

United Finnish Kaleva Brothers & Sisters, Astoria, Oregon

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Kahden Uutiset

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!

Hope the Holidays have been enjoyable to all.

The Lodge membership has not met since June of last year and we are missing seeing each other but the Lodge, Auxiliary, and Friends business has continued. The Executive Boards are in contact by phone, text and zoom. During this unusual year we have found ways to continue our business by just doing things a little differently. Our thanks go out to all officers, board members, and members who have been flexible, participated and contributed to our Lodge during these unprecedented times.

The Auxiliary has continued their business with smaller groups working together and have still had very successful events. The Rice Pudding and Fruit Soup in June, Laksloda in October and Prune Tart Sales in December. What they have been able to accomplish during this time is extraordinary and our hats go off to them. The community has also been very appreciative. Hopefully you got your Holiday Prune Tarts. The orders just kept coming in. 205 dozen were made! That is 2,460 tarts! Over \$3000.00 was cleared. A very successful event. More days of making the tarts were scheduled so less members were present at any one time and they were able to social distance at the rolling, folding and packaging stations. It was quite the operation. Thank you Auxiliary members.

The Auxiliary will not meet in January.

Lutefisk, which has been a January event, has been postponed/cancelled.

Members will be receiving a 2021 ballot, a request for comments, your 2021 dues notice and a return envelope. It is enclosed if you are receiving the Kahden Uutiset by US mail. If you receive the Kahden Uutiset online, you will receive these forms separately by US mail. If you do not receive them please contact me or Financial Secretary Katie Ryding. Please return them by January 10th. PO Box 201, Astoria, Or. 97103.

The ballot lists your Lodge Officers who have agreed to stay in their positions for another year. Write in candidates are welcome. The Friends of Suomi Hall Directors have voted to postpone the December Friends of Suomi Hall Annual Meeting and voted to not have the Director positions included on the Lodge ballot. Directors have agreed to continue in their positions except Wes Ginther has resigned. We thank him for his past service to the Lodge.

The ballot may be returned by mail or you will be given the opportunity to vote online.

The request for comments letter concerns the restructuring of our organization. We need your comments, concerns and questions. When the Grand Lodge disbanded and the Friends of Suomi Hall, our 501(c)3 was formed it became the opportune time to re-structure. Combining as one organization would be most advantageous for tax purposes, both State and Federal, and eliminate the need to have two executive boards, thereby making administrative duties simpler and more clear. Your opinions and comments regarding this process are very important as there are many issues to consider.

Thank you for your continual support of U.F.K.B. & S Astoria Lodge. We will meet again when we can safely do so. As of right now January and February meetings are cancelled. If we can meet safely in February we will do so but with our continued increase in Covid-19 numbers in Clatsop County it is not looking good. Stay well and safe everyone. Kiitos, Karen Van Cleave Cell: 503 791-7805 Email: kvc@pacifier.com

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 Historians:

Liisa Penner &
 Arnie Hummasti

Lodge Archivist & Historian:

Eric B. Williams

Auxiliary Officers:

President – Dea Helligso
 VP – 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 – Eric Williams

Happy Birthday Members!**January Birthdays:**

Eino Johnson	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:

Sally Laine	3
Thelma Rose	5
Aimi Koskelo	9
Laura Biederman	15
Deanna Wilson	19
Vanessa Howard-Kline	25
Lis Stubberfield	25
Lisa Stevenson	26
Craig Wisti	28

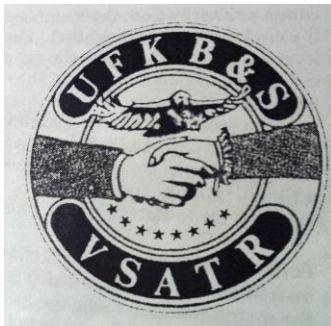
**** REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2020 ****

August “Gus” Schulbach, born in 1926, joined the Lodge in 1997, passed June 5th
 Bruce Rochat Berney, born in 1935, joined the Lodge in 2017, passed July 27th
 LeRoy Peter Adolphson, born in 1948, joined the Lodge in 2008, passed August 5th
 Anja Hannele Ranta, born in 1954, joined the Lodge in 1975, passed October 24th



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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!
ONNELLISTA UUTTA VUOTTA !!

Monday, January 4th: Auxiliary meeting – Cancelled.

January Lodge Membership Meeting cancelled.

January 10th: DEADLINE FOR BALLOT AND QUESTIONAIRE

Monday, February 1st: Auxiliary meeting, 10:00 AM Coffee, 10:30 AM Business Meeting
(Auxiliary members will be advised status of meeting)

Sunday, February 7th: Lodge Membership Meeting cancelled. Subject to change.

Saturday, February 13th: Winter Nordic Market. 10:00 AM – 3:00PM.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION