



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

February 2008

## FCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Scholarship applications for the 2008-2009 school year are available. Interested students should call the FCA at (248) 478-6939 to request an application.

The deadline for receipt of the completed application by the FCA Scholarship Committee is **March 15, 2008** and may be sent to: Finnish Cultural Ctr., 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48355. Note that the deadline is much earlier this year. It is very important that applicants provide all the information requested by **March 15, 2008**.

Ruth Kaarlela

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## YOU ARE INVITED

### EERO SAARINEN EXHIBIT, LECTURE and CONGA SE MENNE at Cranbrook

Cranbrook is inviting FCA members to attend these very special events on March 14 and 15. Sign up pages will be in the entrance at the FCA, or you may call the FCA to tell us that you will attend. Car pools can be arranged, or a bus, if you tell us promptly.

On Friday, March 14, we can leave the FCA at 5:30 pm to arrive at Cranbrook with time to see the exhibit of Eero Saarinen's work. The Museum will be open for this from 6-8 pm. Its capacity is 200 people, so sign up early! This exhibit is being shown at various sites all around the world, having started in Helsinki. At 8:00 pm, Susan Saarinen and Mark Coir, Finlandia Foundation Lecturers of the Year, will speak. Susan, Eero's daughter, can provide family information, and Mark is an excellent scholar who has spoken previously at the FCA and will further discuss Eero Saarinen's life and work. Cost for the exhibit and lecture is \$12.

On Saturday, March 15, Congo Se Menne, a Finnish, yet South American-type rhythm band from Marquette has been invited to Cranbrook by Elena Ivanova, Curator of Education there. She became charmed by the band and Finlandia Foundation gave her a grant to make their appearance possible. The concert will be at 8:00 pm in Cranbrook's Performing Arts Center which has a capacity for 300 people. Once again, reserve early and carpools, or a bus can be arranged. The FCA has been asked to provide Pulla/Nisu and coffee for the dance that will follow the concert. Women's Club and other members will bake the treat, and go at 7 pm to set things up.

Finlandia Foundation will be holding their Board Meetings at Cranbrook on these same days, and FCA leaders and members are invited to join them for dinner in the Cranbrook dining hall by reserving two days ahead of time.

Let's all work to assure good attendances at these fine events—FCA members and friends, Ann Arbor Finnish residents, and Wixom's Loon Lake Finns. Let's make our Finnish Pride shine!

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

# 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

### **Finnish Conversation Group**

2nd Thursday 11:00 am

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of Month 2-4 pm

### **Weavers**

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

### **Camera Club**

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

## **FEBRUARY**

- 5 Board Mtg 6:30
- 10 Brunch 11:45 am -1:30 pm
- 15 Fish Fry 5-7
- 17 Krun Meeting 1-3
- 17 Annual Meetings:  
Senior Housing 1:30  
FCA 2:30
- 24 Open House 1-4
- 27 Pulla/Nisu Bake 10-2

3,10,13,15,16,20,27,28 Rentals

## **MARCH**

- 2 Petticoat Ladies 2 pm
- 4 Joint Board Mtg. 6:30
- 9 Brunch 11:45-1<sup>st</sup>30
- 14 Fish Fry 5-7
- 26 Pulla/Nisu Bake
- 29 Flea Market
- 30 Open House 1-4

9,12,14,15,19,26,30 Rentals

## **APRIL**

- 11 Dinner & President Johnson 7 pm
- 13 Brunch 11:45 am - 1:30 pm
- 18 Fish Fry 5-7 pm
- 19 Craft Show 10 am - 2 pm
- 30 Pulla/Nisu Bake 10 am - 2 pm

5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 23, 26 Rentals

## **WOMEN'S CLUB**

The Women's Club will meet on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 1 - 2 pm.

## **FCA ELECTIONS**

Mark the date of February 17, 2008 on your calendar for that is when we hold annual meetings for FCA Senior Housing and the Finnish Center Association. Senior Housing begins at 1 pm and the FCA Annual Meeting at 2:30 pm. As a member of the FCA you are also a member of the Senior Housing Corporation. Your attendance at both meetings is important as selection of board of trustee members for both will be held. In addition, FCA Committee Chairpersons will also be selected.

