



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

August 2007

CONGRATULATIONS

In June, Armitage again went to the Livonia Spree with 800 pasties and a Bar-beque Sundae

Last year they received second place – this year they received first place. This positive PR has started to show in an increase in our hall rentals.

Congratulations, Linda and Laura!!

FINNISH CONSUL RECEPTION

You are invited to a reception on Sunday, October 7 from 2 – 5pm to greet Paul Potti, the newly appointed Finnish Consul for Southeastern Michigan.

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

It is time to write up another article for the Finnish Center Newsletter. How quickly the summer months of Kesakuu and Heinakuu go by. When September (Syyskuu) comes everything will be starting up and the kids will be going back to school. This is a good time to promote the "Project Finland" to elementary teachers and to the children near your home. I would like to encourage all of our members to keep this great project in mind. Your input and suggestions to your local elementary school can help to make awareness of this free program about Finnish culture. The many colored pictures make it very interesting reading on a wide variety of subjects about Finland. It is an educational program that is so easy to get to on the internet.

You or your teachers can go to www.projectfinland.org and review the site information. All teachers can download the program and use it in their classrooms.

I am pleased to announce that our Finnish American Singers Group from the Finnish Center Association will be participating in July at Ashtabula, OH for the FinnFest 2007. The Finnish American Singers group have participated in previous National FinnFest Events. Last year it was in Astoria, OR. This will be their 14th year to sing and participate in FinnFests.

By Frank Gottberg Chairman



2007 Volunteer Honorees
Back Row - Matt and Marge Haarala
Front Row - Lillian and Walter Haveri

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10 to 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9pm

Library

Open Mondays 9am to 2pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9am

Study Group

Mondays 1 to 3pm

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Monday

11am to 2pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday 12:30pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9am-12pm

Camera Club

next meeting Sept. 12, Noon

AUGUST OPEN HOUSE

Sundays 1-4pm

- 5 Board, Finance
- 12 Finnish American Singers
- 19 Building & Grounds, Garden Club
- 26 Women's Club, Publicity

AUGUST

- 1 Reg Board Mtg 6:30pm

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Joint Board Mtg 6:30pm
- 7 Cultural Mtg 7-9pm
- 9 Brunch 11:30am-1:30pm
Gen Mtg 2:30pm Lounge
- 13 Informal Finnish
Conversation 11:30am
- 14 Scand Bazaar Mtg 11:00am
Buffet 5-7pm
- 21 Cultural Mtg 7-9pm
- 28 Buffet 5-7pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Reg Board Mtg 6:30pm
- 4 Cultural Mtg 7-9pm
- 5 Flea Market 9am-3pm
- 7 Consul Reception: 2 - 5 pm
- 14 Brunch 11:30am-1:30pm
- 19 Cultural Mtg 7-9pm
- 21 Scholarships 2:00pm

NEWSLETTER ON THE WEB

Receiving your newsletter online will save paper and money. Please see page 11 and tell us if you want to stop the mailed version of the newsletter. It is available on our website (www.finnishcenter.org)

Note, the web version of the newsletter is an Adobe Acrobat format file and requires the free reader program available from www.adobe.com.

If we do not hear from you, we will mail the newsletter to your home address.

F.Y.I.

Hall Rentals Include:

- Weddings
- Showers
- Anniversaries
- Luncheons
- Reunions
- Birthdays
- Scrapbooking
- Yoga
- Communion Parties

Remember the Finnish Center for all of your parties.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

Women's Club Pulla/Nisu sales brought in a profit of \$1,124.00 to the FCA since last September when our Women's Club Secretary, Edith Raski, took over. Edith is to be commended for her careful work in keeping track of all of this. The ladies who usually baked monthly were Edith, Ruth Kaarlela, Dagnie Carlson, Lillian Heikkinen, Hannah Carlson, Lillian Niemi, Charlotte Lytikainen, and Ilene Yanke. Ilene always brought the supplies. Beginning the 4th Thursday of September (the 27th), we'll resume pulla baking from 10 am until 2:00 pm. All FCA members are invited to come to make Pulla/Nisu with us, as long as you have taken the kitchen class.

