



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

June-July 2008

## VAPPU RAFFLE WINNERS

The lucky winners of the FCA raffle held at the Vappu celebration are:

Toikka Bird - Jennie Sheehan

Tie Quilt - Colleen Kowalske

Evening Bag - Neal Manley

The crazy Tie Quilt was donated by the Weavers and the Elegant Evening Bag was donated by a friend of Shirley Brooks.

## KIITOS, FCA MEMBERS!!

The FCA would like to express our sincere gratitude to all members who purchased and/or sold raffle tickets. In addition to the money received for the tickets, we also received many donations in support of the Finnish Center. These donations ranged from \$2.00 to \$200.00 and we greatly appreciate every cent. It is truly heart warming to see how supportive our members can be when called upon.

The Vappu celebration, too, was a great success with good attendance especially by our Ann Arbor members. See Ruth Mannisto's article on page 9 for a full account of the event.

Hope to see more of you at FCA events this year as we shake off the winter blues and welcome spring.

## ATTENTION PRESENT & FORMER FCA MEMBERS

Come and join your fellow FCA members and friends at the Kaleva Café on Quincy Street in Hancock on Sunday, July 6 from 3 pm - 8 pm. Food will be available off the menu, including pasties and lots of bakery (tarts and nisu) made fresh at the Kaleva.

All members, former members and friends are invited to come and reminisce about the good times we've had at the Finnish Center.

For more information, please call Roy Jurva at 906.288.3733, Betty Holmbo at 906.482.5299 or let Lois Makee know you're planning to come. No reservations necessary.

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# CALENDAR

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### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### **Crafts**

Mondays 10 to 2pm

#### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9pm

#### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2pm

#### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9am

### BI-WEEKLY EVENT

#### **Blood Pressure Readings**

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

11 am to 2pm

### MONTHLY EVENTS

#### **Gift Shop**

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

#### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

#### **Weavers**

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

#### **Camera Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

#### **Card and Game Party**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month 1-4 pm

#### **Finnish Conversation**

2nd Friday of month 10am

## MAY

- 11 Mother's Day Brunch 12-2  
Reservations by 5/3
- 16 FUND RAISER 5-7pm  
Spaghetti Dinner
- 17 Cultural Workshop 9am-3pm
- 18 Historical Society Annual Mtg 2pm
- 18 Scholarship 2-6  
Krun Mtg 2pm
- 25 Open House 1-4  
Gift Shop and Garden Club
- 26 **CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY**
- 28 Pulla/Nisu Bake 10am-2pm

Rentals 2,6,10,13,14,16,17,18,21,28,31

## JUNE

- 4 Games 11-4
- 6 Novi Band

- BBQ Dinner
- 8 Pancake Breakfast noon-1:30pm
- 12 Finnish Conversation 10am
- 20 Fish Fry 5-7

Rentals 1,7,8,11,13,14,15,18,26,27,28

## JULY

Rentals 13,18,19

## AUGUST

1,5,10,15

## CRANBROOK EVENT

The Eero Saarinen exhibit events at Cranbrook were very successful. We thank all of you who came.

Seeing the exhibit, it became very clear that Eero designed so very many buildings, and that his work will always be remembered as exceptional.

All enjoyed the lecture on Friday night. FCA helpers that night were Ruth Kaarlela and Edith Raski greeting and taking tickets, and Clarabeth Dixon and Ilene Yanke taking care of the coffee table.

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## FCA SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

By the time of publication of this issue of the Newsletter, the Scholarship Committee will already have had our reception in honor of the five 2008-09 scholarship recipients. We would like to thank all the donors who have made it possible for the FCA to support the education of our next generation. Tuition and expenses have increased to such a high level that our students will continue to need our financial support, so please consider donating to the Scholarship Committee.

Our fourth and final interview of the 2007-08 FCA scholarship recipients is of Michael Lee Pietila, Jr. Michael is the son of FCA member Lynn Pietila, and the late Mike Pietila. He is completing his freshman year at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and plans to graduate in 2011.

**Q: What is your major, and what are your career plans?**

**A:** My major is business administration. I also plan on earning a minor in communication. Once I graduate, I plan on getting a management job with some type of organization. Once I've earned enough money, I plan on opening up a small fitness center. Eventually, I want to expand by opening up more fitness centers or else just opening up other businesses such as movie theatres or restaurants.

