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VASA Order of America - Harmoni Lodge # 472

Ordinarily Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month 4:30p

(Light Refreshments at 4pm)

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President's Message:

Dear Harmoni Members,

Glad Jul...

And a Merry Christmas to you, and blessings to your friends and families. I hope everyone is still persevering with their covid-prevention regimen and benefitting from the results. So far, I haven't heard of anyone directly affected in our lodge, and earnestly hope that this continues.

Our November Zoom meeting was another success. You folks are getting good at this! Will we ever do it again once we can meet again in person? Doubtful. But maybe the new skills will come in useful elsewhere.

November marked the 95th anniversary of the founding of our lodge, which gives me the opportunity to recognize our most senior members. By straightforward age, our most senior member is Ellen Jacobsen, with 98 years, followed by Janet Johnson, at 96. In terms of length of membership, our senior members are Barbro Curtis and Jonas Nordwall, who've set a remarkable standard for loyalty with 58 years membership each. It can only help if your parents sign you up early. Not too far behind them are Andy and Margot Toth, who have been with us a full 50 years, and Judy Rust, who is only a little bit further behind at 49. Let's give them a round of applause at this month's virtual meeting.

Did any of you take part in this year's mostly-virtual ScanFair? Or take a look at the decorations at Nordia House? I hope we get to hear a few of your impressions at our December virtual meeting. In the meantime I'll wish you all a wonderful, if socially distanced Christmas, all the best in the year to come...

... oeh Gott Nytt År.

In Truth and Unity,

Charlie



Calendar of Events:

Dec. 13 **Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting**
(Sun.) **Zoom Meeting 4:30p**
See set-up instructions on Page 3

Jan. 17 **Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting**
(Sun.) **Zoom Meeting? 4:30p**

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Covid-19 Procedures

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our lives and continues to spread, but a vaccine is coming! Meanwhile, please remember to: keep your distance, wash your hands, and wear a face mask when outside, or inside whenever you are around groups of people other than your own household. Please protect yourself, and our entire community.



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Friday Night Lectures and More

Nordic NW offered 'Growing Up in Denmark' on Friday, December 4, presented by Kim Bergenser and Aase Beaulieu. If you missed this broadcast, you can check out their list of archived programs and other educational films, available for free to Nordic NW members:

<https://www.nordicnorthwest.org/past-friday-night-lecture-series>

or : [here](#)



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Address change for the J-James'

Please make the following change in your roster for Denver and Kristi Johnson-James:

Denver and Kristi Johnson James
563 Willoughby Newton Drive No.13
Centerville, VA 20120



December Happy Birthdays!!!

16 Eric Johansson
30 Tori Davis

Ja, må du leva! Ja, må du leva!

Ja, må du leva!

Uti hundra år!

Ja, visst ska du leva!

Ja, visst ska du leva!

Ja, visst ska du leva!

UTI HUNDRADE ÅR!

HURRA! HURRA! HURRA! HURRA!



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Remember that a pile of money awaits you if your name is pulled from the magic Scandinavian jar, and you are attending the monthly Harmoni meeting. (*Membership*

Secretary, Judy Rust has committed to setting up all the member names for our next Zoom meeting – so there will be a drawing! Plan to attend on Lucia Day – maybe you'll win!!! ed.)

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Lucia Day Plans???

Plan to join Harmoni Lodge on Sunday, December 13 at 4:30p for Zooming on Lucia Day. Bring along your own glögg, lussekatter and festive holiday wear. See you there!

Zoom Along with Harmoni!

Harmoni Lodge has entered the Zoom era. Here are Teri's Lucia Day, December meeting directions:

The Zoom Meeting will start at 4:30 pm. (Teri will be on-line at 4:25 to let you join the meeting.) You should be able to click on the link highlighted below and go right to the meeting (or cut & paste that link into your web browser.) You do not need to download the Zoom app, though you can if you want to ahead of time, but it's not necessary. You can log in from a cell phone or a desktop or laptop computer. There are options once you get logged in to turn off your video and mute yourself. Make sure you know where the mute button is so you can 'unmute' and talk and be heard when you want to! And it's more fun when we can see each other, so don't be shy!