Ilene Maki Yanke

FINNISH LANGUAGE GROUP

On Thursday, September 13 at 11:00 am, anyone who speaks Finnish fluently, is familiar with the language and wishes to become comfortable in every-day Finnish conversation, is invited to meet at the FCA. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the details of a program in which those who wish to enhance their spoken Finnish will have an opportunity to "hear" the language and to practice their own skills. At that time, the details of the undertaking will be worked out among those who come.

Please attend.

Questions? Phone Maria Hill (248)478-9638

FLEA MARKET

Save Oct. 1st for FCA's Fall Flea Market. Reserve your flea market tables now. Call the office for a reservation form.

PASTIES

The FCA needs more helpers to make pasties and to work in the kitchen. The required sanitation class takes approximately 30 minutes. Your time and assistance would really be appreciated. Call the office to sign up.

NOTES FROM THE SINGERS

At this writing, the singers are rehearsing two more times in preparation for the Ashtabula FinnFest. We will sing two concerts around noon on both Thursday and Friday. The ladies will perform "Pick a Little, Talk a Little" from "The Music Man" wearing their outlandish hats, while the men will chime in with "Goodnight Ladies". We will do Finnish songs and classical music, too.

I have just returned from Finland where I visited with eight groups of relatives and shared music with them. All were familiar with "Sakkijarven Polkka" which, when played, disrupted the frequency waves of Russian radio transmissions, so that the Russians' messages didn't get through. Some knew "Terve oi Joulu". And, of course they knew the standards like "Kesapaiva kangasalla", "Sydameni laulu", "Joulun kellot soi", etc. Each household was given the DVD and CD of our 2006 Christmas Concert.

Now, we are always looking for singers to join us! We need to keep up our numbers of basses, tenors and altos, especially. We are a fun group meeting on Monday nights from 7-9 pm. with excellent leaders: Hank Naasko and Bill Gramzow. We'll probably start on the Monday after Labor Day. Join us.

Ilene Yanke
Interim Publicity person



2007 Jamboree - Finnish American Singers

HELP WANTED

We are looking for an Assistant Manager/ Treasurer or one of each. Resume's must be submitted by October 1, 2007.

FINLAND TODAY

First, twenty one years ago the Lutheran Church of Finland allowed women to become pastors, but a small group of male clergy remain strongly opposed to their ordination. The opposition group, about 2% of the total clergy are a vocal group that has caused embarrassment to the Church, and a decline in Church membership.

Today, about a third of all clergy are women. Female pastors are expected to outnumber male pastors by the year 2015.

Membership in the Lutheran Church of Finland has been on a decline. Today, 82.4% of Finland's 5.3 million inhabitants are members of the Church, down from 90% in the 1950's, and from 85% a decade ago.

Finland's Realia Group, real estate company, has bought a leading Baltic property dealer, Ober Haus. Ober Haus has real estate operations in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine. Ober Haus also owns and administers shopping malls in Estonia.

With this purchase, Realia expects it is on its way to becoming the largest real estate company in Eastern and Central Europe. Risto Kyhala, managing director of Realia: "Naturally we will go to Russia, we are now building a bridge for it."

Nokia, the Finnish cell phone giant, has announced that it will reorganize into three units: Devices, Services and Software and Markets.

The three units will replace the current divisions of Mobile Phones, which produce the cheapest models; Enterprise Solutions, which has products for the business markets; and Multimedia, which makes cell phones with advanced cameras and music players.

Nokia will also restructure its financial reporting into two segments: Devices and Services; and Nokia Siemens Networks, which is Nokia's infrastructure joint venture with Germany's Siemens.

Nokia Siemens Networks also announced a contract worth \$900 million to expand the infrastructure of Bharti Airtel cellular system in India.

Kone, the Finnish elevator company has acquired UAB Elektros Pavara, a Lithuanian elevator company. With this purchase, Kone becomes the leading elevator company in the Baltic countries. Elektros Pavara already has had a working relationship with Kone since 1992, distributing Kone products and providing service.