**Q: What classes do you have now, and have you had?**

**A:** Currently in my second semester, I am taking sixteen credits. I have five three-credit classes which are Spanish 2, Sacred Scripture, Living with the Arts, Introduction to Business and Language, Communication, and Culture. The one credit course I'm taking is called recreational activities. This is a gym class. Last semester I took seventeen credits. The five three-credit courses were Spanish, Leadership, College Algebra, Speech and English Composition. The two one-credit courses were freshman seminar, which was mandatory unfortunately, and physical activities which is another gym class.

**Q: What have been some of your favorite classes, and why were they significant to you?**

**A:** Last semester I had two classes which somewhat stood out to me. I was a big fan of my gym class because it was very laid back and I like to run. The other one was speech. My father passed in August, 2007, from esophageal cancer. In speech I was able to give an informative talk about what esophageal cancer is and everything involved with the disease. This was something my dad always wanted to do and it felt good being able to carry his plans out for him in a way. It turns out that I'm not as bad of a public speaker as I originally thought.

**Q: What activities do you participate in, either in the community or the university?**

**A:** Unfortunately I do not participate in as many activities as I would like to outside of work and class. I am part of the soccer team, however. I wasn't really part of the team during

the season due to my father's death but I've been training with them in the off season. We play indoor soccer three days a week and I work out either with the team or by myself three days a week as well.

**Q: What work do you do, including paid and volunteer work?**

**A:** Currently, I am a certified fitness trainer at Dick's Sporting Goods in Brighton. I am currently a full-time employee as well. I've been with the company since September 18, 2006. I was originally hired into the Troy store but they let me transfer after I decided I was going to school in Ann Arbor. The company lets me transfer back and forth throughout the year. I am very pleased with my current employment.

**Q: Do you have a mentor who helps/has helped you prepare for school and/or career? If so, how does/did this person help you?**

**A:** My dad has been a big influence in my life. To be honest, he's probably been the biggest influence. My father taught me a lot up to this point and I like to think that I'm quite a bit like him. Other than him, I've pretty much been doing the rest by myself. My mom and sister have been really supportive and I should also thank my boss, Mike Quirrenbach, who gives me the opportunities to advance.

**Q: Describe one highlight of your university experience.**

**A:** In my short time here in Concordia I don't have too many highlights. The one I would like to acknowledge though is the fact that I was on the Dean's List for the first semester. I had five A-s and two As. I finished with a 3.75 GPA. I'm pretty proud of that.

**Q: How has the FCA scholarship helped you meet your educational goals?**

**A:** Well, currently my family is not in the best financial situation after my father's passing. The FCA scholarship has helped us a lot more than we planned. You all are covering a big portion of my tuition that we can almost not afford to cover at all. I am very thankful for being chosen for this scholarship.

**Q: What advice would you give to high school students about how best to prepare for the university experience and for their career?**

**A:** The best advice I can give is to listen. For the most part, a lot of high school teachers actually know what they're talking about. Your parents may know a bit, too. Once you get to school, just try to organize your time as best as possible. Other than that, you're on your own.

Louise Hartung, for the FCA Scholarship Committee

## FINLAND TODAY

First, in 2005, the Finnish government enacted a pension reform that made the normal retirement age to be between the ages of 62 and 68. The closer you are to 68, the higher the pension. Because of the higher pension for older people, many Finnish doctors have also chosen to stay on the job. But, many Finnish doctors have also chosen to stay on because of another reason, the shortage of doctors and other medical professionals. For doctors aged 64-69, 41 percent have remained at work. For doctors over 70 years old, 13 percent are still at work. Because the Finnish population is aging more rapidly than most western countries, and the shortage of medical professionals, the Finnish government is working with the Filipino government about the possibility of bringing Filipino medical professionals to Finland. The ground work has already been laid out with the teaching of Finnish language and culture to healthcare professionals in the Philippines. Finland will be one of the first countries in Europe to experience a demographic shock as an estimated 900,000 of its "baby boomer" generation reach retirement age within the next 12 years. Finland's population is about 5.3 million.

The Finnish summer shopping season started on Sunday, May 4th. What that means is that stores larger than 4300 square feet may open their doors on Sunday with hours from 12 noon to 9pm. The summer season will last until the end of August when the stores again must be closed on Sundays, with the exception of small grocery stores, kiosks and some rural shops.

