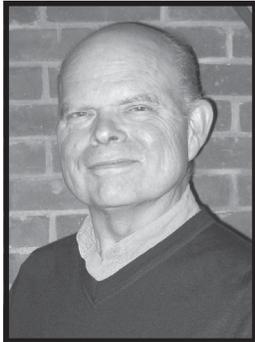




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International Order of Runeberg Supreme Board President's Message



The IOR Board wishes our members in Canada, Finland, and USA a *Merry Christmas, and for 2014, a Happy New Year!*

Finland's Independence Day:

As I write this on December 5th, it's appropriate to mention Finland's Independence Day, celebrated on December 6th. The President of Finland, Sauli Niinistö, in a message to Finnish expatriate communities points out that Finland's Independence Day is celebrated in Finnish homes and communities around the world. It is fascinating to note that our organization's namesake, Johan Ludvig Runeberg, is closely tied to the celebration's candle lighting tradition. From Wikipedia: "It is traditional for many Finnish families to light two candles in each window of their home in the evening. This custom dates to the 1920s, but even earlier, candles had been placed in windows on the birthday, February 5th, of poet Johan Ludvig Runeberg as a silent protest against perceived Russian oppression. A

popular legend has it that two candles were used as a sign to inform young men on their way to Sweden and Germany to become jägers (Finnish: Jääkäriliike—volunteers trained as elite infantry to enable Finnish sovereignty) that the house was ready to offer shelter and keep them hidden from the Russians."

An innovative project:

Through my son, Davin, I learned of a very interesting project / adventure. His good friend Jenny O'Connell is hiking across Finland (the long way) to retrace the steps of Petronella Van Der Moer, who, in 1949 hiked north from Helsinki. A book, an opera, and a musical have been written in Finnish about Petronella. Jenny's goal is to create her own adventure and share what she found through writing. You may be most interested in Jenny's project fundraising methodology—

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God Jul Och Gott Nott År

From the Supreme Board & Michigan Resident Agent

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2014 is our Convention year

The International Convention is coming up next year in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. This means several things. The lodges will need to select delegates to the convention. An example of the delegate's credential form will be in the next two issues of the *Leading Star*. Also, lodges need to write any resolutions to the Constitution and Bylaws. These must be completed in time to be submitted to the *Leading Star* for publication in the March issue of the paper. For delegates from the U.S., a passport is now required for travel to and from Canada.

Please note the 2014 scholarship application on the back page and the fact that the scholarships have been increased to \$1,000.00. The application is available online at www.orderofruneberg.org. And remember that the application must be received by April 30. Please allow plenty of time for mailing.

—DH

International Order of Runeberg Supreme Board President's Message

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she's using "Kickstarter" (web-based way to fund creative projects). Amazingly, in the short 18 days since the project's posting, Jenny has raised \$12,260! You may learn more about Jenny and her project by: (a) doing a web search that includes the words "Finding Petronella Kickstarter", or (b) click on the link provided at our IOR website, www.orderofruneberg.org

In need of our attention:

In previous "President's Message" columns I've mentioned that we all need to address our declining membership. The need is demonstrated again by the recent communications received from our San Francisco and Seattle Lodges informing us that they are disbanding December 31. I believe:

- Putting in a strong and concerted effort to attract new members is required to increase lodges' membership.

- Methods proven to increase membership include: (a) direct contact—calling people, (b) strong programs that attract membership, (c) emphasis on programs to attract younger members, (d) focus on future activities, rather than past activities, (e) Finnish films, (e) dinners, (f) newsletters, and (g) an active rolling calendar.

- Utilizing your lodge's web page (every lodge has a page) can be a powerful "tool" to enhance your lodge's visibility. Email or call me with the information you'd like posted (such as meetings schedule, meetings locations, special activities, etc.). For members of Lodge #124 (Vancouver, BC) contact Shea Teixeira, who does an excellent job of maintaining the Lodge #124 web page.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year,*

Stew Lyons



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**Highlights – International
Order of Runeberg Supreme
Board Teleconference – Skype –
October 20, 2013, 4:06 p.m. PDT**

Attendance: 7 present +
Leading Star Editor

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:
US Bank \$8,609.56
UBS CD \$60,142.45
Money Mk. \$4,207.97
Total: \$72,959.98

Scholarship Fund: \$1,411.00. It was voted and approved that the scholarships to be given out in April of 2014 be increased to \$1,000.00 per recipient.

