



Dear Friends / Hyvät ystävät,

January 2024

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

It is again time to renew your membership in FASM. Dues are \$25 per household for all family members living in your household. Membership runs from January 2024 through December 2024. Dues are due March 31, 2024.

This year we again have a full program of activities. Besides our fun Zoom meetings, we have our regular in person events. Our first program will be on Sunday, February 18 Celebrating National Sauna Week with Sauna and/or Pasty Making Demonstration. Please, see the reversed side for the full 2024 event calendar with the final event on December 1, our wonderful Christmas Party.

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 Foundation National
- Finnish American Heritage Center (now Finlandia Foundation National)
- 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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Remember to visit our website at: www.fasm.us and to "Like" us on Facebook!

FASM 2024 EVENTS --- MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sunday, February 18 Celebrating National Sauna Week with Sauna and/or Pasty Making Demonstration
- Sunday, March 24 FASM pea soup lunch and celebrating St Urho's Day. Enjoy special dessert. Donation \$12. Merchandise table.
- Sunday, March 31 FASM Membership Due, \$25 per Member Family
Membership Letter and Form can be found on our website:
www.fasm.us under "Membership" tab.
- Sunday, April 28 Vappu Celebration. Entertainment Juli Wood Trio
- May 23-25 Conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts Mahler Resurrection with Soloists Mari Eriksmoen and Karen Cargill at the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. FASM members are trying to put together a group for Saturday, May 25
- Tuesday, April 30 Deadline for Finlandia Foundation National Salolampi Language Village grant application. Go to <http://www.finlandiafoundation.org> for additional information. It is also the deadline for FASM scholarship for FASM member family to Salolampi or Soiva.
- Sunday, September 8 Scandinavian Day Festival, Vasa Park in Elgin, IL. FASM will have a booth with Finnish food items and other merchandise. Steve Solkela, One Man Band, will be part of the entertainment this year.
- Sunday, September 15 FASM Member Picnic and Annual Meeting at Estonian House.
- Sunday, October 27 FASM Karelian Stew Lunch and a Program at 2:30pm. At the Chicago Estonian House
- Saturday, November 23 International Christmas Market at the Chicago Estonian House. FASM will have a table of Finnish food items and merchandise.
- Sunday, December 1 FASM Joulu at Estonian House.

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