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VASA Order of America - Harmoni Lodge # 472

Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month 4:30p (But - 1/12 in January!)

(Light Refreshments at 4pm)

Hollywood Senior Center

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President's Message:

Dear Harmoni Members,

Gott Nytt År till alla medlemmar!

I hope all of you had a good Christmas and my best wishes for a happy, healthy 2020.

It seems like the time leading up to Christmas is busy and hectic and then in this country it is all over on December 26. My neighbors had their Christmas lights down a couple of days after Christmas and then it is back to shopping. Couldn't find a parking place at Fred Meyer on 12/26 to pick up some milk. In Sweden we enjoy the Christmas tree, candles and special music until the middle of January. I complain about this every year and you would think that after 50 some years in this country I would be adjusted. Guess not.

Harmoni will have a meeting on January 12 which is the **second** Sunday because the senior center was already booked on our regular date. This time we will do a regular meeting which we don't seem to do very often anymore. We need to do nominations and elect new officers as well as installation of a new member. I have not heard if any of the officers want to give up their positions or we will just re-elect the current officers. I am hoping that someone will take over as chairman. I have had that position for several years and feel we need someone with new ideas and new leadership. At this meeting we should also talk about what we want to do for fun this coming year. Is it time for a crab feed again? Any ideas for programs or speakers?

The League of Swedish Societies has been talking to Nordic NW about the Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park and the League will not partner with Nordic NW for this event any longer. To me it is sad that it has come to this, but I think the League made the right decision. The League will instead sponsor their own midsummer at a different date. There are still a lot of things to decide about the League midsummer and we will talk about some of them at our meeting.

Seems like ScanFair was a long time ago but this is our first newsletter since then. I really appreciate everyone who came to help, whether it was for just a few hours or 3 full days. It's amazing how well it goes when everyone chips in. I think we may want to make a few changes next time, but we will discuss that in the fall. Profit was up a little from 2018 and we did not have too much left of pea soup or hot dogs. Whatever we have left will be used to feed us at our upcoming January meeting. Please bring appetizers and desserts to share!

In Truth and Unity,

Elisabeth



Calendar of Events:

Jan. 11 Auditor's Mtg: 10am
(Sat.) **Charlie & Ann Tohlen's home**
474 NE Hazelfern Place Portland 97232
(All Financial Officers,
Trustees and Auditors attend)

Jan. 12 Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting
(Sun.) **Hollywood Senior Center - 4p**
Installation of Officers
Dinner: Swedish Yellow Pea Soup
Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share!

Feb. 16 Harmoni Bus/Social Meeting
(Sun.) **Hollywood Senior Center - 4p**

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Harmoni 2020 Dues are Now Due!

Judy Rust, membership coordinator and Financial Secretary wants to accept your 2020 dues. You can either give them to her personally at an upcoming Harmoni event (like the January meeting) or mail them to her at (her **NEW** address):

Judy Rust
8603 SE Causey Ave. Apt. 315
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Annual dues remain at the same \$30 per member level.

Judy reminds us that all dues were due on January 1, 2020. Time to pay up! Thanks!

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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.

(Next chance at our January 2020 meeting! 1/12/20 ed.)



January Happy Birthdays!!!

9 Charlie Tohlen
11 Kristi Johnson-James
11 Marta Smith
17 Mindy Sue Carlson
20 Harvey Edmark
27 Astrid Hanke

Ja, må du leva! Ja, må du leva!

Ja, må du leva!

Uti hundrade 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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Harmoni Sweets for the Swedes

Craving something good to eat???

Check with **Nancy Tuttle** to sign up for your favorite month/celebration event in the coming Harmoni year. Give her a call at: 503 659-4027 to schedule (Birthday? Anniversary?).

It's even more fun to host with a Harmoni friend!



2019 Installation of Officers

Harmoni will install our 2020 slate of officers following the business meeting and before our dinner on Sunday, January 12 at the Hollywood Senior Center. So, Officers: wear your elegant black and white clothes for the formal picture to follow! And don't forget to smile!



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Meeting Schedule: January 12

Meet at Hollywood Senior Center:

3:00 pm	Set up tables
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Officers meeting - (everyone is welcome to attend)
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Social time
4:30 pm	General meeting & Officer Installation
5:30 pm (approx.)	Dinner Swedish Pea Soup Potluck Appetizers And Desserts



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Swedish Yellow Peas, Anyone???

We still have some whole yellow peas left over from ScanFair if you would like to buy a bag and make Swedish pea soup at home using that leftover ham bone from Christmas. Call Elisabeth (360-828-5678) and the peas will come to the January meeting. 2lbs for \$4.00.



(I recently noticed 1 lb packages of Swedish Yellow Peas (Lars brand) available at Edelweiss Deli in Portland for \$2.50...Harmoni's price is better! ed.)

Auditing of the Books - (Harmoni's)

Harmoni's financial officers will meet on January 11 at 10 am to audit the books. All financial folk are requested to be present; Treasurers (Andy, Glenn), Financial Secretary (Judy), Auditors (Janet, Marjorie, Astrid) and Trustees (Carl, Hans, Glenn). Our Secretary (Abbe) should also be there. Ann and Charlie have offered us their home for this meeting; 474 NE Hazelfern Place, Portland 97232. Please call Ann (503-236-0200) and let her know if you will or will not be able to attend. (This year the Hollywood Senior Center would have charged us to use their space for the meeting.)



