



Finnish Center Association

# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

January 2021

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The January newsletter is coming out early because there are procedural items requiring notification in preparation for the annual meeting in February.

December is quiet this year with so many cancellations due to COVID 19. It was so sad not having our Independence Day Gala Celebration and missing cake day while watching the gala in Finland. I hope you were all able to commemorate the Independence of Finland in your own way. It was challenging to come up with a safe and meaningful celebration for the Finnish Center, so we decided that luminaries would be a treat. We lined the driveway and around the sign with 100 luminaries. Such a delightful evening it turned out to be. David Sharpe with his garden club crew did a wonderful job with the lights and I have to say it was pretty indeed. Jim Lee was asked to place an appropriate message on the sign which made it complete. To top the day off the board sponsored a day of music on the radio with messages about the Finnish Center and Independence Day. Thanks to all the helpers and visitors, it made for a nice day.

As we contemplate a new year at the Finnish Center we are anxiously awaiting a vaccine. The year 2021 promises new things for us. When we come back together old relationships can be rekindled and new friendships made. There is so much to be learned and experienced. New programs will bring laughter and joy again. The Finnish Center is a great place to get together and share ideas.

At this time of the year I wish you good health and much happiness. I am speaking for the whole board with good wishes and thank you for your patience and understanding! Happy New Year!

Mary O'Brien

### FCA ELECTION NOTICE 2021

Election at the Annual meeting on  
February 21, 2021 at 3 pm.

The FCA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill three positions on the FCA Board of Trustees. Members running as candidates need to submit short biographies (250 words or less) by January 22, 2021 to the Finnish Center Association, attention Nominating Committee Chair.

Biographies may also be submitted via email to [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com).

If you have any questions, please email the FCA at [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com) or (248) 478-6939.

Please consider serving the FCA as a leader in one of these positions.

### FCA SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING CORPORATION

#### NOTICE

We are seeking candidates for three Board of Trustee positions to be elected at the Annual Meeting on February 21, 2021 at 1 pm. If you are interested in participating as a member of the Board, forward a short resume (max 250 words) including your birthplace, your formal education and professional background as well as explanation of how you would contribute to the Board.

To be received no later than January 22, 2021 at:

FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corporation  
Attn: Secretary  
35200 W. Eight Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335

**GENERAL MEETING**

January 10, 2021  
Meeting via Zoom

Per Health Department restrictions  
If you want to participate in this meeting, contact the FCA via phone or email with your name and email address.

**2021 POKER DATES**

March 25-28  
May 13-16  
Sept 30- Oct 3

Thursday/Friday  
10 pm-6 pm  
Saturday/Sunday  
6:30 pm-2 am

For more information contact  
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**Officers**

Mary O'Brien, Chairman  
Cynthia Haffey, Vice Chairman  
Christina Lovgren, Treasurer  
Linda Poirier, Secretary & Asst. Treasurer

**Board of Trustees****1 Year**

Irene Lamanen, Linda Poirier,  
Roger Wanttaja

**2 Year**

Cynthia Haffey, Sherrill Tedford,  
Austin Strobridge

**3 Year**

Kathryn Hill, Mary O'Brien,  
James Lee

**Alternates**

#1 Ed O'Brien  
#2 John Hookana

**Financial Review**

Paul Rajala  
Annikki Kurvi  
Roger Wanttaja

**Committee Chairpersons****Building & Grounds**

Roger Wanttaja

**Cultural**

Yvonne Lockwood

**Education**

Ilona Takakura

**Finance**

Mia Lamminen

**Gift Shop**

Mary O'Brien

**Mailing**

Alice Manley

**Membership****Publicity & Publications****Ed O'Brien****Social**

Mary O'Brien

**SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING CORPORATION**

Olli Lamminen, Chairman

**Tapiola Village**

Laura Fultz, Manager

(248) 471-3802

tapiola@ameritech.net

**Freedom Square**

Theresa Show, Manager

(248) 442-7250

We are seeking volunteers for the  
nominating committee  
Chairman for the Annual Meeting in  
February

Please call Mary O'Brien at  
(248) 478-6939  
or (248) 895-3231 ASAP  
Thank you!



December 5, 2020

Luminaries line the driveway  
to the Finnish Center to  
remember those that lost  
their lives fighting for  
Finland's  
Independence.