Leading Star – Papers mailed = 212 U.S., 43 Canada, 18 Finland, and 8 are e-mailed. The new format is working well.

Website traffic is down 5.4%. 4,000 visited site so far this year to October 2013.

Convention news – A committee has been formed and is in the process of planning. All suggestions are welcome. Lodge #124 received seed money of \$1,000 to help with Convention expenses. This was acknowledged and gratefully received.

Constitution and Bylaws are now available in Word format. All Resolutions must be published in the March and June issues (2014) of the *Leading Star* in order to be presented at the Convention. A Constitution and Bylaws booklet will be decided upon after the 2014 Convention.

Discussion re: the change of name from Security Lodge member to possibly Associate member. Tabled.

The International Supreme Board voted to assist each of the 5 Lodges who were having IRS issues. Each Lodge having difficulties would get a onetime assist with a \$400.00 grant.

Sadly, the Board received notification that the Seattle and San Francisco Lodges will be disbanding at the end of 2013.

Stew Lyons gave notice that he would not run for office for a second term as did Janet Anderson. Stew is willing to keep the website going as Web Master.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m. PDT

Submitted by *Annabelle Kergan*

*Season's greetings
and best wishes for the
New Year!*

Alfred Nelson,
Lodge #126,
Coos Bay, Oregon



Tacoma #106
wishes everyone a very
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!

*We wish everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year*

Dale and Mary Lou Hjort



Genealogy Corner

The Christmas season in Finland begins on the Saturday before Advent, known as Little Christmas. This is the day the Christmas lights are turned on. Offices hold parties and in the homes families set up a little Christmas tree with little gifts for the children. Advent wreaths are hung on the doors of apartments and houses. These customs date from the end of the 19th century. In Sweden the Advent tree has been used since the 1870s.

The Swedish-speaking population observes Lucia's Day on December 13. The public Lucia procession has been held in Stockholm since 1927, but did not come into custom in some parts of Finland until after World War II. Since 1950 Finland's largest Swedish-language newspaper has organized a public vote and collection for a young girl to bear the name Lucia. The winner is carried in a procession at 6 p.m. from Helsinki Cathedral to Finlandia Hall where she is crowned. In family celebrations, a daughter appears dressed in white and wearing a crown of candles, serving coffee and pastries in the morning.

In the countryside Christmas preparations begin on December 9, Anna's Day. During the Middle Ages the "Peace of Christmas" was proclaimed on December 21; the custom has now been changed to Christmas Eve. Christmastide lasted from Christmas Day to St. Knut's Day. Presently, it ends with Epiphany on January 6, as in the South Scandinavian and German tradition. The celebration of the



June Pelo,
A Dedicated Genealogist

Christmas Traditions in Finland

birth of Christ has replaced the pre-Christian festival of the return of the sun, the dead, and the end of the crop year.

Food was important in Christmas festivities in olden days. Christmas rice pudding and lutefish are still popular. The most important element of the meal is the eating of ham, which originated in pagan times. Presently, turkey has become more common. Going to church early on Christmas morning is part of the Christmas tradition in Finland and Sweden, but not in Denmark and Norway.

Some of the old Christmas ornaments used to decorate the home are still used today, such as the carved wooden Christmas cross and the Christmas mobile made of straw. Christmas straw used to be strewn on the floor of the home, but

no longer. Straw was also spread over the church floor in the 19th century, but the custom has ended.

Christmas customs changed a lot since the latter half of the 19th century. The biggest changes are Christmas presents, trees, Santa Claus and his little helpers. During the 18th century, presents were left outside the door or thrown inside the houses in town. The custom spread to the rural regions of western Finland at the end of the 19th century, but it didn't reach Karelia until the 1920s and 1930s.

