



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

November 2007

## MY MICHIGAN

Michigan weather is surely  
 a bummer  
 Cold in the winter, hot in  
 the summer  
 Wet in the spring, windy  
 in the fall  
 Visit any week and you'll  
 see them all  
*Betty DesNoyer*

## NOTICE

The new deadline for  
 newsletter articles is  
 the 5th of the month.

Please submit an elec-  
 tronic copy if possible.

Thanks,  
 Newsletter Staff

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## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

November is the month for us to remember and to give our thanks for all of our blessings.

Veterans Day marks a day for us to say thank you to all the service men and women that are giving of their time and talents to serve our country. They serve to protect our freedoms that we so enjoy. It is part of our conscience and our duty that all Americans who love their freedom understand how difficult it is to keep our freedoms. We owe respect to our military, to say thank you for their commitment to service and for their sacrifices. We truly need their service to protect our freedoms as there are those that want to harm us. The terrorist have given us notice that they plan to be amongst us and to do us harm. This challenge we must resist and endure for our freedoms sake.

We want to say thank you to all of our Veterans and to the thousands of brave comrades that have fallen and are now at peace. We are reminded that it was very hard to achieve freedom and how costly it has been in human lives to hold up "freedom's holy light". Our veterans are still committed to ensuring that our way of life continues.

When we realize that the majority of the world's population is still under tyranny and under suppression of dictators, we must remember how lucky we are to have our liberties and freedoms. A thoughtful thank you to our veterans on any day, on any occasion is appropriate. There is a website that plays a tribute to all veterans. I will mention it here for veterans and friends of veterans to share some thoughts. The name is [www.beforeyougo.us](http://www.beforeyougo.us) The pictures, music, and the lyrics are very fitting.

Have you said "thank you" to a veteran lately?

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# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Crafts**

Mondays 10 to 2 pm

### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9 am

### **Study Group**

Mondays 1 to 3 pm

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### **Blood Pressure Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

11 am to 2 pm

**NOTE DAY CHANGE**

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 12:30 pm

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of Month 2-4 pm

### **Weavers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 9-12

### **Camera Club**

next meeting Sept. 12, Noon

## **OCTOBER**

12 Buffet 5-7 pm

14 Brunch 11:30-1:30

19 Cultural Mtg 7-9

20 Auction & Silent Auction  
10 to 2

21 Scholarship Awards 2:00

## **NOVEMBER**

2 Cultural Mtg 7-9

4 Cultural Day 2-5

7 Veteran's Day  
Senior Luncheon 11:45  
Joint Board Mtg 6:30

10 Scandinavian Bazaar 9-3

11 Brunch 11:30-1:30  
General Mtg 2:30

15 Pulla Bake

16 Buffet 5-7  
Cultural Mtg 7-9

## **DECEMBER**

- 1 Scandinavian Holiday
- 2 Finnish Independence Day 12-5pm
- 15 Pikku Joulu
- 16 FASM Concert
- 19 Senior Luncheon
- 21 Buffet 5-7 pm
- 31 New Years Eve  
5 pm and 9 pm

## **SEPTEMBER RENTALS**

Rentals for the month included:

- 1 Shower
- 3 Weddings
- 2 Meetings
- 1 Yoga class
- 2 Scrap booking classes
- 1 Birthday celebration

While September was a successful rental month, we are working hard to increase rentals and, ultimately, revenue for the FCA.

## **FCA ELECTIONS**

It is time again to consider assisting your FCA by running for elective office. Committee Chairmanships and three Board of Trustees candidates will be selected in February.

Members wishing to be candidates must be nominated by an FCA member and must agree to serve prior to notifying Nominations Committee chairperson, **David Sharpe at (248) 477-5709**. A short statement including a biography and the reason you are running must be in the office by December 5, 2007, preferably in electronic form.

