



Dear Friends / Hyvät ystävät,

March 2026

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

It is again the time to renew your membership in FASM. Dues are \$40 per household for all family members living in your household and \$30 per single person. Membership runs from January 2026 through December 2026. Dues are due March 31, 2026.

This year we are again having a full program of activities. Our first program was on Sunday, February 15 Celebrating National Sauna Week with Karelian Pie Baking Demonstration. Please, see the reverse side for the full 2026 event calendar with the final event on December 6, 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 include:

- Finlandia Foundation National
- 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 ENTITLES YOU TO NUMEROUS ITEMS:

- 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 are asking individual and corporate sponsors for our different events. Please, let us know if you can help.

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 2026 Calendar

at the Chicago Estonian House, 14700 Estonian Lane, Riverwoods, IL

**February 15, Sunday - Celebrating National Sauna Day
and Karjalanpiirakka - Karelian Pies Demonstration**



**March 15, Sunday - St. Urho's Pea Soup Lunch Donation \$15
Program at 2:30pm by Bill Vaananen
performing "Suomi Suite" Donation \$15**



**May 3, Sunday - Celebrating Spring / Vappu
Entertainment: Ruut DeMoe "Piano Girl"
Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year**



**September 13, Sunday - Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park in Elgin, IL
FASM will have a booth**



September 27, Sunday - FASM Member Picnic and Annual Meeting



October 25, Sunday - Karelian Stew Lunch at the Estonian House

**November 21, Saturday - International Christmas Market
at the Estonian House
FASM will have tables of Finnish merchandise.**



December 6, Sunday

**FASM Joulujuhla/Christmas Party
and Celebrating Finland's Independence Day
Entertainment: Harris Thorpe and Company
Chicago Suomi Koulu**



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.

March 31, 2026 FASM Membership Due.

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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