Kone is one of the leading elevator and escalator companies in the world. In 2006, Kone had annual sales of about \$4 billion, and about 29,000 employees.

Persuasive 2008, the International Conference of Persuasive Technology, will be held in Oulu, Finland in June, 2008.

Persuasive 2008 will bring together people interested in how computers can change people's attitudes and behaviors. This conference will feature the best insights into how video games, mobile phone applications, and web sites can be designed to motivate and influence people. Persuasive 2007 was held at Stanford University.

The Finnish media concern, SanomaWSOY is in the process of purchasing the Polish educational material concern, Nowa Eran. Nowa Eran will become a part of SanomaWSOY Education Division.

According to a SanomaWSOY spokes person, "It's another step for SanomaWSOY to become the leading educational material publisher in Europe."

Profile Vehicles Oy of Iisalmi, Finland has received a contract from the Kuwait Health Ministry to build 51 "special express ambulances." Profile Vehicles is the largest producer of ambulances in the Nordic and Baltic countries.

Pamela Anderson to open a chain of strip clubs to "honor" her Finnish heritage? Pamela Anderson was recently in Finland hosting the Live Earth concert held near Helsinki.

On her website she writes: "I thought of a great way to celebrate my Finnish heritage at home. I'm going to look into opening a chain of strip clubs and I'll call them Lapland."

Also in an open letter to President Halonen, Anderson said that Finland should emulate other countries and ban fur farms. Finland is the leading producer of blue fox furs.

And finally, its the last day of school, and the children brought gifts for their teacher. The florist's son brought the teacher a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The candy store owner's daughter gave the teacher a pretty box of candy. The liquor store owner's son, Matti, brought a big heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking a bit. The teacher touched a drop of the liquid with her finger and tasted it.

"Is it wine?" she asked.

"No," said Matti.

She tasted another drop and asked, "Is it champagne?"

"No," said Matti. "It's a puppy!"

Markku Ketola - marketola@yahoo.com

\$100 BOARD

Remember the \$100 Boards? They are on the wall leading into the Main Hall. Now is the time to fill the second board. For a donation of \$100 you will get a name on a plaque. The size of the plaque will only accommodate one name. Be sure to print your name the way you want it engraved.

There are a few places left on the \$500 Board, if you prefer.

CULTURAL

The Finnish culture is practically nonexistent here at the FCA. I need ideas and help to see if it can be revived: Language, drama, folk dancing, weaving, and music. Is there anything else?

A start! Meetings start in September to plan for the presentation of the *Kruunuhaat* in February 2008. Interested? We do need people to help plan and then perform this fantastic wedding. Come to the Cultural meetings (listed on the calendar) as we need people in all areas of this project.

Ruth Mannisto

FINNISH FACTS



Almost all Finns rent or own a mokki or summer cottage to enjoy the Finnish summer. Numbering around 400,000, they should be rustic yet equipped with all the modern amenities.

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MEMORIAL FUND

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund.

The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, Soittoniekat Folk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated it goes to the general fund for expenses of the Center.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: Pearl Wanttaja, 28235 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Do not send cash through the mail. Deadline is the 6th of every month.

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, please call me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you, Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

Since the June newsletter and up to July 10 donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Walter Kauppila (9-26-06) donations have been made by Will & Dolores Rajala, Ray & Pearl Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of Raymond Aro (1-21-07) of Longwood, FL, a donation has been made by his sister Irene Naasko.

In memory of FCA life member Mae Kaariainen Sepp (3-16-07) donations have been made by Norma Kolehmainen, Millie Harju and the FCA.

In memory of Neal Pruitt (4-25-07) of Baytown, TX, a donation has been made by his grandmother Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member Walter Mattila (5-29-07) donations have been made by Bertha Kayhko, Elaine Burcar and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Mildred Somero Kangas (6-8-07) donations have been made by her son Michael & Paulet Kangas and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Mary Keranen Tiura (6-18-07) donations have been made by Irene Karna, Charlotte Lytikainen, Kay Simo, Elvi & Rafael Saviniemi, Sharon & Jerry Hall, Jim & Sally Fetter, Judy & Thomas Jacques, Ruben & Siiri Bjerkness, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Lila Wiitala Kristola (6-21-07) donations have been made by Kenneth & Betty Vaughan, Sentry Equipment Corp. and the FCA.

