



Dear Friends / Hyvät ystävät,

February 2025

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

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 2025 through December 2025. Dues are due April 1, 2025.

This year we are again having a full program of activities. Our first program was on Sunday, February 16 Celebrating National Sauna Week with Korvapuusti or Finnish Cinnamon Roll Baking Demonstration. Please, see the reversed side for the full 2025 event calendar with the final event on December 7, 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:

- Finnish American Heritage Center in Hancock, Michigan (now a part of Finlandia Foundation National)
- The Salolampi Foundation
- 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 in our many events.
- And FASM is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation and dues/contributions are tax deductible to the extent of IRS regulations. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

We value your membership and look forward to seeing you soon as we work together to ensure that Finnish traditions are continued in our community!

Kiitos!

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FASM Membership - new members are always welcome, go to: www.fasm.us "Membership Information" for Membership Letter and Form. Web: <https://www.fasm.us/> Email: fasmevent@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FinnishAmericanSocietyMidwest>



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FASM's 2025 Calendar at the Chicago Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane, Riverwoods, IL

March 16, Sunday - St Urho's Pea Soup lunch at the Estonian House.

Program: Bill Vaananen Presents "The Finn I Am". Come experience "Mr. V's" unique musical perspectives in this original multimedia presentation prepared especially for FASM.



May 4, Sunday

Celebrating Spring / Vappu

Entertainment:

Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year Charlotte Loukola



September 7, Sunday

FASM will have a booth at Scandinavian Day Festival in Elgin, IL

September 21, Sunday

FASM Member Picnic and Annual Meeting



October 19, Sunday

Karelian Stew Lunch at the Estonian House

November 22, Saturday

International Christmas Market at the Estonian House



December 7, Sunday

**FASM Joulujuhla/Christmas Party
with Chicago Suomi Koulu**

Entertainment: Harris Thorpe and Company



FASM events partially sponsored by Finlandia Foundation National



FASM offers Salolampi Scholarships for members and/or family members/children, grandchildren.

Contact FASM at: fasmevent@gmail.com and someone will be in touch with you.

April 1, 2025 FASM Membership Due, \$25 per Member family.

Current FASM members will receive a Membership letter and form in the mail.

Membership letter and form can be found on the website: <http://www.fasm.us> under the Membership tab.

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