Wealthy people in town had Christmas trees from the 1820s on and the rural parsonages of south and central Ostrobothnia had them from the 1850s. Most of the population adopted the Christmas tree in the 1870s. During the 20th century, the tree became widely known due to Christmas festivities in the schools. There was a public outdoor Christmas tree in Tampere in 1894 and in Åbo in 1900. Since the Second World War, the custom has been adopted by most towns.

Christmas presents are brought by Santa Claus. "Old Father Christmas" is the German figure of St. Nicholas, who didn't become widely known until the beginning of the 20th century. He was already distributing gifts among the townspeople in the first half of the 19th century. His little helper originated in the 1880s and was shown on Christmas cards sent out at that time. During recent years, Santa has been assisted by one or more helpers wearing long red caps.

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Christmas Past

My first Christmas, 1939, I was 9 months old. My father and sister Marita went to "Famos", my father Carl's family home, on Christmas Eve. I was running a high fever so my mother and I stayed home at "Havis." She had one small candle lit on our tree, blankets covered our windows, a blackout; this was during the Winter War. Mamma sang me a Christmas song, "Nutendas Tusen Jule Jus." This was repeated every Christmas. Usually, I was ill—earaches, fever, etc.—what was going around ... I had it. The Christmas I remember most was in 1945. I was not sick, at least not enough to stay home, but Mamma still sang for me and I joined in. That Christmas my cousin Goran and I got toy saws, real wood saws, but toys. I sawed the leg of my "Gutta Gub." My cousin was found under the Christmas table trying to saw off one of the legs. In "Oravais" men go around and play Santa and his helper. Presents are put in a sack out on the porch. They come in and play the part—pass out the gifts. Their pay for this is usually a "Suppe" each, but by the time they got to "Famos" they were "happy." One leaned in his chair went over backwards rolled into "Faston." Farbro "Albert" helped them out.

When we got to America, we were in New York during Christmas season. I said to Mamma, "America is a very rich country."

She replied, "Why do you say that?"

"Jull Guben is on every street corner and he gives everyone candy."

Roger Gustafson
Tacoma Lodge #106

International Convention News August 15 and 16, 2014

We have had our first committee meeting in preparation for the upcoming convention. The hall has been booked and preliminary plans are underway. Details are coming together in a comfortable fashion. Here are a few ways that you may personally begin your preparations for the upcoming event.

All U.S. visitors will require a valid passport when entering Canada. You do need time to allow for processing. Please check your paperwork and give yourself enough time to apply if you do not currently hold a valid passport.

Resolutions that need to be presented at the Convention need to be published in the 2014 March and June issues of the *Leading Star*. If your lodge has Resolutions to be presented, now is a good time to start preparing them. This is also an excellent time to give consideration to whom your Lodge will send as a delegate to the Saturday meeting.

We will require several positions to be filled at the Supreme Board level. At the moment, we will be looking to elect a new President and a new Secretary. It is hoped that all Lodges will consider putting forward names for the two current positions that will be vacant. The Supreme Board requires your input and your leadership.

The Convention will begin with Registration on Friday afternoon and early evening of August 15. This will take place at the Scandinavian Community Centre. Registration will also be a time to connect with others who are arriving on Friday. At that time you will be able to pick up your Convention package. Lodge #124 members will be there to greet you, to assist with questions, and to help you with anything that you may require. We want your visit to be a pleasant one.

Saturday attendees will be hosted with lunch, mid-day snacks, and, of course, the evening banquet. As we approach the date, we will be asking you to let us know if you have specific food allergies or special dietary needs.

The registration fee will help to cover expenses. It is tentative that the cost for registration will be \$60.00. If an adjustment is needed, we will give adequate notice of any changes required. Sunday has not been booked at the Centre, but we are looking into a no-host breakfast at a local venue.

Information regarding accommodations will be forthcoming in the March issue of the *Leading Star*. We have 5 or 6 available places in Burnaby and are working to see if a package can be arranged with any of the local hotels for group bookings. The closest hotel to the Centre is the Delta Villa Inn. It is located next to a casino so for those so inclined it might be a diversion of sorts. For those traveling without vehicle transportation, we are hoping to provide transportation to and from the venue if you book into a Burnaby hotel or motel.

