

Kahden Uutiset

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to members of Lodge #2.

Hard to believe it is November and the holidays are just around the corner. This year has flown by. As I look back on the year it has been a lot of fun, and a lot of hard work. I am grateful for the support, guidance, enthusiasm and assistance I have received during the year. Kiitos.

At our September lodge meeting discussion was held about the dissolution of Grand Lodge. With so much to discuss about this matter it was decided to hold a special meeting on September 24th for further discussion. Delegates were present to hear the comments and concerns of our membership as delegates were the ones voting on this resolution. Concerns included the timing, the lack of prior information, the preserving of Grand Lodge records, losing contact with the other lodges and smaller lodges not being able to survive. The current Grand Lodge Officers will continue to serve until all is settled. A Lodge #2 committee will be formed to address our issues with the dissolution of Grand Lodge. We will need to make some changes in our Constitution, investigate options for the money which will come to Lodge #2 from Grand Lodge accounts and make plans for continued contact with the other lodges. If you have interest in serving on this committee, please contact me.

The Auxiliary outdid themselves again this year with the preparing and serving of its annual laksloda luncheon. It was a good crowd, excellent food and a bake sale with lots of goodies. I heard one of our long time members say "it was the best laksloda ever!" Congratulations and thank you to all the members who assisted in preparing, serving, busing tables and cleaning up. Great job in making this such a successful event. Thanks also to the families, friends and community members that support this event each year.

Our Anniversary dinner will be held on Sunday, November 11th. Join us for this delicious potluck meal. The lodge will provide turkey and dessert. Members are requested to bring side dishes, appetizers or breads. Dinner begins at 1:00 pm, the movie "Work Is Our Joy" will be shown, with the business meeting to follow at about 2:30. The nominating committee will present the 2019 slate of officers to be voted on at the December meeting.

All are invited to help a couple of our members celebrate milestone birthdays at Soumi Hall. John Kalander will be turning 80 on Saturday, November 3rd. His *surprise* party is from 1:00 – 3:00 pm on November 3rd. Vi Leonhardt will be 90 and her celebration is on Saturday, November 17th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Plan to attend and help these members welcome in a new decade.

On Saturday, December 8th at 2:00 pm join members of the Auxiliary as they provide coffee, treats and holiday cheer for the residents of Clatsop Retirement Village. To volunteer with help call Veja Lahti at 503 325-2654.

Hope to see all of you at some of these events.

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Lodge Officers:

President – Karen Van Cleave
 Elder – Trudy Enke
 First VP – Karen Reintzell
 Jr. VP – Charolette Nyberg
 Financial Sec. – Katie Ryding
 Recording Sec. – Leena Riker
 Treasurer – Faith Swanson
 Conductress – Kathy
 Hendrickson
 & Peggy Nikkila
 Doorkeeper – Kurt Koivu

Board of Trustees:

President – Leena Riker
 Secretary – Arnold Hummasti
 Treasurer – Willard Nyberg
 Members at Large:
 LeRoy Adolphson
 Nettie Blair
 Trudy Enke
 Marvin Hautala
 Carole Lyngstad
 Peggy Nikkila

Auditors

Cindy Daly
 Leila Collier
 David Drafall

Auxiliary Officers:

President – Dea Helligso
 VP – David Drafall
 Secretary – Charolette Nyberg
 Treasurer – Beth Kandoll

Lodge Historians:

Liisa Penner &
 Arnie Hummasti

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

Auxiliary	Dea Helligso 325-3984
Cultural and Heritage Activities	Vacant
Historian	Liisa Penner 338-4849
Membership	Carole Lyngstad 325-0542
Safety Committee	Lynn Thompson 325-0918
Scandinavian Festival Princess	Charolette Nyberg 861-1522
Scandinavian Midsummer Festival	Nettie Blair 325-4964
Sunshine	Charolette Nyberg 861-1522
Union Town Association	Leroy Adolphson 325-6197
Scholarship	Mary Cornell 738-5793
Newsletter:	Angela Lister 541 915-8446



Welcome Our New Member Kathryn Pritchard

LODGE NEWS,

By Leena Riker

President Karen Van Cleave called the September 10th business meeting to order at 7:05 PM; 21 members were present.