This year's election will be exceptionally important as our organization will be facing crucial challenges. It is hoped that you will carefully consider and select those candidates that you feel will lead us forward in the years ahead.

The following members have indicated their intention to stand for the three FCA board positions: Cortland Book; George Koskimaki; Norbert Leppanen; Gerald Malstrom; and Ilene Yanke. Norm McCue and Paul Rajala have been announced for Alternate of the Board. We still seek at least one additional candidate for board alternate.

Most FCA Committee Chairs have agreed to continue in 2008. For further information please contact David Sharpe at (248) 477-5709.

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### **OFFICERS**

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Cortland Book, Recording Sec.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1 Year  
Gene Belttari, Kristen Kreiner  
Lari Korpela

### **2 Year**

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Fritz Putkela

### **3 Year**

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### **ALTERNATES**

Jim Kettunen,  
Margaret Laurila

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Hilkka Ketola, Neil Manley, Jr.,

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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*Our Finnish Center was looking picture perfect after a recent snow fall. Each of the four seasons gives our center a unique look. Visit your Finnish Center soon.*

*(Photo by Glenn Kujansuu)*

## WOMEN'S CLUB

Wednesday, February 27, is this month's Pulla/Nisu making day. We begin at 10 am and are finished by 2 pm. If you've had the sanitation class, we'd love to have you come help us. If you can't come until noon, it's O.K. There's loaf forming, baking and bagging to be done. Then, we take a break and have a pizza lunch while the dough is rising.

Those of you coming to purchase Pulla/Nisu should come at 1:30 pm. You can pre-order by calling the FCA. Proceeds go to the FCA.

Ilene Yanke

## CAMERA CLUB

Calling all ex-camera club members. We have missed you. If you have an interest in photographs and using the new digital cameras, please attend the next meeting.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The activities have included discussion of both photo taking and processing. We have also taken several short field trips to practice picture taking skills.

See you on February 13 at noon.

## CULTURAL

KRUUNUHÄÄT meetings have been scheduled for Sundays (check calendar) to plan the wedding that will be held on September 27. We still need actors, dancers, costumers and set people to work behind the scenes.

The weavers are making a crazy quilt out of men's ties for the raffle at Vappu in May.

FINNISH FUNDAMENTALS Series is for any Finn who wants to know more about themselves, or anyone curious to know something about Finnish cultural identity.

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

This is intended to be an ongoing series of talks about heritage and tradition. We are open for ideas or suggestions for other presentations of this series.

Ruth Mannisto

## FINLAND TODAY

First, on January 1st, Finland's Foreign Minister, Ilkka Kanerva took over the Chairmanship of the Organization On Security And Cooperation In Europe (OSCE). Kanerva will retain the chairmanship for one year.

The 56 member states of the OSCE include the European countries, central Asian nations, the U.S., Canada, and the countries of south Caucasus.

The number of people earning PhD degrees in Finland has tripled in the last 15 years. And the proportion of women earning PhDs has gone from 1/3 to almost 1/2. Last year, 1,515 students received PhD degrees. And about 80% of the doctoral theses were written in English.

It is estimated that over 100,000 Russian tourists visited Finland during the two weeks surrounding Christmas and New Years. Russians make up the largest group of tourists to visit Finland during this time of the year. And on the the average, they also spend the most money, especially on designer products.

According to the online Travel Blackboard magazine, Aeroflot-Russian Airlines has awarded its maintenance service contract for its fleet of Boeing MD-11 cargo planes to Finnair. The contract runs to 2016.

Finnish domestic cinema started the new year with a bang. Year 2008 started with the top three movies being domestically made. Number one was a romantic comedy, Sooloilua (Play Solo); number two was a animated children's comedy, Rollin Sydan (Rolli's Heart); and the third movie was a big budget Christmas movie, Joulutarina (Christmas Story). Christmas Story was also the most popular domestic movie of 2007. Christmas Story will be distributed internationally next year during the holidays. The overall most popular movie in Finland last year was the Simpsons movie.

According to the online National Geographic News, ice skates were invented in Finland. Scientists have concluded that skates made from bone were first used in southern Finland. They were used for transportation in crossing frozen lakes.

