



*Photo: First gathering under the new Board. Speaker Dennis Swinford, Eila, Sally and Christiana Buckbee.*

### **THE BOARD 1989**

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The Annual Meeting of the Ladies's Club on January 23rd 1989 was chaired by Mrs. Ruth I. Willow, administrative Counselor of the US Embassy in Finland. She also addressed the members with an interesting lecture on the Embassy's various functions. According to her, the 350-year celebration of friendship between the US and Finland in 1988 was a big success. In the meeting a new Board for 1989 was elected and will be presented on pages 2-4. The meeting also acknowledged the many years of work Mrs. Ulla Savojärvi has dedicated to the Ladies' Club and nominated her as the Honorary President of the Ladies' Club.

Ladies' Clubin 23. tammikuuta pidetyn vuosikokouksen puheenjohtajana toimi Mrs. Ruth I. Willows Yhdysvaltain suurlähetystöstä. Hän piti myös mielenkiintoisen esitelmän suurlähetystön moninaisista toimista ja totesi maiden välisen ystävyysvuoden olleen suuri menestys. Vuosikokous kunnioitti Ulla Savojärven monivuotista työtä Ladies' Clubin hyväksi valitsemalla hänet kerhon kunniapuheenjohtajaksi. Kokouksessa valittiin kerholle myös uusi hallitus. Sivulla 2-4 esittelemme kerhon uudet toimihenkilöt ja omassa puheen-vuorossaan uusi puheenjohtaja Eila Kaarresalo-Kasari kertoo esittelyn li-



*Eila*

I'm Eila Kaarresalo-Kasari, the new President of the Ladies' Club, filmmaker by profession. My best known film "Finnish Frustrations" (Ampumarata) has won several prizes and has appeared in many womens' film festivals around the world. I have lectured extensively in the United States and in Finland about womens' rights, sexual inequality, and the status of Scandinavian women. I hold a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the City College of the City University of New York. My husband, Dr. Heikki J. Kasari, Ph.D. is a Communications Adviser for the Finnish Broadcasting Company and we have a daughter, Melissa, age 9.

American jazz has been my hobby since childhood and my ultimate dream has come true now at this late date and age when I got to be a vocalist in City Jazz Band, where my husband plays tenor sax. (Iris Rautio-Mäkinen, our new hostess, is a professional singer, an excellent one, I rank as an amateur). If you see me walking in the city with a clearing saw, don't be surprised, I am going to work in my woods, my hobby too.

New York City was my home for 11 years. During those years I developed a great respect and love for the United States. I learnt to value the very principles, on which the State of America was established; freedom, liberty, equality and democracy.

I grew to admire the American way of life, in which such characteristics as individuality, relaxed atmosphere, informality and the sense of humour play an important role. These above mentioned principles and characteristics from the New World, from the other side of the Atlantic, I hope to bring with me into the activities of the Ladies' Club.



I believe in people-to-people diplomacy. By meeting people from foreign lands we learn to accept and understand foreign people and their cultures. We grow as human beings. Each one of us can strengthen the ties between Finland and the United States. Every person is important, every member is a VIP. We need all of you. We want to keep our old, faithful members, but we also want to extend our hand to you out there, somewhere, to our new members. If you are a busy working woman or perhaps, an American married to a Finn, or a Finnish-American who has returned to Finland, or a Finnish lady interested in the United States, or someone who has frequently American visitors, or perhaps you are a cosmopolitan, a world traveller, or just someone who wants to practise your English we want you.

Let's make the Ladies' Club a big happy group where there are no borders between nations nor languages nor ages, and where excitement and enthusiasm prevails. We have a good new board, (we honor the old

board for its marvellous work) which is eager to start working, so come along, join us. Now!

Jokainen jäsen on tärkeä ja voi antaa oman panoksensa myös Ladies' Clubin toimintaan. Vanhojen jo pitkään toiminnassa olleiden ohella toivotamme myös kaikki uudet Suomi-Amerikka-Yhdistyksen jäsenet tervetulleiksi Ladies' Clubin toimintaan. Kaikki mukaan! Tehkäämme kerhostamme iloinen, innostunut joukko, jossa ei ole raja-aitoja, ei maiden välisiä, ei kielellisiä, eikä iästä johtuvia. Sinua me etsimme!

**Come along, sign up for our activities — now!**

*Sally*



My name is Sally M. Snow. I was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, USA. However, I have lived in the southwest part of the United States for many years. I have two children, boy and girl, who still live in Phoenix, Arizona, USA. I was in the foreign service many years ago and decided to come back to government work about 1 1/2 years ago. I was assigned to Helsinki in December 1987 and expect to be here for another two years. I am enjoying this part of the world and expect to learn more about Finland and its people and customs through the Ladies' Club, which I am enjoying immensely.





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Vasemmalta Heikki Kasari, Ladies' Clubin puheenjohtaja Eila Kaarresalo-Kasari ja suurlähettiläs John Giffen Weinmann.

Mukana olivat myös SAYL:n Liittovaltuuston puheenjohtaja Ritva Lampainen, Matkailukerhon puheenjohtaja Mauri Mäkinen ja SAYL:n puheenjohtaja Aarne I. Välikangas.

# LADIES' CLUB

## Modern woman

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Professor Elina Haavio-Mannila and Filmmaker Eila Kaarresalo-Kasari will lecture about woman's career and her erotic aspirations on Thursday, September 21st 6—9 p.m. at America Center, Kaivokatu 10 A.

