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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

As our county continues to show raising numbers of covid-19 cases we will not be having regular Lodge meetings. We will continue to meet by zoom, or have small gatherings for special officer meetings or other gatherings.

Speaking of gatherings. On May 10th at 6:30 pm we will be zooming with the 2021 Scandinavian Court. The link is below. If you do not zoom you are welcome to come to Suomi Hall. We will be logged in to zoom, socially distanced and masked to enjoy their presentations. Sorry, we will not be enjoying our traditional strawberry shortcake this year but the coffee pot will be on. Log in to support our Finnish princesses; Senior Miss Finland Emma Biederman, and Junior Miss Finland Avery Hoyer.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81181805921?pwd=aWWhaQnJNZkN6OEp5TmFySjRyYmZkZz09>

Meeting ID: 811 8180 5921

Passcode: 1111

Your executive boards have been busy organizing the combining of the the two boards. The Lodge board and the Friends of Suomi Hall board. A big thank you to the board members that have agreed to continue through this transition. And a big thank you to board members Felicia Ginther and Julie Leonhardt Overby for their past service and dedication to our Lodge. Each member will receive a ballot to vote for the directors. Please show your support for these members, vote today and return your ballot promptly. Deadline for ballots to be counted is a postmark of May 15th.

The deadline is approaching rapidly for students who are on track to graduate high school this year to get their applications in for our U.F.K.B.&S. Astoria Lodge scholarship. If you know a student interested in applying, the deadline is May 15th. Applicants must have a direct relationship to U.F.K.B. & S. Astoria Lodge by being a member, or a descendant of a member in good standing. For more information and an application: Contact Katy Pritchard. Call or Text: 503.440-0010. Email: pritchard297@gmail.com.

The 2021 Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will again be different this year. Our Auxiliary is preparing Rice Pudding and Fruit Soup for at home Midsummer celebrations with a repeat of last years drive by event. From 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday June 19th drive behind Suomi Hall and Auxiliary members will hand you a quart of freshly made Rice Pudding and Fruit Soup for \$15.00. Pre-order yours by calling 503 440-9002 until June 17th.

Rakkautta ja Poliikkaa. Love & Politics, a one act play will be presented on the Scandinavian Midsummers Festival website festival weekend. This play was found in the Suomi Hall attic, translated by Sirpa Duoos and will be directed by Chris Lynn Taylor. It was made possible by a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust and the Clatsop Cultural Coalition. This performance will be a Readers Theater with a seven-member cast from the Astor Street Opry Company and our members. The cast will be reading from the Suomi Hall stage where the play was performed many years ago.

We have reserved Cullaby Lake South Shelter for our Lodge picnic. Plan to attend. Sunday, August 15th, at noon.

Stay well everyone.

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Rakkautta ja Poliitikka
LOVE AND POLITICS

A one act play written by A. T. and published in Hameenlinna, Finland in 1906

Translation by Sirpa Duoos, Directed by Chris Lynn Taylor.

Paid for by a grant from the Clatsop Cultural Coalition / Oregon Cultural Trust 2020

Enjoy Readers Theater performed from the stage at Suomi Hall by ASOC and Finnish Brotherhood members. The performance will be recorded and may be viewed on the Scandinavian Festival website during the 2021 Scandinavian Midsummer Festival.

TRY THESE TRADITIONAL VAPPU RECIPES FOR YOUR MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Sima * Finnish Fermented Lemonade

1/2 cup honey (or brown sugar)

Juice and grated zest of 1 lemon (or a thinly sliced whole lemon)

5 raisins

Tiny pinch yeast (ideally wine yeast, but bread yeast will do)

Place the sugar, raisins and lemon slices (or juice and zest) in a quart mason jar. Pour near boiling water over the top to fill the jar to within 1 inch of the top. Stir to dissolve the sugar or honey.

Allow the mixture to cool to room temperature and then add a pinch of yeast. Stir to incorporate.

Seal the jar with a mason jar air lock (or cover loosely with a cloth if you don't have an air lock). Allow the mixture to ferment at room temperature for 24 to 48 hours, until the raisins float to the top.

Once the raisins float, pour the sima through a fine mesh strainer and bottle in another mason jar. Seal the lid tightly and store in the refrigerator.

Allow the drink to age in the refrigerator sealed for 2-4 days to accumulate carbonation.

Open it when you're ready to consume, but be sure to drink within 7 days for best results.

Yield 1 quart.

Tippaleipä * Finnish May Day Funnel Cake

2 tbsp. sugar

1 tsp. kosher salt

3 eggs

Zest of 1 lemon

1 cup whole milk

2 cups all-purpose flour

Canola oil, for frying

Confectioner's sugar, for dusting

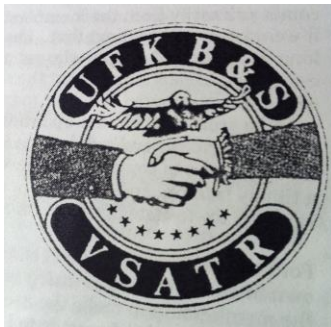
Heat enough oil in a 6-qt. saucepan to reach a depth of 2" until a deep-fry thermometer reads 375°. Whisk sugar, salt, eggs, and zest in a bowl until smooth. Alternate whisking in milk and flour until a smooth batter forms. Transfer batter to a piping bag fitted with a plain 1/4" tip. Working in a swirling motion, pipe batter into oil until an 8" swirled cake forms. Fry, flipping once, until golden and slightly crisp, 2-3 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer cake to paper towels to drain; repeat with remaining batter. Let cakes cool slightly; dust with confectioner's sugar before serving. Yield 8-10 cakes.



Sr Miss Finland Emma Biederman and Jr Miss Finland Avery Hoyer at the Norway Lodge

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ASTORIA LODGE CALENDAR

FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR MEMBERSHIP
MAY & JUNE LODGE MEETINGS CANCELLED

Hyvää vappua! Happy Vappu!
Hyvää juhannusta! Happy midsummer!

May 10th, Monday. Meet the 2021 Scandinavian Midsummer Court by Zoom. 6:30 P.M.

May 15th, Saturday. U. F. K. B & S. Scholarship application deadline.

May 15th, Saturday. VOTE! Ballot must be postmarked by this day to be counted,

June 19th, Saturday. Drive by-To go Rice pudding and Fruit soup. 11 – 3. Suomi Hall.

August 15th, Sunday. Lodge Picnic. Cullaby Lake South Shelter, at Noon.

U.F.K.B.&S. Astoria Lodge 2021 scholarship applications due May 15th.