Your input and participation is needed at the FCA. If you cannot chair a committee, perhaps you would be willing to co-chair or serve as a committee member. If you know someone who is willing to serve, please nominate them after obtaining their agreement. As we build our Finnish Center your involvement is needed.

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1 Year  
Gene Belttari, Kristen Kreiner  
Lari Korpela

2 Year

Frank Gottberg, Rigmor Cuolahan,  
Fritz Putkela

3 Year

Maria Hill, Glenn Kujansuu, David Sharpe

### **ALTERNATES**

Jim Kettunen,  
Margaret Laurila

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Hilkka Ketola, Neil Manley, Jr.,  
Herb Piilo

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

#### Building & Grounds

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#### Cultural

Ruth Mannisto

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## WOMEN'S CLUB

To begin our new season of activity, 16 Women's Club Members and friends met to enjoy a lovely luncheon at American Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College on September 20th. Two special guests, Betty Holmbo and her sister, Connie Fosness, were a welcomed addition.

We look forward to resuming baking and perhaps other projects for the benefit of the FCA.

On September 27th, we baked 56 loaves of beautiful Pulla/Nisu. Only 21 loaves were left when the last two ladies left. We accomplished this with only four ladies working: Charlotte Lytikainen, Dagnie Carlson, Lillian Niemi, and Ilene Yanke. Char had to leave early and was replaced by Edith Raski. We need more of you, our

members, to help us for pulla-making, as some of our ladies have other commitments. It is fun, rewarding, and "many hands make light work". See you next on Thursday, November 22th between 10 am and 2 pm. Lunch will be provided.

On Thursday, November 8th, at 10 am, we will bake Rieska (Finnish Rye Bread) and Christmas tarts. Lunch will be provided to those baking. These specialties will be offered at the Scandinavian Bazaar on Saturday, November 10th. All proceeds will benefit the FCA.

Edith Raski and Ilene Yanke

## 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](http://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](http://www.adobe.com).

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

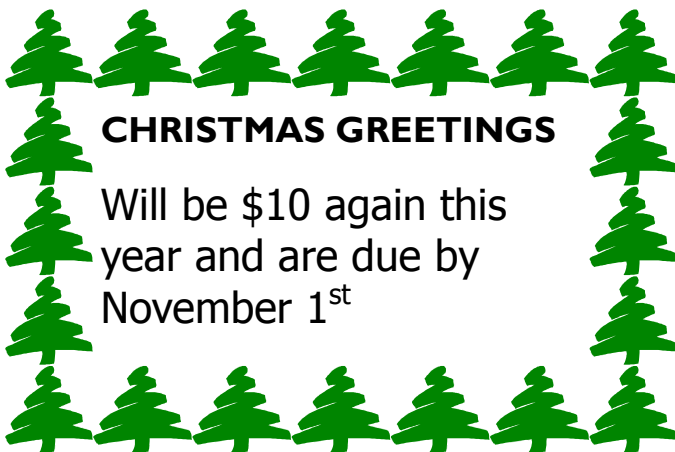
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Later in November comes our Thanksgiving Day. We can readily think of the many Thanksgiving Days that we have experienced in our past with family and friends gathering together to share and break bread. It was a special occasion to have a visiting guest or two to join in on this meal of plenty. It is good for us to be reminded that we are so fortunate to live in a country where the government allows rewards for hard work and individual effort. Just having a day for this kind of celebration is not allowed in many parts of the world today.

I seem to connect The Liberty Bell together with Thanksgiving Day. Well, there is God's Church ringing bells and food and that all goes together. When the Liberty Bell began to ring more than 250 years ago, the residence of Philadelphia would gather together to hear the Town Crier broadcast the latest news and notices of the day. The Liberty Bell which is one of our national symbols and you know, after all this time, she stills "rings out" the message of Liberty and Freedom.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Day! Hurray, for the pumpkin pie!