An interesting discussion is expected, since members of The American Women's Club are invited to join us. New members are warmly welcomed, too. And men, if you think this doesn't concern you, you are wrong. Please come!

Sign up at Helsinki chapter's office, tel. 440541, by the 15th of September. But to be sure to get in, since space is limited, do it today! Admission is 10 FIM, which includes refreshments.

**Let's improve our quality of life!  
Let's have more fun!**

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# LADIES' CLUB

## APRIL BRUNCH

Our traditional American Brunch will be served *on Sat. April 13 at 12 noon* at American Embassy Club, Itäinen Puistotie 14B. The menu includes delicacies from champagne to bacon and eggs.

Mrs. VIRGINIA WEINMANN, the wife of the United States Ambassador, will tell about her experiences in Finland.

Musical Doctors H. Kasari and J. Pietilä will fill the air with American melodies of the past.

Tickets 110 FIM are on sale at HSAY office, Arkadiank. 35, tel. 440541. To avoid lines at the embassy gate, be prepared to show your I.D. card.

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# THE LADIES' CLUB IN ENCHANTED WOODS



The birch grove behind us was planted with the assistance of President and Mrs Koivisto in 1984.

The weather gods smiled and the countryside blossomed in a hundred lovely shades of green on May 20th when the bus chartered by the Ladies' Club for their spring excursion arrived at the Haapastensyrjä Forest Tree Breeding Centre in Läjliäinen, near Hyvinkää. The sunny day was perfect for an outing in the woods.

We were welcomed by Forester Jaakko Napola, who introduced to us the Foundation for Forest Tree Breeding and its Haapastensyrjä operations. To start with, we saw a very interesting film on Finnish forest industry and the newest techniques of grafting, planting, harvesting and wood-processing as well as tree nurseries and seed orchards.

Then came the most exciting part of the "lecture": inspection of the magnificent trees in the arboretum — puiden rotupuis-to. Every familiar Finnish tree was there but in new and exciting form. The variety of spruce trees alone was amazing: 100 configurations cross-bred, grafted and cloned from specimen trees. Everyone was captivated by the giant narrow pendula spruce, snake spruce and pine, golden pine and Balkan pine (the latter, also called Macedonian pine, dating from the times of Alexander the Great). Imagination went wild: in moonlight the park would make a perfect setting for ghost stories — or mystery movies.

It was particularly interesting to compare trees planted at the same time but very different in size: a 20-year-old pendula spruce rose 20 m high while a dwarf spruce exactly the same age ba-

rely reached 80 cm. Those with a garden of their own were eager to try new species at home.

The soft golden and red tips of the "strawberry spruce" proved irresistible: they had to be tasted. Indeed, they were delectable and would have made an elegant finish to any salad. — Actually, it was already picnic time and the box lunches brought by all tasted wonderful on the sunny meadow.

The tour was then continued to the nurseries and greenhouses where we learned about the breeding and crossing techniques of conifers and birch and the grafting and cloning of pine and spruce for forestation purposes. It was amazing to hear that a single birch in the orchard could produce enough seeds to plant an area of 100 hectares! The experiments in biotechnology were fascinating: by tissue culture, a tiny bit of a birch leaf could start the growth process of a whole forest.

In these days of growing industrial pollution, a visit to a place such as Haapastensyrjä was really encouraging and refreshing! We are proud and happy to know that Finland is among the leading countries in the world in forest tree cultivation and biotechnology, and that the prospects in these fields seem bright.

Mr Jaakko Napola received a bottle of wine from his grateful audience and will surely hear again from friends of the Ladies' Club: many of those on our bus vowed to spread the word about this marvelous place to visit. For our group, it was a truly wonderful way to spend a sunny Saturday in May.

Text & photo: Liisa Buckbee

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## MR. AND MRS. WEINMANN LEFT HELSINKI



*Mr. John Giffen Weinmann, the U.S. Ambassador has left Finland for Washington where he will be the Chief of Protocol. The LFAS Helsinki Chapter would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Weinmann for their fine cooperation. A group of the Helsinki Chapter activists visited the Embassy in late August presenting Mr. Weinmann with a plate - designed by Finland's former President Urho Kekkonen. From left Veikko Vartio, Ulla Ladau-Harjulin, the Ambassador, Eila Kaarresalo-Kasari, Lauri Kajjansinkko, and Timo Uotila.*

**V**iime numerossa 3/91 kerroimme, että HSAY on valinnut SAYL:n liittohallitukseen ja liittovaltuustoon erinäisiä henkilöitä. Pyydämme anteeksi uutistekstin harhaanjohtavaa muotoilua. Tarkoituksena oli tietysti sanoa, että HSAY:n kevätkokous oli päättänyt esittää asianomaisille elimille määrättävien henkilöiden valintaa.

Katsomme kuitenkin, että jos SAYL:n ylivoimaisesti suurin yhdistys HSAY esittää jotakin jäsenistönsä voimalla kevätkokouksessaan tällaisella päätöksellä pitää olla järesää painoa valtakunnallisellakin tasolla. Muuten ei demokratia toteudu.

**Y**hdistyksessämme on myös käyty sisäistä keskustelua varsin räiskyvin äänenpainoin. Asia saattaa tuntua perin mitättömältä. Kyseessähan on se, pitäisikö