In January we will be asking all lodges to do an informal survey of members who will or are tentatively planning to come to the Convention. A member of the committee will be contacting each lodge to get a head-count so that we will be best prepared to serve you. This number will give us a more realistic number in order for planning purposes. We are looking forward to your visit.

Fraternally, *Annabelle Kergan*



LODGE NEWS



Lodge #8 Dollar Bay, Michigan

Here are some pictures from the recent Halloween Party held at Lodge #8 in Dollar Bay for consideration for an upcoming *Leading Star*. This has been an annual tradition for many years.

We had a good turnout of members that dressed for the occasion and thought it might be of interest to the other Lodges. We all vote for our favorite costume or group theme and give a gift certificate from a local restaurant to

the winner. We also have a member who likes to carve pumpkins, which he donates and we auction off as a small fundraiser (\$28) for our Lodge.

Submitted by *Jay Ringler*
Treasurer, IOR Lodge #8



Members of Lodge #8 - Note pumpkins in the back. The carver is Bob Ziennick in black cap holding the pumpkin with a face.

*Goldie Locks and the 3 Bears -
Stephanie LeClaire (guest),
Steve LeClaire, Cheryl LeClaire,
and Bill Endress*





LODGE NEWS



Lodge #8 Dollar Bay, Michigan



*The Skipper and Gilligan -
Charlie and Kristen Kariainen*



*Viking and Vampiress -
Tom and Renee Ozanich*



*Duck Dynasty -
Brad and Jill Banfield*



Hot Dog - Joanne Greub



*Vampires - Dennis and Bev
Schmitz (contest winners!!)*



*Rooster Cogburn and Eula - Jay
Ringler and Peggy Busser*



LODGE NEWS



Lodge #205 New Haven, Connecticut

New Haven Lodge #205 enjoyed our annual “Fall Hike & Potluck Dinner” on Saturday, September 28. As shown in the accompanying pictures, we hiked the Branford Trolley Trail—A spectacular walk that included salt marshes, Thimble Islands views, trolley bridge, bird watching (i.e., many egrets), and Branford Harbor’s many quaint scenes. Decades ago, a trolley regularly traveled along this route. You may view this article’s pictures in color at the Lodge #205 web pages on the IOR website: <http://www.orderofruneberg.org/lodges/l205newhavenct.html>

Additional lodge members and family joined us for the second portion of the event, the Potluck Dinner, wonderfully hosted by Klas & Dottie Bjork. These additional members and family included Doug Davies, Liisa Lindholm, Roy Kosonen, Donna & Tim Connell, Ken & Christine Bjork.

My apologies for not taking pictures during the Potluck Dinner. I must have been sidetracked by all the delicious main and side dishes, salads and desserts provided by our hosts and all our member attendees.

Submitted by *Stew Lyons*

Fall Hike & Potluck Dinner



Estuary tidal area looking out toward Long Island Sound (beautiful picture taken by Lodge #205 youth member Aaron Garnett)



View from hiking trail of estuary, harbor & Thimble Islands



Lodge #205 hikers on the Branford Trolley Trail bridge



LODGE NEWS



Lodge #205 New Haven, Connecticut

Fall Hike & Potluck Dinner



The Branford Trolley Trail brought us to Branford Harbor, overlooking the Thimble Islands.

From L to R: Aaron, Noora & Jamie Garnett, Dottie Bjork, Kirsti Langbein, Robert Berke, Klas Bjork, Christian Bjork, Jason Garnett, Stew & Kaarina Lyons, Tuula Berke, Inke Sunila



The elegant Great Egret is a dazzling sight. These are large birds with impressive wingspans. They hunt in classic heron fashion, standing immobile or wading through estuaries to capture fish with a deadly jab of their yellow bill.



On the Branford Trolley Trail, hiking across a large estuary.

On left, front to back:

Jason Garnett, Inke Sunila, Noora Garnett, Dottie Bjork, Kirsti Langbein, Klas Bjork

On right, front to back: Christian Bjork, Aaron & Jamie Garnett, a nice hiker that joined our hike, Robert Berke, Kaarina Lyons



View from Branford Harbor dock: Thimble Islands & beyond to Long Island Sound



LODGE NEWS



Lodge #106 Tacoma, Washington

The month of October has flown by—and it seems that turning our clocks back has shortened the daylight hours. It's been rainy and dark in the morning and by 4 in the afternoon it was getting dark. Oh, well! By March 9 we go back on "Spring Forward" unless my 2014 calendar is off.