Frank Gottberg, Chairman



## FINLAND TODAY

First, did you know that the oldest company in the world to operate continually is a Finnish-Swedish company, Stora Enso Oy. The Stora part of the company has been around for over 700 years. The present company was formed in 1988 when the Finnish Enso merged with the Swedish Stora. The company has dual headquarters in Helsinki and Stockholm.

Stora Enso is in the news again when it announced the sale of its North American unit, Consolidated Paper. Stora Enso had acquired Consolidated Paper in 2000, but has been losing money on the unit. Consolidated paper was sold to Cerberus Capital (isn't that the same company that bought Chrysler?) for \$2.1 billion. Consolidated paper has 8 factories, employees 4,300 people.

Stora Enso is one of the world's largest forest products companies, making magazine paper, newsprint, fine paper, pulp, packaging board and employees 44,000 people in 40 countries, with annual sales of over \$15 billion.

According to a study done at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health in Helsinki, you need that "perfect" sleep to live longer. If you sleep less than 7 hours there is an increased risk of mortality. For men the risk increased by 26%, and for women, it increased by 21%. But if you sleep for more than 8 hours, the risk of mortality also increases. For men the risk of mortality increased by 24%, and for women it was 17%. If you use sleeping pills or aids, the risk of mortality rose by 31% for men, and 39% for women. The study was made with 21,268 twins for 6 years.

Nokia announced a major acquisition at the beginning of October, the purchase of Chicago based Navteq Corp for \$8.1 billion. Navteq makes digital maps and mapping devices. They also offer internet mapping services to such companies as MapQuest and Google. The company has completed the mapping of 69 countries. I can see it in the near future, if you need directions and a map to get to the Finnish Center, or the Finnish Heritage Museum in Fairport Harbor, just go to your Nokia cell phone.

Nokia also announced the introduction of a new phone that has the capabilities of both, the GSM cell phone networks (such as AT&T, Verizon, etc), and also WiFi capabilities, which is the broadband internet connected WLAN network. What this means is that you can use it like a regular cell phone, or use it in an area or a building, like a motel that has WiFi, and you get your calls made free (no minutes charged). Nokia currently has about 37% of the world cell phone market and produces about one million phones a day.

Which country in Europe has the highest average internet broadband connection speed? Finland is the leader at 21.7Mb,

followed by Sweden with 18.2Mb, and France with 17.6Mb. Britain, on the other hand has a speed of 2.6Mb. And by the way, the cost of the service in Britain is twice what it is in Finland. One of the reasons that Finland is leading the way is because of their fiber optic systems. I checked my own connection speed, and I had two very different results. According to my connection icon, I was connected at 100Mb. But, according to a test on the system, it was actually 24 Mb.

According to its annual survey, Transparency International, based in Germany, has again named Finland, along with Denmark, and New Zealand, as the least corrupt countries in the world. All three countries scored 9.4 out of 10. At the bottom were Myanmar (Burma) and Somalia. All five Nordic countries were in the top ten.

Did you know that there are five Finnish Goalies starting in the NHL?

They are Niklas Backstrom---Minnesota, Miikka Kiprusoff---Calgary, Kari Lehtonen---Atlanta, Fredrik Norrena---Columbus, and Vesa Toskala---Toronto. There are also two back-up goalies, Antero Niittymaki---Philadelphia, and Hannu Toivonen---St Louis.

Two Finnish Formula One drivers made history at the Japanese Grand Prix by finishing second and third. It was the first time that two Finnish flags were flying at the podium at the same time. Lewis Hamilton of England won the race followed by Finns Heikki Kovalainen, and Kimi Raikkonen.

And finally:

Reverend Maki had all his remaining teeth pulled and new dentures were made.

On his first Sunday back to church, he was only able to preach 10 minutes.

On his second Sunday back, he was able to preach 15 minutes.

But, on the third Sunday he preached for one hour and 25 minutes.