According to the latest poll, the three largest political parties are almost dead even. If elections would be held right now, the National Coalition and the Social Democrats would both receive 22 percent of the vote, while the Center Party would get 21.6 percent. The rest of the vote would go to the many other smaller parties. In a related poll, 73 percent of the people are satisfied with the work of President Tarja Halonen.

The new U.S. Ambassador to Finland is Barbara Barrett of Arizona. She received a unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Barrett is a lawyer in Arizona and also is the owner of the luxury Triple Creek Ranch in Montana. She succeeds Marilyn Ware as the Ambassador to Finland.

Out of all of the babies born in Finland last year, the most popular name for a girl was Ella. This was followed by Emma, Aino, Anni and Venla. For boys it was Veeti, followed by Eetu, Aleks, Elias and Onni. About 59,000 babies were born in Finland last year.

The Finnish Sanoma Magazines is buying the Russian Lux Media Group. Among the magazines Lux Media publishes are Collezione, a fashion magazine, real estate magazine Homes Overseas, and a wedding magazine Weddingia. Sanoma is at first buying 55% of Lux Media, and the rest by 2012.

Even though there was a lack of snow in southern Finland, the ski resorts in Lapland were doing a booming business. At Ruka, the number of lift tickets sold was up by 10 percent, at Levi, the sales were up by 20 percent, and at Yllas and Saariselka, both had lift ticket sales up by 30 percent. Levi is the most popular ski resort in Finland. Last winter \$11.7 million worth of lift tickets were sold at Levi.

The end of April marked the 80th anniversary of the first radio broadcasting in Finland. The first broadcast came from a station on Radio Hill in Lahti.

Volvo Trucks announced that it will close its bus factory in Tampere. The bus production will be moved to Poland.

Boy, the things you find when you go on the internet. For the first quarter of 2008, the largest foreign investments in Uganda came from Finland and China. Finland's investment in Uganda totaled \$50 million, and about \$29 million from China.

And finally, Heikki and Hilma were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

Hilma: You should do it because you get up first each morning.

Heikki: No, you should do it because you are in charge of cooking, and that's part of your job.

Hilma: No, you should do it, and besides that, the Bible says that the man should brew the coffee.

Heikki: What? Show me where the Bible says that.

Hilma opens up the New Testament to a book and points to the top of each page where it says.....HEBREWS.

Markku Ketola  
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## ARGENTINE TANGO

After the June 20 Fish Fry, the Tango Group and the Finnish Dancers are joining forces to offer dancing demonstrations from both styles of dance. There will be a small fee to attend the dance performance.

This event is still in the planning stages and details have yet to be worked out. So, for now, plan to attend the Fish Fry and stay for the dancing. We'll let you know if there are any changes.

Culturally,

Ruth Mannisto

## CARD AND GAME PARTY

A new Card and Game Party will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 11 to 4 pm.

Men and women are welcome.

## TABLES FOR SALE

We have several 3 ft by 3 ft square tables available for sale at \$50 each. Used previously in the lounge, these tables are suitable for indoor use when entertaining for the holidays, hosting parties or having friends over to play cards. Call if interested.

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# OVER ON FINN DRIVE

There are many items at the Finnish Center that have received some fine tuning and a lot of close personal care of some kind. I was looking over the Crazy Tie Quilt that was made by our members recently. This was a mighty effort to sort out the colorful ties, then cut and layout the pieces, and then orient them into an art form to complete the quilt. How many stitches go into something like this quilt? I have no idea. The gals did a beautiful job stitching it all together. Also, our garden plants and flowers are up and in full bloom. They are responding to the sunshine and the Garden Club's efforts of tender loving care.

Our budget for the year has been gone over, reviewed, and it is squeaky tight to say the least. It is a constant reminder of our goal to limit spending and to pursue the income we need to keep the center going. We have to be in the rental business in order to pay the base expenses of charges to keep the building open and to pay the taxes. Our main source of income is from the rental of the hall and the lounge. Most of our member activities will need to be held in the lounge area so that the main hall will be available for outside rentals. Our Center Manager, Lois Makee, keeps the master calendar for all up coming events and rentals. Getting the date secured on the calendar early for all major events will be necessary to avoid any conflicts. This is not an easy task to coordinate all of these events.

In my report to the membership in the Annual Report for 2007, I outlined a number of challenges that we must meet in 2008. The expenses for the new fiscal year will be higher than they were in 2007. We have little control over the basic items of taxes, heating, lighting, and water bills. We **must** be constantly aware of conserving our use of energy at every opportunity. This is a continuous process.

On the income side of the equation, we can all help by telling our friends and neighbors about the Finnish Center. We need more people talking about the FCA especially that it is easy to locate. Many of you can even tell some wonderful stories about the building of the center. Let them know that we have a hall and a smaller lounge area available for rent. Let them know we have a wonderful Friday Night Buffet and a Fish Fry that is delicious. The public is welcome. Soon there is another all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner which in addition to a great meal and great company is also a fundraiser for the Center. My suggestion is to check over our Calendar of Events and tell your friends, neighbors and even your favorite pet if you have to. Everyone needs to hear about the events at the Finnish Center!

Kiitos, Frank Gottberg, Chairman

# 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. Donations received since the May newsletter are as follows:

In memory of Ervin "Ed" Lahti (3-16-08) of Rock, a donation has been made by Bob Usitalo and Family. Ed was the brother of the late Elsie Usitalo.

In memory of FCA member Barbara Koitila Hammer (3-25-08) donations have been made by her cousin Margaret Rowland, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of Eila Maria Mrozek (10-11-98) of Howell, a donation has been made by her son Eric Mrozek.

In memory of FCA life member John "Archie" Kehus (1-26-08) donations have been made by Bob & Mai (Kehus) Horn and Roger & Marie (Kehus) Tilley.

In memory of FCA life member Eleanor Pelto Turovaara (3-3-08) a donation has been made by her husband Waino.

In memory of FCA life member Wayne Jackola (2-3-08) a donation has been made by his great-niece Carolyn Rowland.

The FCA has made donations in memory of member Barbara Tiura (5-2-08) and in memory of Erick Waisanen (2-21-08) of Houghton, son of member Helen Waisanen.

## VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS NEEDED

As the number of events held at the FCA continues to increase, we are faced with staffing challenges. In particular, we need bartenders. If you are a member and are interested in becoming a certified bartender, please notify the FCA and plan to attend a class in May (date yet to be determined).

This is a fun way for members to volunteer some time and learn a new skill in the process.

We look forward to seeing you!

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## 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 - 1 day, Wednesday, May 28, \$10. Includes incentive package of \$10 in coin and a \$10 food voucher. Be at the FCA by 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 7 to 7:30 pm.

Discover Detroit - 1 day, Tuesday, June 17, \$67. Includes tour of the Ren Cen, lunch at Andiamo's restaurant and a

narrated cruise on the Diamond Jack. Be at the FCA by 8:15 am for 8:30 departure. Return about 5:30 pm.

Motor City Casino - 1 day, Wednesday, July 16, \$18. Includes \$20 play incentive plus \$5 food coupon. Be at the FCA by 11:15 am for 11:30 departure. Return about 5:45 pm.

Church Basement Ladies" at Turkeyville - 1 day, Thursday, August 28, \$69. Includes Marjorie Cornwell's all-you-can-eat turkey buffet. Be at the FCA by 9:15 am for 9:30 departure. We will return at about 6:15 pm.

Soaring Eagle featuring Charlie Prose - 1 day, Tuesday, October 21, \$34. Includes incentive package of \$15 coin and \$5 food voucher. Be at the FCA by 9 am for 9:15 departure. Return about 9 pm.

Sneak Peak - December 1, Niagara Falls to see Randy Travis. A Caribbean Cruise in the fall is still hopefully in the works.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

FinnFest 2008 in Duluth, MN is fast approaching. The Singers will be performing twice while at FinnFest. We will be traveling by a Bianco Tours bus.

Why not join us for an enjoyable trip? It's great traveling with friends and not having to drive. We will leave the Finnish Center on July 22 and arrive in Duluth on July 23. On July 26, we will leave Duluth. On our way back, we plan to travel through Thunder Bay, Ontario and around the northern coast of Lake Superior. We will arrive home on July 27. The cost is \$260.00 per person. Registration for FinnFest is \$65.00. In addition you will need to pay for food and lodging. Please contact Ilene Yanke at 248-887-3538 as soon as possible.

On April 20, the Singers enjoyed performing for the Scandinavian Society of Greater Lansing. A delicious potluck dinner was served. On April 27, the Singers performed their annual spring concert with a variety of musical numbers. Several soloists also performed.

We wish to thank Lillian Heikkinen and Christine Jurgensen for preparing a nice selection of food for the coffee table. Thanks to all who attended the concert. We appreciate your support.

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

## WOMEN'S CLUB

At our last meeting we held a show and tell featuring: Charlotte Lytikainen's framed peach pit items, Kay Simo's Little Red Riding Hood doll, Rigmor Coulahan's beautiful embroidery works she made beginning at age five, and Edith Raski's large, two pound chunk of raw glass from the Ford Glass Plant. Lovely work from lovely ladies!

Future demonstrations will be from the Police Department on how to protect ourselves and also from the Fire Department showing us how to use a fire extinguisher.

The Women's Club is open to other suggestions for future activities. Let us know who or what you'd like to see featured in the coming months.

Rigmor Cuolahan, Chair

# FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

The Finns enjoy international acclaim in many fields, not the least of which are architecture and the arts. We have several books in our library which cover these subjects. Some of them are:

## 800 YEARS OF FINNISH ARCHITECTURE

by J.M. Richards. Fortunately, buildings in Finland are not torn down after a few decades of use as they are in the United States. As a result they have wonderful examples of architecture dating back for many centuries. Some of the earliest are castles and fortresses, three of which are in fairly good condition: the castle in Hämeenlinna and the Turku castle dating to the 1200's, and Olavinlinna in Savonlinna, founded in 1475. There are also several others, in various states of disrepair.

Finland's churches are beautiful works of art. One of the earliest is the church in Nousiainen, built of stone, as were many of that era, in the thirteenth century. Of special interest are the early wooden churches, built by the loving hands of unlearned craftsmen and artisans. Many have ceilings and walls profusely illustrated with pictures of Bible stories which the congregation could study while attending the Latin mass, which they could not understand. Richards devotes two chapters to churches alone.

In later chapters the author covers the works of Finland's modern architects, Eliel Saarinen (whose Helsinki Railway Station, built 100 years ago, is still a magnificent "modern" building), Lars Sonck, Alvar Aalto, just to name a few.

Finland takes pride in its architecture and architects; this book will give you an appreciation of them as well. It's Dewey number is 720.9 Ri.

## ATHENEUM GUIDE

The Art Museum of the Atheneum in Helsinki contains foreign as well as Finnish art, but its Finnish collection is what should fascinate Finnish Americans. This book presents some of the best of the Finnish collection. One of my favorites is Albert Edelfelt, who, after studying in Paris, first painted continental-style pictures, but then realized he had very unique subjects in his own country. Eero Järnefelt, Pekka Halonen, Akseli Gellen-Kallela, Juho Rissanen and others, likewise, used local subjects as models. They give us an insight into the life of their times. Peruse this volume and you won't want to miss the Atheneum on your next visit to Finland. You'll find this in 708 At.

KARJALAN KUKKIVA PUU (THE FLOWERING TREE OF KARELIA), edited by Margit Laininen. Finland has had its share of sculptors, most of whom worked in conventional materials, marble, stone, metals, and so on. But Eva Ryynänen, whose work is the subject of this book, was a most

unique sculptress. She studied sculpture for five years in Helsinki, but didn't like conventional materials; she was fascinated by wood. Until just recently, when she passed away, she and her husband had a home and studio named Paateri in the countryside outside of Lieksa. Here she carved works both small and large, some of gigantic proportions. Her "Dancing Bears" is only one of her charming pieces. Besides Finland, her works have sold at least in Sweden, Norway, the Soviet Union, the USA, Canada, Cuba, West Germany, Switzerland and Egypt.

After an introduction in both Finnish and English, this is mainly a picture book illustrating Eva's incredible work. It's worth a look! We have shelved it in 736.4 La.

