

# Kahden Uutiset

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Midsummer is an active time for the members of Suomi Hall who have been actively involved in preparing the 50th Scandinavian Festival for several weeks. This event runs for only three days over Father's Day weekend, but takes a tremendous amount of preparation. Members are called and scheduled for the many jobs that make this event a success. We have chairmen for each group, fruit soup cookers, people who purchase and bring in our supplies (about 65 gallons of milk) plus other items, the folks who inventory our products that must go out, the people who put up and take down our booth. The sturdy men who transport heavy buckets from the hall to the fairgrounds and return with items to be washed and refilled, money which needs to be counted and deposited, and people who sell our product in the booth. It is a labor of love for many and we show our SISU by being the only lodge who must cook off site and haul our food. We do this because the public must have their rice pudding and many eat a bowl a day. Others head for our booth as the first taste of festival.

On the third Sunday in July we will host another dance at Suomi Hall from one to four with a live DJ. Dancers and watchers enjoyed the live vocals, keyboards, and commentary. A picnic lunch will be available for purchase and cost per person is \$5.00. What a great way to make new friends, get some exercise, and show off your moves. This is a family friendly event and open to the public

Our picnic will be held this year at Cullaby Lake on August 13 at noon. This is a county park and they charge \$5.00 per car. This is also an opportunity to visit the historic Lindgren cabin and see the "old style construction". We will provide chicken (fried and roasted), baked beans, chips, and beverages. This is a pot luck with a game of KUBB and some rounds of Finnish poker so bring some dimes, nickels, and quarters

We stay young by keeping a strong connection with our heritage, our customs, our families, being as physically active as we can be, and by being of service to others. Belonging to a lodge meets most of the criteria, and provides us with lifelong friendships and people who care about us. It also gives us a lot to think about and talk about. Be sure to keep paying your dues, checking on members who need some encouragement to show up, sending cards and making calls, and attending meetings. Enjoy the summer and you are always welcome in Astoria at Suomi Hall.

Have a most wonderful summer.

Truly,  
Trudy Enke  
President, Astoria Lodge #2.

**Lodge Officers:**

President – Trudy Enke  
 Elder – Ron Collman  
 First VP – Marvin Hautala  
 Jr. VP – Karen Reintzell  
 Financial Sec. – Bernie Bjork  
 Recording Sec. – Leena Riker  
 Treasurer – Faith Swanson  
 Conductress – Kathy  
 Hendrickson  
 Doorkeeper – Kurt Koivu

**Board of Trustees:**

President – Leena Riker  
 VP – Marvin Hautala  
 Secretary – Arnold Hummasti  
 Treasurer – Willard Nyberg  
 Members at Large:  
 LeRoy Adolphson  
 Bernie Bjork  
 Nettie Blair  
 Trudy Enke  
 Stan Hendrickson

**Auditors:**

Greta Passetti  
 Stan Hendrickson  
 Cindy Daly

**Auxiliary Officers:**

President – David Drafall  
 VP – Dea Helligso  
 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:*

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Auxiliary</b>                        | David Drafall 325-6197   |
| <b>Cultural and Heritage Activities</b> | Vacant                   |
| <b>Historian</b>                        | Liisa Penner 338-4849    |
| <b>Membership</b>                       | Vacant                   |
| <b>Safety Committee</b>                 | Lynn Thompson 325-0918   |
| <b>Scandinavian Festival Princess</b>   | Vacant                   |
| <b>Scandinavian Midsummer Festival</b>  | Nettie Blair 325-4964    |
| <b>Sunshine</b>                         | Karen Reintzell 325-2672 |
| <b>Union Town Association</b>           | Leroy Adolphson 325-6197 |

**LODGE NEWS,**

By Leena Riker,

Secretary of Astoria Lodge #2

During the May Social Hour members and guests enjoyed excellent strawberry shortcake prepared by the men of the Lodge in celebration of Mother's Day. The Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court was in attendance. All members of the Court made a presentation to the membership describing their costumes and thanking their Lodges and the Festival for being selected to the Court. All members of the Court received handmade Koski boxes as gifts. In addition, the Senior and Junior Miss Finland received a check from the Astoria Lodge.

