

UNITED FINNISH KALEVA BROTHERS & SISTERS ASTORIA LODGE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to members of Astoria Lodge.

Hope everyone is doing well and had a nice summer with time to enjoy the beautiful weather we've had. We have cancelled the September membership meeting. Your officers continue to be in contact with each other and working for the Lodge with texts, emails and phone calls. We will wait and see how the next few months go before we resume our monthly meetings as the health and well-being of our membership is our top priority.

Members of the Auxiliary and directors of Friends of Suomi Hall met on July 6th for an outside clean-up of the Hall. Three pickup truck loads to the dump of brush and weeds! "Many hands make light work" and we had lots of helping hands cutting brush, pulling weeds and loading it into the truck. Some pictures of the hard working members and an interesting item found are on page 3. Thank you to all who helped.

We are saddened with the passing of two of our members in the last months. Bruce Berney and LeRoy Adolphson. Bruce Berney passed away in Portland July 27th due to complications from COVID-19. They had moved to Portland for advanced care. Kristina, his wife of 52 years was our long serving Financial Secretary. There was a nice article published in the Oregonian and you can access it at:

<https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2020/08/a-final-gift-father-daughter-share-special-moment-before-covid-19-diagnosis.html>.

LeRoy Adolphson passed peacefully on the morning of August 5th. He was passionate about Suomi Hall and a staple in the kitchen known for his meatballs, ginger cookies, beet salad and pineapple pie. Working with him was always an education and a pleasure. Pick up the latest issue of Hipfish, they have printed a nice article about him. Our condolences and thoughts are with the families and friends of Bruce and LeRoy.

The Charter will be draped for these members when we next meet.

Mark your calendars for the Auxiliary's Laksloda Luncheon.

Thursday, October 15th. 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Cost is \$15.00.

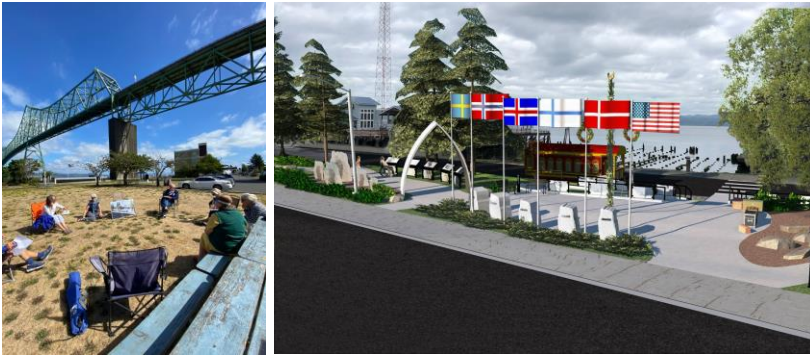
It's looking like it will be a take-out event with pickup behind Suomi Hall and advance ordering.

The Auxiliary will firm up the details soon and advise us as soon as decisions have been made.

October 3rd, Anne-Mari Paster, President of Finlandia Foundation National is scheduled to visit Suomi Hall. She is here to meet with local Finnish people and learn more about the area, our activities and our rich history. One on one conversations will be scheduled with safe social distancing practiced.

Stay well everyone,

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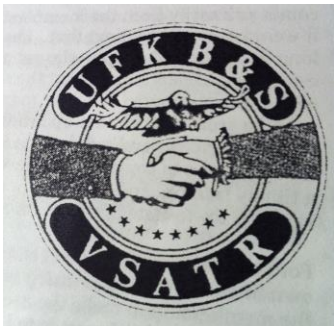


A few interested members met with representatives from the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park for an update and conversation about how the Park is moving forward during this pandemic as grant opportunities are being diverted for COVID relief and social services. The committee is seeking to expand its circle of connections and is looking for suggestions, comments, and ideas. They will begin a monthly e-newsletter in September. Contact Janet for more information: janet@astorianordicpark.org.



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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

September Lodge Membership Meeting Cancelled.

**Monday, October 12th: Friends of Suomi Hall Director Meeting 5:00 pm
Members Social Hour 6:00 pm.
Membership Meeting 7:00 PM**

**** MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION ****

LAKSLODA LUNCHEON: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH. SUOMI HALL
(Currently scheduled as TAKE-OUT only)