Our October meeting was well attended. There were 33 members present and the tables were colorful with all types of decorations.

Birthday people present were the following:

Oct. 5 Shirleyanne Sargent

Oct. 6 Ray Thompson

Oct. 7 Eileen Scott

Oct. 21 Marie Cain

Oct. 29 Erica Sargent

October anniversaries:

Oct. 15 Roy & Martha Cederberg

Oct. 30 Jim & Marita Agnew

Month of November is here, and those having birthdays are:

Nov. 14 Eeva Kaija LaLone

Nov. 16 Laura Jensen

Nov. 21 John LaLone

And our next meeting of this year will be Dec. 7, a Saturday. The hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Birthdays in December are the following people:

Dec. 5 Diana Nelson

Dec. 14 Larry Sandell

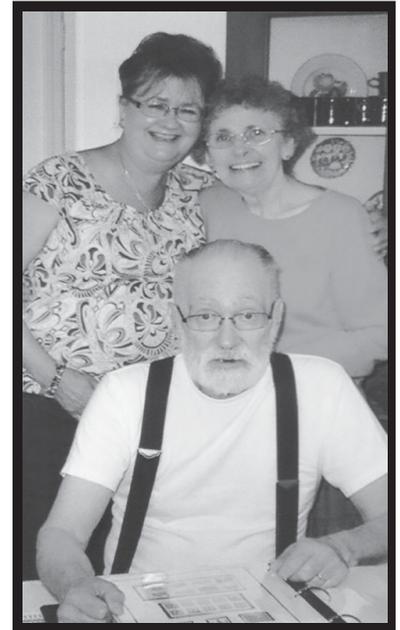
Dec. 31 Carina Mohammadi

Unbelievable how fast this year has gone by!!

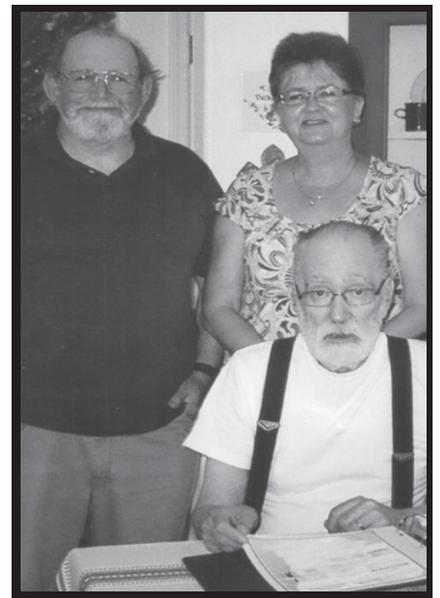
Keep in mind to pay your dues in December, please, and hopefully will have a good turnout, also.

I'm sure Elsie got some special ideas for each table and perhaps will have some singers to entertain us also. See you then.

Marita Agnew,
President of
Tacoma Lodge #106



"Småkusiner" Monica, Marita, and Jim—Marita's Jim! Enjoying the lunch and the beautiful flowers also—and lots of laughter. July 17, 2013



At the Agnews' on July 17, 2013, Jim and Monica, and Marita's Jim enjoying lunch and a good visit.

This is "the Captain of the Ship" Jim Ramsey who was missing from the picture in the September issue article about the Tacoma lodge picnic at Clear Lake.





