

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

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# Kahden Uutiset

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## 2019 SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Senior Miss Finland, Sofia Morrill was crowned Miss Scandinavia on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the 2019 Scandinavian Festival. Junior Miss Finland Chloe Stelzig was at her side the entire weekend. Special thanks to the Scandinavian Festival and Liisa Anderson Tischer for the amazing pictures.



**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:**

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 Nettie Blair  
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Chris Lynn Taylor  
 Leila Collier  
 David Drafall

**Lodge Historians:**

Liisa Penner & Arnie Hummasti

**Auxiliary Officers:**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY MEMBERS!****JULY BIRTHDAYS**

Mary Ann Mattila	1
Sandra Kalander	2
Chloe Allen Maycock	2
Kenneth Niemi	3
Katherine Hellberg	9
Marilyn Gustafson	10
Dorothy Smith	21
Ella Hill	22
Aimee Schacher	25
Melissa Schacher	29
Peggy Olson	31

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Lori Johnson	1
Mary Cornell	4
Veja Lahti	14
Karen Malinen	15
Christopher Collier	19
Stacy Sundquist	21
Eileen Leback	24
Beth Parrish	25
Ryan Philips	25
Eva Johnson	26
Ava Leeper	27

**LODGE # 2 PICNIC**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup>. NOON**  
**CULLABY LAKE, SOUTH SHELTER**  
**POTLUCK**  
**LODGE PROVIDES CHICKEN AND BEVERAGES**

**LODGE NEWS.**

By Felicia Ginther, Lodge Secretary.

During the May Social Hour members enjoyed Strawberry Shortcake served by the men of the Lodge. The 2019 Scaninavian Court visited the Lodge as our special guests. This year the Strawberry Shortcake social was held in the Lodge room to accommodate the large crowd. We enjoyed listening to the presentations of the Court members and admired their beautiful costumes. The business meeting was called to order by President Karen Van Cleave at 7:20 PM. 26 members were present

**Applications for Membership:** Jared M. Mitchell, Kathy Williams, Tessa Terhar, Megan Schacher, Richard Stelzig, Tammy Stelzig, Vince Tedei and Mary Tedei. All approved by the membership.

**Initiations:** Megan Schacher, Richard Stelzig, Tammy Stelzig, Vince Tedei and Mary Tedei.

The Charter was draped for Helmi Netzel.

**Communications:** The receipt of the Hockinson Lodge newsletter was announced. A "Thank You" card was received from Saara Mathews for the use of the hall for the Sami bracelet making class. An update note was received from Leena Riker and letter of gratitude letter was received from the recipient of our scholarship, Aleks Matthews.

**Committee reports:**

Sunshine report: A "Thinking of You" card to be sent to Leena Riker and Jean Brunner and her daughter Donna. A sympathy card was sent to the family of Helmi Netzel.

Trustees Report: No Report

Auxiliary minutes: Charolette Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 16 members were present at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary meeting. Miss Finland Tea was discussed and types of tea sandwiches decided upon.

Scandinavian Festival: Meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Peace Lutheran Church. Over \$450,000 has been donated to the Nordic Park to date. Looking forward to Phase Two, shovel turning and General Contractor assistance. There are still several grants that need to be applied for. The Nordic Park is getting closer, excitement is evident and donations are phenomenal. The Finnish flagpole has had several donations to date and has until November to be paid.

Uniontown: The Memorial Day Service will be held at the Maritime Memorial Park on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. This year our members Katie Ryding and Chris Lynn Taylor will join members Faith Swanson, David Drafall and Karen VanCleave 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: A meeting is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to phone conference with the attorney to discuss goals, intentions and why we are pursuing a 501(c)3. Carole is to start a draft on the structure of the Lodge to present to the attorney. If the attorney deems that we have a case to pursue he will then consult his team and a Saturday workshop will be set up. The attorney will format all appropriate documents. We are looking forward to this meeting. The UFKB&S is still functioning under the Grand Lodge. To date there has been no response in the status of the dissolution and funds from the Grand Lodge.

Picnic: South Shelter at Cullaby Lake has been reserved for August 18, 2019. Felicia Ginther will chair, Karen VanCleave to assist. Members are asked to bring sides; the Lodge will provide the chicken and beverages. Bring nickels, dimes and quarters for Finn Poker.

**Unfinished Business:**

Miss Finland Princess Tea: The Princess Tea held on May 11<sup>th</sup> for all former and the present Miss Finland's was a huge success. Thank you Nettie Blair, Dea Helligso and Karen VanCleave for setting up the Princess Tea. About 30 current and former Miss Finland's along with their mothers, aunts and grandmothers attended. Small tea sandwiches, fruit, nuts, mints and cookies were served. Greg Jacobs entertained with a quiz about the history of the Lodge. A special thanks to Dena Tuveng and Carole Lyngstad for the wonderful tea basket raffle prize. Admission tickets and parking passes for the Scandinavian festival were also given away as prizes, as well as a 2-night stay over festival weekend at the Riverwalk Inn. Members of the Auxiliary also provided Cardamom Bread and Prune Tarts as raffle prizes. All are hoping that the Princess Tea will become a long standing tradition.

New Business: Hosts are needed for the Lindgren cabin on Saturdays and Sundays (10am-4pm) from Memorial Day to Labor Day. An informative discussion on the Lindgren cabin will be held at the cabin on June 21<sup>st</sup> at noon by Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the year Frank Eld.

Good of the Lodge: Movie Night Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm. 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. Puukko making class June 1<sup>st</sup> 9:30am-10:30am in the basement.

Raffle: Rosemary Ginther provided the May raffle items. Ron Colleman will organize the June raffle meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Monday June 10, 2019, with the Social Hour at 6 PM, Business meeting at 7 PM. Ladies of the lodge are asked to bring pies.

Pies were enjoyed during the June social hour. Two Finnish girls joined us who were on the research vessel FALKOR which was docked at the Port of Astoria. The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Karen Van Cleave. 20 members were present.

**Applications for Membership:** Dick Helberg, Chloe Maycock, David Rhodearmor, Robert Thompson

**Initiations:** Jared Mitchell.

**Committee reports:**

Sick Committee: None to report

Trustees Report: Marvin reported for the Trustees. Currently the lodge has 3 insurances, all of which are paid through different agencies. Looking to combine insurance policies to pay a better price. It has been asked that any member familiar with insurance and policies to please help put their experience to use and help guide the Trustees towards the best insurance policy. It was suggested that a Preservation Group be formed to work on maintenance of the Lodge. If there are any maintenance issues with the Lodge, please let the Trustee's know so they can start working on the issue.

Scandinavian Park: Meeting on Wednesday June 5th at 6:30pm Peace Lutheran Church. Nordic Heritage Park donations to date are just shy of \$500,000.

Scandinavian Festival: Flowers are still needed for the festival. Flowers need to be at the fairgrounds by Thursday June 13th. Optog Parade will be held on Saturday June 15th at 11 am. Anyone interested in helping at the booths on Friday during the Scandinavian Festival, please contact Chris Lynn.

Uniontown: The Memorial Day Service at the Maritime Memorial Park on May 27th was well attended. There has been discussion with the Uniontown Reborn project about traffic pattern changes through Uniontown.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: On June 10th at 3pm there was a phone conference with attorney David Atkins about pursuing a 501(c)3 for the Lodge. Based on the information provided to Mr. Atkins from the members, Mr. Atkins is confident that the Lodge can become a non-profit organization. Lodge #2 would essentially function in the same way, yet for IRS & tax purposes, a new entity would be formed and established. New officers will need to be elected. Lodge business will stay Lodge business. The building title will stay in Lodge #2's name and the new entity will lease the building from the Lodge. Donations received will flow through the 501(c)3 and will be obligated to send all donors a tax deduction letter. This formation will be guided, and training will be provided. Mr. Atkins will file all the paperwork; however, he will not move forward until the Lodge has voted on the matter. The Trustee's approved to move forward with the application process. A motion to pursue a 501(c)3 was made, 19 approved, 1 opposed. We will move forward. The name presented for the non-profit is "Friends of Suomi Hall".

Picnic: South Shelter has been reserved for August 18, 2019. Felicia Ginther will chair, Karen VanCleave to assist. Members are asked to bring sides; the Lodge will provide chicken and beverages. Kurt Koivu will provide Badminton and Rosemary Ginther will provide bean bag toss. Members, please bring nickels, dimes and quarters for Finn Poker.

