



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

September 2008

THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office
- Bartending
- Hall/Lounge Set up
- Proofreading
- Sound
- Plumbers
- Electrical

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The FCA started out with a great base of volunteers, but now the volunteer base is almost nil. The biggest group we have are those that come to make pasties. We have asked for volunteers to clean, take inventory, general office, proofread, sound, set-up, take-down, janitorial, plumbers, electrical, bartenders, just to name a few. The part-time staff is unable to do all the volunteers used to do. At the present time, we are unable to hire additional paid staff.

We also need the talents of our members in cultural activities making puppets to present the Kalevala and other Finnish tales. Our Art Fair is on shaky ground because our talented members are not coming forward.

Only a few members support our buffets, fish fries, flea markets, bazaars, craft shows, auctions and cultural activities.

Our volunteers are the same ones that have been volunteering since the 1970s. Unless members are willing to help out in a committee or any of the above mentioned categories, we may well go the way of the Italian-American Club and do mostly rentals and less functions for the members.

We are very thankful and grateful for those volunteers that still support our Center. Without you, we could not have made it this far.

MORE TOPICS OF INTEREST

We are accepting donations to purchase another book on Saarinen, as someone took it from the library and hasn't returned it. This book cost \$75 and we have no additional monies to purchase this or others that are missing. This type of thing makes us think twice about letting anyone into the library alone.

Remember our paper drives? We can't do that anymore, but we are working on maybe getting a bin for papers which will give us few extra dollars. Of course we will need you to deposit your papers (no telephone books or cardboard).

We are also working on getting our archives to Finlandia University. It would be nice if you would send us information on when and why you joined the FCA, what you did and/or what you have gotten out of being a member. This is the best way for us to preserve our being here in Farmington Hills.

Curtains have now been installed in the hall and bar area to cut the cost of cooling and heating the hall when it is not being used and to give privacy to rentals.

We are in need of a few four drawer file cabinets, as we are in the process of organizing all our stuff! Let us know if you have one (or more) to donate.

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CALENDAR

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

2nd and 4th Monday

11 am to 2pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday Mtg 12:30pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9-12

Camera Club

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

AUGUST

31 Open House 1-4 pm

Rentals: 5,10,15,16,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26

SEPTEMBER

3 Joint Board Mtg 6:30

13 Preserve Finn Culture 10-2 pm

14 Brunch 11:30

26 Taste of Finland

Buffet 5-8 pm

Rentals: 6,10,12,14,24,27

OCTOBER

3 & 4 Flea Market 9am-3pm

12 Finnish Breakfast 11:30

17 Buffet 5pm

Rentals: 8,11,23,16,18,22,25

FLEA MARKET

October 3 & 4, 2008

9 am-3 pm

Two days to shop

Six and eight foot tables
are available.

FIBER EXPO IN ANN ARBOR

Saturday, October 25 from 9
to 5 & Sunday, October 26
from 9 to 4. Admission \$3.00.

Looking for people interested
to attend and see what they
are doing. Weavers may get
some ideas. If interested in
going on Saturday, October
25th call the FCA, and we
could meet at the Center and
share a ride.

Ruth Mannisto

KRUUNUHAAT CANCELLED

Due to lack of participation, we
have to cancel the performance
of Kruunuhatt (Crown Wed-
ding) on September 27.

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

Calendars come in all sizes, shapes and colors and are handy for all seasons. Many of us like the kind that have plenty of space to write in our reminders. Some organizations use their calendar to send us a message inviting us to their store to purchase. The local grocery store, drug store, lumber yard, feed store, and even your insurance agent make up a calendar. The calendar that you get from your church seems to be the one that has the most reliable information including words of wisdom. The message may be a word of inspiration, words for strength for the coming day or a message of peace for the evening.

At home, we have a unique calendar that was my mother-in-law's. The unit was made many years ago and is still in operation today. It is made of thin wood and has a number of grooved wooden rails to hold the square numbers so that we can slide and arrange them in the proper place. There are even special squares that can be put in place to cover holidays, including Flag Day, Halloween, Christmas and Easter.

In this day and age of computers and printers, you may get a calendar made by your grandchildren. The pictures usually feature the events and happenings over the last year.

The calendar I purchased at the Finnish Center is written in Finn-English. It is a starter course for learning the months of the year in Finnish. For me, the easiest ones to remember are Heinakuu, Kesakuu, ja Joulukuu.

Speaking of calendars, your FCA Newsletter has a listing of events that are coming up for the fall season. These are all before the "Big Bird" arrives. Be sure to jot down the dates in your calendar and talk about the Finnish Center with your friends and neighbors. The Friday night buffets at the Center begin again in September and are special evenings to mark on your calendar.