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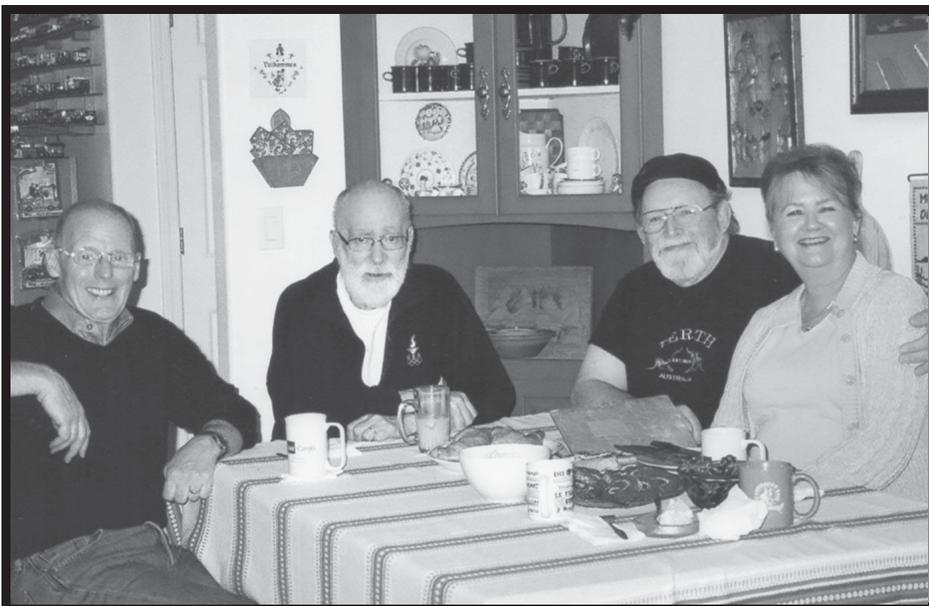
Lodge #106 Tacoma, Washington



“Early morning” brunch get-together at the Agnews’. Lots of laughter together with our friend Brian Magnusson. It was fun to hear about his busy schedule here in the U.S.A., and also we enjoyed seeing pictures from his daughter’s wedding in Sweden and much more.



October 30, 2013, Jim and Marita Agnew celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary. Many remembered us with phone calls, cards, and our dear neighbor and family came over with 9 roses and took this picture plus other photographs of us.



Well, it’s getting a little late for this happy gang here at the Agnews’. My Jim is making some cute remark as I back up a little farther. Okay, folks, we best hurry on over to the Runeberg meeting before the food is gone. Brian is joining us and we look forward to next year. Keep in touch! Hello to the family in Sweden.

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website:
www.orderofruneberg.org**



LODGE NEWS



Lodge #106 Tacoma, Washington



All lined up here for a quick picture one morning. My sister-in-law Inez Morach from Oak Harbor, Washington, is on her way to Eugene, Oregon, to see her little grandsons. Then it's me, Marita, Tacoma O.R. President Lodge #106, and my loving daughter Karlyn Andreassen, a member of Tacoma Lodge #106, who came by to see her aunt Inez and also pick up an old Oravais folkdräkt that had belonged to Marita's aunts when they were young—something we treasure very much.

This little Halloween Couple have been around quite a few years—greeting all the special sweet and cute little children in our special neighborhood when they came “Trick-or-treating.” It's so special to hear them say, “Thank you,” and some even say, “Have a Happy Halloween,” and it's so cute when they even tell about who helped them make their costumes.



“Happy Halloween” October 31, 2013. Baby Mason is wide awake now. Daddy Jason has made all the costumes and things for them all with the help of Rachel (Mom). We just love this nice and loving family who checks on us quite often.



Resolutions

Lodge #126 Coos Bay, Oregon

It is with deepest sorrow that we report the loss of our lodge sister

Geraldine Elizabeth Dower

who passed away on June 21, 2013, at the age of 92. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Geri was born in Portland on November 11, 1920, to Chester and Florence (Hanson) Moffitt. Geri grew up in North Bend and graduated from North Bend High School in 1938. In 1939 she married her high school sweetheart, Clarence Downer. They were married 73½ years.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church since she was 8 years old. She played the piano for the church choir. Her love of music and family was shared with all those she came in contact with.

Geri was a member of the Order of Runeberg till her death. She and Clarence came to all our activities, picnics, parties, and dances. When asked to play the piano for lodge meeting, she was always willing.

Just recently, Geri and Clarence moved to Corvallis, Oregon, to be near family.

