

TITANIC *Cokato*

April 14, 2012

April 3, 2009

Dear fellow supporters of Finnish research and events!

I am writing to you today because I am casting a very broad net to support my continuing Finnish research this Spring and Summer and a great event that is being planned now for 2012 in Cokato, MN. Maybe this request is for you or maybe for someone that you know!

RESEARCH

97 years ago today, on **April 3, 1912**, 52 Finns and Finnish-Americans left the Finnish port of Hanko, boarded the *SS Polaris* for a stop at Copenhagen, Denmark before arriving at Hull on England's east coast. From there, they joined 14 other Finns who were destined to board the *RMS Titanic* in Southampton on April 10, 1912. Who these 66 Finns were and what their stories were is the subject of my continuing research. I was very pleased to begin telling this story as *Titanic's Missing Woman* at the 2008 Duluth FinnFest last July.

2010 EVENT PROPOSED

I proposed a presentation for the monthly FACA meeting (finnfaca.org) in St Paul, MN next Spring, in **April 2010**. We will hopefully work out all the details and make a more formal announcement about this great evening later in 2009. I greatly appreciate FACA's interest.

TITANICCOKATO2012 EVENT

In 2007, when I was contemplating the Duluth FinnFest, I proposed to the Cokato Finnish-American Historical Society to organize a major centennial event in Cokato for Saturday, **April 14, 2012**. The Cokato connection to Finnish-American history and to Titanic history is important. To my great pleasure, the Cokato FAHS readily accepted that proposal and then shortly the Cokato Historical Society also joined on as a sponsoring organization.

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

Let me take you on this continuing "journey!" I am looking for individuals and businesses to sponsor this research and these events. For your generous financial sponsorship, I will:

- Advertise you or a business or organization of your choice on my Finnish Titanic web pages at <http://finn.st/titanic> as well as at my main Finn Street page <http://Finn.St>
- Advertise you or a business or organization of your choice in all my future announcements for the 2010 FACA presentation and the *Cokato2012* event
- Even assist in creating a web site for you or your work, if you have this need
- Of course, respect any request for anonymity, if you wish this

Your generous support will help my research this year by providing for travel expenses, photocopying and photographic costs, computer resources, and other costs related to preparing a documentary book (completion by **April 3, 2011**), a companion CD, an audio CD (possibly by **April 2010**), and finalizing the full presentations for 2010 and 2012.

Read about the on-going planning at <http://finn.st/titanic>.

Kiitos paljon ja näkemiin!



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