

LC Finland HALF YEAR REPORT 2018-2019

Number of Circles: 101
Number of Members: 1544
Areas: 9
Members of the national board: 16



President's motto:



"Love, craziness, drive!"

LCSF year 2018

May

National AGM was held in Tahko 17th - 20th of May. New officers were elected: treasurer, vice president and webmaster. Also 9 area chairmen were nominated. The new national board had its *first organizing meeting*.



June

We had our "*President's bootcamp*" in Savonlinna. In that meeting we had our president Mari (as a hostess), vice president Tea and immediate past president Camilla. The guidelines for the coming year were written.



August

National Board's second meeting in Turku. This was a traditional meeting side by side with the national board of Round Table Finland. New board members were trained and informed. Co-operation side by side with RT-colleagues started.



LCI AGM in Haugesund, Norway

was held in 29th of August to 1st of September. We had altogether nearly 70 ladies from Finland participating to the conference. We enjoyed, had fun and met lots new and old friends! All Finnish ladies were very proud of our dear Anne, as she lead a fantastic meeting as the president of LCI. We also won the attendance trophy again!



September – November

We had our *3rd National Board meeting* in the cruise ship Silja Serenade from Helsinki to Stockholm. In that same cruise ship we had our *national financial AGM* on 14th – 16th of September. In the meeting there were 58 official representatives and all together we had 181 participants. Like last year, TC Finland had their meeting concurrently in the same cruise ship. Although separate meetings we had time together in the evenings.



We had our 9 area meetings during September–November. All of them were arranged side by side with RTSF. We have a tradition of having joint events with two areas in different parts of Finland.

The LCSF official representatives in area meetings as follows:

- Area I** 20.10.2018 Tuusula (P Mari)
- Area II** 20.10.2018 Tuusula (VP Teea)
- Area III** 29.9.2018 Pori (IPP Camilla)
- Area IV** 3.11.2018 Seinäjoki (P Mari)
- Area V** 29.9.2018 Pori (P Mari)
- Area VI** 6.10.2018 Lappeenranta (VP Teea)
- Area VII** 6.10.2018 Lappeenranta (IPP Camilla)
- Area VIII** 13.10.2018 Pudasjärvi (IPP Camilla)
- Area IX** 13.10.2018 Virrat (VP Teea)



In each area the new chairmen for LC-year 2019-2020 were also elected.

As a godmother country, LC Finland was also represented in LC11 Tallinn charter event in Estonia 17th of November.



The *4th board meeting* was in Saarijärvi 23rd – 25th of November, home hosted by LC-111 Saarijärvi. The home hosted meetings are good way to get familiar with old and new circlers and also show circlers what it is working in national board. It is also cost-effective. In this meeting we had time to spend with the hosting circlers and of course we had Pre Christmas parties with a naughty Santa! The party was held side by side with the local TC, RT and OT.



Ladies' Circle Finland's first period of the year has been busy. We have been working hard but also having a lot of fun! The time with national board and other circlers has been full of beautiful memories and laughter! Finnish circlers have been active locally, nationally and internationally. There are many development projects going on in the national board. We have three working groups: marketing group, LC shop group and digitalization group. The groups are developing and working with many issues f.ex. social media, website, Charity March, recruitment of new circlers and marketing. We are also working hard restructuring and recruiting our new LC shop. We are very honored to host the LCI AGM 2020 in Lahti. The conference is going to require also efforts from our national board.



We have a very good side-by-side spirit with our dear Round Table Finland with two board meetings together and the main event for this year will be our AGM 2019 in Aulanko. www.agm2019.fi/en/



We have also worked side-by-side with Tangent Club Finland. TCSF have chartered several new clubs during the year and is growing FAST! We are about to launch a new side-by-side charity product, a luggage tag, to our shops. The profits are going to be donated to the ISP.

This year our national service project is a first time pilot co-operation with a national mental health organization. With this project we're raising funds to support young women's mental health. In to this cause, we are donating the profits from national president's pin sales and from our own charity product, LC bag, sales. The most of our area meeting lottery profits are also collected in to this cause. Our circlers have taken this subject to their hearts and are talking a lot more about how their different situations in life. Several clubs are also doing charity locally in their home towns f. ex. by helping families with lower income to have clothing and hobbies for their children.



All together: LCSF has a great and active spirit. We are looking forward to see the Circler.world getting ready!

Hoping to see you in MTM Klaipeda!

Yours in Friendship