Also make note of our Open Houses sponsored by our various committees. Take a look at the calendar, there are many events to take part in and many, many areas where your time and help is needed. Come in and support your Finnish Center!

Until next time...Nakemiin—

Frank Gottberg, Chairperson

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

IMPORTANT UP COMING SPECIAL MEETING

We want anyone interested in all cultural and craft items to attend meetings on September 13 and October 11 from 10am to 2pm to coordinate and share our activities. Bring an example of your work and/or your ideas to share. **We are looking for ALL committees to send a representative** in order to see what we can do to help keep the FCA growing and going strong. Meetings are usually on the second Saturday of the month.

The Weavers still meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9am to 2pm.

Our puppet making is coming along very well, however, we are still looking for people to join in and help us. We would like to make more puppets and create the scenery that will accompany the plays. The puppet plays will be an excellent way to tell stories to both young and old – hopefully at Pikku Joulu! Please contact the Finnish Center for more information.

Culturally,

Ruth Mannisto

FINLAND TODAY

First, we have the results of a unique health study done in Finland. The study involved 2000 people who were about 50 years old. Each study participant was assessed for any sign of dementia or Alzheimer's disease. The same study was repeated 21 years later to the same group of people and the results compared. The study shows that people with a spouse or a partner in mid-life are 50% less likely to develop age-related dementia than people living alone in mid-life. In other words, people living alone their entire adult life were twice as likely to develop dementia than people living with a spouse or a partner.

Divorce also seems to play a big part. In the study, if the people divorced at around the age of 50, and remained single, they were three times more likely to get dementia by the time they are 71 years old. The results were even more dramatic for people who become widows or widowers before mid-life and remain single. By the time they are 71 years old, they are six times more likely to develop dementia than that of partnered couples.

The Finnish food giant, Atria, is purchasing a meat processing company in Russia. The company, Campomos, produces foods such as sausages and pizza. An Atria spokesman says that the main reason for the purchase was because Campomos has a "well-functioning distribution system," and also because they have their farms to produce the meat. Atria already has a processing plant in the St. Petersburg area, but until now, they imported all their unprocessed meats to the plant.

Riitan Herkku, a leading fruit processing company in Finland, has the help of about 100 berry pickers from Viet Nam. The company is in the process of recruiting 300-400 more seasonal workers from Viet Nam to pick berries in the Finnish woods.

A hybrid car to be built in Finland? According to Finnish engineering group, Metso Oy, its car manufacturing unit, Valmet Automotive has signed a letter of intent with the U. S. hybrid car producer Fisker Automotive to build the Karma hybrid car in Finland. The Karma is a four door hybrid sports sedan. Production is set to start the 4th quarter of 2009 with an annual production volume of 15,000. Valmet currently produces the Porsche Boxter and Cayman models.

Three days after his contract was extended by his McLaren Racing Team, Heikki Kovalainen of Finland won the Hungarian Grand Prix. Another Finn, Kimi Raikkonen, was also on the podium, finishing 3rd. In the championship points count, England's Lewis Hamilton still leads by 5 points over last year's F-1 world champion Kimi Raikkonen.

At the Rally of Finland, the winner was Sebastien Loeb,

with Finland's Mikko Hirvonen in second. Loeb has won 42 champion events during his career, but never the Rally of Finland until now. In world championship points count, Loeb is one point behind the leader Mikko Hirvonen who has 67 points, with six events left in the season.

With the "Play It Safe Campaign," the Finnish craft brewery and beverage manufacturer, Mallaskoski, is doing something "different" this summer. One of the most popular summer alcoholic beverages in Finland is the Gin Long Drink by Mallaskoski. It is a grapefruit/gin flavored alcoholic (4.5%) beverage that comes in a aluminum can (0.5L). The drink is very popular with young women. What Mallaskoski does different this summer is that in each 12 pack there also is a condom.

And finally, one day little Hilma was sitting and watching her mother, Helvi, do the dishes at the kitchen sink. Hilma suddenly noticed that her mother had a few strands of white hair on her brunette head. She looked at her mother inquisitively and finally asked, "Why are some of your hair white, mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something bad and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hair turns white." Little Hilma thought about this for awhile and she finally said, "Mom, you must have been a really bad girl because grandma's hairs are all white."

Markku Ketola
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ISLANDS OF THE MANITOU by Kathryn Belden Ashley, c.1978. Besides Drummond Island, several smaller islands separate Lake Huron and Georgian Bay. The history of these islands is closely linked with the history of the area from Sault Ste. Marie to the Straits of Mackinac. The Finns on Drummond Island receive quite a bit of coverage in this book also.