Teri Davis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Harmoni Lodge / Teri Davis Zoom Meeting

Time: **Dec 13, 2020 04:30 PM** Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7651487428>

Join through the link above, or if you have a Zoom app you can enter the meeting ID.

Meeting ID: 765 148 7428

(No password, but there will be a waiting room and Teri will let people in. She will be logged on to let people join by 4:25p.)



Hope to see even more of you on Sunday!

'I am Greta' on Hulu

Barbro Curtis emailed about the following article in October's Nordstjernen.

"I am Greta" is a documentary film being shown on Hulu (subscription TV). It's about the Swedish teenager, Greta Thunberg, who went on school strike protesting global warming. She starts her protest outside the parliamentary building in Stockholm. It's amazing how one little girl can start something that develops into something so huge! I thoroughly enjoyed the documentary. Good job Greta!



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2021 Lodge Officers Elected!

For the first time, Harmoni Lodge has elected lodge officers via the Zoom platform, courtesy of magic and the expertise of Teri Davis. All officers from the previous year (2020) agreed to run again, with one fabulous change: Eric Johansson has been elected as Lodge Vice Chairman. Congratulations Eric! Installation of officers may take place sometime in the non-covid future. Stay tuned...

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Swedish Calendars and Yellow Peas

If you would like to purchase a Swedish calendar this year, please contact Elisabeth by phone, email or text before **December 11**. The calendars are usually around \$10.00 each - depending on how many we order. If you have already ordered one from Elisabeth, no need to call again!

Also, there are some yellow peas leftover from ScanFair last year. If you would like some, contact Elisabeth about the peas as well.

Phone: 360-828-5678

Text: 503-913-2607

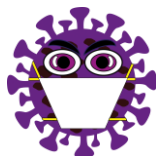
Email: mendenhall8778@comcast.net

Around Town with our Members:

The **Alan and Nancy Tuttle** family have a new family member! A little puppy dog named Nicky, two months old. He is bringing much happiness and joy to everyone.

To celebrate **Andy Toth's** 85th birthday, his family rented a house in Depoe Bay on the Oregon Coast. It was so much fun to have the whole family together, even for a few days. Weather was fine; no wind and only a few drops of rain now and then. We were able to eat some good fresh fish for dinners. Took long walks, at least the younger members of the family did. We stayed close together, trying to avoid any crowds of people.

Glenn and Jan Ekberg report they are doing well, only tired of staying home most of the time. Not surprisingly, every lodge member who was called feels the same and looks forward to days with less restrictions and easy gatherings again.



Ulla Hanson is beginning to feel better, and getting stronger. Her leg wound is healing but still requires a change of dressing twice a week. Erik Thorin has been a very good helper, assisting with transportations to and from the clinic.



Our deepest condolences to **Astrid Hanke** and her son Lenny. Astrid's daughter Ellen, who lived in Boulder, Colorado, passed away unexpectedly last month after a short illness. It has been a very difficult time for Astrid, her son and many friends in Portland.

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More:

Around Town with our Members:

Condolences also to **Abbe MacFarlane** and her family, following the death of her father, who lived in Arizona. Abbe was able to go to Arizona and visit her dad for four days in October. The visitation restriction at their retirement facility was lifted on October 1st, after locking down in March (days before Abbe's originally planned visit.) She will always be grateful for that visit.

Craig and Elisabeth Mendenhall enjoyed their Thanksgiving feast with a brined turkey and all the trimmings, as well as two kinds of pie at home by themselves. It was decided that that would be the safest thing to do with the spikes in the virus. They have now been eating leftovers for a while with a little bit of pizza in-between. Their trip to AZ in December was cancelled due to safety concerns and they both felt good about not going although the report was that PDX was pretty slow. Looking forward to Christmas with kids and grandkids but we will see.....?

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Thanks to this month's newsletter contributors: Barbro Curtis, Teri Davis, Elisabeth Mendenhall, Nordic Northwest, Charlie Tohlen and Margot Toth. The deadline for the **January 2021** newsletter will be **Friday, January 1, 2020.**

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