In memory of Meredith Hahka (6-20-07) of Madison Heights, a donation has been made by Nina Ranta.

In memory of FCA life member James Jumisko (11-23-06) a donation has been made by Will & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member Martha Kanninen Koski (1-19-07) donations have been made by Shirley & Al Burke, Bryan & Jeanette Burke and Gary & Gail Burke.

In memory of Henry "Hank" Somero (4-9-07) of Laurium, a donation has been made by Nina Ranta.

In memory of FCA life member Ralph Mannisto (8-8-06) a donation has been made by Will & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member Evelyn Keskinen Hanninen (1-23-07), donations have been made by Shirley & Al Burke, Gary & Gail Burke, Bryan & Jeanette Burke and Kris & William Will.

In memory of FCA life member Dorothy Saari (3-1-07) a donation has been made by Will & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member William Heather (4-10-07) a donation has been made by Laina Lampi.

In memory of FCA life member Erkki Koivunen (4-10-07) donations have been made by Laina Lampi, Dorothy & Karl Sjogren and Lillian Lagerkvist.

In memory of Ellen Huusko Lahti (1-27-07) of Rock, a donation has been made by Will & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member Eleanor Maki Locke (4-14-07) donations have been made by Judy & Sam Yaker, Norma Kolehmainen, Carol White, William & Judith Locke and Millie Harju.

In memory of FCA life member Bernard "Bozo" Sheehan (4-1-07) donations have been made by Will & Dolores Rajala and Bob & Shirley Erickson.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members Dorothy Johnson Anderson (6-19-07) and Waino Kransi (6-27-07).

GOING PLACES

TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits at least 30 days prior to the trip or we lose the bus. If you leave your car at the FCA while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

FOR BORDER CROSSING: You must have two pieces of valid ID—EITHER a passport (current or expired) OR a certified birth certificate (not a photocopy) OR a Certificate of Citizenship. AND YOU MUST ALSO have a valid driver's license or government ID card with photo.

Hiawatha Slots in Sarnia, One day, Wednesday, August 22, \$35.00. Includes a \$10 incentive package and a narrated luncheon cruise on the Duc D'Orleans. Don't forget proper ID. Be at FCA by 8:45 a.m. for 9 a.m. departure. Return about 8 p.m.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia - 1 day, Thursday, September 27, \$17. Includes a \$10 incentive package. Be at FCA by 9:45 a.m. for 10 a.m. departure. Return about 6:15 p.m. Don't forget proper I.D.

Tree-Mendus Fruit & Tabor Hill Winery - 1 day, Tuesday, October 23, \$75. Includes lunch, narrated wagon tour and complimentary bag of apples. Your tour of the 450 acre working orchard is in a covered wagon with theater-type seats - very comfortable. On our way home, we will tour the Tabor Hill Winery and, of course, do some wine tasting: alcoholic and non-alcoholic. This should make a wonderful color tour!

Gerald "Our" Ford & the Grand Lady -

One day, Thursday, October 18, \$78. This color tour will include a lunch on the paddlewheel boat "Grand Lady" while cruising down the Grand River and also a stop at the Gerald Ford Museum. Be at FCA by 8:30 a.m. for 8:45 departure. Return about 7:30 p.m.

Nashville - 4 days beginning Monday, November 12, \$499. Includes one night enroute at Grand Victoria Casino in Rising Sun, Indiana. In Nashville we will stay at the Opryland Resort. Also included is a breakfast buffet, two dinners, show at the Ryman Auditorium, City Tour and lots more. Make your \$20 deposit ASAP as this trip is PREDICTED TO BE SOLD OUT IN AUGUST.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

This month you will read the final interview of the university students who received scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year, Michael Zurek. In fact, the FCA is now accepting scholarship applications for the current year, 2007-08. Read elsewhere in the Newsletter for information about how to submit an application and about how to donate to the scholarship fund.

