

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

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# Kahden Uutiset

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

Greetings to members of Lodge #2.

We celebrated St. Urho's Day at our March meeting with a potluck before our membership meeting. The buffet table was overflowing with salads, breads, vegetables, and corned beef. Our special guest was St Urho, (thanks to Bill Herold) and the food was delicious as usual.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> the Suomi Hall will be full of Lodge #2 royalty for our first Miss Finland Tea as we celebrate our past and present Miss Finlands. The response has been one of excitement. The reservations are still coming in and it looks like we will have a good representation of many decades of women and girls that have represented our Lodge well. Invitations went out but we are still missing a few addresses. If you know a past Miss Finland who has not received an invitation, please have them contact me as they also can get lost in the mail. If you would like to volunteer to help at the tea, please contact myself or Dea.

The Auxiliary is busy preparing for the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival and the rice booth. It is one of the most popular booths and the first stop of many festival goers. The booth requires many volunteers and it is a lot of fun to work with your fellow members. Volunteers can help to set-up or take-down the booth, cook rice or haul rice, or to work in the booth. Contact Dea if you wish to get involved. The volunteer sign up is looking good but if you would like to participate we can always use more help. "Many Hands Make Light Work."

Following the Auxiliary Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> a Food Handlers class will be held and all members are welcome to attend. The Auxiliary will pick up the fee for the class. Auxiliary social hour begins at 10 am with the meeting to follow at 10:30.

Our May meeting will be Strawberry Shortcake served by the men of the lodge and the Scandinavian Festival Court will be our guests. The Court members will present speeches about their heritage, their costumes and information about this year's festival. This will also be your opportunity to purchase your raffle tickets. Hope to see you all there and Gentlemen, if you would like to help prepare and serve the Strawberry Shortcake contact LeRoy or David at 503 325-6197.

This years Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds. There are always lots of events to enjoy. Come support our 2019 Sr. Miss Finland Sofia Morrill, our Jr. Miss Finland Chloe Selig and 2019 Miss Scandinavia, Kourtney Tischer who was our Sr. Miss Finland 2018. The Festival has something for everyone. The Saturday morning Running of the Trolls, the Swedish meatball and Danish aebleskiver eating contests, the Tug of War, Icelandic Horses, great entertainment and lots of booths with yummy food and Nordic treasures. The Optog is at 11:30 on Saturday. I encourage and welcome all members with Finnish costumes to walk with us in this parade. Let's support this event.

On Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, starting at 12:00 noon, Frank Eld, who is the Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year will be at the Lindgren Cabin for a informal discussion. Stop in for coffee and hour d'oeuvres and meet Frank and learn what he has to say about the Lindgren Cabin. He will be speaking at the Scandinavian Festival over the weekend also. Frank is the son of a Finnish immigrant carpenter and his presentation and book are titled "Finnish Log Construction-The Art." Volunteers are still needed for the Lindgren Cabin on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the summer.

Hope to see you all at our meetings and events. Thank you to the members who continue to volunteer for our monthly raffles at our membership meetings. It is so much fun to see so many members go home with such wonderful treats and items each meeting. We really appreciate it.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!****MAY:**

Erik Westerholm	2
Joseph Barnes	5
Arnold Curtis	5
Ellen Lawgevin	7
Linda Nelson	11
Lynn Thompson	12
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
David Hearn	27
Rosemary Ginther	28
Faith Swanson	28
Christine Bridgens	29

**JUNE:**

Alice Codd	5
Tuula Reinoso	12
Sylvia Mowrey *Happy 105 <sup>th</sup> *	13
Jari Ranta	17
Tim Malinen	20
Ellen Austin	25
Peggy Nikkila	26

**LODGE NEWS.**

By Felicia Ginther, Lodge Secretary.

The March meeting was called to order by President Karen Van Cleave at 2:00 PM with 21 members were present. The Charter was draped for longtime member and Past President Gertrude Kinnunen who passed away in February. A moment of silence was observed.

There were no applications for membership and no initiations.

Minutes of the February 10th Lodge meeting were approved as read.