The early skates were probably made from horse bones, but other bones were also used, depending on availabil-

ity. Holes were made near the ends of the bones, with leather straps through the holes, which were than tied around the feet.

Former NBA (Chicago Bulls) great, Scottie Pippen, came out of a three year basketball retirement to play a couple of games in Finland. During the first weekend of 2008, Pippen played for the Torpan Pojat. Torpan Poojat (22-1) are in first place in the Finnish Basketball League. In the first game he scored 12 points and in the second, 9 points.

Janne Ahonen, 30, became the first ski jumper in history to win the prestigious Four Hills Tournament in Bischofshofen, Austria for the fifth time. He also won the Four Hills in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007, and now 2008.

Charlotte Kalla of Sweden won the grueling Tour de Ski in Italy. She over took Finland's Virpi Kuitunen on the last hill. Kuitunen won the event last year.

The Tour de Ski is a series of 8 cross country ski races held during a 10 day period.

In the Big Air Snowboarding World Cup overall standings, the leader is still Finland's Janne Korpi, with Austria's Stefan Gimpl second and Mathieu Bozzetto of France third.

And finally, an elderly couple, Hilma and Heikki, are on a road trip. It was about noon, so they decide to stop for lunch at roadside restaurant. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant and resume their trip. After about a half hour of driving, Hilma realized that she has left her glasses at the restaurant. On the way back to the restaurant, Heikki became the classic old grouch. He constantly fussed, complained, and scolded Hilma about being so forgetful. As they arrive back at the restaurant, and as Hilma hurries to get her glasses, Heikki yells at her..."While you're there, you might as well get my hat and credit card."

Markku Ketola  
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## HAPPINESS

A great big Happy 80th Birthday is wished for our Leap Year Baby, Ed Hyypio, from your Finnish Center Friends.

Happy 90th Birthday to Rosemary Koskinen Hartung. Much love, Louise and Jim.

Send your Happiness greetings and donations to Pearl Wanttaja, 28235 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071-2846.

## FINNISH FACTS



The Snow Castle in Kemi offers unforgettable experiences. It has a courtyard of fairytale characters made of ice as well as a Snow Restaurant, Snow Chapel and a 15-room Snow Hotel that is open from December to April.

### Armitage Catering

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

**Weddings/Showers  
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**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.

## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

There is a special announcement, Finlandia Foundation is coming to our area. This will be a special time for all our members to hear, see and visit with other Finns from around the country. This will be a fun time so please come and join in.

What is coming in and what is going out?

In last month's article, I mentioned that the cost of the major items at the Finnish Center keeps rising. As we approach this new year and a new budget for the Finnish Center, we understand it will be necessary to work on every side of the expense category while trying to improve our income. The value of our hall rentals has increased 18% over the previous year. New and repeat rentals are coming in to use our facility for business meetings and this is good. These bookings help to fill in the midweek days in the calendar.

Major items such as real estate taxes at \$25 K, Personal Property tax of \$1.6K, heating, lighting, and all the basics for a building like this, comes to \$120K just for starters. Then as time goes along, we may have some other roofing issues that we will have to deal with. Our winters make January a good month to expect a few surprises from our local weatherman. January is known in the business world as the thirteenth work month of the year. It is the month when all the extra work has to be done to figure out the tax forms and other reporting forms that must be done and then, of course, pay them.

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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 first 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

**NOTE:** All memorial donations must be at my home, not at the Finnish Center, by the 1st of the month.

**CORRECTION** from January newsletter:

In memory of FCA life member Edna Kangas Hanson (10-31-07) donations have been made by her sister-in-law Milda & Ralph Manila and the FCA.

Donations received since the last newsletter are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Herbert "Herb" Piilo (12-5-07) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Ralph & Milda Mattila and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Arthur "Art" Niemi (12-6-07) donations have been made by Doris & Jake Hayrynen, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member William "Bill" Perttunen (12-10-07) donations have been made by Robert & Nora Lahti and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Darlene Koskela Heikka (12-15-07) donations have been made by her husband Ken and her Family, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Robert "Bob" Hyrkas (1-3-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Eria Lampi Hamrick (10-3-07) a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Ed" Keskitalo (11-15-07) donations have been made by Dorothy Pohto and Leo Hakola.