Applications for Membership: The approval of the membership application from Kathryn Pritchard was unanimous. A membership application from Donna Quinn was also approved. She was not able to attend the meeting today. She is the Director of Marketing at the Cannery Pier Hotel.

Initiations: Kathryn Pritchard was initiated and welcomed to the Lodge by members. She is retired from the military and lives in Astoria.

Committee reports:

Sunshine report: Trudy Enke is doing better. She was present at the Trustees meeting this afternoon but did not feel well enough to stay for the evening meeting.

President Karen announced that Greg Jacob's brother Robert Jacob passed away this morning at the age of 69.

Trustees Report: Arnie Hummasti gave the Trustees' report. We still have not received any responses about the Svensen Cemetery. Trustees approved a janitorial contract with Oregon Janitorial on a trial basis. A new thermostat was installed in the kitchen water heater, and it is now working well. Two rental applications were received for member birthday parties. They were both approved. Trustees set up a special rate for member rentals at \$100. Two Trustees will be retiring and replacements need to be elected, one for a three-year term another for a two-year term.

Membership then discussed timing of the work party to clean the basement and the attic. The date for the first work party is Saturday, October 13th at 10 AM. Marvin Hautala will chair the effort. Leroy Adolphson, Kurt Koivu and Allan Robitsch have volunteered to help. Allan has a trailer and Marvin has a truck. Kurt reported that some cleaning had already been done.

Auxiliary minutes: Dea Helligso reported for the Auxiliary: Nine members were present at the September Auxiliary meeting. Grand Lodge Convention was a success. Laksloda will be on October 18th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Dea will serve as the overall chair. Nordic Bazaar will be held in early spring. A suggestion was made for a pannukakku breakfast, open to the public as a fundraiser.

Scandinavian Festival: The next meeting will be held on September 19th at 6:30 at the Peace Lutheran Church. Next years Festival work will begin.

Lodge Picnic: The picnic, held on August 12th at noon at the Cullaby Lake County Park south shelter, was fun.

Members with diabetes would like to have diet pop available.

Grand Lodge Convention: The main discussion was on the dissolution of the Grand Lodge. Delegates of Astoria Lodge requested a vote on the resolution. The proposition should have been sent to everyone in advance. There are 30 delegates and Astoria has ten. Astoria Lodge members decided to hold a special meeting to discuss the process of the resolution. We need to hear members' opinions. During the membership meeting several comments were made about the process that was not transparent. No advance notice was made. None of the text of the resolution was distributed in advance and no discussion was held about the fate of individual lodges after the Grand Lodge is gone. The meeting to discuss the proposal was set for Monday, September 24th at 6 PM at Suomi Hall.

The last Grand Lodge Scholarships were distributed in 2018. The amount per each scholarship was raised to \$1,200. Any remaining funds are to be distributed to individual Lodges after the Grand Lodge has ceased to exist. We can start a scholarship fund of our own.

Lindgren Cabin: Karen Reintzell suggested that invitations to visit the cabin be sent to residents of Cullaby Lake.

Toumas Hovi visit: Members who participated in the interviews felt that they were good. Some members did not like to have the interviews in separate groups because they wanted to hear all the questions and answers. However, others felt that that would have been too difficult to manage. The format of the interviews was determined by Dr. Hovi. The food was good and everyone liked the get-together. Toumas has promised to send us a report or his final article about the interviews as they relate to his research.

Storage of historical items: We have many valuable historical items that are stored at Suomi Hall. In case of a fire much could be lost. We should start digitizing all papers. In the future all officers should provide their reports and document in digital format.

President Karen Van Cleave called the October 8th business meeting to order at 7:05 PM; 20 members were present

Committee reports:

Sunshine report: Cards were sent to Carole Lyngstad who has shoulder surgery and is recovering, to Rebecca Rubens, who broke her leg. Condolence cards were sent to Greg Jacob on the passing of his brother Robert, and to Florence and Curtis Peugh whose son passed away.

Audit will be done on October 20th.

