees to add a certain line of business and at the same time offers us \$500.00 a month more, and it is lawful to do so, we cannot say no. For the Trustees to pick and choose, according to their own personal likes and dislikes, would ultimately land us in court that would end in the loss of our Lodge. We do not base our decisions on our own religion, politics, or partisan causes. The Trustees are not the Trolls under the bridge. They are here to make sure decisions are based on the law of the land.

I am not leaving another meeting sick to my stomach and sick at heart, thinking that I ought to resign. We all need to take a breath, simmer down, and lighten up. Think before you make accusations, and if you have to, then have them written out, so that they can possibly be discussed and brought out in either a Regular Meeting, or a Board of Directors Meeting. I have talked personally to a couple members, asking that they dial down some of their comments. I have asked them to put the good of the order before their own needs and wants.

Our only surviving purpose is Finnish Culture and Heritage. That is why I have spoken with Katherine to bring in dance lessons, and Kurt to bring in movies and crafts. Possibly we could start a weekly walk based out of the Hall having coffee and pulla, and then walking it off on the Riverwalk. I would appreciate suggestions be put in the suggestion box outside the Main Hall room.

Please remember what the proper reason should be for you to be a member of Suomi Hall. We aren't here to change the world for the better. We are here to keep our Finnish Culture and Heritage alive, which, when you think about it, does make the world better.

Truly,
Trudy Enke
President, Astoria Lodge #2.

Otamme osaa suruunne - Eric Wayne Lappi, November 4, 1958 – January 22, 2017

Our condolences go out to the Lappi family for the loss of Eric Lappi who passed away in Portland. He is survived by his wife, Karen Cornell. Eric joined the Astoria Lodge May 13, 2002.

Lodge Officers:

President – Trudy Enke
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 Doorkeeper – Kurt Koivu

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 Secretary – Peggy Nikkila
 Treasurer – Beth Kandoll

Lodge Historians: Liisa Penner &
 Arnie Hummasti
Newsletter- Sherry Bjork



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

LODGE NEWS,**By Leena Riker**

During the March Social Hour members enjoyed St Urho's Day lunch with corned beef and cabbage, Finnish style meatballs, salads, side dishes, and desserts. Many members came to the social hour and to enjoy the lunch, but only a small number stayed for the Business meeting. We must remind members that attendance at meetings is important so that proper input by all is heard in many matters critical to the Lodge's successful operation.

President Trudy Enke called the business meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

Communications: The Lodge received a letter from the Winlock Lodge inviting members to their lodge's 109th Anniversary celebration on March 12th. The Secretary read her reply of congratulations to the Winlock Lodge.

Sick Members and Sunshine: Card will be sent to Greg Jacob whose wife is ill, and to Nancy Ceasar, whose mother passed away. We wish them both well.

Trustees report: Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees:

Basement work and the corroding outdoor gas line replacement are first on the priority list of work to be done. Other renovation will be scheduled when funds are available for major restoration inside the building dining area, bathrooms and the kitchen.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter Kahden Uutiset: Sherry Bjork has agreed to become the new Editor of the Kahden Uutiset. This will be a free service to the Lodge. Sherry does not want to be paid, but would like her honorarium to be considered an in-kind donation to the Lodge's Building Fund. Thank you, Sherry!

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival: Charolette Nyberg is the Chairman of the Princess Committee.

The Festival is now holding fundraising events in support of the Summer Festival. The Canadian ABBA group has been confirmed among entertainers.

Auxiliary: March meeting minutes were taken by Peggy Nikkila and read by Charolette Nyberg. Plans for Scandinavian Festival Rice Pudding Booth were discussed. More helpers are needed to work in the kitchen and at the booth.

Annual Picnic will be held at the Cullaby Lake County Park on August 13th. It was decided to serve chicken.

Unfinished Business:

President Trudy Enke asked members to take responsibilities as leaders in various areas of Lodge activity. She will be calling people to ask them to step in.

Kurt Koivu and Lis Stubberfield will be in charge of decorating.

Dance advertisement: Because of the large event at the Liberty Theater that conflicts with the time of the Dance, it was decided not to put an ad in the paper about the dance. Matt Crichton will announce the Dance on Facebook.

