

## United Finnish Kaleva Brothers & Sisters, Astoria, OR — Lodge #2

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# Kahden Uutiset

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year!!

At our January meeting our 2019 officers will be installed. Join us as we welcome the new officers and thank our retiring officers. A big thank you for their many years of service goes out to Karen Reintzell, First Vice, Leena Riker, Recording Secretary/Trustee President, Trudy Enke, Trustee, Kathy Hendrikson and Peggy Nikkila, Co-Conductress, and Cindy Daly, Auditor. The New Year will bring some changes to Astoria Lodge #2. The biggest is with the Grand Lodge dissolving.

The Auxiliary is very busy preparing for our Lutefisk Dinner on January 12<sup>th</sup>. It promises to be another great event with delicious food, a silent auction and raffle baskets. In the past this has been one of our biggest fund raisers. Call Chris Lynn Taylor (503 440-9002) or Dea Helligso (503 741-6317) to volunteer or attend the next Auxiliary Meeting on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Help is needed setting up, preparing food, cleaning up or donate items for the silent auction or raffle baskets.

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Suomi Hall will be filled with treasures, old and new as we hold the second annual Winter Nordic Market. The Auxiliary will be serving pannukakku and the coffee pot will be on. Call Trudy, 503 717-2800 for more information.

We had an interesting visitor to Suomi Hall the other day. Stefan Lindström, Consul General of Finland visited Suomi Hall as we were just finishing up with a Lutefisk planning meeting. He had just attended an event in Portland and was on his way to another event in Seattle and just passing through Astoria. He is based in Los Angeles and covers the Western US. We had an interesting visit, he took a lot of pictures of Suomi Hall and expressed interest in visiting us during a meeting or one of our special events. I am still amazed that we just happened to be at the hall at the same time he was in town.

The Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association introduced the 2019 Festival Court at the Santa Lucia Festival in November. Our Senior Miss Finland is Sofia Morrill who is 17 years old and a senior at Warrenton High School. Junior Miss Finland is Chloe Jean Stelzig. She is 7 years old, and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Both have been very involved with their Finnish heritage and the Scandinavian Festival their entire lives. Sofia was Jr. Miss Finland in 2009 and Chloe is a member of the Viking Nordic dancers.

Hope to see you all at our meetings and events.

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## REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2018



Dennis Adrian, born 1937, joined the Lodge on March 9, 2008, died January 1  
Susanna Bjork-Bell, born 1950, joined the Lodge on December 11, 2005, died April 1  
Greta Passetti, born 1932, joined the Lodge on March 1, 1996, died December 11  
Shirley Tinner, born 1936, joined the Lodge on September 14, 2009, died, December 13

**Lodge Officers:**

President – Karen Van Cleave  
 Elder – Trudy Enke  
 First VP – Ron Collman  
 Jr. VP – Charolette Nyberg  
 Financial Sec. – Katie Ryding  
 Recording Sec. – Felicia Ginther  
 Treasurer – Faith Swanson  
 Conductress – Julie Leonhardt  
 Overby  
 Doorkeeper – Kurt Koivu

**Board of Trustees:**

Arnold Hummasti  
 Willard Nyberg  
 LeRoy Adolphson  
 Nettie Blair  
 Marvin Hautala  
 Carole Lyngstad  
 Peggy Nikkila  
 Mike Duncan  
 William Herold

**Auditors**

Chris Lynn Taylor  
 Leila Collier  
 David Drafall

**Auxiliary Officers:**

President – Dea Helligso  
 VP – David Drafall

Secretary – Charolette Nyberg  
 Treasurer – Beth Kandoll

**Lodge Historians:**

Liisa Penner &  
 Arnie Hummasti

**Happy Birthday Members!**

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

EINO JOHNSON	1
LINDA SCHATZEL	1
MICHAEL DUNCAN	2
MARGARET JOHNSON	4
WILLIAM HEROLD	8
ROBERTA RYDING	8
AARON GINTHER	9
LAWRENCE MARTIN	9
HELEN PITKANEN-HEROLD	9
JUKKA PERKIOMAKI	10
FELICIA GINTHER	12
WALLACE HUMMASTI	13
CAROLE LYNGSTAD	13
JOHNNY LAINE	14
PAIVI TERHAR	14
BETH KANDOLL	16
WES GINTHER	17
ELIZABETH HILPERT	18
MIKE MALMBERG	19
TOM MATTSO	27
SHIRLEY MARTIN	28
MERLE REINIKKA	29