**Communications:** A thank you card was received from the Astoria Scandinavian Association for the \$250.00 donation.

**Committee reports:**

Sunshine report: Charolette Nyberg reported that a sympathy card was sent to the Kinnunen family. A “thinking of you” card was sent to Carole Lyngstad.

Auditors Report: Auditors are scheduled to meet on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5pm. The budget will be done during the same time.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 10 members were present at the March 4<sup>th</sup>, Auxiliary meeting. Dea Helligso and LeRoy Adolphson hosted the meeting with coffee and Pannukakku. A check for \$3,000 was present to the Lodge for the building fund from Auxiliary. Thank you Auxiliary.

Scandinavian Festival: Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Peace Lutheran Church. Meeting is to discuss changing the name from “Scandinavian Heritage Park” to “Nordic Park”. This name change would include Finnish heritage in the overall name of the park. Donations are still needed for our Finnish Flag pole at the Park.

Uniontown Association: A meeting is planed on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 3pm on the lower floor of El Tapatio. This is an opportunity for the city to hear our opinions on the “Uniontown Reborn Master Plan”. ODOT and the city of Astoria have our attention, now we need to share our voice. Issues are traffic flow, parking and making the entrances to the city more attractive.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: The Finlandia Foundation has contacted President Karen and will send some information about the organization. This could be an option as we investigate how to restructure.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

The Winter Market on February 16<sup>th</sup> was a success, the weather was sunny and fair. Vintage Scandinavia did not make it due to poor road conditions. Coffee and Pannukakku was served by the Auxiliary. Parking was sparse and is a consistent issue with events at the hall. Comments were made about attendance being less than last year.

**New Business:**

Princess Tea is set for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for all former and the current Miss Finlands invited. This is a wonderful opportunity for these women to reminisce fond memories and start new traditions. Addresses are being collected and invitations will go out soon. We are collecting tea pots and cups for the tea.

**Good of the Lodge:**

Move night: “Vitus” is a Swiss film that will play at Suomi Hall on March 29, 2019 at 6pm.

Finn-Fit will be held at Suomi Hall on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Badminton on Wednesday nights from 6pm-8pm.

Kurt Koivu will be hosting a “Puko” making class on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 9am in the basement of Suomi Hall.

“If you carry a Finnish name, you should carry a Finnish knife”.

Raffle: Felicia Ginther and Auxiliary provided the March raffle items. Katie Ryding will organize the April raffle. Thanks to all that donate and organize the monthly raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm. The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Monday April 8, 2019, with the Social Hour at 6 PM, Business meeting at 7 PM. Birthday people are asked to bring desserts.

**LODGE NEWS. (cont.)**

The April membership meeting was called to order by President Karen Van Cleave at 7:00 PM; 20 members were present. There were no applications for membership and no initiations.

Minutes of the March 10th Lodge meeting were approved as read with one correction. In the March minutes it was stated in the Trustee's Report that "The building will need to be surveyed...." This was corrected to show that the "Cemetery" needed to be surveyed, not the building.

**Communications:** The receipt of the Hockinson Lodge newsletter was announced.

**Committee reports:**

Sunshine report: A "Thinking of you" card will be sent to Sophia Morell.

Auditors Report: Books have been audited, except, Auxiliary still needs to be audited.

Those audited found in good order.

Trustees Report: Willie Nyberg was absent.

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 13 members were present at the April 1st Auxiliary meeting. Rice cookers are still needed for the Scandinavian Festival. There will be a "Food Handlers" class held at Suomi Hall on May 6<sup>th</sup> (after the Auxiliary Meeting) for anyone interested in helping with the rice booths at the Scandinavian Festival. Auxiliary will pay the \$10 licensing fee for any Lodge member taking the class.

Scandinavian Festival/Heritage Park: Meeting on April 17th at 6pm Peace Lutheran Church. Meeting is to discuss changing the name from "Scandinavian Heritage Park" to "Nordic Park". This name change would include Finnish heritage in the overall name of the park. Donations are still needed for the Finnish Flag pole.

A large projector screen is still needed for the presentation on Finnish log construction by Frank Eld at the Scandinavian Festival.

