

Kaden Uutiset

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lutefisk O Lutefisk!! Congratulations to the Auxiliary on another very successful event held on January 12th. The food was excellent; lutefisk cooked to perfection, tasty meatballs and Leroy's beet salad, a crowd favorite. Thanks to the Auxiliary, all the helpers, the members that donated for the silent auction and raffle, Finn Ware and One Six Five West Bond selling tickets, and Chris Lynn leading the Lutefisk song. Which, if you want to see, is online on the Scandinavian Festival Facebook page. Add Tuesday, March 12th to your calendars for the introduction of the 2019 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court at Astoria High School at 7:00 pm. Support our 2019 Senior Miss Finland, Sofia Morrel and our Junior Miss Finland Chloe Jean Stelzig as well as 2019 Miss Scandinavia Kourtney Tischer, our 2018 Miss Finland.

We have a unique opportunity to support Astoria's Scandinavian Heritage Park. The Association has offered us the naming right of the flag pole flying the Finnish Flag. We have accepted this opportunity and now need to raise the \$3500 contribution. We are reaching out to our membership. With our over 200 members; contribute what you can and we will meet this goal. The Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association is a 501(c) non-profit and you will receive a tax receipt for your donation. If you would like to donate and receive a tax receipt, make your check out to the Heritage Park and indicate the funds are to be applied to the flag pole flying the Finnish Flag. You may mail your donation to our PO Box 201 or donate directly to the Heritage Association with the notation that it is for the Finnish Flag Pole. The Astoria Finnish Brotherhood name will be included on all upcoming park literature, their websites, in press releases, in thank you ads in the local papers, and on their banner at the 2019 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. If you are not familiar with the park it will be built at 1590 Marine Drive on the Riverwalk between 15th and 16th at the entrance to downtown Astoria. More information about the park can be found online at www.astoriascanpark.org. Thank you for sincerely considering this request. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

The biggest issue we face is the condition of Suomi Hall and how the building has settled from its original level condition. Posts in the street level rental store have a noticeable lean towards the east and the upstairs floor in the main hall slopes toward the northwest. The Suomi Hall Restoration Advisory Committee needs your help. On Sunday, March 17th starting at 1:00 PM join members of the Restoration Committee and Trustees for a walk through the building to examine the causes, and discuss possible solutions. Lodge members with construction experience are requested to help. Everyone's ideas are welcome, plus this is a great opportunity to explore parts of the hall, perhaps you have not seen before.

Our 2nd annual Winter Nordic Market was held on February 16th. It was another success with lots of treasures, good food and fellowship. Thanks to all who participated.

On a personal note. Thank you all for the kind words, cards, donations and support with the passing of my Mom, Gertrude Kinnunen. She was a past President of our lodge and the lodge was very important to both my Mom and Dad.

Dea, Faith and the crew. Thank you! Lodge #2 Auxiliary is amazing and we are so lucky to have you.

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

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 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
 Treasurer – Beth Kandoll
 Secretary – Charolette Nyberg

Lodge Historians:

Liisa Penner & Arnie Hummasti

Happy Birthday Members!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Thersea Passsetti-Fonseca	3
Carrie Paldanius	4
Leena Riker	5
Esther Gotting	8
John Mattila	8
Jean Aarnio	9
Pirjo Schulbach	10
Rick Parrish	12
Cindi Cahill	14
David Drafall	14
Karen Cornell	16
Sandra Robinson	16
Missy Maese	17
Lawrence Martin Jr.	17
James Dickson	20
Jerry Gustafson	20
Austin Long	21
Susan Lewis	24
Robert Swaggert	24
Jon Westerholm	24
David Hearn	27
Julie Leonhardt-Overby	28

Lodge #2 Officers



LODGE NEWS

By Felicia Ginther, Lodge Secretary

President Karen Van Cleave called the January business meeting to order at 2:00 PM; 23 members were present. Membership Applications were received from Ellen Austin and Dena Tuveng. Ellen is the sister of President Karen and lives in Dallas, Texas. Even though she does not live here she still wishes to support our Lodge and is excited about attending and helping with lodge events when she comes to visit. Dena Tuveng, a long time Astorian, many were familiar with from working with her on Regatta events and with the Astor Street Opry Company. She had already volunteered to help with Lutefisk. Applications were approved and they will be initiated at the next meeting.

Elected 2019 officers were installed.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine report: Charolette Nyberg reported that Shirley Tinner passed away on December 13, 2018, a sympathy card was sent. Helen Netzel is not doing well, a "get well" card will be sent. A "Thinking of you" card will be sent to Trudy Enke.

Trustees Report: Mike Duncan and William Herold were welcomed as new trustees. The trustees are as follows: Marvin Hautala as chair, Peggy Nikkila as vice-chair, Mike Duncan as Secretary and Willie Nyberg as Treasurer. Beth Kandoll rented the hall and cleaned up so well that janitorial services were not called for. The Trustees would like to rent the hall again to Beth.

Auxiliary Report: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: Thirteen members and one guest were present at the January 7th Auxiliary meeting. The Lutefisk luncheon on January 12th was a success and well received. Relaxed atmosphere, hometown feel, members and guests alike stayed and socialized for quite some time. Plus community good will. The lutefisk luncheon also made an appearance on social media when a video of Chris Lynn Taylor singing "Lutefisk oh Lutefisk" was posted to the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Astoria Oregon's Facebook page.

Membership: There needs to be a discussion on whom/when membership fees could be waived. 25-year membership pins will be handed out. There is a luncheon at 11:30am on January 29th at Doogers for members who last year attended a minimum of ten meetings. Lunch for these members will be paid by Lodge #2, all other meals are at the member's expense.

Scandinavian Festival: A naming rights meeting will be held on Wednesday February 6th at the Peace Lutheran Church. The UFKB&S has been asked to sponsor a 20' flag pole for the Scandinavian Heritage Park. The flag pole will adorn the Finnish flag. The cost of this is \$3,500. The Auxiliary and Trustees will meet in February to discuss the sponsorship of the flag pole. We must commit by March 1st.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: Committee will work on the by-laws and constitution, as well as focus on the dissolving of the Grand Lodge.. Meeting will be held January 27, 2019 at noon at the Lodge.

Picnic: South Shelter has been reserved for August 18, 2019. A chairman is needed.

Unfinished Business: The Winter Market has been set for February 16th 10am-3pm: Table fee will be \$20 per 8' table, no other fees. Trudy is not feeling well and has stepped down as chair. Felicia and Rosemary Ginther have volunteered to co-chair the event. Leena Riker has drafted an advertising flyer. Pannukakku will be served. The Lodge and Auxiliary will have tables at the event. If you wish to participate in the Winter Market contact President Karen Van Cleave or Felicia Ginther. Set-Up times are as follows: Friday February 15, 3pm-8pm. Saturday February 16, 8am-10am.

New Business: Kurt Koivu has proposed a "Finn Fit Program", and has encouraged all members to start getting fit now. Discussion of the fitness meeting will take place at the next trustees meeting. Nettie Blair is organizing a "Miss Finland Tea" for current and former Sr. & Jr. Princesses. Saturday May 11th is the proposed date of the tea party, more details to follow.

Raffle: Dea Helligso provided the January raffle items. Mike Duncan will organize the February raffle.

President Karen Van Cleave called the February meeting to order at 2:00 PM; 17 members were present. There were no applications for membership.

Two new members were initiated. Dena Tuveng was initiated and welcomed to the Lodge by members. Ellen Austin was not present but was initiated in absentia.

Communications were received about the Grand Opening Event at the Congregational Church in Naselle on February 16th, 2019 to celebrate the newly named "Naselle Community Center" and that Finnish American saxophonist Juli Wood will be performing in Portland, OR on Thursday February 28, 2019.

Committee reports:

Sunshine report: Charolette Nyberg reported that a sympathy card was sent to Gretta Passetti's family.

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg was absent, therefore there was no report from the trustees.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 15 members were present at the February 4th Auxiliary meeting. Lunch was hosted by Faith Swanson at Golden Luck Restaurant. Lutefisk was a great success. Thanks to all and Dea will send thank you notes to Ron Collman and Alan Robitch for their generous donations for the event.. Nordic Market will be held on February 16, 2019 from 10am-3pm. Auxiliary will have a table. Set up times are on February 15th from 3pm-8pm and Saturday morning starting at 8am. Panakkaku, sausage and coffee will be sold during the event as a fundraiser.

Membership: The luncheon on January 29th at Doogers for members whom have attended a minimum of ten meetings was a success.

Scandinavian Festival: The UFKB&S has been given the opportunity for the naming right of the 20' flag pole at the Scandinavian Heritage Park. The flag pole will adorn the Finnish flag. The cost of this is \$3,500. At the moment, the only feasible way to pay for the flag pole is through individual member donations. Which can be tax deductible. Reaching out to members for donations is a must. Motion to move forward to commit by March 1st was unanimously passed.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: The committee met. A motion to contact an attorney and ask for aide in exploring and pursuing a possible 501(c) 3 transition for the purpose of saving the building was unanimously approved. Committee will continue working on the by-laws and constitution, as well as focus on the dissolving of the Grand Lodge.

Picnic: South Shelter has been reserved for August 18, 2019. A chairman is still needed.

Unfinished Business:

The Winter Market on February 16th 10am-3pm: Table fee is \$20 per 8' table, no other fees. Vintage Scandinavia may not make it due to poor weather conditions over the pass. Publicity for the winter market can be heard on KMUN and found in the "Garage Sale" section of the Daily Astorian, Craigslist, Facebook, and Coast Weekend.

New Business: Kurt Koivu has started a "Finn Fit Program", and has encouraged all members join. Finn-Fit will be held at Suomi Hall on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Members are allowed to bring one guest. Princess Tea is in the works for May 11th at 2pm for all former and current Ms. Finland. This is a wonderful opportunity for these women to reminisce in fond memories and start new tradition

Raffle: Mike Duncan provided the February raffle items. Felicia Ginther will organize the March raffle.

Felicia has shared the recipe of the cake she made for our February meeting.

Kermakakku (Finnish Sour Cream Cake)

2 eggs, beaten

2 cups sugar

1 pint sour cream

2-3 drops almond flavoring

1/2 ground cardamom

2 3/4 cups flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream the eggs, sugar, sour cream, almond and ground cardamom.

Sift together the flour, salt, soda cinnamon and mix with egg mixture.

Butter a tube or Bundt pan and sprinkle with granulated sugar.

Pour batter into pan.

Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until toothpick comes out clean.

Cool before removing from pan.

Sprinkle turned out cake with powdered sugar.

On Saturday, April 13th the Finlandia Foundation Columbia-Pacific Chapter will be holding a work party at the Lindgren Cabin beginning at 9:30 am. They will be working on the cabin, sauna room and the grounds. Any help would be appreciated. Host volunteers are needed for this summer for the cabin. Also, we are still in need of a screen for Frank Eld for his presentation on Finnish Log Construction during the Scandinavian Festival.

Pictures from the Winter Market!

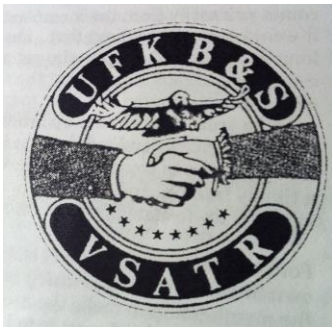


UNIONTOWN REBORN.

The City of Astoria has launched a project called Uniontown Reborn. Public meetings have been held and more are planned during the year. The project purpose is to create an improved gateway into Astoria, better integrate transportation and land use planning and develop new ways to support economic development. They also want to identify safety and access enhancements to improve conditions for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists. To learn more go to the City of Astoria website: www.astoria.or.us. The City of Astoria wants to hear from our members. Attend the next public meeting or contact our Councilor Roger Rocka at 503 298-2406 or email rocka@astoria.or.us. I have more information and a handout I will share at our next lodge meeting.

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

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

Sunday, March 10th: ST. URHO POTLUCK 1:00 PM, Lodge Meeting 2:00 PM,
 Trustees meeting 12:00 Noon.

Sunday, March 17th: Suomi Hall Building Site Tour with Trustees. 1:00 pm.

Friday, March 29th: Movie night at the Hall. 6:30 PM.

Monday, April 1st: Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Monday, April 8th: Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM, Business Meeting 7:00 PM
Members with April Birthdays bring desserts

Friday, April 25th: Movie night at the Hall, 6:30 PM.

Join your fellow members and Kurt for "FINN FIT AT SUOMI HALL" Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM.

SAVE THE DATE: 2019 MISS FINLAND TEA. SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 2:00 PM. SUOMI HALL