

**Friends of Suomi Hall, Finlandia Foundation Astoria Chapter**

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## **KAHDEN UUTISET**

Dear Members,

The last few months have certainly been busy and full of activities! We went from having the Festival in June, to having a relatively calm July. To an August that was very busy with Suomi School, the Lodge Picnic, Regatta Activities, and very warm days full of many other activities.

Karen is recovering well, and if you should desire to send her a card, please do so in care of her daughter, Angie Lister. She is a determined, Sisukas lady who we all miss dearly right now! Angie's address: 39845 Deerhorn Rd., Springfield, OR 97478.

In August we held the Second Annual Suomi School. What an awesome group of volunteers, students, and parents! WOW! They were a sprightly bunch full of SISU! Our week was full of national animal (bear, karhu), national bird (Whooper Swan, Joutsen), national tree (birch, koivu), national fish (perch, ahven), national flower (lily of the valley, kielo), history of Finland, landmarks, and of course songs, crafts/art, activities, and language!

The students participated in the weeklong school and attended the Children's Regatta Parade, the Grand Land Parade and performed at the lodge picnic at Cullaby Lake. They had wonderful treats from the auxiliary and we are looking forward to next year!

Our picnic was VERY well attended in August! Thank you all for attending and bringing amazing food, games, energy, and just yourselves!

Thank you to all who helped make that an amazing afternoon.

Our Board of Directors will be meeting on September 11, and we will have our monthly meeting that same night with a 6pm refreshment time provided by September birthdays and then our meeting at 7 pm for all members. Welcome, Tervetuloa! We also welcome Jane Hill to the Board of Directors! She is also the new Secretary!

It's that time again to be working on finding our new Senior and Junior Miss Finland. If you know of someone who is interested, please contact ChrisLynn Taylor or Leila Collier.

We are pleased to report that audits were done on the Friends of Suomi Hall books and the Auxiliary books. Carole will submit a report to the Directors, but all is well! Thank you so much to Katie, Beth, and Faith for being great stewards of our financials! We are deeply grateful to all of you!

Our Laksloda Luncheon will once again be in October. Save the date, October 14! The Auxiliary is knee deep in planning and they have this down to a science! Many thanks for all their hard work!

Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to do things that are new to you! Thank you to all of you who helped with Suomi School, the picnic, and any other event that I have inadvertently missed! See you all at the September and October meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Buy a Suomi Hall polo shirt! Men's and women's sizes. Priced at \$36 (may change slightly, depending on number ordered). Contact Melissa Powell @503-298-7322 for questions or to place an order!



Are you interested in learning how to make prune tarts, or do you need a refresher course? On October 2 at 10 am, the Auxiliary will be doing a class taught by Dea and Beth! Come one, come all! There are many to make!

Finnish Brotherhood Lodge Auxiliary

# LAKSLODA

Saturday, October 14

At Suomi Hall

11:30-1:30

Cost will be \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and younger.

Meal includes: Laksloida, Green Veggies, Beets, Freshly baked bread and Apple Crisp



Do you know of someone who is interested in being a Junior or Senior Miss Finland for 2024? If you do, please contact ChrisLynn Taylor for applications. They will be ready later this month! Their year starts in November at the Santa Lucia Festival! Junior Princesses should be between 6-9 years old, Senior Princesses can be Sophomores in High School thru Freshman in college! It's a great experience full of activities and

fun! 



PICNIC FUN! Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Matson for all their help with the games, Katie Ryding and Beth Candoll for getting items from the lodge and the chicken. And EVERYONE else for attending, bringing great food, having fun, and the Suomi School kids for singing! THANK YOU all!

*Suomi School! What a great week! There are so many volunteers to thank, that I'm not even going to try to thank them all! Kitchen staff, arts and crafts, physical activities, helpers, students, parents, teachers, greeters, piano players, "gophers", thank you all! See you again next year!! Special thank you to Mark Erickson for coming and giving a "dramatic" performance of Kalevala and Sirpo Duoss for talking about Winter Weather Wear in Finland!*

*THANK YOU also to our amazing anonymous sponsor! And Finnware for the donation of the shirts!! Thank you! Kiitos Paljon!*



## **2023 Calendar for September/October**

### **SEPTEMBER**

**Tuesday, September 5th.** Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM  
Coffee. 10:30 AM. Business

**Monday, September 11th.** Member Meeting. 6:00 PM  
Coffee. 7:00 PM Meeting.

### **OCTOBER**

**Monday, October 2nd.** Auxiliary Meeting. 10:00 AM  
Coffee. 10:30 AM Business Meeting.

**Monday, October 9th.** Member Meeting. 6:00 PM  
Coffee. 7:00 PM Meeting.

**Saturday, October 14th .** Laksloda Luncheon. 11:30 AM  
– 1:30 PM

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