



Dear Friends,

January 2020

Hyvää päivää!!! Greetings to you and your family from the Finnish American Society of the Midwest, a Finlandia Foundation Chapter, (FASM).

It is time for membership renewal for FASM. Dues are \$25 per family household good for all family members living in the household. Membership runs from January 2020 through December 2020. Dues are due March 1, 2020.

This year we are again planning a full program of activities. These activities include not only regular events, such as Vappu in May and Joulu in December, but a few that are in the planning stages. In January already we had a cooking class with Soile Anderson and Eleanor Ostman. We keep you apprised of these and other local events of interest through email "blasts" as well as on Facebook and FASM's website "Calendar" section.

- **February:** "Sibelius & Nielsen: A Nordic Celebration" at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.
- **April:** Music Program by Pianist Ruusamari Teppo, great-great granddaughter of Jean Sibelius
- **April and October:** FASM cooks lunch at the Chicago Estonian House.
- **May:** Vappu
- **September:** Participate in the annual Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park in Elgin.
- **September:** FASM Annual Meeting and Member Picnic.
- **November:** Merchandise table at the International Christmas Market at the Estonian House.

The FASM Board of Directors annually selects organizations that promote Finnish/Finnish American and/or Nordic Culture and provides them with financial support. The organizations to which FASM has contributed regularly includes;

- Chicago Estonian House, which provides our home base for meetings and events,
- Salolampi scholarships for FASM member, children or grandchildren,
- Finlandia University,
- Finnish American Heritage Center,
- Historical Restoration of The Finn Hall in DeKalb, Illinois,
- Scandinavian Park Inc.(Vasa Park),
- Chicago Suomi Koulu, and other similar organizations.

FASM makes donations in excess of \$3,000 annually.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES:

- Invitations to all cultural events offered by FASM, with discounts on prepaid reservations.
- Extensive information regarding Finnish events via email "blasts", Facebook, and website.
- The opportunity to support and work with fellow Finnish Americans to create programs, meet and view some of the finest performers, share Finnish food, language and much, much more.
- Opportunity to "shop" the FASM merchandise table.
- And FASM is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation and dues/contributions are tax deductible to the extent of IRS regulations.

We value your membership! Kiitos!

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Remember to visit our website at: www.fasm.us and to "Like" us on Facebook!