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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,

I'm writing to you this time on Hallowe'en, a beautiful fall day, with colorful leaves on the ground and few remaining on the trees, decorations on most of the nearby houses, and a few kids playing outside the window. It seems so normal... but tonight, Ann and I will be distributing candy via a six foot long plastic tube (nicely decorated, naturally!), if any trick-or-treaters show up. But of course, they and their parents are probably making some adjustments this pandemic season as well.

As does Harmoni Lodge. With Teri Davis at the controls, we've had two meetings now in America's most common virtual format, Zoom, which have gone well and given us a chance to keep in touch in an engaging but very informal manner. I think we should expect to continue meeting this way at least some months into the New Year, as getting our covid vaccine shots still seems to be a ways off. That said, the sooner we can get back to holding normal meetings, the better. What would that feel like, being all together in one room at the same time?

Now November is historically one of the lodge's three busy months: There's our regular meeting, Thanksgiving happens, the lodge anniversary rolls around, and it's time once again to elect leaders for the coming year. This year the regular meeting will be virtual, during which we will conduct an over-the-wires election for the 2021 lodge officers; best wishes to all for warmth and comfort on Thanksgiving (you're on your own there!); and ideas are currently being kicked around for an anniversary event, in some remote format. Let me note at this point that anyone not currently in office but who would like to be is heartily encouraged to make themselves known! Please contact Elisabeth Mendenhall or Astrid Hanke, who comprise our Nominating Committee.

Closing this message, here is my wish list: That you all continue in good health, that you enjoy a happy Hallowe'en and a wonderful Thanksgiving, and that I get to see a host of you the next time we Zoom.

In Truth and Unity,

Charlie



Calendar of Events:

Nov. 6 Friday Night Lecture: 7:30p
(Fri.) *Growing Up in Sweden – by*
Marianne Bratt
On-line w Zoom or In-Person

Nov. 15 Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting
(Sun.) **Zoom Meeting 4:30p**

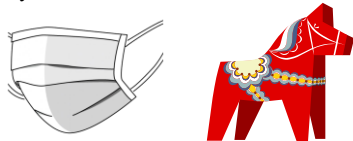
Nov. 29 Harmoni Anniversary Zoom???
(Sun.) **Zoom Dinner at your house???**
Details to follow...

Dec. 20 Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting
(Sun.) **Zoom Meeting 4:30p**
See set-up instructions on Page 3

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Covid-19 Procedures

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our lives and continues to spread. Please remember to: Keep your distance, wash your hands, and remember to 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 community.



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Friday Night Lectures?

Nordic NW continues to try to schedule live lectures for Nordic cultural education. They will offer 'Growing Up in Sweden' on Friday, November 6, presented by Marianne Bratt. You must register to listen (via Zoom) or attend In-person. Free for NNW members, \$5 for non-members. Check out the new procedures on the NNW website:

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



(Though our family would not attend in-person, we will cozy up to the computer on Zoom. ed.)



November Happy Birthdays!!!

6 Barbro Curtis
7 Judy Rust
10 Teri Davis
17 Carina DeJager
19 Roger Carlson
19 Doug Hanson
29 Don Tohlen
29 Andy Toth

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. *(Here's hoping for a monthly meeting eventually...maybe we should try this at a Zoom meeting...ed.)*

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Zoom Along with Harmoni!

Harmoni Lodge has entered the Zoom era. Thanks to member Teri Davis, our Zoom coordinator and meeting guru. Here are her November 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.

Once you get to Zoom you need to enter your name and the Meeting ID. 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!

Topic: Harmoni Lodge (Teri Davis) Zoom Meeting
Time: Nov 15, 2020 04:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82542523443>

Meeting ID: 825 4252 3443

(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 there soon!



ScanFair 2020 Revisioned

Nordic NW is moving ScanFair onto the virtual stage, and Harmoni will unfortunately not participate this year as a lodge. You can participate personally though, virtually. Per Nordic NW: ScanFair 2020 will be comprised of three different elements, including a ScanFair exhibit, a ScanFair guide to the Nordic Holidays (including recipes, how to's, articles, and more!), and finally a ScanFair online market which will be running from November 6th to 15th and November 29th to December 6th!

This first market begins on Friday, so check it out at: www.nordicnorthwest.org/scanfair

We'll see you in person at ScanFair 2021.



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Lodge Officer Election Coming!

Nov. 3 is past but the election season is just starting to heat up! Harmoni will elect its officers for 2021 during our November meeting. As is now becoming usual, the meeting will take place over Zoom courtesy of magic and the expertise of Teri Davis. She will also orchestrate the election process. If you've missed out on participating in our last two remote meetings, let this be the lure that gets you on-line. And if you would like to be considered for any of the lodge officer positions, please let Elisabeth Mendenhall (503 913-2607) or Astrid Hanke (503 253-8249), our Nominating Committee, know.

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Around Town with our Members:

Joyce Nielsen emails:

We just returned from a very short two week visit to our Yuma vacation home. We were pleased to have my eldest son and his wife (Ron & Rhonda Dent) spend a week in Yuma. They stayed at a nearby RV park but came to see us every day as that was the purpose of their trip. They live in Gatesville, TX, and with the corona virus restrictions all over, they decided it would be a shorter trip to visit us in Yuma. They spoiled us completely as Rhonda made dinner for us every day they were with us and cleaned up the kitchen and dishes as well.

While in Yuma my right hip started hurting so we decided to come back to Beaverton. Visited the ER and it was discovered I have Sciatica which is quite painful and doesn't involve the hip at all. I have been prescribed Prednisone and am taking Tylenol. I should be feeling better quite soon.

Due to the corona virus it is difficult to find restaurants that are still in business so I made sandwiches we ate at rest stops along the way, and had homemade soup that we heated up every night in the microwave at the hotels where we stopped. As usual, we only spent two nights on the road, arriving in Beaverton on the third day in the late afternoon.

No more trips planned for a while.

Fond regards to all,

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On our last Zoom meeting, there was some concern about *Ulla Hanson* and news of a recent fall she experienced. A quick call after the meeting, and Ulla said she is much better now, but she did have 15 stitches in her head, and a blood transfusion as well. Those stitches should be removed by now. Best to Ulla!

It was great to see *Elisabeth Wallberg* on our last Zoom meeting, and to hear of her latest mushroom hunting expeditions!

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Thanks to this month's newsletter contributors: Teri Davis, Elisabeth Mendenhall, Joyce Nielsen, Nordic Northwest, and Charlie Tohlen.

The deadline for the **December 2020** newsletter will be **Friday, December 4, 2020**.

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See You There!