In memory of Toivo "Toiks" Nerg (10-23-07) of Chassell, a donation has been made by Norma Kolehmainen. Toiks

was the brother of member Mildred Verhines.

In memory of Louise Usitalo Karvonen (10-13-07) of Boston Location, a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila. Louise was the mother of member Charlene Bennett.

In memory of FCA member Elizabeth "Beth" Kilponen (10-24-07) donations have been made by Ruth Kaarlela and Edith Raski.

In memory of FCA life member Vera Hanson Oja (9-20-02) a donation has been made by Steve & Linda Oja Jacobs and Family.

In memory of FCA life member Wesley Timonen (9-9-07) a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Manila.

The FCA has made a donation in memory of life member Geraldine "Gerry" Saarni (12-8-07).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

President Johnson of Finlandia University will be here for dinner on Friday, April 11 at 7 pm. He will speak on the University and you will have the opportunity to ask questions. More details will follow.

At Vappu on May 3, we will be raffling off an Annual Toikka Bird, a Crazy Tie Quilt and an Elegant Evening Purse. You will be receiving tickets in the mail that we encourage you to sell to your friends, family and yourself. This is a very important Fund Raiser for the FCA. We need things within the building that are going to be costly – remember we have been here for over 40 years and things have a habit of wearing out, or need to be changed. We really need the cooperation of the membership to make this a rousing success.

## 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.

**Point Edward Casino, Sarnia** - One day, Thursday, February 14, \$18. Includes \$10 incentive package. Be at FCA by 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 5:45 pm.

**"The Winter Wedding - Italian Style"** - One day, Thursday, March 13, \$70. Seven course "Italian Feast" included at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, followed by the show and a little time for shopping. Be at the FCA by 10 am for 10:15 departure. Return about 3:30 pm.

**"Moonlight and Magnolias"** - One day, Wednesday, April 2. Show will be at Meadowbrook with lunch at O'Malley's.

**Four Winds Casino** - Two days, April 21 & 22, \$125. Includes incentive packages of \$35 and Bk. This is a brand new casino and hotel in New Buffalo.

**"Church Basement Ladies"** at Turkeyville - One day, August 28. More info later.

Trips still in planning stages: "Cabaret" at Stratford, Ren Cen tour and Diamond Jack Cruise.

## SENIOR HOUSING

FCA Senior Housing Continues to Serve

Have you looked at FCA Senior Housing lately? As part of our original purpose, Senior Housing has provided safe, affordable housing for our senior members as well as the community at large. Each year, Senior Housing contributes to the welfare of the Finnish Center. In addition to renting our facility, the FCA has received ads, pledges, contributions and support for various projects including the new bridge across the swale to the Wedding Gardens.

Please remember Senior Housing when you select organizations to which you make tax deductible contributions.



*Finnish Consul for Southeastern Michigan,  
Paul N. Potti*



*Consuls attending the reception honoring Paul N. Potti held in October 2007 at the Finnish Center.*

## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

ISOISÄÄ ETSIMÄSSÄ by Arto Paasilinna. It's a pity that all of you cannot read Finnish, because this tale of a young man ordered to search for his grandfather, Verner Väisänen, who is in the habit of taking off on long trips to parts unknown to escape from his shrewish wife, Letitia, is a delightful read. The grandson Aukusti, under protest, but more afraid of his grandmother than the strange world "out there", proceeds on his search. His travels take him to various places in Finland, Norway, Denmark and finally England. En route he does find his grandfather who convinces him to join him in his travels and escapades. Grandfather seems to have unlimited funds for he is a leathersgoods factory owner. Aukusti's world broadens and he finally begins to understand his grandfather. A surprise ending brings the book to a conclusion. This is in fiction of course. F Pa.

FINNISH AMERICAN HORIZONS. HORIZONS PROJECT OF THE FINNISH-AMERICAN BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE U.S.A. 1976. Although the bicentennial is long since past, the articles in this collection are as current as ever. John Ketonen volunteered to serve as chairman of a committee to gather a collection of Finnish-American essays and poems. This 500-page hardback is the result of that effort. Many immigrants tell their stories, some in prose, others in poetry. Submissions are both in English and Finnish. If you aren't up to reading an entire book, this one is for you since each item is an individual entity. You may be surprised at what you find here. I was! A Nisula native submitted a story of the beginnings of his and my hometown. Dick Nivala writes about Buffalo Bill (William Cody) whose name formerly was Koti, a shortened form of Kotilainen, and whose grandfather by that name lived in Liminga in Finland. The book is in non-fiction, 920 Fi.