May Membership meeting: Strawberry Shortcake will be served with whipped cream. Men will be in charge, among them Marvin, Leroy and our new member Lanny. The Scandinavian Court will visit the Lodge. It was decided to give each Court member a Koski Box again. Members voted to approve the cost of the boxes.

Dance on March 19th: The cost of the DJ is \$200, that amount has been donated by members, cost of food will be about \$50, and was approved.

Finnish Metsälehti Group visit: The group will visit Suomi Hall on Wednesday September 20th for a light dinner event during their West Coast trip. The group will be 35 visitors. Local forestry specialists will be invited to attend. The Steering Committee will meet on April 20th at noon to make plans.

New Business:

Finland's 100th year Anniversary of Independence: A suggestion was made to develop a presentation, including those members who were living in Finland during her independent years.

Transfer of funds to Trustees account: To cover the expenses of the emergency building improvements, Trustees requested a transfer of funds to their account for the basement beam and post replacement to support the structure, and towards the replacement of the gas line from the meter to the building. Transfer does not need to occur until the funds are needed. Motion carried with one vote opposing the motion.

During the April Social Hour members enjoyed coffee and desserts brought in by members. A Finnish Family from Vaasa stopped by to visit the Hall. They saw the Suomi Hall sign and the flags outside and came up to say hello. Music was waltz and polka, and some dancers practiced the steps with Katherine Hendrickson.

President Trudy Enke called the business meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Communications: The Secretary mentioned her e-mail communications with Dr. Greg Jacob on the subject of his Kalevala lecture. The date and time of the lecture is now scheduled for April 15 at 7 PM. Advertising has been arranged with the Daily Astorian's Coast Weekend edition. The Chamber of Commerce has been sent a notice of the event for their website. And KMUN and other radio stations have been notified. Updated Lecture flyers were printed and distributed.

Draping of the Charter: The Charter was draped in remembrance of Eric Lappi who passed away on January 22, 2017 at age 58. He was a member of the Astoria Lodge since May 2002. Members observed a moment of silence in his memory.

Sick Members and Sunshine: A card with a message of condolence was sent to Greg Jacob whose wife passed away.

Trustees report: Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees:

The elevator was fixed at a cost of \$660.65. To be prepared in case of future elevator problems, Trustees will be trained to help in emergencies so that those trapped can be lowered down quickly. The corroded gas line going into the building from the gas meter will be repaired, Bernie Bjork has checked it, the outside needs to be refinished, and he can do it. Our contractor Lee Burnard will start with the basement reinforcements and posts later this week.

The future restoration of the west wall of the building was discussed. It will be a major job and can be done in three stages. The cost will be high, the current estimate is about \$100,000.

The Kalevala Lecture has been rescheduled for April 15th at 7 PM. April 15th garage sale has been canceled for this year. A decision is needed on the fate of the Svensen cemetery. The Lodge owns it and needs to decide what to do with it. The Trustees have decided to first get the land surveyed. More information will be gathered and brought to the membership. The cemetery liability insurance costs about \$1,000 per year.

Committee Reports:

Scholarship Committee: Leila Collier is still in charge. Karen Reintzell is a new member.

Auxiliary: March meeting minutes were taken by Peggy Nikkila. Plans for Scandinavian Festival Rice Pudding Booth were discussed. More helpers are needed to work in the kitchen and at the booth. Plans to hold cooking classes at the Hall have been discussed.

Unfinished Business:

Report on the Suomi Hall Dance on March 19th: Katherine Hendrickson told us that the visiting group of 13 dancers from Longview liked the room and the floor very much. They would like to come back here again. It was suggested that we hold another dance on the third Sunday in July.

May Membership Meeting: Strawberry Shortcake will be served with whipped cream. Men will be in charge, among them Marvin, Leroy and our new member Lanny. The 2017 Scandinavian Court will visit the Lodge.

Walking and other Finn-Fit projects: Kurt Koivu is heading a group of members who want to walk and exercise together. If the project is successful, he will get blue shirts made for the group.

New Business:

Movie nights: Kurt Koivu will present Finnish movies in recognition of the centennial of Finnish independence. These will be on a big screen TV. His suggestion was Friday nights with a game of kubb outside and then a movie at Suomi Hall. The first one will be done on Monday May 1 at 6:45 PM.