#### Unfinished Business:

Lindgren Cabin: The Lindgren Cabin is open on Saturdays and Sundays (10am-4pm) from Memorial Day to Labor Day. If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Lindgren Cabin this summer, please contact Elizabeth Newton for details.

To date there has been no response in the status of the dissolution of the Grand Lodge and the UFKB&S is owed funds from the Grand Lodge.

New Business: Handicap Parking has been discussed several times and a space in front of the lodge would allow Lodge members and M&N Workwear customers to have easily accessible handicap parking. Trustee's are asked to put on the agenda to contact the city about a removable Handicap Parking sign.

Good of the Lodge: Movie Night for Friday June 28th has been cancelled. Friday Night Movie will resume in July. Finn-Fit will be held at Suomi Hall on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Puukko making class July 6th 9:30am-10:30am in the Lodge basement.

Raffle: Ron Coleman provided the June raffle items. Karen VanCleave will organize the July raffle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

The next Regular Membership meeting will be held on Monday July 8, 2019, with the Social Hour at 6 PM, followed by the Business meeting at 7 PM. July birthday members bring desserts and Rice pudding and fruit soup will be served.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Greetings to members of Lodge #2.

Summer is here, Scandinavian Festival is over and it was another great success. We are very proud of our 2019 Senior Miss Finland Sofia Morrill, our 2019 Junior Miss Finland Chloe Stelzig and Kourtney Tischer, 2018 Miss Scandinavia and 2018 Senior Miss Finland. Thanks to them for representing their Finnish heritage, the community and our lodge well. Thanks also to the parents and families that have supported them with the many events they have participated in. Congratulations to Sofia! She was crowned 2019 Miss Scandinavia.

The Auxiliary's Rice Booth was very successful this year. The rice pudding and fruit soup delicious. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this happen. The organizers, the cooks, the pot haulers, booth set up and take down, the pot washers and the members that man the booth. Enjoy the well deserved pizza party to celebrate the success of the rice booth at the festival.

We have some changes coming to the organization of Lodge # 2. At our June meeting the membership voted to pursue a 501c3 status. The 501c3 will be separate from Lodge #2, a new entity primarily to deal with the building and the repairs needed.

We have contacted an attorney that will help us complete this process and guide us through the transition. If you have any ideas for the name of this new non-profit, please share them. "Friends of Suomi Hall" has been proposed.

Welcome to our new members who were approved in May and June. Mary and Vince Tadei, Tami and Richard Stelzig, Megan Schacher, Cathy Williams, Jared Mitchel, Tessa TerHar, Dick Hellberg, Chloe Maycock, David Rhoadarmer, Robert Veikko Thompson. I hope to see you all at our Lodge # 2 Picnic Sunday, August 18th at 12 noon. Cullaby Lake - South Shelter.

We have some games planned so bring the kids and enjoy this private area on the lake. The Lodge supplies chicken and beverages. Members bring salads, desserts, appetizers, etc. See you there! Check out, like and post on our Facebook page. Suomi Hall Finnish Brotherhood Lodge #2. Kiitos, Karen Van Cleave Cell: 503 791-7805 Email: [kvc@pacifier.com](mailto:kvc@pacifier.com)



2019 Miss Finland Tea



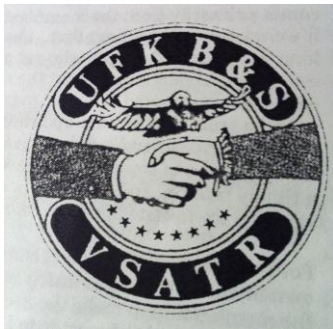
Rice Booth!!



2019 Scandinavian Court Visit

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### ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

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

**Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Puukko Class. 9:30 AM. Suomi Hall basement.

**Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>:** Trustees' meeting at 5:00 PM, Social 6:00 PM, Business Meeting 7:00 PM

**Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

### **No Trustee or Lodge Meeting in August**

**Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:** Lodge #2 Picnic. Cullaby Lake South Shelter. 12 Noon.  
Potluck. Lodge supplies Chicken and beverages.

**Movie Nights:** Friday, July 26th at 6:30 PM  
Friday, August 30th at 6:30 PM