When asked by members of the congregation about the big change on the third Sunday, Reverend Maki responded this way:

"Well, on the first Sunday, my gums were so sore, it hurt to talk."

"On the second Sunday, my dentures still hurt me so much."

"But, on the third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures...and I couldn't shut up."

Markku Ketola  
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## \$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.

## FINNISH FACTS



Kukkolankoski, near Tornio in the north, boasts the longest free-flowing rapids in Finland at 3500 meters. Fishermen use traditional, long-handled nets dating back to the 13th century to catch various kinds of fish.

### Armitage Catering

Located at the FCA, we cater any event, big or small:

**Weddings**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Memorial Services**  
**Business Events**  
**Graduation Parties**

Off site catering is also available  
 248-921-7561

## REMINDER

In case you missed it earlier this year, the 2007 Directory is still available. A donation is greatly appreciated to offset the cost of printing these useful tools for keeping in touch.

## UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

What is a Finn? What does it mean when you tell someone you are Finnish?

**Finnish Fundamentals** is intended to be an ongoing series of talks about Finnish heritage and tradition offered to any Finn who wants to know more about themselves, or to anyone who is curious about Finnish cultural identity.

The first of the series will be on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 2 pm featuring:

### **The Art of Akseli Gallen-Kallela, Finland's Most Famous Painter**

When Finland was becoming an independent country in the early 1900's, Akseli Gallen-Kallela was able to define and celebrate Finnish national character.

Presenter will be Steven Niemi, educator at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

# 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 last day 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 last newsletter and up to October 3, donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Wilma Heikkuri Lishinski (7-18-07) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Wesley Timonen (9-9-07) donations have been made by Neil Manley Jr, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Harold & Connie Fosness and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Helen Walivaara (9-16-07) donations have been made by Elsie Ahonen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Warren Tossava (9-18-07) donations have been made by Nina Ranta and the FCA.

In memory of Debra Gustafson (9-20-07) donations have been made by Nina Ranta and the FCA. Debbie was the daughter of member Millie Gustafson.

In memory of FCA life member Dorothy Johnson Anderson (6-19-07) a donation has been made by Ann Tauriainen.

In memory of FCA life member Alfred Hakala (11-25-04) a donation has been made by his wife Vi.

In memory of FCA member Rudolph "Rudy" Kilponen (12-7-06) a donation has been made by Elsie Ahonen.

In memory of Dorothy Lahti Kalk (7-27-07) of Schofield, WI, donations have been made by Francis & Eleanor Martin and Ann Tauriainen. Dorothy was the sister of member Bob Lahti.

In memory of Esther Noye (7-14-07) of Chassell, a donation has been made by Nina Ranta.

In memory of FCA life member Erkki Koivunen (4-10-07) donations have been made by Linda & Allan Tuomaala and Jack & Shirley Bennett.

The FCA has made a donation in memory of life member Evelyn Wirtanen.



George Koskimaki stands near a birch tree planted in memory of his wife Eva. A lovely lilac bush was also planted in her honor.

## 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.

**Nashville** - Four 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.

**"Every Christmas Story Ever Told"** - One day, Sunday, December 9, \$79. Includes shopping time and lunch at Canterbury Village. Then on to Meadowbrook Theatre to see the slightly skewed, crazy versions of all your favorite Christmas stories. Be at the FCA by 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 5:30 p.m.

**Mystery Trip** - One day, Thursday, January 24, \$66. We did the final destination of this trip a few years ago and everyone really seemed to enjoy it. What other surprises are included? Don't ask me for clues because even I don't know!! Be at the FCA by 8:15 am for 8:30 departure. Return about 5 pm.

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

### VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVANCE

On Wednesday, November 7th, we'll again combine with the Senior Luncheon to honor our military veterans. It begins at noon with a buffet meal. We will have an emcee.