Michael attends Johnson Bible College which is located in Knoxville, TN. He has completed his first year and is now beginning his second year with plans to graduate in 2010. He is in a dual major program: Counseling and Bible.

Q: What was your favorite class last year, and why was it your favorite? **A:** My favorite class from the spring semester was my History of Israel course. The reason why I enjoyed this class so much was because it was pretty much all new material. While some of my other classes also had new material, this class was also taught in a manner in which I felt that it appealed to me the most.

Q: What are your career plans? **A:** I would ultimately like to help people. As of right now, the plan is to become involved in the ministry of providing counseling to families.

Q: Do you have a mentor who has helped you with career planning? **A:** I do not have any mentor in particular that has helped me, but there have been many people who have impacted me throughout the years.

Q: What activities do you participate in? **A:** I participated in intramural soccer in the spring. As the school year went on, I became actively involved in the college ministry at my church. We had a coffee house with music and did an outreach to the students at the University of Tennessee once a month. I did some volunteer work at an urban church in Knoxville where I was a leader for an after school program offered for elementary school children. I did not have a work study or off campus job either semester of my first year, but I am taking up a Teacher's Assistant (TA) job in the fall.

Q: How has the FCA scholarship helped you meet your educational goals? **A:** The FCA scholarship money that I received is currently part of a collection of savings in the bank. My father and stepmother have agreed to pay for my first three years, minus the cost of books. I will be responsible for any schooling after that. The scholarship money will be saved for when I will be responsible for paying for my own schooling.

Q: What advice would you give to high school students? **A:** It is important to stay focused on what you want. Set goals and measurable means to accomplish these goals. Don't allow yourself to give up. You can be whatever you want to be if you put the work in. With regards to preparing for college, start developing good study habits. College work is very time-demanding and those habits are extremely helpful to have going into college.

Louise Hartung, for the Scholarship Committee

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have added the following new books to our library:

JOHN MORTON, FORGOTTEN FOUNDING FATHER by Elaine Tikka Lillback. Most of us know that one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was a Finn, but how much more do you know about him? Elaine Lillback has thoroughly researched not only the life of John Morton, but also his ancestry going back several generations.

The Marttinen family (for that is what their name was before it was anglicized to Morton in the U.S.) originally came from Rautalampi, Finland, where there is a memorial to those who moved to Sweden and then to the Delaware colony. Lillback gives quite a bit of the history of the Marttinens before they left Finland, including reasons for their departure. The trip across the ocean on the Ärn (Swedish for "Eagle") was a grueling 4-month ordeal, which many did not survive. They arrived in Delaware in 1654.

John Morton, Jr. was the great-grandson of the original immigrant, Marten Martenson Sr. He married a Finnish girl, Ann Justis (Juustinen). They were blessed with eleven children. He was well educated and highly respected in his area. He was elected to the provincial assembly in Philadelphia where he served for ten years, and served as well in many other official government positions. As a representative to the Continental Congress he became one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, his signature written below that of his friend Benjamin Franklin.

Lillback has written a very interesting and informative account of the early days of our country. The book is enhanced not only by numerous photos but also by well-done artistry by the author. You'll find the book in biography, in alphabetical order under Morton (MO).

THE HELSINKI CHRONICLES OF DR LOUISE C. LOVE AND MR. P.

by Arthur M. Alexander. This delightful book is half fiction, half non-fiction! The fictional sleuth Dr. Love is in Finland with her assistant and her beloved dog, Mr. P., to solve a mystery. Their travels take them just about everywhere in Helsinki, solving not only that mystery but a couple of others, as well. The most dangerous one with the aid of Mr. P.!

The fictional part is highly asterisked, referring to footnotes at the end of each chapter, which give a non-fictional description of all the sights they encounter. The footnotes are, in fact, a travel guide and a good one at that. Whether or not you've ever been to Helsinki, it will be very informative. You'll find the book in fiction under the author's last name, but don't forget it's not all fiction!