## LIVING IN FINLAND

by Tim Bird; photography by Ingalill Snitt. Tim Bird is a British journalist who has lived in Finland since 1982. In this work, published in 2005, he gives the reader an intimate tour of Finnish interiors including those of lakeside cottages ("mökki" in Finland), private homes, handsome country manors, as well as some commercial establishments. Reflecting Finland's forests, there is much use of wood. Finland's creative designers also use just about every building material known to man. The Finns' creativity is evident, for instance, in the "Church in the Rock" in Helsinki. Some homes are fortunate enough to have preserved the beautiful tile stoves ("kaakeliuuni") of old. Accent pieces are often objects created by Finnish designers. Even if you don't have much time or inclination for reading, Ingalill Snitt's pictures alone are worth a look. Do take an armchair visit to Finland and experience its unique beauty of design. You'll find the book in 720.9471 Bi.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



Spring has sprung at the FCA! Blossoms frame the Center nicely in this lovely photo taken by Glenn Kujansuu.



## CULTURAL

Tapani Yriola, the violinist from Finland and David Troiano, the organ accompanist, presented a wonderful concert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This was followed by an afterglow at the Finnish Center where we were able to meet and talk with these friendly and gracious performers. Our audience was a very disappointing number of nine members and Tapani's American family of six. Shame on us! You missed a great event. Many thanks to the folks who helped provide the coffee table for the afterglow.

On April 25 and 26 we made over 900 pasties. Thanks to all the pasty workers that made this possible.

### VAPPU CELEBRATION

At VAPPU on May 3, we raffled off the 2006 Annual Toikka Bird, a crazy Tie Quilt (donated by the Weavers) and an Elegant Evening Purse (donated by a friend of Shirley Brooks). We really appreciate the cooperation of the membership that made this a rousing success. This was a fun evening with about 70 adults and 11 children participating, including the celebrated Finnish bowler, Mr. Koivuniemi. A clown entertained the children and adults. Kiitos to the Soitoniekat who played music for listening and dancing.

Thanks to the ladies from Ann Arbor for making the piirakat, to those who helped in getting the food on the tables, the kitchen crew, and Carl Aebersold for cleaning up and doing dishes.

### FINLAND ROTARY CLUB

On Wednesday, May 21 at 6:00 pm we will host five people from a FINLAND ROTARY CLUB. They are interested in the variety of jobs and hobbies we have here in the United States and would like to talk to as many people as possible. Please plan to attend so we'll have a good representation of FCA members, occupations and hobbies. There will be a coffee table so you can have a bite or two.

### PUPPETS

PUPPETS are coming to the FCA. Hilka Ketola, Carl Aebersold and Ruth Mannisto introduced the puppets they made at Vappu. We hope to tell stories of from the Kalevala, Moomin and Finn folk tales using puppets. This is a new venture to show our Finnish culture in a fun way. If interested, call the FCA to offer your talents and we can make puppets together. We need all kinds of help to get this project off the ground. I know we Finns can do this!

Culturally,

Ruth Mannisto

## GIFT SHOP NEWS

The gift shop has new items for sale:

- Cute children's T-shirts
- Sisu sweatshirts & pens
- Mugs
- Finnish/English Dictionaries
- Juniper knives
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On Sale while supplies last:

- Silver chains of various lengths - 1/2 off
- FCA mugs -2 for 1

Note: Due to the increased cost of flour, the price of Trenary toast has been raised to \$4.25/bag.

Coming Soon:

- Aarikka items
- Iittala

## Christmas in July Sale

**Gift Shop Hours:**

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The Gift Shop will also be open during FCA events. Refer to the calendar for dates and times.

Support your Finnish Center and shop here the next time you need a unique gift for a shower, wedding, birthday, graduation or any special event!

## FCA EVENT PHOTOS

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## ROSTER CHANGES

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On Saturday night Congo se Menne attracted many including some of our younger members. My daughter and grandson enjoyed the reggae beat accompanying the Finnish songs and purchased the CD. Very enjoyable was their rendition of "Saakijarven Polka". It moved Dr. Kevin and Mrs. Nurmi and Louise Hartung and her husband to the dance floor to dance a vigorous polka. Helping that night were Frank Gottberg at the door with Lillian Heikkinen, Char Lytikainen and Ilene Yanke at the coffee table.

Baking for the event were Lillian Heikkinen, Dagnie Carlson, Char Lytikainen, Lila and Terry Ball, Ruth Kaarlela, Nina Ranta, Edith Raski and Ilene Yanke. We made pulla, fruit squares and coffee triangles. At home I made two other kinds of Finnish cookies, one of which Susan Saarinen requested the recipe! So I had my photo taken with Susan Saarinen!

Ilene Yanke



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