President Trudy Enke called the business meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**Membership applications:** A membership application was received from Karin Lahti of Lake Oswego. Her application was approved unanimously.

**Initiations:** Karin Lahti was initiated and welcomed by members. Her grandmother was an Astorian. Karin has been a member of the Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter for many years.

**Communications:** The Secretary read a message from the Grand Lodge Secretary Lynn Wirta about the updates to the Constitution. Members of the Constitution Committee have responded to her about their understanding of the updates. Further work will be done at the upcoming Grand Lodge Officers meeting.

Thank you cards were received from the members of the Scandinavian Court thanking the Lodge for the invitation to attend the meeting. A note from Michael Josephson was read, he complimented the Lodge and Dr. Greg Jacob on the excellent Kalevala Lecture that he had attended.

**Trustees report:** Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees:

Our contractor Lee Burnard has worked on the basement reinforcements and new post. An additional beam had to be replaced because it was no longer strong enough to support the structure due to insect damage. The replacement added another \$1,618 to the cost of the current basement improvements, totaling \$6,847.21.

Gene Cutlip has checked the heaters in the bathroom and found that there is gas and the sparks work but the solenoids were not working. They need to be replaced. The outside gas line into the building is good and just needed some surface cleaning.

The Vasa Lodge will be charged an additional \$250 for their rental since they are going to need more time and will have their banquet at the Lodge, not in the hotel.

**Newsletter Kahden Uutiset:** The new Editor Sherry Bjork did a great job on her first issue of the KU. President Trudy Enke suggested that we have 3 – 4 people at the Lodge to assemble, stamp, and label the printed newsletters for mailing, so that one individual does not need to do it alone.

**Auxiliary:** Peggy Nikkila read the April minutes of the Auxiliary. Plans for Scandinavian Festival Rice Booth were discussed. Shifts for volunteers have been organized. More drivers are needed to take the rice and fruit soup to the Fairgrounds. In the future checks to Scandinavian Princesses are to be mailed in February for them to better benefit from funds. Auxiliary requests that the kitchen electrical systems be refurbished by October. They also request that we present more music and dance.

**Lindgren Cabin:** Elaine Lindgren has asked volunteers to host at the cabin on summer weekends.

During the June Social Hour members enjoyed many wonderful pies baked by the women of the Lodge to celebrate Father's Day.

**Communications:** The Secretary read two thank you cards, one from this year's Sr. Miss Norway who apologized for not being able to attend the May meeting. She thanked the Lodge for the invitation to attend. A card was received from our new member Karin Lahti, thanking the Lodge for accepting her as a member, and expressing her willingness to work

towards our goals. Flyers advertising the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festivals events were read. The organizers are looking for groups of members to participate in the Tug of War and Kubb events.

**Sick Members and Sunshine:** A card was sent to Kurt Koivu who had been ill, and a card of condolence to Carole Lyngstad whose husband passed away.

**Trustees report:** Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees:

Members of Trustees had checked the posts in the M&N Store with Lee Burnard. Future reinforcements of the supports in the area on the first floor will be discussed later.

The Lodge will sponsor and hold another dance at Suomi Hall on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4 PM.

Members of Trustees will visit the Svensen Cemetery on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to meet with the group that helps in the maintenance and cleaning of the Cemetery. A decision has not yet been made about surveying the Svensen Cemetery.

**Audit** will be done in July

**Budget Committee** has drafted the 2017 – 2018 projected budget based on the 2015 – 2016 budget.

**Newsletter Kahden Uutiset:** We hope to have the next issue of Kahden Uutiset ready for printing by Monday morning the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, when volunteer members will get together at Suomi Hall to fold, secure, label and stamp the newsletters. The newsletter will have an advertisement for the July 16<sup>th</sup> Dance.

**Movie Nights** will be held last Friday night each month. Kurt Koivu will show Finnish movies. This month's movie will be the Cuckoo.