We encourage all veterans of the World, Korean, Vietnam and more recent wars to attend. Each veteran present will be given an opportunity to speak briefly about his or her service, if they choose. We'll sing patriotic songs and close with a video about World War II for those who care to stay to watch it.

### SCANDINAVIAN HOLIDAY

This will be our 14th presentation of this traditional FCA event, and my 7th time leading it. It is very special, being held on Saturday, December 1st beginning at 6:30 with a cocktail hour and appetizers. The talented musicians of Soittoniekat will play Finnish and Scandinavian music at this time.

The program and dinner begin at 7 pm. The Scandinavian consuls will be our honored guests, giving Christmas greetings from their respective countries after their flags have been presented and national anthems sung. I hope to show you briefly some photos I took in Iceland this past June.

The featured entertainer will be soprano Kathy Kujala whom I met when she inquired about the Finnish-American Singers. She did her undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and is an aspiring opera singer. She is 1/4 Finnish, grew up in Wixom and is delighted to be invited to our Finnish Center to sing Christmas songs.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## CULTURAL COMMITTEE

Kruunuhäät meetings are scheduled to plan the wedding that will be held in June next year instead of February. Paavo Kurvi will be directing and we will need actors, dancers, costumers, etc. Rehearsals will be Friday's from 7-9pm, on Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and 16, 2007. We will not meet in December, but will resume on Jan. 4 and 18, 2008.

## FINNISH CONVERSATION CLUB

The Club usually meets on the second Thursday of the month. Future Conversations in Finnish will be held on November 8 and December 13 at 11 am.

# FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Here are some more recent additions to our library:

**A FINNISH IMMIGRANT SON IN THE GREAT WAR 1918-1919** by Marion A Brown. William "Bill" Wisti was the first American-born son of Finns who immigrated to the United States in 1899 with sons Matthew and Victor. The family lived in Liminga, a rural Finnish community in Michigan's Copper Country. Some time after William Wisti died in 1970, his daughter-in-law, Ruth Wayrynen Wisti, found a shoebox containing a journal and other correspondence pertaining to William's war-time experience. Ruth sent the material to her sister-in-law, Marion, who felt it was necessary to tell her father's story.

On February 12, 1918, William Wisti enlisted in the U.S. Army and his adventure began. He hated his stateside training, as did his fellow soldiers, who said the food was "punk" and the officers "scum". One Nebraska native wrote home, "I've been in the army a month now; and I, who was crazy to join up, could be arrested for saying what I think of it now."

Wisti sailed overseas on May 8. He describes some of his experiences as being "drilled by day, bombed all night, and subject to gas at all hours". (He did suffer from the effects of mustard gas for the rest of his life.) He doesn't have a kind word to say about the YMCA, who charged the soldiers for everything, whereas the Salvation Army never charged a thing.

The soldiers' elation over the news that the war was over quickly turned to disappointment, for the return home seemed never to come; instead they were still subjected to marching, drills, and a typical soldier's life. Finally on May 23, 1919, he arrived in New York, and in June he arrived at the train station in Houghton. There was no one to meet him, as his family didn't know he was coming. He set out walking to his home in Liminga; a neighbor happened to come along, and offered him a ride home.

Eventually Bill married Hilda Lantto and they purchased a farm in Chassell Township, where they raised four sons, Theodore (Ted), George (Gordon), Andrew and Michael, and a daughter, Marion, the author of this book. You will find it in Biography, B WI.

**WALL OF SILVER** by Richard Kellogg. Copper is not the only precious metal found in the Copper Country. Often, where there is copper, there also is silver -- usually in tiny quantities, but occasionally in quantities large enough to get excited about. Kellogg tells the story of a silver find in the Cliff Mine area in the Copper Country. The intriguing story is told as if it were true, and yet, one is left with a question mark at the end. Some maintain that it is true; others have their doubts. We've put it in fiction because of this controversy. ForeWord magazine has given it an honorable mention Book of the Year award. Read it and let me know what you think! It's in the fiction section, F Ke.