LOOKING BACK: GROWING UP IN THE

NEVA by Helmi Koivisto. No, the Neva referred to here is not the river in Russia, but rather an area near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on Seymour Road, which the Finns called Neva (she doesn't explain why.)

Helmi's parents came to America from Finland in the early 1900's, living first in Rudyard, and then "in the Neva". She talks about what life was like for the early immigrants. She doesn't moan and groan about hardships but makes it sound like a lot of fun! She describes life around the house, the farm, school, games the children played, and so on.

Older folks will enjoy this trip back to "the olden days" and youngsters will get a good picture of what their grandparents' life was like. It's an enjoyable book. You'll find it in biography, under Koivisto (KO).

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The May Senior Luncheon attendees enjoyed listening to Selim Rentola and Erkki Korkiatupa from Finland and Heikki Perttu of Fairport Harbor, OH. Heikki's CD's are available in our gift shop.

Hely Perttu of Ohio and Tiina Perttu from the western side of Michigan attended for the first time.

Happy Birthday was sung to Lucy Eland and Heikki Perttu.

Pearl Wanttaja led us in a moment of silence for Mae Kaariainen Sepp, Mildred Miller and Minerva Hill.

Prize winners were Melba Boike, Dagmar Malstrom, Edith Raski, Tiina Perttu (twice!) and Fred Aebersold.

Kiitos to Shirley Taipalus pianist, Hannah Carlson and Lila Ball servers and the caterers.

Our faithful servers have announced that they are tired (after 30-40 years) and may not be back this fall, so we may have to discontinue the Wednesday luncheons.

Margaret Laurila, emcee

GARDEN CLUB

Have you visited Finlandia Gardens this summer? We have added some enhancements which you will spot in different areas among our six acres of landscaping.

The Finnish Center is a great place to take a stroll. The evenings and mornings are peaceful with an abundance of birds to add cheer to your day. The gardens are producing enough vegetables to warm the cockles of a vegan's heart. Our local groundhog is overjoyed. If you are seen often enough around the center you may be given a fresh tomato or two.

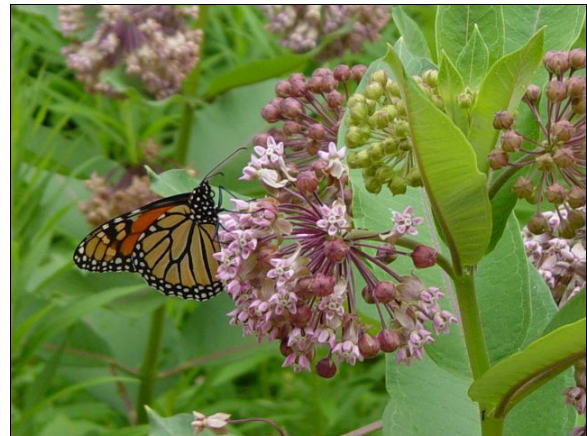
Have you seen the Hosta Garden at the rear of the building? Don't miss this one!

Remember to join us on Sunday afternoon, August 19, for our Garden Club/Nikkarintalo Open House. We will offer some neat door prizes as well as a short program for your entertainment. Of course there will be an abundance of goodies. Bring something of yours to share.

Finlandia Gardens

Beauty lies in these fair gardens.
 Years bring progress on the way.
 Moments spent in contemplation
 Add peace and comfort to your stay.
 Who will wander through the flora
 Spending time amid the day?
 Mother Nature offers solace
 With many gifts for those who may.

David Sharpe



Monarch Butterfly on flower at the Finnish Center Gardens

CURTAIN FUND REPORT

Efforts to raise \$2500 for Great Hall curtains has resulted in pledges of \$1500 from 22 members. \$1380 has been collected thus far.

These curtains will screen off the bar and lounge areas allowing increased privacy and a more attractive setting for center activities. Won't you consider a donation to make this project a reality? ☺

ROSTER CHANGES

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