

April 2017

Dear FASM Members and Prospective Members,

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

Did you know that this year, 2017, Finland is celebrating it's 100th year of Independence? This year we are planning a full program of activities. These activities include not only our regular events, but several for Finland's 100th year celebration. This year's events will culminate with a Gala in December. Some of the fun events we have planned are:

- **April:** Vappu Party at the Estonian House. See who will be crowned King and Queen.
- **August/September:** Family Picnic and Annual Members' Meeting. A short meeting followed by games and family fun for all ages.
- **September:** Participate in the Annual Scandinavian Day Fest at Vasa Park in Elgin.
- **November:** FASM serves a great homemade lunch at the Estonian House followed by a Board Meeting to which you are invited to attend
- **December 1:** Centennial Gala at the Cultural Center in Chicago.

The FASM Board of Directors annually determines support to other organizations that promote Finnish American Culture. Here is a list of some we currently support:

- Estonian House, which provides our home base for meetings and events.
- Salolampi scholarships for members
- Finlandia University
- Finnish American Heritage Center
- Historical Restoration of The Finn Hall - DeKalb, IL
- Scandinavian Park, and others

YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES:

- Invitations to all the cultural events offered by FASM
- Extensive information regarding Finnish events via our website: www.FASM.us
- The opportunity to support and work with fellow Finnish Americans to create programs, meet and view some of the finest performers coming from Finland, share Finnish food, language and much, much more.

Sound like fun? Don't miss a single event! Send in your \$25.00 Annual dues and the enclosed form in the supplied envelope.

Kaikkea Hyvää !



Membership Secretary

Remember to visit our website often for more events. www.FASM.us

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