For the good of the Order:

President Trudy Enke reminded everyone about the Kalevala Lecture. This is a very special event. Everyone is encouraged to attend the lecture.

Trustee Bernie Bjork brought up the need to restore the west wall of the building within the next few years. We will get three bids and have an architect and an engineer involved. This will be a big, costly project. Members need to start thinking about it.

Although Kaisa Saari of Naselle was not a Lodge member, her passing was announced to members. Kaisa and Wilho Saari have been prominent Finns in our area for many years. A card will be sent to Kaisa's husband, Wilho Saari.

Next Lodge meeting: The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 8th with social hour at 6 PM and business meeting at 7:00 PM.

Happy Birthday Members!

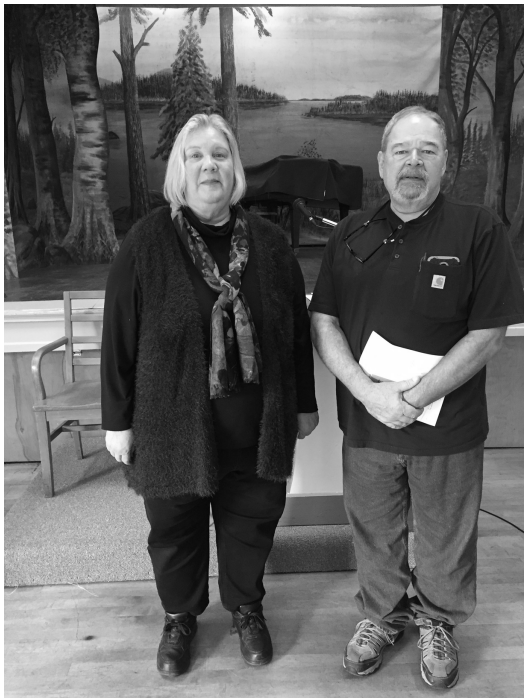
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JOSEPH BARNES	5
ARNOLD CURTIS	5
ELLEN LAWGEVIN	7
LINDA NELSON	11
LYNN THOMPSON	12
SARAY COLLMAN	15
SALLY HANNU	15
MATTHEW CRICHTON	16
JUDITH OSTERHOLM	19
CHERYL WEST-DAVIES	21
SARI ESNARD	22
LAUREL CARLSON	23
TIMOTHY KINDLEY	24
PATRICIA NORTH	25
JUNE OLSON	27

ROSEMARY GINTHER	28
FAITH SWANSON	28
CHRISTINE BRIDGENS	29

JUNE:

SHERRY BJORK	4
ALICE CODD	5
HERBERT LANGE	8
SUSANNA BJORK-BELL	11
TUULA REINOSO	12
SYLVIA MOWREY	13 — AGE 103!
DENNIS ADRIAN	16
JARI RANTA	17
JOSH BAER	18
PEGGY NIKKILA	26



Welcome New Members

Julie Leonhardt Overby and Lanny
Freeman are lodge's newest members.



DJ Bo the One Man Show (left) entertaining lodge dancers. Kathy Hendrickson dances with a friend (middle). A couple dances in the hall (right).

PUUKKO TALES

By Kurt Koivu

The Fishing Report

At first light over the water the rods were set.

President Enke displayed her cool hand with the fish today. After a few false strikes she tweaked her technique and promptly latched onto the largest fish of the day. She deftly maneuvered the monster to the net and nearly fell into the water, she was laughing so much. She stated that she enjoyed fishing with the 15 1/2 ft. "DEEP GREEN " custom made fishing rod. It was made by the famous American- Finn rod builder.

We hooked and lost several fish, then the school departed. We were entertained by distant birds plunging for fish, a good sign because the prey fish were probably being chased to the surface by larger fish. We waited and eventually the fish arrived, fast and furious fishing fun started.

One fisher hooked a large one and it leaped clear of the water three times displaying true marlin acrobatics. Then it turned and swam directly at us. It struck something with such force that the hook dislodged. The behemoth swam off. IT WAS A GREAT FISH!
Total catch for the day: 8 fish landed 6 fish lost.

REMEMBER OREGON'S FREE FISHING WEEKEND IS 3-4 JUNE. JOIN US FOR SOME RAINBOW TROUT FISHING AT FT. STEVENS.

