



Dear Friends,

January 2022

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

It is time to renew your membership in FASM. Dues are \$25 per household for all family members living in your household. Membership runs from January 2022 through December 2022. Dues are due March 31, 2022.

This year we are again planning a full program of activities within the limitations of the pandemic. Besides our fun Zoom meetings, we have resumed our regular in person events. Some are still in the planning stages. So far in 2022 the virtual/zoom programs are January 15 "Exploring Sugar Island's Early Finnish History", January 23 "Tonttu, Haltia and other (mostly) helpful household creatures" presented by Hilary-Joy Virtanen, PhD. February 19 Sauna Saturday, Celebrating National Sauna Week. March 13 lunch with St. Urho's Day Celebration, April 3 Performer of the Year in person or Zoom. May 1 Vappu celebration. September 11 Scandinavian Day Festival (at which FASM will have a booth). September 18 FASM Annual Meeting and Member Picnic. FASM lunch two times a year, November International Christmas Market and finally December 4 Christmas Party. This is also an invitation to all to coordinate or present a topic for a Zoom program. 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.

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.
- 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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