**NUORTEN LAULUKIRJAN SÄESTYKSIÄ** compiled by Wilho Siukkonen. This donation from a private party is a collection of several hundred Finnish songs with words and accompaniments. Included are many familiar songs, as well as those not too familiar to American Finns. This is available for short-term use only, but with a copyright date of 1945, one could surely make copies to use for whatever purpose. You will find this in non-fiction, 784 Nu.

I hope you will be inspired to check out one of these, or any of the other numerous books in our library.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

**Attention Students:**

Watch for the scholarship announcement in the December newsletter.



## SENIOR LUNCHEON

On a very pleasant September day, 50 FCA members and friends enjoyed seeing former manager, Betty Holmbo at the podium. She gave the table grace, and then led everyone in singing thank you to the caterers. Her husband, Harold, attended for the first time and so did Lavern Eady and Beverly McAlister. We hope they'll come again.

Our out of town guests included: Anita Pirslin, of Lantana, Florida who came with Kathryn Hauk of South Lyon, Helen Stucky of Westland, Joe and Connie Kosek, also, of Westland, and Helene Smith of Detroit while June and Waino Tervo drove here from Howell.

With Shirley Taipalus at the piano and Betty at the podium, everyone joined in singing some old favorites. Betty introduced the FCA song which really isn't titled. Perhaps, you know 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1991 sung to the tune of "When Day Is Done and Shadows Fall". These verses chronicle the progress that has been made by the Finnish Center members. We have the words, so we can sing it again.

Charlene Berry entertained us with her dulcimer. She has played at the White House and at Carnegie Hall. If you weren't there, you missed a good time.

Pearl Wanttaja led us in a moment of silence for our deceased members: Dorothy Anderson, Lila Kristola, Waino Kransi, Melba Benedict, Raymond Maki, Wilma Lishinski, Alice Lepanen, Anna Kulju, Elvera Oleson, Michael Pietila, Wesley Timonen, and Warren Tossava.

Prizes were won by Melba Boike, Charlotte Lytikainen, Edith Raski, Rudy Aittama, Vi Hakala, and ?? Senior moment.

The emcee position is still open for the months of December through June. There will be no extra work involved since I'll gladly find the entertainment, pianist, minister, etc. I'll write the report for the newsletter, too. Of course, if you choose to write the article and/or find the personnel needed, that would be fine with me as well!

Until next month,  
Margaret E. Laurila

## ATTENTION SMOKERS

**Please place your cigarette butts in the proper containers and not in Finlandia Gardens.**

**Thank you.**

## GARDEN CLUB

What a great year it has been in Finlandia Gardens.

We have continued the development of our Wedding Circle and the gardens in the west lot. Our bridge has been completed as well. Many donations of plants, wood, stone and labor have made our progress possible. Our plants have been paid for by sales to the public, FCA Senior Housing and to our members and friends.

We have started collecting and offering seeds from our many plants. Our gardens have again been nominated for an award from the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission.

We have a number of new garden associates who have helped us during the season.

Now we are planning our Holiday Display in the gardens. Keep us in mind if you are discarding any outdoor light displays this year. Our lighted deer and angels would like some company. Also, any tools, hoses or other garden implements would also be welcome. Just leave them by the garden shed when you come by.

Our dream of having quality gardens is coming to reality as we see more and more members coming to view, photograph and spend time outside at the FCA. When this happens, we know we are on the right track. Have a great Holiday Season!

**Free Hug from the Finnish Center Association**



**HUG  
COUPON**

Entitles bearer to ONE hug redeemable from any participating human being.

## ROSTER CHANGES

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NOVEMBER 2007 ROSTER  
CHANGE

### NAME CHANGE - ADDRESS CHANGE

LEPPANEN, KAREN-  
MARRIED 8/25/07

NEW MARRIED NAME  
MILLER, MARTIN & KAREN  
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