**Scandinavian Midsummer Festival:** The Festival will start this Friday. The Finnish Flag needs to be taken to the fairgrounds and carried in the parade. The organizers need more flowers. They now have 63 booths, many new vendors have signed up. Kubb and Tug of War games need participants.

**Auxiliary:** Peggy Nikkila read the May minutes of the Auxiliary. Scandinavian Festival needs a few more helpers. All those signed up for shifts need to be reminded of their duties. Shifts for volunteers have been organized.

**Annual Picnic** will be held at the Cullaby Lake County Park on Sunday, August 13th, starting at noon. Drive out to the South Picnic Shelter, where parking is available. Parking fee is \$5. Ten visitors from the Seattle Lodge will be joining us at the picnic. They have offered to bring some salads from local stores. Astoria Lodge Members are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Chicken will be served.

**Nominating Committee** will be set up during the October meeting.

**Book sales:** Arnie Hummasti sold another old book online, with \$14.83 as proceeds to the Lodge.

**Raffle:** May Raffle was organized by Charolette Nyberg, with items donated by the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association.

A berry cream pie, left over from the Social hour was auctioned with a winning bid of \$13 to benefit the Lodge.

**Next Lodge meeting:** The next regular meeting will be on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> with social hour at 6 PM and business meeting at 7:00 PM.

## *Happy Birthday Members!*

### **JULY:**

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Mary Ann Mattila   | 1  |
| Sandra Kalander    | 2  |
| Kenneth Niemi      | 3  |
| Katherine Hellberg | 9  |
| Marilyn Gustafson  | 10 |
| Loraine Peterson   | 15 |
| Dorothy Smith      | 21 |
| Ella Hill          | 22 |
| Judith Lampi       | 22 |
| Aimee Schacher     | 25 |
| Melissa Schacher   | 29 |
| Peggy Olson        | 31 |

### **AUGUST:**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Lori Johnson        | 1  |
| Mary Cornell        | 4  |
| Veja Lahti          | 14 |
| Karen Malinen       | 15 |
| Christopher Collier | 19 |
| Stacy Sundquist     | 21 |
| Kenneth Lampi       | 24 |
| Eileen Lebach       | 24 |
| Beth Parris         | 25 |
| Ryan Phillips       | 25 |
| Eva Johnson         | 26 |
| Ava Leeper          | 27 |
| Melvin Lampi        | 28 |
| Maria Wuori         | 31 |



**Welcome New Member**

**Karin Lahti**



***Our popular family dance returns to Suomi Hall  
244 W Marine Drive, Astoria  
Sunday, July 16, 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.



Chicken, baked beans, chips, and a drink are offered  
for \$5.00 at intermission  
We might even provide a little instruction for a number or two.



2017 Scandinavian Court at Suomi Hall during the May meeting



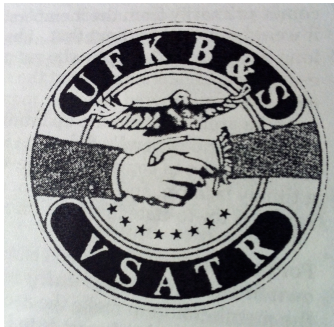
2017 Senior Miss Finland Megan Schacher and Junior Miss Georgia Sutton at Suomi Hall during the May Lodge Meeting



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

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### ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

**Monday, July 3**, Auxiliary, Coffee at 10:00 AM, Business Meeting at 10:30 AM

**Monday, July 10**, Trustees' Meeting 5:00 PM

**Monday, July 10**, Lodge Meeting, Social Hour at 6:00 PM, Business Meeting at 7:00 PM

**Sunday, July 16**, Suomi Hall Dance, 1 to 4 PM

**Monday, August 7**, Auxiliary, Coffee at 10:00 AM, Business Meeting at 10:30 AM

**Sunday, August 13**, Astoria Lodge Picnic, 12:00 Noon, Cullaby Lake County Park, South Picnic Shelter. Chicken will be served. Please bring side dishes, salads or desserts. Parking is available at the South Picnic Shelter, \$5 parking fee.

There will be no Trustees' or Lodge Meeting in August