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

BRUCE BERNEY	3
SALLY LAINE	3
THELMA ROSE	5
NAIMI KOSKELO (age 95!)	9
VIENO OJALA	9
LAURA BIEDERMAN	13
HERBERT HYVARI	14
VAINO KOSKELA	17
DEANNA WILSON	19
LIS STUBBERFIELD	25
LISA STEVENSON	26



Coffee and Holiday Cheer at Clatsop Retirement Village

**LODGE NEWS,**  
**By Leena Riker, Lodge Secretary**

During the Social hour of the November meeting the Astoria Lodge celebrated its 132<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Members of Aberdeen and Longview Lodges were our guests. The Grand Lodge President, Veikko Katainen brought a gift of coffee and congratulations to the Astoria Lodge. The documentary *Remembering Uniontown* was shown by Arnie Hummasti, whose late brother George produced it.

President Karen Van Cleave called the business meeting to order at 2:45 PM; 23 members were present

**Applications for Membership:** A membership application was received from Susan Cox. She is the daughter of Sandra and John Kalander. She is willing to help during Lodge activities. Her application was approved unanimously

**Initiations:** Susan Cox was initiated and welcomed to the Lodge by members. Donna Quinn was not present but was initiated in absentia.

**Committee reports:**

Sunshine report: Condolence card was sent to former Lodge President Judith Lampi, whose mother Marie Lampi, passed away.

Audit was done on October 20<sup>th</sup>. All books are in order. Cindy Daly will retire as auditor.

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees. Peggy Nikkila is in charge of Hall cleaning. Oregon Janitorial Services did a good job during the first cleaning. Basement and attic cleaning has been started by members. Vintage Hardware is interested in purchasing many items. Two Hall rentals were announced, a member birthday party on November 17<sup>th</sup>, and another member rental on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The movie night scheduled for December 28<sup>th</sup> has been postponed.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: Fifteen members were present at the November Auxiliary meeting. Laksloda Luncheon on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> was a success, and the bake sale was good. November Anniversary Dinner will be on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Christmas "Cookies and Coffee" event has been set for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Clatsop Retirement Center. Lutefisk Dinner will be in January, Nordic Bazaar in February 2019.

Scandinavian Festival: The Lucia Festival and the announcement of the 2019 Scandinavian Court will be Friday night, the day after Thanksgiving at the Astoria High School. The Scandinavian Park plans are proceeding, subject to City processes. There will be a public hearing to allow for comments. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$900,000. Corporate Fundraising will be initiated.

Uniontown: Uniontown updates will be in the City's plans. There will be 2 – 3 public presentations.

Nominating Committee: Nettie Blair presented the slate for 2019 Officers. After the reading one candidate withdrew her candidacy, leaving the slate incomplete. A completed slate will be presented and voted on at the December meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

Cleaning of the basement and attic: There was continued discussion about the items that Vintage Hardware wishes to purchase. On that list are many chairs and cabinets, Bingo equipment and stage flats, photos and books. The Lodge wishes to keep the stage flats and rolls. We may also want to keep some of the Bingo equipment. We need to go over all the books and photos. A new Theater Company in town may be interested in some of the stage flats. Appelo Archives could be contacted about Finnish language books. Arnie will contact Vintage Hardware again.

**New Business:**

Last issue of Veljeysviesti: The December issue will be the last one. Astoria Lodge will send a Holiday Greeting. Meeting dates for Lutefisk in January and Winter Market in February will also be announced with an invitation to attend.

Winter Solstice: Kurt Koivu is planning a get-together on Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>. November movie will be *Tuntematon Sotilas*, the *Unknown Soldier*, a film about the winter war, based on a book by Väinö Linna. The postponed December movie will be shown on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Raffle: Ron Collman provided the November raffle items. Leena Riker will organize the December raffle.

President Karen Van Cleave called the December 9 business meeting to order at 2:00 PM; 22 members were present.

**Communications:** The receipt of the Hockinson Lodge newsletter was announced. The Secretary showed the Astoria Lodge's Christmas greeting that was sent to the Editor of Veljeysviesti for publication. A Thank You note from Grand

Lodge Scholarship recipient Kristian Hellberg was read. An address change for William Meyer was noted. He now resides at the Clatsop Retirement Village.

### **Committee reports:**

Sunshine report: Charolette Nyberg reported that Greta Passetti was at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland. She had a bowel obstruction and needed surgery. She was not doing well after the operation and had a heart attack.

