

Kahden Uutiset

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Happy New Year! The beginning of another exciting and very busy year.

Plan on attending our January meeting for the installation of our 2020 Lodge officers. We welcome our new officers and thank the retiring officers. Thank you to Willie Nyberg and Nettie Blair who will be retiring from the trustees. Thank you to Charlotte Nyberg, retiring as Jr. Vice and Kurt Koivu, retiring as our doorkeeper. The Lodge appreciates your service as officers.

Welcome to our new members initiated at the December meeting. Vanessa Howard-Kline, Lillian Nerenberg, Kai Sjoblom, Sirpa Whitman and Michael Wagenblast. In 2019 we initiated 23 new members. We also lost members; 6 passed on and 9 were dropped due to non payment of dues. During the December meeting we received a generous donation from Bob Jacob's estate.

Greg, his brother, wanted to present it in person and was unable to, so he sent this note to be read at the meeting:

"I wish I were at the meeting today because if so, I could present the donation from the estate of Robert Jacob to the Astoria Lodge. I once asked my brother, "Why don't you join the lodge? I've joined." He said, "you know me. I can't sit still and I hate meetings." I can vouch for that. But he knew many of you, and many of you knew him and, of course had a story or two about "Jake." He was proud of his Finnish ancestry, and on behalf of my brother, I am happy you are the recipient of the monetary gift. I plan to see you all at the next meeting. Today I am at Scanfair, our Finlandia Chapter has a food booth there. That is why I am unable to be present.

Sincerely, Greg Jacob

The 2020 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Court was introduced in November at the Sankta Lucia Festival. What a wonderful event to kick off the holiday season. Great music, dancing, the Lucia Legend was read, then the procession of the Lucia Bride and her attendants. Our 2020 Sr. Miss Finland is Emma Biederman. Emma is a junior at Astoria High School and is the daughter of Laura and Fabron Biederman. Her grandparents are Jerry and Gloria Roberts and Fred and Joanne Biederman. Emma has attended the Scandinavian Festival since she was young and is looking forward to learning more and becoming more involved with her Finnish heritage. Our 2020 Jr. Miss Finland is Avery Hoyer. She is in the third grade at Hilda Lahti Elementary School and is the daughter of Jasper Devereaux and Lacey Hoyer. Her grandparents are Teresa and Kerry Hoyer and Peggy Nikkila. Avery likes basketball, softball, sewing and crafting. She enjoys helping her grandmother Peggy at Suomi Hall with decorating and setting up the bake sales for lodge events. Avery also was a great assistant with the raffle at the Laksloda Luncheon. We wish them a great year representing the Finnish Brotherhood, having fun and learning more about their heritage.

In December the Auxiliary made over 100 dozen prune tarts to sell for the holidays. It was quite the operation. The kitchen was full of helpers and very organized. The tarts were delicious. Lutefisk is next. Saturday, January 11th from 11:30 – 2:00 pm. Volunteers are needed for setting up, serving and cleaning up. Just give David (503) 325-6197 or Chris Lynn (503) 440-9002 a call and they will put you to work. If you have donations for the silent auction, please let me know. (503) 791-7805. kvc@pacifier.com.

Saturday, February 15th Suomi Hall again will be filled with treasures for the Winter Nordic Market. The Auxiliary will be serving pannukakku and the coffee pot will be on. Hours are from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and admission is free. Reserve you table now (\$20), volunteer to help and plan to attend. Set up is Friday, February 14th from 3 pm – 8 pm and Saturday from 8 am – 10 am.

Call Felicia (541) 570-5499 or Katie (541) 912-5586 to sign up and for more information.

Saturday, January 18th at 1:00 pm at Suomi Hall there will be a Celebration of life of our member Susan Lewis.

Please plan to attend and join Susan's family in remembering our sister Susan.

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Lodge Officers:

President – Karen Van Cleave
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Board of Trustees:

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

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 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
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 Mattson	27
Shirley Martin	28
Merle Reinikka	29

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Bruce Berney	3
Sally Laine	3
Thelma Rose	5
Naimi Koskelo	9
Laura Biederman	13
Vaino Koskela	17
Deanna Wilson	19
Vanessa Howard-Kline	25
Lis Stubberfield	25
Lisa Stevenson	26

REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2019

Gertrude Kinnunen, born 1926, joined the Lodge 1970, passed February 13th
 Helmi Romppanen-Netzel, born 1921, joined the Lodge 1994, passed May 2nd
 Jean Brunner, born 1927, joined the Lodge 1981, passed June 22nd
 George Harrison, born 1938, joined the Lodge 2000, passed July 2nd
 Susan Lewis, born 1938, joined the Lodge 1986, passed August 5th
 Sylvia Mowrey, born 1914, joined the Lodge 2002, passed October 24th

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
FOR
SUSAN LEWIS



Please Join us
Saturday, January 18th
1:00 pm Suomi Hall



2020 Jr. Miss Finland Avery Hoyer
and Sr. Miss Finland Emma Biederman



Making Christmas Prune Tarts!