LUFTWAFFE AT WAR: LUFTWAFFE OVER FINLAND by Kari Stenman and Kalevi Keskinen. After the Winter War, Finland was nearly totally politically isolated. Germany had occupied Denmark and Norway, and Sweden could not be

counted on for help. Finland realized that it could never be strong enough to stand alone if attacked again and the only foreign power in a position to help, if it were needed, was Germany -- if it were willing. When the Continuation War began, German forces, including the air force (Luftwaffe), poured into Finnish Lapland, for Germany, of course, was also at war with the U.S.S.R. Hence the presence of the Luftwaffe in Finland.

This book is not only a brief history of the events of that time but also gives short biographies of the fighter aces. Otherwise the book consists of very little text, except for the captions under the illustrations which comprise most of the book. This should be interesting, especially for men. It can be found in non-fiction 940.54 St.

FINNISH ACES OF WORLD WAR 2 by Kari Stenman and Kalevi Keskinen. According to Soviet sources, the Russians deployed 3253 aircraft against Finland, whereas the Finns had a few very old aircraft plus some new ones they had acquired from the Dutch company Fokker. Can you see David versus Goliath here? Or a mosquito versus an eagle? Nevertheless, the Finns put up a good fight of which they need not be ashamed at all.

This book contains brief summaries of phases of the war(s), numerous illustrations and short biographies of Finnish flying aces. This is a phase of the Winter and Continuation Wars one doesn't often hear or read about, but worth learning about. The book is in non-fiction. 940.54 St.

Lillian Lehto  
Librarian



## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Delores Aebersold emceed the last Senior Luncheon on December 19. Our caterers prepared a delicious turkey dinner that pleased possibly everyone. The Aebersold grandchildren: Rachel, Tim and Peter Lowrance, entertained FCA members and friends with a variety of Christmas songs. Dee read an interesting article, "Finland—How They Celebrate Christmas". Rachel also played for the sing-a-long. Thank you Rachel, Tim and Peter for your musical presentation.

Happy Birthday was sung to Arnie Usitalo and Fritz Putkela.

Prize winners were Ruth Kaarlela, Tim Lowrance, Melba Boike, Hilja Waisanen and Elsie Zapoli.

Charles Ahonen, Darlene, Heikka, William 'Ed' Keskitalo, Katri Laine, Bill Maynes, William Perttunen, Herb Piilo, Geraldine Saarni, Arthur Niemi and Lillian Lehtonen were remembered with a moment of silence.

To all the attendees, emcees, pianists, servers, cooks, registration takers, set-up and dismantle workers: **THANK YOU!!**

Margaret Laurila



*The newly constructed bridge provides a picturesque setting with a blanket of fresh snow.*

*(Photo by Glenn Kujansuu)*

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The preparation of our newsletter and its mailing costs has become a major item. We do realize this is our major communication media with our members. Our problem is that the membership dues do not cover the costs of printing and mailing the eleven issues of the newsletters. Why is that, you ask. Well, years back, Life Membership dues were offered and currently, two thirds or 62% of our members are in this category and do not pay any dues. Over time, the paper and the mailing costs have risen to a point where the newsletter has become another major expense with no income to cover the cost. How do we solve this problem?

One way you can help out, if you have a computer, is to read the newsletter on the website instead of receiving it in the mail. You can download and print a whole copy, or just parts of it. Another way you can help is to send in a donation of \$30 to the Finnish Center to help defray the costs of printing and postage. You will become one of our "Finn Life Savers" and we thank you in advance for your support. The website is [www.finnishcenter.org](http://www.finnishcenter.org).

Please let us know whatever works the best for you.

**by Frank Gottberg, Chairman**



*A recent snow fall left our vegetable garden looking positively wintery. It is not too early to make plans for your garden plot this coming summer.*

*(Photo by Glenn Kujansuu)*

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