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg reported for the Trustees. Health Inspection will be done on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. David Drafall will be present. Vintage Hardware purchased all the items that the Lodge approved for sale at a cost of \$1,150. The Trustees discussed the need for the basement leveling, west wall replacement and other costly repairs. Fundraising needs to be started. Trustees will work on the revision of the Hall rental agreement, two documents will be drafted, one for rental by members, and another for non-member rentals.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: Eleven members were present at the December Auxiliary meeting. Christmas "Cookies and Coffee" event was held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Clatsop Retirement Center. Veja Lahti was in charge of the event, and Chris Lynn Taylor provided the entertainment. The event was well attended and all those present knew the words for all the songs. Chris Lynn Taylor and Dea Helligso will chair the Lutefisk Luncheon on January 12, 1 – 3 PM. Lutefisk and meatballs will be served. Advertising flyers are ready. There will be a silent auction, members are asked to donate a basket, and helpers are needed. If you cannot help, come to the Luncheon. Winter Market will be held on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Vintage Scandinavian has been invited to participate.

Membership: Katie Ryding reported that we have lots of good letterhead. She has designed an updated membership application.

Scandinavian Festival: The Lucia Festival with the announcement of the 2019 Scandinavian Court was held on Friday night, the day after Thanksgiving at the Astoria High School. The 2019 Scandinavian Court was announced: Sr. Miss Finland is Sofia Morrill, a former Jr. Miss Finland, and the current Jr. Miss Finland is Chloe Stelzig. The Scandinavian Park fundraising is now at over \$200,000.

### Election of 2019 Officers:

President Karen van Cleave thanked the retiring officers, Leena Riker as Secretary, Kathy Hendrickson and Peggy Nikkila as conductresses.

Ron Collman volunteered to fill the position of First Vice President.

There were no nominations from the floor for any of the officer positions.

The following officers were elected unanimously:

Karen Van Cleave, President

Ron Collman, First Vice President

Charolette Nyberg, Junior Vice President

Felicia Ginther, Recording Secretary

Katie Ryding, Financial Secretary

Faith Swanson, Treasurer

Julie Leonhardt Overby, Conductress

Kurt Koivu, Doorkeeper

Mike Duncan, Trustee for a 3-year term

William Herold, Trustee, for a 2-year term

David Drafall, Auditor

Leila Collier, Auditor

Chris Lynn Taylor, Auditor

Trudy Enke continues as Elder (not an elected position)

Leroy Adolphson and Peggy Nikkila have agreed to serve another 3-year term as Trustees.

New Officers will be installed at the January meeting.

### Unfinished Business:

The Winter Market has been set for February 16<sup>th</sup>. Vintage Scandinavian from Portland has been invited to attend. Table fee will be \$20 per table, no other fees. Leena Riker will draft an advertising flyer. Pannukakku will be served. If you wish to participate in the Winter Market, contact Trudy Enke or Kurt Koivu.

Raffle: Leena Riker provided the December raffle items. Dea Helligso will organize the January raffle.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Sunday, January 13th, 2019, with the Social Hour at 1 PM, Business meeting at 2 PM. Birthday people are asked to bring desserts.



2019 Senior Miss Finland Sofia Merrill



2019 Jr Miss Finland Chloe Jean Stelzig

**Lutefisk oh Lutefisk!**  
**Lutefisk Dinner**  
**Saturday**  
**January 12, 2019**  
**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Dinner includes lutefisk, meatballs, potatoes, vegetable, coffee, bread, and dessert.

**Suomi Hall**  
 244 West Marine Dr.,  
 Astoria, Oregon

Sponsored by Finnish Brotherhood Auxiliary

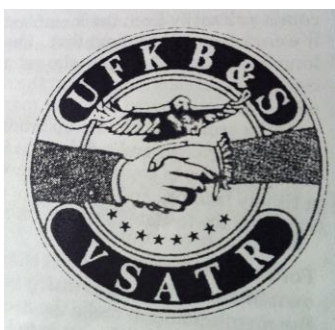
Adults \$25,	Advance sales:
Seniors \$20,	One Six Five West Bond
Children 12 and under \$15	165 West Bond Street, Astoria
Raffles, Silent Auction,	Finn Ware
Entertainment	1116 Commercial St.



**Santa Lucia Festival**

**Kahden Uutiset**  
**PO Box 201**  
**Astoria, OR 97103**

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### ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**Monday, January 7th:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Saturday, January 12th:** Lutefisk Dinner. 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

**Sunday, January 13th:** Trustees' meeting at 12:00 PM, Social 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM  
*\*Members with January Birthdays bring desserts\**

**Monday, February 4th:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Sunday, February 10th:** Trustees' meeting at 12:00 PM, Social 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM  
*\*Members with February Birthdays bring desserts\**

**Saturday, February 16th:** Winter Nordic Market. Suomi Hall. 10:00 AM

**Movie Nights:** Friday, January 25th at 6:30 PM  
 Friday, February 22nd at 6:30 PM