4 April 2017

LUONTO (Nature)

During the March outing we explored the Brownsmeade Slough and the Prairie Channel. Record rainfall produced severe ponding over the adjacent fields. For excitement we drove over a water covered road. Ducks, geese, and eagles were plentiful.

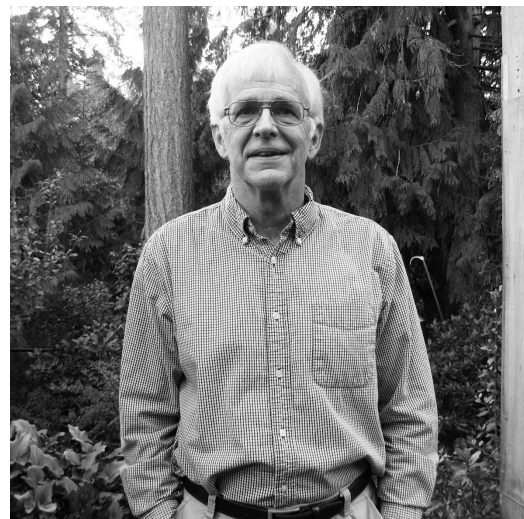
About 650 cackler geese rose up and circled to avoid an eagle cruising past searching for cripples. We spotted the following species.

Cackler Geese	Brewers blackbird	Mew gull
Violet green swallows	Bufflehead	Mallard
Tree swallows	Hooded merganser	Red-tailed hawk
Cliff swallows	Western Canada Goose	Lesser yellow legs
American robins	Pelagic Cormorant	Band tailed pigeon
American crows	American coot	Rock dove
European starlings	Western grebe	Annas hummingbird
Bald eagles	House sparrow	Northern harrier
Green winged teal	American wigeon	Oregon junco
Lesser scaup	Gadwall	Wrentit
Ring-necked duck	Pintail	Black capped chickadee
Greater scaup	Pied billed grebe	Red shafted flicker
Tundra swan	Thayers gull	Turkey vulture

THE KALEVALA

The Suomi Hall Lecture on the Finnish National Epic, The Kalevala, was presented by Dr. Greg Jacob (pictured below), a member of Astoria Lodge #2, on Saturday evening, April 15th.

Many thanks to Greg Jacob for an inspiring presentation! Members and friends of the Finnish Brotherhood had an opportunity to hear a detailed and interesting depiction of the Epic and its mythical nature. Greg's presentation reminded us about many of the Epic's larger than life characters, the collection of its poems, runot, and the assembly of the epic by Elias Lönnrot, and its importance in inspiring many Finnish artists of the period when Finland was ruled by the Russian tsars. Everyone also appreciated the way Greg presented its relationship to many other major Epics among World literature. The addition of the Finnish Language recitations gave the lecture another wonderful dimension. Altogether Greg's presentation was fascinating and truly interesting to all of us in the audience. The Astoria Lodge was proud to offer this remarkably fitting event in celebration of the Centennial of Finland's independence.

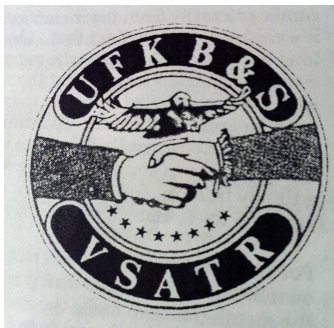


Our thanks are also due to Sam Rascoe of the Heritage Museum for his help with the technical details of the presentation at old-fashioned Suomi Hall with no WiFi! Members of the Astoria Lodge #2 thank Greg Jacob and Sam Rascoe for this opportunity to experience Finnish literary culture.

Many members missed the lecture because of its timing during the Easter weekend. We would like to schedule another chance to hear it sometime during the dark winter months.

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

May 1, 2017, Monday: Auxiliary meeting, coffee at 10:00 AM, Business meeting 10:30 AM

May 8, 2017, Monday: Trustees meeting 5 PM, Social hour 6 PM, Business meeting 7 PM. The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court will visit the Lodge during the Social hour.

June 5, 2017, Monday: Auxiliary meeting, coffee at 10:00 AM, Business meeting 10:30 AM

June 12, 2017, Monday: Trustees meeting 5 PM, Social hour 6 PM, Business meeting 7 PM

June 16 -18, 2017, Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at Clatsop County Fairgrounds