LUTEFISK
"THE OTHER WHITE FISH"
OR MEATBALLS



JAN. 11TH, 2020 11:30 - 2:00
\$20.00 ADULTS
CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$15
SILENT AUCTION

SUOMI HALL
244 W MARINE DR. ASTORIA, OREGON

WINTER NORDIC MARKET
At Suomi Hall
Saturday, February 15th, 2020
10 AM - 3 PM
Open to the Public - Free Admission
Vendor Tables \$20.00

LODGE NEWS: By Felicia Ginther

President Pro tem Ron Colman called the November business meeting to order at 2:00 PM. 20 members & three visiting members from the Aberdeen Lodge were present. Our guests from the Aberdeen Lodge wished Suomi Hall a very happy 133rd anniversary, and presented a can of coffee and card as a gift to the lodge.

The Charter was draped for Sylvia Mowrey, she died at 105, making her the oldest living member of the Lodge.

Applications for Membership: 3 – Lilian Nerenburg, Vanessa Howard Klein, Kai Sjoblom, motion to initiate the 3 approved applicants at the December meeting was unanimously passed.

Communications: Eric Williams have been making progress with the digitizing of the Lodge photos and documents. He would like to extend his documentation to members of the lodge with any photographs, letters, newspaper clippings and/or personal family histories. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. The Heritage Museum in Astoria is hosting an open house for the dedication of the “Liisa Penner Research Center and Archives”. Please join the museum in this celebration on Saturday, November 16, 2019 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Heritage Museum.

Committee reports: Sick Committee: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Sylvia Mowery. Karen VanCleave’s nephew passed and a sympathy card was sent to Jack Kinnunen. A Thank You card was sent to Bob Swaggert for his years of dedicated membership to the lodge.

Auxiliary minutes: Charlotte Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: 10 members were present at the November 4, 2019 meeting. The 133rd anniversary dinner for the Lodge will be held at 1pm on November 10th in the Lodge Hall. LeRoy will be roasting the turkey at the lodge, along with stuffing and gravy. The Laksloida dinner held on October 17th was a great success.

Nominating Committee: A slate was presented.

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Jr. VP - Open

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By-laws/Constitution Committee: Carol Lyngstad reported. A purposed mission statement was presented to the members and revised by the November 10th Lodge meeting. Adding “Suomi Hall” to the mission statement will be beneficial to the Mission Statement. Everything has been submitted to the Attorneys except the Mission Statement. Mission Statement is as follows:

“To share and preserve Finnish contributions and cultural life by providing educational, Arts, and craft activities in our community by providing a welcome to all at Suomi Hall as We celebrate and share our rich Finnish culture and heritage.”

Motion to approve the amended Mission Statement was seconded, re-read and unanimously passed. Carole explained to the Aberdeen Lodge Members about the pursuit of the 501(c)3 non-profit status and why the Lodge is moving forward with the process. The building needs a lot of maintenance and there are grant monies available. “Friends of Suomi Hall” will be its own entity.

Scandinavian Festival: Nettie Blair was absent. The annual Sankta Lucia Festival of Lights will be held on Friday, November 29th at 7pm at the Astoria High School Auditorium.

Unfinished Business:

Marvin Hautula reported for the Svenson Pioneer Cemetery. People have been asking questions about the cemetery that cannot be answered. It has been asked of member Eric Williams to possibly find answers about the cemetery during his digitizing process of Lodge records, as information has been lost over the years. The survey for the cemetery in the process.

Update on the Dissolution of the Grand Lodge. All documents have been taken and scanned and flash drives of the documents will be sent out to all existing lodges. All monies are in one account now and ready for division amongst all lodges.

Good of the Lodge: The Clatsop Retirement Village Holiday Celebration will be held on December 7th at 2pm hosted by the Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is now taking orders for Prune Tarts for the Holidays. Lutefisk Luncheon will be held on Saturday January 11th, 11:30am – 2pm at the Lodge. Movie Night will be held on Friday November 29th, at 6:30pm.

Astoria Lodge thanked the Aberdeen Lodge for coming to celebrate the 133rd anniversary dinner.

Raffle: Ron Colman provided the November raffle prizes. Ron Colman will bring the raffle prizes for the December meeting.

LODGE NEWS (CONT)

President Karen VanCleave called the December business meeting to order at 2:00 PM. 18 members were present.

Applications for Membership: 1 – Michael Wagenblast

Initiations: 5 – Lillian Nerenberg and Michael Wagenblast. Vanessa Howard Klein, Kai Sjoblom, and Sirpa Whitman were all initiated in absentia.