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A New Address for the Thompsons!

Marian and Carl will complete their move from their long-time home to their new apartment in Tanasbourne (Hillsboro) on January 7th.

Please note their new address in your roster:

Carl & Marian Thompson
1950 NE 102nd, #150
Hillsboro, OR 97006



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Around Town with our Members:

It's been a rough holiday for the Toths.

Margot ended up with a bum knee following ScanFair, and then contracted a virus and ended up with pneumonia over Christmas.

Andy wrenched his shoulder, and is still pretty uncomfortable. Geez – here's hoping for a better 2020!

We received the following email from Marian Thompson about their big move:

“Hi and Happy New Year!!!

Carl and I are moving on Jan 7th to The Springs at Tanasbourne, 1950 NE 102nd, #150, Hillsboro, 97006. We are moving from our 4 bedroom home to a 2 bedroom apartment (one bedroom to sleep in and one bedroom to share as an office). We are on the first floor with a 7x14 patio facing a courtyard with a view of lovely bushes and a garden setting. So, since the beginning of December, we have been focused on dramatically downsizing. We have been taking books, dishes, small furniture and stuff to the Springs each day and having dinner there almost nightly. Fortunately our son, Erik and his wife, Ann have purchased a 5 bedroom home in Corvallis and they are happy to take much of our furniture. Our new home has several restaurants with surprisingly tasty food, an exercise gym with exercise classes, covered parking for my convertible, a heated pool and classes, weekly housekeeping, lots of activities and programs. We are also walking distance to a grocery store, many restaurants, a TriMet bus stop and malls and shopping.

We will be selling our home sometime in March or April. That will enable us to spend time sorting all the stuff we have accumulated over the 42 years we have lived in our home and that will not fit in our apartment.

We are just a few blocks off the Sunset Hwy at SW 185th— where Hillsboro abuts Beaverton. Once we are settled we hope folks will come and visit and of course we will look forward to Harmoni activities and seeing our friends at Harmoni.

Marian”

It’s been a month for emails – the following is from member **Elisabeth Roeder**:

“Wouldn't you know it!

My friend Velma and I had just performed in the Las Vegas Accordion Orchestra in October.

We decided to go traveling and ended up in Santa Fe, a beautiful town with lots to explore.

In the morning, I slipped in the bathtub. Hurt the ribs and my knee, and my wrist on my right hand.

Nothing broken, but I still can't play the accordion - lots of pain.

But nothing can stop us! We went North from Santa Fe up to Mt. Rushmore. And then we continued up to Columbus, ND.

Columbus is a very small area 7 miles south of the Canadian border. It’s very cold there.

We put on almost 5000 miles in less than 2 weeks.”



There was also an email from member **Joyce Neilsen**:

“We were in Yuma again this Fall for only a month, returning to Beaverton in time to have Thanksgiving in Vancouver with my daughter and son-in-law and their family. We also spent Christmas Eve with them. For a change, we gathered at 1:00 p.m. for a light meal. We were home by 4:30 p.m. and had our traditional rice porridge that evening. Christmas Day the left over porridge was put to good use for Kaare’s favorite Norwegian rice cream. I merely added some chopped almonds and whipped cream to make a yummy dessert. Also did red sauce which is poured over the pudding before it is eaten.

(Joyce's email continued):

Delicious and very rich! Our family members had other plans for Christmas Day, so we were home alone, but enjoyed the many phone calls we received from family members who live in other parts of the country.

Today is New Year's Eve, and we are at home. In years past Kaare would be playing for a New Year's Eve dance, starting at 9:00 p.m. How things change. We are in bed at 9:00 p.m. now.

We will be returning to Yuma sometime after January 20, hoping to stay for eight or nine weeks.

We wish all of our Harmoni friends a very Happy New Year!"

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Nordic Home Shop to Close

Sorry to report that Susanna Krizo will be closing her Nordic Home store, located at 2000 NE 42nd, in the Hollywood district. Her shop has sold Scandinavian candies and products for just a little over a year. Until she closes on 1/21, there are many bargains on some lovely items. We will miss her.

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Midsummer will be Different in 2020

Come to the Harmoni meeting and learn about the changes to Midsummer, and how it might affect Harmoni's participation at Oaks Park this coming June. Rather than being a League of Swedish Societies co-sponsored event, Oaks Park Midsummer will become a Nordic NW event, and Harmoni may become just a food vendor for the day. Changes are afoot!

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What's Up for 2020 at Harmoni?

Time for some yearly planning. Is there anything you'd like to do with Harmoni friends this coming year? Put on your thinking caps and give it some thought.



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Thanks to this month's newsletter contributors: Elisabeth Mendenhall, Joyce Neilsen, Elisabeth Roeder and Margot Toth. The deadline for the **February 2020** newsletter will be Friday, February 7, 2020.

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