She is survived by her husband Clarence; two sons, Jerol (Shirley) of Des Moines, Washington, and Ken (Susan) of Corvallis, Oregon; and three grandchildren, Debbie (Bob Mitzel), Karen Downer, and Brian Downer; six great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

The members of Lodge #126 extend their deepest sympathy to her family. Geri will be greatly missed.

Resolution Committee:

*Gary Robinson
Heidi McCarthy
Clara Robinson*

Lodge #126 Coos Bay, Oregon

It is with deepest sadness that we report the loss of our lodge brother

Henry Erickson

who passed away at the age of 93, on June 27, 2013. No service was held for Henry.

Henry was born on October 27, 1919, in Marshfield, Oregon, to Pete and Tekla Erickson. His father was a machinist and his mother was a homemaker.

Henry graduated from Marshfield Senior High School. He became a machinist and worked until his retirement.

He married Audrey and they had one daughter, Linda. Henry played the accordion and Audrey played the piano. Henry joined the Runeberg Lodge in 1970. He was very active playing his accordion for our dances and meetings and in the parades the lodge participated in. He did many projects working with wood. He was active in the community and played for the senior citizens dances. Later, he moved to a retirement home where he played in their jug band till he became ill.

Henry is survived by his wife Audrey and his daughter Linda.

The members of Lodge #126 extend their deepest sympathy to his family. Henry will be greatly missed.

Resolution Committee:

*Gary Robinson
Heidi McCarthy
Clara Robinson*



Lodge # 124 Vancouver, B.C.

It is with sadness we report the loss of

Karl John Kecklund

who passed away November 21, 2013, after a brief illness.

Karl was born February 19, 1927, in Finland and came to Canada in 1951. He married Elsa and they had 3 daughters.

He worked for the City of Vancouver and belonged to the Order of Runeberg Bowling League for many years. He was a lodge member for 42 years.

Karl is survived by daughters, Karla, Karen, and Karel; 6 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandsons; also his longtime companion, Ragni Sundvick.

A celebration of Karl's life was held at the Chapel of Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Burnaby, B.C., on November 29, 2013.

Resolution Committee



*SFHS member and volunteer,
Judi Miller*

Leading Star People Records

Judi Miller, member and generous volunteer of Swedish Finn Historical Society (SFHS), has completed scanning the obituary records from 5,839 *Leading Star* copies dated from years 1913 to 2006. This required searching each publication issue and scanning the information into a computer data file. The *Leading Star* copies were on file in the SFHS archives. This was a very time consuming task. Thank you, Judi!

The next step is to build the scanned records into a database that will be available on the SFHS website.

Submitted by *Lee Thompson*
Lodge #106, Tacoma, WA

Cooking Conversions

For us who are using both our old Scandinavian cookbooks and measurements, here is a good suggestion from Tacoma #106 member Martha Cederberg:

Oven Temperatures:

American – Scandinavian

225° F	110°C
250° F	120°C
275° F	130°C
300° F	150°C
325° F	160°C
350° F	180°C
375° F	190°C
400° F	200°C
425° F	220°C
450° F	230°C
500° F	260°C

American Scandinavian

1 pound = 16 ounces	= 454 grams
1 ounce	= 28.35 grams
1 quart = 2 pints	= 9.5 deciliter
1 pint = 2 cups	= 4.75 deciliter
1 cup = 16 tablespoons	= 2.4 deciliter

Rye Bread / Swedish Limpa

1 liter buttermilk	= about 2 pints
800 grams rye flour	= 3.86 cups rye flour
800 grams all-purpose flour	= 3.86 cups all-purpose flour

1 tsp. salt

3 tsp. yeast = 3 grams yeast

2 deciliter Waconia Sorghum syrup

Add: Anis & Fennel for flavour

Dissolve the yeast in lukewarm water and add a little of Farin sugar.

Bake for 1 hour at 375 degrees.

This recipe was given to me from Anna Sundsten-Sjöberg in Cravais, Finland, and given to Tacoma #106 Order of Runeberg member Martha Cederberg.



Fluffy Pancakes from Finland

1¼ cups all-purpose flour

¼ tsp. salt

2 Tbs. cardamom

¼ cup sugar

2 cups milk

2 large eggs

3 Tbs. unsalted butter

lingonberry jam, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Whisk together flour, salt, cardamom, sugar, milk, ¼ cup water, and the eggs in a large bowl. Let stand, covered, for 20 minutes.