Communications: The lodge received a donation from the estate of Robert Jacob. Greg, his brother wanted to present it in person but was not able to attend the meeting so he sent an email to be shared with the membership.

Committee reports:

Sick Committee: A “Thinking of you” card was sent to Bob Swaggert.

Audit: Auditors are to set up a meeting to audit books at the first of the year.

Trustees Report: Marvin Hautula reported. The Lodge roof was assessed, and it should last for decades. It is very substantial. Other issues in process are adding railing down the stairway to make it easier for people to go up and down. Trustees are also looking to add a digital lock to the back door. Most of the loading/unloading is done through the back and is easier than bringing supplies up from the front. A new computer was discussed as well. The computer would need to be advanced in order to transfer and store information. The new computer would be used to digitize files. This will help with sharing our records to those who request them.

Auxiliary minutes: Charlotte Nyberg reported for the Auxiliary: The Clatsop Retirement Village Celebration will be held on December 7th. Lutefisk Dinner is set for January 11th from 11:30am-2pm, \$20 a plate. The theme this year is Lutefisk, “the other white fish”. Cleanup volunteers are still needed. Prune tart bake days will be held Tuesday December 11th and Wednesday December 12th starting at 8am. The goal is to make 100 dozen prune tarts, and 86 have been pre-sold. Anyone is welcome to come help bake. Prune tarts are \$20 unbaked & frozen and \$25 baked. Pickup will be on Friday December 14th, and Saturday December 15th. Charlotte Nyberg is stepping down from her position as Auxiliary Recording Secretary, and a new secretary is needed. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of every month.

By-laws/Constitution Committee: Carol Lyngstad reported that the attorney has presented a tentative version of the new by-laws, the by-laws were shared with committee members, and Marvin Hautula has drafted some revisions to the by-laws and has asked for input and suggestions on those changes. “Friends of Suomi Hall” has received their tax ID, however, a bank account cannot be established until the by-laws have been submitted and approved. A meeting has been set up for Sunday January 5, at 1:30pm for members of the Lodge to give feedback and input. There is lots of updating to do for “Friends of Suomi Hall” and the Lodge itself.

Nordic Park: The next meeting will be held Wednesday January 15, 2020.

Scandinavian Festival: The Finnish Princesses were announced at the Sankta Lucia Festival. Our Jr. Princess is Miss Avery Hoyer and Sr. Princess is Miss Emma Biederman.

Annual Picnic: The south shelter at Cullaby Lake has been reserved for Sunday August 16th, 2020 at noon. A chairperson is needed for the event.

Membership: New revised applications for Lodge membership are in the desk drawer as you enter the lodge.

Unfinished Business:

Rosemary Ginther presented the slate of officers for 2020. There are two trustee’s positions open. Charlotte Nyberg will ask Kurt Koivu about the doorkeeper position. There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to approve all elected present officers was unanimously passed. Initiation of the officers will be held during the January business meeting.

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New Business:

Nordic Market is set to take place at the Lodge on Saturday February 15th at 10am. Felicia Ginther and Katie Ryding will co-chair the event. The Auxiliary will provide pannukakku and coffee again this year. Tables are \$20. Admission is free.

On Saturday January 18th, 2020 at 2:00 PM a Memorial Service and will be held for Susan Lewis.

Lutefisk Dinner will be held on Saturday January 11th from 11:30am – 2pm. Please contact David Drafall or Chris Lynn Taylor.

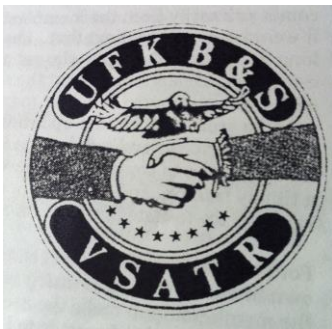
Helen Herold-Pitkanen encourages all to read “Deep River” by Karl Marlantes. A 717-page tale about 3 Finnish siblings living on the mouth of the Columbia River. An audio version of the book is also available.

Raffle: Ron Colman provided the December raffle prizes. Felicia Ginther will bring the raffle prizes for the January meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, January 5th: “Friends of Suomi Hall” bylaws information meeting for membership. 1:30 PM.

Monday, January 6th: Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting

Saturday, January 11th: LUTEFISK LUNCHEON. 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM. Open to the public.

Sunday, January 12th: Trustees’ meeting at 12:00 PM, Social 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM

Saturday, January 18th: Celebration of Life for Susan Lewis.

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

Sunday, February 9th: Trustees’ meeting at 12:00 PM, Social 1:00 PM, Business Meeting 2:00 PM

Saturday, February 15th: Winter Nordic Market. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM