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International Women Associates 2017 Finnish Gala

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# *Suomi Finland 100!*

## **International Women Associates Celebrating Finland**

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

**The Four Seasons Hotel Chicago  
Grand Ballroom**

**Honorary Gala Chairs**

**Olavi Göös, Honorary Consul of Finland  
Katarina Andersson  
Kaarina Koskenalusta**





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RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

May 5, 2017

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone gathered for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual International Women Associates 2017 Gala, *Suomi Finland 100 Celebrating Together!*

Formed nearly 40 years ago in 1978, International Women Associates (IWA) has connected diverse women dedicated to the pursuit of global understanding and universal human rights since its inception. For generations, its distinguished membership – comprised of involved and informed women representing more than 60 countries – has allowed this Chicago-area forum to connect women across borders and across backgrounds. The International Women Associates' collective advocacy and activism rooted in progress makes Chicagoland and our greater community a better place for all.

Both Chicago's greater culture and storied place as a leading global city hinges upon its diversity, inclusion, and open welcoming of new residents and long-term visitors who bring with them a great deal of talents and expertise. IWA's vision to create a more just and peaceful world through fostering mutual respect and understanding is demonstrated through their work with individuals and groups in Chicagoland and beyond. Longstanding, innovative programming and initiatives such as *Culture in a Suitcase* and efforts supporting students in Chicago Public Schools has an immeasurable impact upon families and communities. The global partnerships that International Women Associates creates and sustains enhance the quality of life for all Chicagoans who seek to learn from one another.

Swiftly approaching its milestone 40<sup>th</sup> year, this inspired event commemorates the legacy of IWA while celebrating its ongoing collaboration with multifaceted agencies and organizations. We remember a rich history but we look toward an even brighter future as IWA remains committed to cultural, social, and educational uplift. I commend International Women Associates for decades of connecting and equipping women of all backgrounds to lead and make change together.

I hope you have an enjoyable event. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

*Rahm Emanuel*  
Mayor





# *“Aspects of Self”*



*In what River of Consciousness  
are you flailing around?*

*Flapping your wings? Seeking  
to be aware? Partly at least.*

*Surely we are afraid of the truth. Even you.*

*Moving on, can you acknowledge you have fallen from  
grace? Or would you rather not know?*

*Too painful? Or whatever your excuse is.*

*I see you are vulnerable. Just as I am.*

*Come, let me pick you up and place you in my heart.*

*A tender place*

*Could it be where you surrender and the flailing stops?*

*Joe*

# *Suomi Finland 100!*

## The Evening's Program

- 
- 6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner Seating in the Grand Ballroom
- 7:35 p.m. Welcome  
Doe Thornburg, IWA Founder  
Opening Remarks  
Sevil Kutay, IWA President  
Ambassador Manu Virtamo, Finland  
Olavi Göös, Honorary Consul of Finland  
Katarina Andersson, Honorary Gala Chair  
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Evening Program  
Kristina McMenamin, Gala Co-Chair
- 8:00 p.m. Dinner  
Stuart Rosenberg Music  
Traditional Finnish Songs by Harris T. Covington  
Folkdances by Finnladies of Chicagoland
- 8:45 p.m. Live Auction
- 9:10 p.m. Dancing to Stuart Rosenberg Music  
Silent Auction Bidding and Raffle Continue
- 10:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing
- 11:00 p.m. Silent Auction Bidding Closes
- 11:30 p.m. Silent Auction Checkout Begins  
Dancing Stuart Rosenberg Music Continues

Guests are invited to enjoy music and dancing throughout the evening

# *Menu*

## *Cocktail Reception*

Open Bar

The Four Seasons deluxe collection

### Hors d'Oeuvres

Fresh and Smoked Salmon Rilette, Potato Cup, Caviar

Mini Meatballs with Lingonberry Sauce

Mushroom Flatbread, Truffle Guda Cheese, Chive Oil

## *Dinner*

### First Course

Baby Beets, Lolla Rossa Lettuce, Banon Goat Cheese,

Caroline, Moscato Vinaigrette

### Entrée Choice

Pan Seared Filet of Beef, Morel Mushroom Sauce

Yukon Potato Mousseline

Baby Fennel, Carrots, Turnip, and Rutabaga

or

Pan Seared Salmon, Dill Beurre Blanc; Dill Garnish

Sunchoke Potato Puree

Baby Brussels Sprouts, Turnip, and Rutabaga

or

Morel Mushroom Risotto with fresh Peas

or

Gluten-free option

### Dessert

Blueberry and Almond Galette, Ginger Cookie Crumble,

Blueberry Sauce, Vanilla Ice Cream

Coffee and International Teas

### Wine Service

Hahn Winery Cabernet Sauvignon, Central Coast, California

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#### **Harris Covington...**

Graduating from Northeastern Illinois University as a vocal music education major, Harris Thorpe Covington IV has performed, instructed and directed multiple styles of music in a variety of different contexts, from popular music to classical, folk and bluegrass. Growing up with dual American and Finnish citizenship with strong Finnish cultural roots, he has performed in folk ensembles, choirs, musicals, and specializes in solo vocal repertoire.

#### **Stuart Rosenberg's Music for Celebration...**

Stuart's musical gifts defy categorization. His fluency on stringed instruments (violin, guitar, and mandolin) in a broad range of styles has paved the way for many a musical adventure. There are few musicians who can glide through such an astonishing range of contexts in a single life in music. As a composer, critic, broadcaster and ultimately, as a performer, Rosenberg's ability to draw on a wide world of music in order to make the ultimate human connection has endeared to him to a substantial and appreciative audience.



#### **Finladies of Chicagoland...**

The Finladies of Chicagoland's "Kansan Tanhu" has been dancing around Chicago and the Midwest for over forty-years. This ensemble is purely a social phenomenon that performs regularly at Finnish gatherings and holidays, it is rarely seen in public.

Simply translated, "Kansan Tanhu" just means "Folk Dance". The name is clean and pure, like the lakes and forests of Finland. It is a gentle reminder to all Finns of their roots and home. This is traditional stuff...old dances, music, and hand-loomed dresses from small villages around Finland. All of the songs, dances, attire speaks of home. Over the years, the "Tanhu" dancers come and go. This year's dancers at the 2017 IWA Gala include Raisa Matikainen, Ilona Mansikka, Anne McAlpine, Iida Borges, Emma Malloy, Karen Covington, Harris Covington and Sari Covington.

From the IWA President...

Dear Members and Friends,

Hyvaa Iltaa ja Tervetuloa!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the International Women Associates' 2017 Annual Gala, as we celebrate the accomplishments of exceptionally bright, talented and diverse women of IWA who deeply value inclusiveness and equality, and are fully committed to advancing a world without bias and prejudice. Celebrating Finland's centennial together makes this year even more special. Tervetuloa Suomi Finland Sata Juhlaan!



Thirty-nine years ago, our inimitable and beloved founder, Doe Thornburg, launched us on this journey. Her goal was to promote cross-cultural understanding and cooperation among Chicago-area women of all nations, and she has succeeded. Today, IWA members from 60 countries share her vision for creating a more just and peaceful world. Our Culture and Language programs continue to engage members with educational and entertaining programs. The annual Woman Extraordinaire event honors a woman who has made an outstanding contribution and difference in our world. Our philanthropy initiatives and community service programs have expanded and are already making a difference in the lives of Swift School children, a port-of-entry public school with more than 600 refugee and immigrant students. Our Culture in a Suitcase presentations bring world cultures to Chicago public school classrooms. This year, we will award the Doe Thornburg Scholarship to three more undergraduate women studying abroad.

I extend my deepest gratitude to all the members of IWA for donating your time, talent and treasure, and in particular, to Honorary Chairs Olavi Göös, Katarina Andersson, and Kaarina Koskenalusta for sharing Finnish culture and supporting our mission, and to their Co-Chairs and Gala Committee for creating this all around perfect evening. As you enjoy the menu, music and entertainment with your friends, I hope you will remember that your generosity will enable us to further IWA's mission and philanthropic initiatives and continue making a difference locally and globally.

Enjoy your journey tonight!

Sevil Kutay  
President



HONORARY CONSULATE OF FINLAND  
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#### Distinguished Guests and Members of IWA

On the behalf of Finnish society and Consulate of Finland in Chicago, I want to wish you a warm welcome to this year's International Women's Association gala event, a celebration of Finland's 100<sup>th</sup> year of independence. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to join this event! "Yhdessä" in English, "together" is the theme word for this year, which has been evident through all the gala preparation. Working together with IWA members has been refreshing and exciting.

Finland is regarded today as a highly-industrialized country. The good education system, strong social network and stable government are well known all over the world. They are providing a good basis for diversified industries including forest industry products, high technology, consumer and investment goods for our global market. The advanced innovation ecosystem has created an expansion of digital service industry companies in Finland. We are happy to see that some of them have already established operations here in Chicago.

Finland is what it is today because of our people- we value equality and education. These are the basic values of the Finnish society. Everyone has been part of the development from the very early state of the independence. Finland would not have been as successful as we are today without the input of working women.

Let's celebrate Finland's Independence! Enjoy the Gala!

Olavi Göös  
Honorary Consul of Finland  
Chicago, IL  
Honorary Gala Chair

Katarina Andersson  
Honorary Gala Chair





Excellencies, distinguished members of the Consular Corps, and dear friends: Tervetuloa!

I am delighted to welcome you to Suomi Finland 100: Celebrating Together! Tonight's celebration is sure to be memorable with such a distinguished gathering of leaders and luminaries from all around this great world. Thank you for joining us!

As a Finnish-American businesswoman, it is my privilege to serve as the third Honorary Chair of the International Women's Associates 39th Annual Chicago Gala, and to represent the vast potential for private-sector bridge-building between Finland and Chicago.



Finland is a country of thousands of lakes and Chicago sits beside one of the world's greatest lakes! Finland's educational system is renowned for preparing students for life-long learning and for embracing educational best practices, while Chicago boasts an abundance of world-class institutions of higher learning. As a proud product of Finland's educational system, and now a trustee of Chicago's Illinois Tech, I can vouch for the importance of education in sustaining great cultures and societies.

It is no accident that Finland consistently ranks #1 in the world for its outstanding digital infrastructure and tech-savvy society, or that KPMG just ranked Chicago among the world's top-10 emerging tech hubs. Such success results from planning and from commitment to science and education—values that can join Finland and Chicago in partnerships capable of producing nascent technology to impact the world.

It is also notable that today's Finnish celebration is hosted by one of Chicago's prominent women's organizations, IWA. Finland is ranked top in the world in supporting women in business with a very low gender pay gap. IWA's focus on global understanding and human rights links arm-in-arm with these core Finnish values.

Tonight we honor Finland's Centennial of Independence, and I cannot think of a more appropriate place for this celebration than in Chicago... a Great City on a Great Lake.

Nauttikaa! Enjoy!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kaarina Koskenalusta'.

Kaarina Koskenalusta  
Honorary Gala Chair  
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## Welcome to International Women Associates

### 2017 Annual Gala

### Celebrating Together Suomi Finland 100

Tervetuloa! Welcome!

Tonight, International Women Associates welcomes you all to the Four Seasons' beautiful Grand Ballroom to celebrate a century of independence for Finland and the 39th Anniversary of IWA, founded and created by inspiring visionary Doe Thornburgh.

We would like to thank the Honorary Chairs of this year's Suomi Finland 100 Gala—Katarina Andersson, Olavi Göös, and Kaarina Koskenalusta—who have worked tirelessly to promote Finnish-US collaboration for decades in Chicago and have shared their love and passion for Finland with all of us at IWA. We are also greatly honored by the presence of Ambassador Manu Virtamo, Consul General of Finland in New and Mrs. Liisa Virtamo. Special thanks to our American and Finnish corporate sponsors, the distinguished members of the Chicago consular corps, civic and business leaders in Chicago, and IWA members who have joined us tonight for this historic centennial celebration.

Tonight's celebration is the culmination of several pre-gala events that highlighted Finland's versatility and breadth: Finland is a country of incredible natural beauty, a champion of women's rights, a world leader in design and innovation, and a technology hub. We are very grateful to all the presenters who brought Finland to life for our members: Kristiina Hiukka, Honorary Consul of Finland in Seattle, spoke to us on International Women's Day about the evolution of women's rights in Finland through the experiences of four generations of her own family; Terhi Tuominen, Nick Sommers and Rachel Spek showed us Finland's natural gifts from the docks of Helsinki to Lapland in the North and gave us a glance at the pioneering work of Finland's world-renowned architect, Alvar Aalto. We also took in a Finnish film, "Two Nights Till Morning," at the International Film Festival, were mesmerized by Finnish conductor Esa-Pekka Salonen as he debuted his own composition, Cello Concerto, with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Yo-Yo Ma at the Symphony Center, and learned how a Finnish physicist, Dr. Juha Koponen, built the largest online consignment and thrift store in the United States, swap.com.

Last but not least, we want to thank all our generous sponsors and donors who keep supporting us year after year. Our gratitude goes to our beloved President, Dr. Sevil Kutay, for her inspiring leadership; the entire Gala Committee; and to IWA's dedicated staff led by Pilaar Pantoja for their outstanding work making the Suomi Finland 100 gala a memorable historic event and a great fundraising success.

We hope you enjoy this once-in-a-century celebration of Finnish independence with Finnish food, Finnish music by Harris T. Covington and Stuart Rosenberg, and folk dancing by the Finnladies of Chicagoland!

Kippis! Hyvää ruokahalua ja tanssi intoa!

Cheers! Bon appétit and enjoy the dancing!

Gala Co-Chairs

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We fund an 8-week program of coaching and test preparation classes for 5th and 7th graders in addition to funding the skills workshop for all 6th graders and 8th graders preparing to enter high school. We continue our book distribution with Reading is Fundamental giving over 3,000 books to students over the past several years. We sponsor an annual essay contest for the 4th-8th grades which has been incorporated into their curriculum.

Over the last two years we raised funding for the purchase of much needed smart white boards for classrooms, musical instruments so Swift School can expand its music program to incorporate a band for the higher grades, in addition to much needed sports equipment.



IWA's volunteer involvement as tutors and mentors provides significant support to the teachers of the school. Our new mentoring program helps students negotiate the labyrinthine process of applying to the

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### Rise in Performance Rating for Swift School

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## ***Time is the one thing we cannot spend twice.***

Thank you to the wonderful people who have given their time through IWA's Community Service Program in 2016-17. You do make a difference! - Jackie Brennan



### **Reading Day and/or Book Distribution**

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(Rebecca's husband)

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***Your time has been  
well spent!***

\*Also a Reading Night/Book Distribution Volunteer

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**Gloria Nichele-Rosenthal**

*Celebrating Finland Suomi 100*

*Remembering my father, Christian Tötterman,  
who served in the Winter War, and my  
grandfather, Björn Tötterman, who was a captain  
in the Finnish Navy, both of whom loved Finland  
and cherished her Freedom and Independence.  
They would be proud to know that IWA  
is celebrating their country in 2017.*

*Nicola Crowe*







Congratulations to Hon. Olavi Göös  
Katarina Andersson, Kaarina Koskenalusta  
Liza Seppälä Antelo

Nicola Crowe, Elizabeth Jia, and Kristina McMenamin  
and all their committee members  
for this spectacular Gala celebrating

*Finland.*

*I was in Finland for two hours in 1957, traveling by train  
from Russia and on to Sweden on a college summer tour of  
17 countries in 7 weeks. I mainly remember the then-  
newish Olympic Stadium in Helsinki. Clearly a return trip is  
in order to experience all the splendors of Finland that we  
enjoyed learning about in the wonderful pre-Gala programs.*

*Onneksi olkoon!*

Ethel and Bill Gofen



**As we celebrate a century of  
Finnish independence  
We honor Kaarina Koskenalusta  
Daughter of Finland and  
Independent spirit  
Who has achieved great things  
in Chicago!**

**~ With love from your  
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To our favorite Finnish aunt,  
here's to the next 100 years of  
**Finnish independence!**

Love, the McMenamin cousins



*Kaarina and Krissie:  
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We have loved learning about your beautiful country!  
Thank you for all you do to bring cultures together!*

*Much love, Rick and Cindy Schuster*



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So many of us in Chicago are grateful for your long-term mission to bring our two countries together. Largely because of your efforts and example, I've been immensely inspired by Finland's heritage, its people and sense of mission for the future. To another 100 prosperous years!

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Jackie and Howard Brennan would like to congratulate the Co-Chairs and Honorary Chairs of the Finnish Gala on Finland's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence and the opportunity to thank all of the participants in IVA's Community Service, including the volunteers who participated in the book distributions at Swift.

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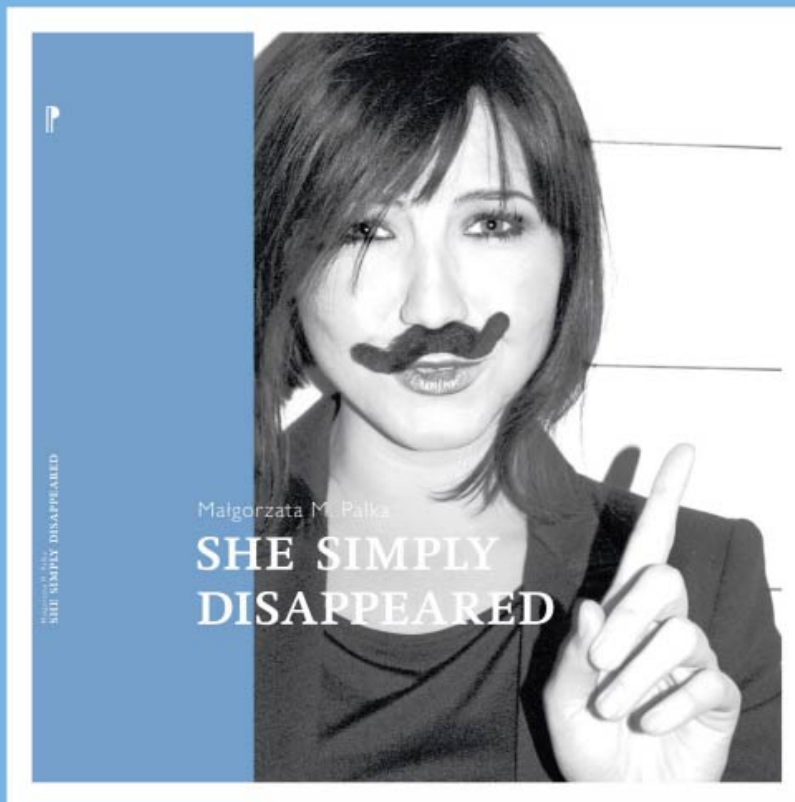
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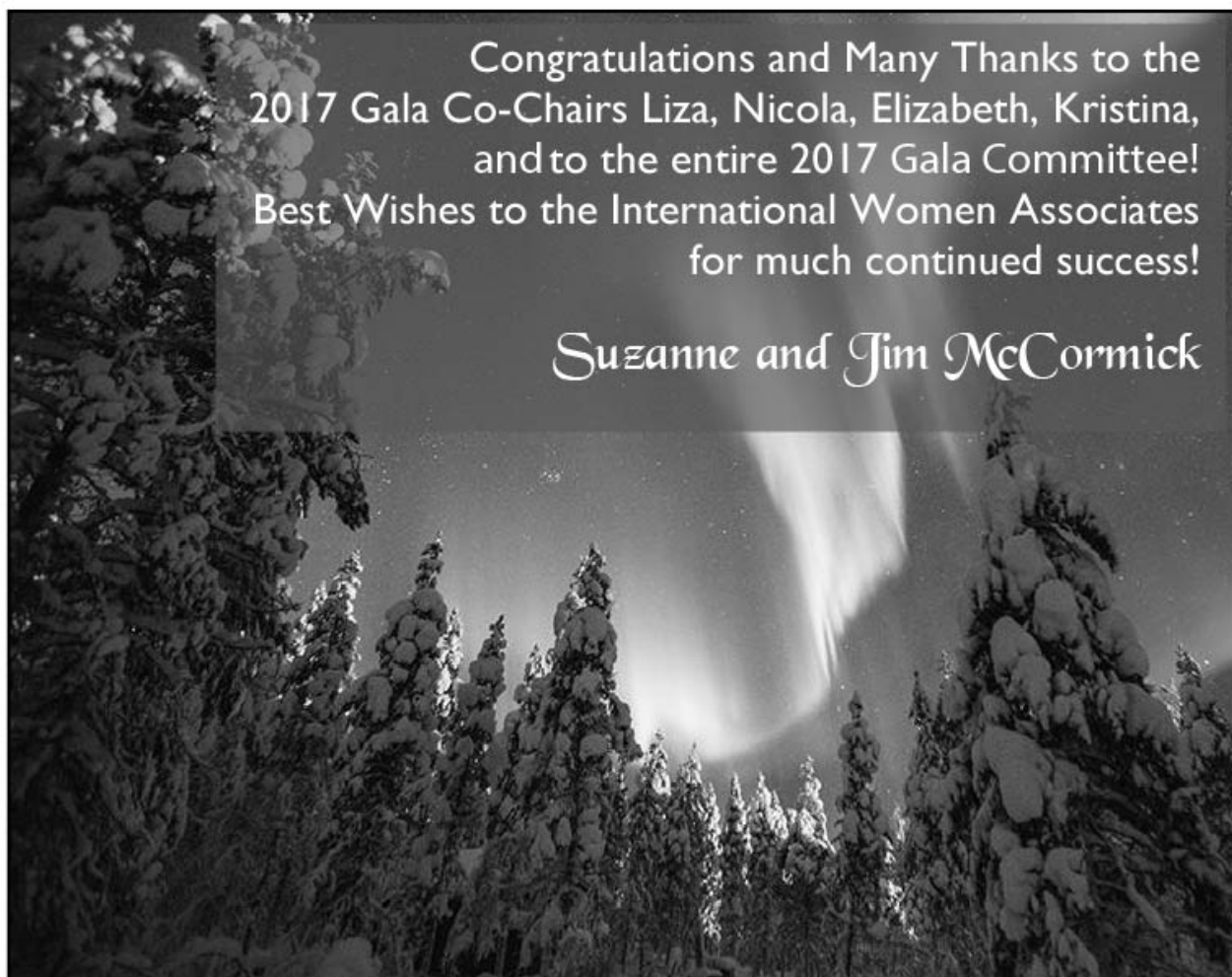


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2017 Gala Co-Chairs Liza, Nicola, Elizabeth, Kristina,  
and to the entire 2017 Gala Committee!  
Best Wishes to the International Women Associates  
for much continued success!


*Suzanne and Jim McCormick*





**The German  
Group  
salutes  
IWA's 2017  
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joins in  
Finland's  
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Independence  
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another  
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# About Finland

Turku, the oldest town in Finland, was established 1309

Member of European Union since 1995 and monetary union (Euro zone) since 1999.

3 official languages: Finnish, Swedish and Same

Economy: slow growth, 1.5-2.0%, reconstruction needed in social welfare system, need to improve export and flexibility in workforce, investments increasing

Population: 5.5 million  
GDP: 245 billion USD  
Area: 130,000 sq mi  
Capital: Helsinki

- Civil war in 1918
- Winter war 1939-40
- Continuation war 1941-1944

Catholic religion came to Finland in 1100-1200 through Sweden, changed to Lutheran in 1500s

Finland was a part of Sweden up to 1809

## Export in 2016

- Forest products: 22.9%
  - Wood, wood products
  - Pulp and paper
- Machinery, equipment: 13.8%
- Electrical equipment, motors, electronic components: 8.5%
- Mineral fuels including oil: 8%
- Iron, steel, basic metal products: 6.4%
- Vehicles: 5.2%
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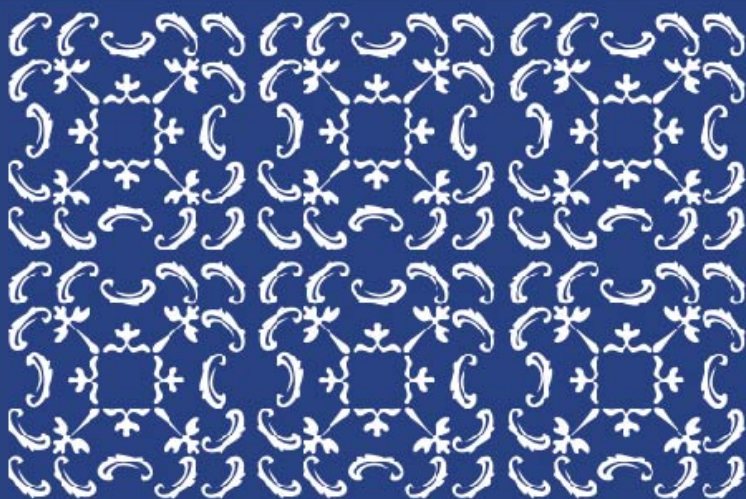
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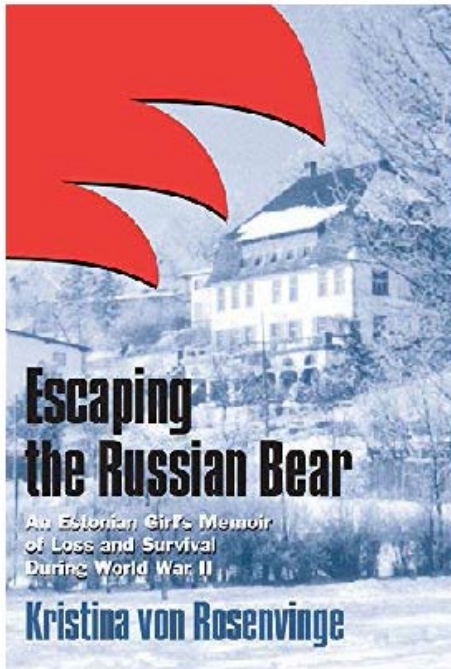
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Doe Thornburg	4	Liza Antelo	19	Beth Gillette (intern)	23
Doreen Feitelberg	8	Nina Lascelles	15	Roya Mehrnoosh	18
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Francine Friedman	9	Semra Prescott	2	Sevil & Begum Kutay	13
Hillary Claggett	14	Sheila Chin	16	Melisa Bulut	25
Jackie Brennan	10	Vickie Kamberos	24	Mary Pantoja	5
Katarina Andersson	1	Trisha Moleskin	20		



# *TWA Blast from the Past*



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# *Guess Who the JWA Member is?*



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# *TWA Superstars*



*Beverly Valentine's Superstar Doe Thornburg*



*TWA Superstar  
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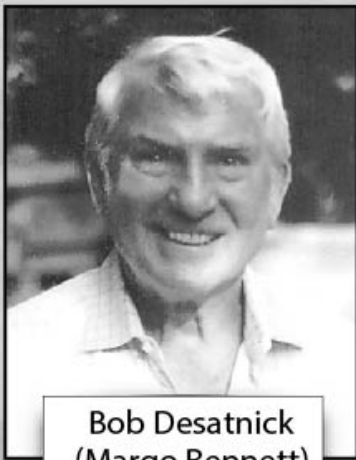


*Ana Pappas's  
Superstars*

*Pilaar Pantoja's Superstar  
Mom Mary*



*Semra Prescott's Superstars Natalie and Nathan*



Bob Desatnick  
(Margo Bennett)



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(Jackie)



Bill Gofen  
(Ethel)



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(Grace)



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(Beverly Ann)



Ian Chin  
(Sheila)



Ed Traisman  
(Adrienne)



Kevin Crowe  
(Nicola)



Osoth Jamjun  
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## *TWA: n miehet*



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(Rose)



Baris Taser  
(Pelin)



Umit Bayvas  
(Nila)



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(Marian)



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Mike Dengis  
(Jan)





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## Hugo Alvar Henrik Aalto (1898-1976)

A genius, father of Scandinavian modernism, architect, designer and city planner...

As a Finnish architect and designer Aalto's work included architecture, furniture, textiles and glassware, as well as sculptures and paintings. He was the first truly humanitarian designer who understood the importance of nature to human beings and whose concern was man and his total environment.

Aalto's creative ideas, designs and philosophy keep on living strongly in numerous architects' and designers' work throughout the world. Frank Gehry, who designed Chicago's Pritzker Pavilion at the Millennium Park, credits Aalto's work for his design inspirations

Aalto was first to make bent wood furniture out of birch plywood. His designs are very simple and it was important for him that they could be easily mass produced.

The image decorating our Suomi Finland 100 Gala invitation and book cover is the aerial view of the world famous Aalto Vase, which has become an internationally known iconic piece of Finnish design. Also known as the Savoy Vase this glassware was inspired by the dress of a Sami woman. Millions have been sold throughout the world, without Aalto ever seeing any proceeds since the rights were sold to someone else.

Aalto means 'a wave' in English and perhaps was partially an inspiration for this vase. He became famous in America after his "Finnish Pavilion" for the New York World Fair won the grand prize in 1938. In the United States there are only a couple of his buildings, one on the MIT campus, where he was a professor of architecture for many years.

If the measure success is what we are leaving behind, then when it comes to Alvar Aalto, he without a doubt succeeded in making a positive lasting impression on this world.