

**UNITED FINNISH KALEVA BROTHERS & SISTERS ASTORIA LODGE**

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# Kahden Uutiset

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members.

Hope everyone is well and doing good during this extraordinary time. There will not be a regular membership meeting in July. The June membership meeting went well with social distancing, face masks and delicious rice pudding and fruit soup. The Auxiliary will meet on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am for an outside event. Bring your face mask, garden clippers and gloves for an outside around the building cleanup. Coffee and treats will follow in the park. Bring your lawn chair for visiting at a safe social distance. We will wait and see how things look before deciding on our picnic in August. The health and well-being of our membership is the top priority. Hope everyone had a great at home midsummer celebration. The Auxiliary was busy making and selling rice pudding and fruit soup out of a tent in the back of Suomi Hall on midsummer Saturday. It was very successful. Advance orders were taken and we had people waiting to buy what was left over at the end. It was a bit misty and windy but at times a steady stream of cars was lined up to pick up their still warm rice pudding. Thanks to all who participated. Thanks also to LeRoy, David, Beth and Charlotte for starring in our video for the Festival Association Facebook page of the making of our rice pudding and fruit soup.

Stay well everyone.

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## LODGE NEWS. By Felicia Ginther, Lodge Secretary.

President Karen Van Cleave called the June business meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Charter was draped for August Schulbach.

**Applications for Membership:** One application from Sally Musemeche. Motion to approve application was made, seconded and approved. We hope to initiate her in July meeting or August picnic.

Minutes of the March 8<sup>th</sup> Lodge meeting were approved as read.

**Auxiliary Report:** The Auxiliary plans to make Rice Pudding and Fruit Soup to sell on Midsummer, June 20<sup>th</sup>. A quart of Rice Pudding with Fruit Soup will sell for \$15. It will be sold for drive-by pickup behind Suomi Hall. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

**Scandinavian Festival:** The Festival has been cancelled but there will be a standing Optog Parade on Sautday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The parade will be near the Maritime Museum and Grand Marshall Nettie Blair will be there.

**By-laws and Constitution:** All sentences containing "Grand Lodge" will be deleted and the Mission Statement will be revised. Mission Statement proposed is:

*"Unite people of Finnish origin, their families and friends to promote and preserve ideals, traditions, culture and heritage of our Finnish ancestors."*

Motion was initiated to revise the Mission Statement, seconded and unanimously approved.

**Scholarship:** Three area High School seniors were selected to each receive a \$1000 scholarship. Leo Matthews – Astoria High . Eli Takkalo – Knappa High. Isabella Morrell – Warrenton High. Katie Ryding provided the June raffle prizes. Beth Kandoll will provide prizes for July meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**Lodge Officers:**

**President – Karen Van Cleave**  
**Elder – Trudy Enke**  
**First VP – Ron Collman**  
**Jr. VP – Dena Tuveng**  
**Financial Sec. – Katie Ryding**  
**Recording Sec. – Felicia Ginther**  
**Treasurer – Faith Swanson**  
**Conductress – Julie Leonhardt Overby**  
**Doorkeeper – Michael Wegenblast**

**Auditors:**

**Chris Lynn Taylor**  
**Leila Collier**  
**David Drafall**

**Lodge Archivist & Historian:**

**Eric B. Williams**

**Lodge Historians:**

**Liisa Penner**  
**Arnie Hummasti**

**Cultural Activities:**

**Kurt Koivu**

**Auxiliary Officers:**

**Co-Presidents – Dea Helligso**  
**David Drafall**  
**Secretary – Chris Lynn Taylor**  
**Treasurer – Beth Kandoll**

**Friends of Suomi Hall Directors**

**President - Marvin Hautala**  
**Vice-President - Peggy Nikkila**  
**Corporate Sec. - Mike Duncan**  
**Financial Sec. - Carole Lyngstad**  
**Treasurer - William Herold**  
**Director - Mike Wagenblast**  
**Director - Julie Overby**  
**Director – LeRoy Adolphson**  
**Director – Wes Ginther**  
**Director – Eric Williams**

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

<b>Mary Ann Mattila</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sandra Kalander</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Chloe Allen Maycock</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Kenneth Niemi</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Katherine Hellberg</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Marilyn Gustafson</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Aimee Schacher</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Melissa Schacher</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Peggy Olson</b>	<b>31</b>

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

<b>Lori Johnson</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Mary Cornell</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Veja Lahti</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Christopher Collier</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Stacy Sundquist</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Cherrie Cornwell</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Eileen Leback</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Beth Parrish</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Ryan Philips</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Eva Johnson</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Ava Leeper</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Jean Harrison</b>	<b>30</b>

### Congratulations to our 2020 Lodge Scholarship recipients

Leo Matthews is a 2020 Salutatorian graduate of Astoria High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society, participated in JV and Varsity Sports, Business Leaders of Tomorrow, National Ocean Sciences Bowl, Spanish Club and AHS Bass Fishing Team. He plans to attend Oregon State University to study Computer or Civil Engineering. Leo has chosen to pursue engineering because it is a career that can take him anywhere. He has been to Scandinavian Festival every year since he was born, was the crown bearer on the 2013 Scandinavian Festival Court and his favorite part of the Festival is the food. He has many fond memories of Finnish foods, songs and traditions with his family growing up



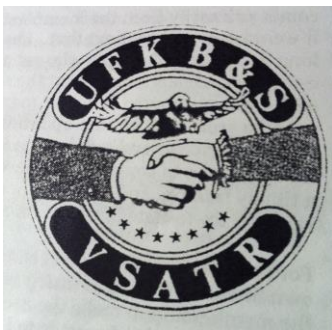
Eli Takalo is a 2020 Valedictorian graduate of Knappa High School. He was a member of the National Honor Society and played Varsity Football, Basketball and Baseball earning many honors such as Most Valuable Player and Athlete of the Week several times in addition to serving as Team Captain and First Team All-League. He is self employed as a commercial fisherman and has started his own crawfishing business. Eli is a sixth-generation Columbia River gillnet fisherman. His plans are to attend Mt. Hood Community College to study Business, minor in entrepreneurship and play baseball. His career goal is to become a Columbia River Pilot. Eli embraces his Finnish heritage with the culture of living close to the land and using the natural resources in providing for your family. He faces adversity in his life with strength, good character and a solid work ethic. It was his grandma who taught him to call it Sisu.

Isabella Morrill is a 2020 graduate of Warrenton High School where she tied for Valedictorian. She was a member and president of the National Honor Society, International Public Policy Forum Debate Captain and member, member of Student Council, serving as Student Body Vice President and involved in Band, Drama, and Choir, winning many awards. Her plans are to continue her education at Western Oregon University in their honors college majoring in music composition with a minor in economics. Her career goal is to write musical scores for film and media. Isabella has a strong connection to Finnish family and culture. She finds peace in the idyllic yet hard-working culture of the Finnish people and music connects her to her Finnish grandfather who speaks no English. His eyes filled with tears as he heard her, for the first time playing Finlandia on the piano.



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**ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR**

**July Lodge Membership Meeting Canceled.**

**Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting**

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Annual Picnic. Cullaby Lake. 12 Noon. South Shelter.**

***LAKSLODA LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>. SUOMI HALL***

\*\*\*\* MEETINGS/EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION \*\*\*\*