Uniontown Association: The Memorial Day Service will be held at the Maritime Memorial Park on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. This year our members Katie Ryding and Helen Pitkanen - Herold will join members Faith Swanson, David Drafall and Karen Van Cleave in reading the names from the walls. The more Finns we have reading the names the better chance we have of getting the pronunciation correct.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: An attorney has been contacted by the Trustees seeking advice on how to move forward. The attorney suggested that the committee meet and phone conference the attorney to discuss goals, intentions and why we are pursuing a 501(c)3. If the attorney deems we have a case to pursue he will consult his team and a Saturday workshop will be set up. The attorney will format all appropriate documents; we fill in the blanks.

This is one of the options to be considered.

Picnic: South Shelter has been reserved for August 18, 2019. Felicia Ginther will chair.

**Unfinished Business:**

Miss Finland Princess Tea: Princess tea will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for all former and present Miss Finland. 60 invites have been sent out and more are to be sent. Dea Helligso has reported there are lots of volunteers, however the tea still needs more china tea pots, cups and saucers. Small tea sandwiches, fruit, nuts and mints will be served with the tea. Greg Jacobs will be speaking at the tea about the history of the Lodge.

**New Business:** Greg Jacobs of the Columbia Pacific Chapter Finlandia Foundation presented Lodge #2 a framed work of the Finnish Flag. On April 13<sup>th</sup> a work party will be meeting at Lindgren Cabin at Cullaby Lake from 10am-4pm. Hosts are needed for at the cabin on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. On June 21st there will be an informative discussion about the cabin, at the cabin by Finlandia Foundations Lecturer of the year Frank Eld. More details to follow.

The Scandinavian Festival Court will be our guests at the next Lodge meeting. In the past gifts given to the Jr. and Sr. Miss Finland have always been the same, a Koski Box. A motion to keep it the same was unanimously passed.

**Good of the Lodge:**

Finn-Fit will be held at Suomi Hall on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Badminton on Wednesday nights from 6pm-8pm at Clatsop Community College

Katie Ryding provided the April raffle items. Rosemary Ginther will organize the May raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Monday May 13, 2019, with the Social Hour at 6 PM, Business meeting at 7 PM. Scandinavian Festival Court will be our guests and Strawberry shortcake will be served.



## **Nordic Northwest Benefit Concert with Jeffrey Jacob**

### **SIBELIUS & GRIEG: INFLUENCES & LEGACIES**

Sunday, May 5, 2019

7:00 pm

Nordia House

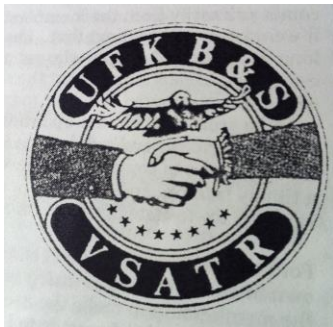
Pianist Jeffrey Jacob has generously donated his time for a benefit concert for Nordic Northwest. This is an excellent chance to hear a truly talented musician perform and support Nordic Northwest at the same time.

Jeffrey Jacob received a Master of Music from the Julliard School and his Doctorate from the Peabody Conservatory. Since his debut with the London Philharmonic in Royal Festival Hall, London, he has appeared with over 20 orchestras internationally including Moscow, St. Petersburg, Indianapolis, Seattle, Portland, Charleston, Sao Paulo and Brazil National Symphonies, the Silesian, Moravian, North Czech and the Royal Queenstown Philharmonics. A noted proponent of contemporary music, he has performed many world premiers of works written for him.

For this performance, Jacob will perform selections from Jean Sibelius and Edvard Grieg, Chopin, Beethoven, Mozart and more!

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### ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

**Monday, May 6th:** Auxiliary meeting, 10: AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>:** Miss Finland Tea. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Suomi Hall

**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM, Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
2019 Scandinavian Festival Court Visit with Strawberry Shortcake.

**Monday, June 3rd:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

**Monday, June 10th:** Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM, Business Meeting 7:00 PM  
Women of the lodge bring their favorite pie to share

**Friday to Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, Clatsop County Fairgrounds.

**Movie Nights:** Friday, May 31st at 6:30 PM  
Friday, June 28th at 6:30 PM