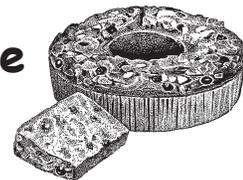
2. Heat a 12-inch cast-iron skillet in oven for 10 minutes. Melt butter in skillet. Pour in batter, bake until puffed, about 25 minutes.

Cut into wedges, serve with jams.

Suggested by Tacoma Order of Runeberg member, Martha Cederberg

Apple Coffee Cake

Makes 6 servings or more



Ingredients

5 cups tart apples, cored, peeled, finely chopped

1 cup sugar

1 cup dark plump raisins

¼ cup vegetable oil

2 tsp. vanilla

1 egg, beaten

2½ cups all-purpose flour, sifted

1½ tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. ground cinnamon

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°

Lightly oil 13-by-2-inch pan. In a large mixing bowl, combine apples with sugar, raisins, mix well. Let stand 20 minutes. Stir in oil, vanilla, and egg. Sift together flour, soda, and cinnamon. Stir into apple mixture about one-third at a time. Pour mixture into pan. Bake 35–40 minutes. Cool cake slightly before serving. *Enjoy!*

Top with Cool Whip or ice Cream.

Sent in by Marita Agnew, President of the Tacoma Lodge #106

Dolby Surround Sound had Finnish roots

Any time you go to the movies, turn on the CD player, or watch TV you will likely come into contact with the life's work of Ray Dolby. You may have seen the words Dolby Sound so many times you don't even notice it.

But did you know Ray Dolby, who died early this year at age 80, was a Swedish Finn with roots in Terjärv and Kaustby?

From 1949–1952 Ray Dolby was employed by the Ampex Corporation. During 1952–1957 he was engaged in the development of the videotape technology. In his spare time he studied at Stanford University. He moved to Cambridge University, where he got his doctorate in physics. In 1963 Dolby accepted a UN commission to India. He returned to London in 1965 where he founded Dolby Laboratories, and in 1974 the company headquarters moved to San Francisco.

Dolby, an entrepreneur and inventor, revolutionized music and movie sound technology. In excess of 850 million Dolby licensed products have been sold all over the world. More than 29,000 movie theaters employ the Dolby Digital Surround Sound system.

Dolby has about 50 patents and thousands of trade names assigned to his name.

Lots of honors have been bestowed on Dolby. He received Oscar, Emmy, and Grammy awards. In 1997 President Bill Clinton awarded him the National Medal of Technology. Dolby received an honorary doctorate from Cambridge University and the University of New York.

Ray Dolby was born in Portland, Oregon, on January 18, 1933.

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Many Christmas entertainments were concentrated in the older tradition on St. Stephen's Day. He was the patron saint of horses, so it was an old tradition to put some money in the church donation box in Central Ostrobothnia in 1680 and the men could hold a party and drink a St. Stephen's toast in the stables and go for St. Stephen's Day horse rides. In the towns 'star boys' (stjärngossar – Swe. – tiernapojat – Fin.) went from house to house carrying a star and singing. In the rural areas during the 19th century, Christmas games were held. This involved people dressed as masked animals such as a cuckoo, wolf, cow, sheep, etc. In western Finland there were processions of masked figures on St. Stephen's Day (Dec. 26) and St. Knut's Day (Jan. 13). The participants were usually young and they sang in return for beer or coffee. The only Christmas play is "The Star Boys" which was originally performed by teenagers. This tradition, which came from Sweden at the end of the 18th century, is still alive.

Today the main features of Christmas are the Christmas meal on Christmas Eve which is a family affair, the Christmas tree, gifts, the Christmas sauna, cards and decorations, and Santa Claus if there are children. Christmas is also publicly celebrated by attending church and placing candles on graves.

New Year celebrations are now part of a general tradition. There are celebrations with music, speeches, and toasts. Families still cast molten tin in a pail of water in order to obtain information about the future. This is a custom known by the gentry since the beginning of the 18th century and also observed at All Saints Day and on Christmas Eve.

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