(Lodge News Continued)

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees. The meeting room window leak was repaired by Lee Burnard. A new flashing was installed above the window. Oregon Janitorial cleaned the hall on October 5th. Peggy Nikkila was present to oversee their work. Work to start the cleaning of the basement and attic is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 AM. October and November events will be Laksloda on Thursday, October 18th, Lodge Anniversary Dinner on Sunday, November 11th at 1 PM, two member birthday party rentals on November 3rd and November 17th. Two Trustees will be retiring and replacements need to be elected, one for a three-year term another for a two-year term.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: Ten members were present at the October Auxiliary meeting. Laksloda will be on Thursday, October 18th from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Dea will serve as the overall chairman. Peggy Nikkila will serve as the Bake Sale chair. Prune tarts and cookies will be sold. November Anniversary Dinner will be on Sunday November 11th at 1 PM. Flyers have been sent to other Lodges to invite members to attend the Dinner. The Dinner will be a potluck with turkey prepared by Leroy Adolphson and cake ordered by Faith Swanson. Christmas "Cookies and Coffee" event has been set for December 8th at 2 PM at the Clatsop Retirement Center. Nordic Bazaar will be held in February 2019.

Scandinavian Festival: The next meeting will be held on October 18th at 6:30 at the Peace Lutheran Church. Plans for Scandinavian Park are ongoing. Surveying is being done.

Princess Committee: We have two applications for the Senior Princess, none for Junior so far. Princesses will be announced in November. Members of the Princess Committee are Nettie Blair, Chris Lynn Taylor and Charolette Nyberg.

Nominating Committee needs to be set-up. One more member is needed. If you are interested in Officer positions, let President Karen Van Cleave know.

Meeting on the closing of the Grand Lodge: The process of the dissolution of the Grand Lodge was discussed at a meeting on September 24th; 13 members were present. Topics discussed were timing of the dissolution, lack of appropriate information and prior knowledge. There was a concern that some small lodges may not survive after the Grand Lodge is gone. Per capita Grand Lodge membership is declining. Grand Lodge funds will be distributed to individual Lodges, among them scholarship funds and Veljeysviesti funds. Refund can go to our scholarship fund. The decision how to handle

the funds is up to us. We can set up a foundation. Students from any school could apply. All Grand Lodge records will be digitized and put on flash drives. Some Lodges may be in danger of closing. We resolve to maintain contacts with members of all other Lodges. Ballots were given to all delegates, with a voting deadline of October 15th. Grand Lodge offers to stay on until all registrations of individual Lodges are done. Work Party to clean basement and attic is scheduled to start on October 13th at 10 AM. Everyone is asked to help. Kurt Koivu reported that Vintage Hardware is interested in many items. Paul Tutor will be asked to look them over and give us a price. If he is interested in purchasing some items, the sale will be discussed at the next Lodge meeting. Marvin Hautala will be in charge of the work.

Anniversary Dinner: Arnie Hummasti will show the film Remembering Uniontown produced by his late brother. Leroy Adolphson will prepare the turkey. Members are asked to bring potluck dishes, dessert will be provided by the Lodge. President Karen has been trying to contact Wilho Saari about kantele music.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, November 11th, 2018, with the Social Hour at 1 PM, Business meeting at 2 PM. Anniversary cake will be provided by the Lodge. Members are asked to bring potluck dishes.



Thanks to our Auditors Cindy, Leila, & David

Happy Birthday Members!**NOVEMBER:**

KAREN VAN CLEAVE	2
JOHN KALANDER	3
MELISSA POWELL	6
ANGELA LISTER	8
JEAN BRUNNER	9
SAARA MATTHEWS	9
SHIRLEY TINNER	9
LEROY LAINE	12
BONNIE SALO	12
LARRY PETERSON	14
RON COLLMAN	15
ELLI RIUTTA	16
EDWARD NIEMI	17
LIISA PENNER	17
MARGIE THOMPSON	17
ERIN CRICHTON	18
FLORENCE PEUGH	20
MARDELLE CLAYTON	21
LESLIE LONG	22
CURTIS PEUGH	22
DEBRA BOWE	22
NANCY BOUVIA	23
LEMPI KOSKELA	24

