



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.

If you have any questions, please email the FCA at 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.