DECEMBER:

LISA NYBERG	5
MIKE SWANSON	5
DAVID STEVENSON	5
CAROL NEWMAN	6
RED MATTSON	6
KERRY FARMER	7
EMMI COLLIER	10
DONNA JEAN MOBERLY	11
WARD PALDANIUS	11
WILLIE NYBERG, JR	20
PHILIP BLAIR	22
VIOLA LEONHARDT	23
CHRIS LYNN TAYLOR	23
JANICE JOY IHANDER	25
GLEN HOWARD BAY	27
HELM NETZEL	27
LANNI FREEMAN	28
MARVIN HAUTALA	29



Hooray! It's a Very Big Birthday!

Vi Leonhardt is turning 90!

**Please join us at a celebration to wish her
"Hyvää Syntymäpäivää"**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

Suomi Hall, 244 W Marine Drive, Astoria

1:00-4:00PM (Doors open at 12:30pm)

Food and beverages provided

No gifts please

RSVP:

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Some Pictures from Laksloda



Events from around the region



FNLS: Uniontown
7:30 pm / January 11th / PSU Cramer Hall 171 / Free and open to the public

Save the date! Arnie Hummasti will show a film on 'Uniontown' in Astoria. The film is a nostalgic look back at how Finns came together in a strange land (many speaking little or no English) to form a town within a town, where Finnish was the predominant language and where they clung to the traditions of the "old country," through employment ventures, newspapers, and cultural events.



Annual Nordic Vintage Sale

9 am - 4 pm /
November 9, 10, 11
/ Nordia House /
Free and open to
the public

If you're in the market for vintage Nordic books, apparel, dishes and glassware, collectibles, artwork, wrapping paper and other unique treasures, come and explore our Vintage Sale. Just in time for the gift-giving holiday season, we will have a large selection of gently-used and brand new items.

SCANFAIR - CHRISTMAS MARKET

10 am - 5 pm, December 1st & 10 am - 4 pm December 2nd / Veterans Memorial Coliseum / Tickets: Adults, \$10. Seniors & Students, \$9. Families (2 adults & 2 students), \$20. Children under 12, free.

Experience the sights, sounds, tastes, and traditions of a Nordic Christmas during the holiday season! An event reminiscent of Christmas markets in Copenhagen, Helsinki, Oslo, Reykjavik, and Stockholm.

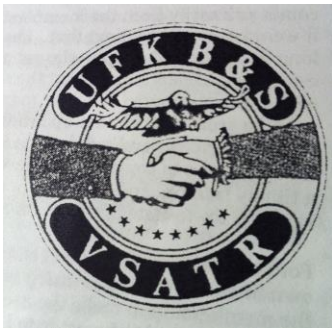
Highlights include:

- Local Nordic vendors selling crafts, food, alcohol and more
- Live entertainment including music, viking reenactments and food eating contests
- Games and crafts in our designated kid's area
- A giant viking ship and Finnish Joulupukki for taking photos

Whether you join us every year or this is your first year, we look forward to celebrating a Nordic Christmas with you and hope ScanFair can be a part of that for years to come.

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

November 5th, Monday:
 Auxiliary. Coffee at 10:00 AM. Meeting at 10:30 AM.

November 11th, Sunday:
 Anniversary Potluck Dinner.
 Trustee Meeting at 12:00 Noon. Potluck Dinner at 1:00 PM. Membership meeting to follow.

November 23rd, Friday:
 Santa Lucia Festival. Astoria High School. 7:00 PM.

December 3rd, Monday:
 Auxiliary. Coffee at 10:00 AM. Meeting at 10:30 AM.

December 8th, Saturday:
 "Coffee, Cookies and Holiday Cheer" Clatsop Retirement Village. 2:00 PM.

December 9th, Sunday:
 Trustee Meeting at 12:00 Noon. Coffee at 1:00 PM. Meeting at 2:00 PM

Movie Nights: Friday, Nov, 30th at 6:30 PM. Showing: "*TUNTEMATON SOTILAS*" (Unknown Soldier)
 Friday, Dec, 28th at 6:30 PM. Showing: "*TALVISOTA*" (Winter War)