GROWING UP ON DRUMMOND ISLAND by Jill Lowe Brumwell, c.2005. This is the autobiography of the author of the above book, **DRUMMOND ISLAND: HISTORY, FOLKLORE AND EARLY PEOPLE**. Kathryn Belden Ashley, author of **ISLANDS OF THE MANITOU**, is her mother. Jill herself was born on the island and tells an interesting tale of growing up there.

FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION: EUNICE GOULD by Donald Autio, March 24, 2008. In this CD Donald Autio interviews Eunice Potti Gould regarding the beginnings of the Finnish Center.

You're welcome to come and borrow any of these or other books in our library. Just remember to sign the card in the pocket at the back of the book and leave it in the box labeled "Leave cards here" on top of the card catalog.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

ARTWORK ON LOAN AT THE FCA

We've accepted, on loan, the painting "A Finnish Girl" by John Potti. Please stop by the Manager's office where the painting is displayed.

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.

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FCA REUNION AT THE KALEVA CAFE

On July 6, the Kaleva Café in Hancock was the scene of an FCA summer reunion. Betty & Leonard Holmbo and Ruth & Roy Jurva put out the word for members and friends to meet at the restaurant to reminisce and visit. Twenty-three people from both the U.P. and the Farmington area answered the call and had a great time catching up with friends and relatives. Kiitos to Pastor Liimatta who generously donated *Mita Kuuluu* note paper and license plate frames for door prizes and to Roger Hewlett who entertained the group with his accordion playing.

It was decided that a reunion will be held again next year over the Fourth of July weekend. We'll keep you posted regarding the particulars in the FCA Newsletter.



Here are a few of the reunion attendees (from top, clockwise). Nancy Hannula; Ruth & Pastor Elmer Liimatta, Jim Reinholm and Peggy Puuri (back); Ruth & Roy Jurva; and Leonard & Betty Holmbo.



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

Donations received since the August newsletter are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Dewey Frye (4-29-08) donations have been made by his wife Marjorie and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member Calvin Karsama (6-29-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Carl Wiitanen (7-7-08) donations have been made by Willie & Dolores Rajala and the FCA.

In memory of Margie Ahonen Bosley (7-7-08) of Jacksonville, FL, a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo. Margie was the sister of member Melvin Ahonen.

In memory of FCA life member Edward Snabb (7-12-08) donations have been made by his wife Helen, Karen & Ernie Graham, Emily & Jeffrey, Susan & Daniel Krickbaum, his sister-in-law Eva Bessonen & family and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Walt" Haveri (7-30-08) donations have been made by Willie & Dolores Rajala, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Earl Bessonen (7-22-94) a donation has been made by his wife Eva & the family.

In memory of FCA life member Arnold Usitalo (5-13-08) a donation has been made by Willie & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member Reino Aho (6-11-08) donations have been made by Wade Trim Operations Services and Curt, Diane & Eliana Ranger.

In memory of FCA life member Robert "Bob" Hyrkas (1-3-08) a donation has been made by Willie & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member Paul Jukuri (6-15-08) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member Wealthy Makila (8-12-01) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Edsel Carlson (5-6-08) a donation has been made by Willie & Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life members Lillian Ahonen (8-21-04) and Eino Ahonen (10-28-85) a donation has been made by Eva Bessonen and family.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Ed" Keskitalo (11-15-07) a donation has been made by Willie & Dolores Rajala.

The FCA has made donations in memory of member Arthur Paulson (6-5-08) and in memory of Bertha Pintar (2-23-08) of Hurontown, mother of member Dolores Rajala.

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.

Gem Theatre - "Say Goodnight Gracie" - 1 day, Thursday, September 18, \$85. This portray the life, laughter and love of George Burns. Lunch included at the Traffic Jam & Snug. Be at FCA by 10:45 for an 11 am departure. Return about 5 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia - 1 day, Tuesday, September 23, \$22. Slot play of \$20 included. Be at FCA 8:30 am for 8:45 departure. Return about 6 pm. Don't forget your ID.

Odawa Casino in Petoskey - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, October 6 & 7, \$135. Incentive package of \$35 included.

Charlie Prose at Soaring Eagle - 1 day, Tuesday, October 21, \$34. You will have some time to gamble before the show. A \$15 coin coupon and \$5 food voucher are included. Be at FCA 9 am for a 9:15 departure. Return about 9 pm.

Randy Travis at Fallsview Casino - Niagara Falls - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, December 1 & 2, \$275. Breakfast and \$10 in coin are included. Also included is a stop at Duty Free. Don't forget proper I.D. I was told this trip is already selling so don't wait to call me!

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at The Fox - 1 day, Wednesday, December 10, \$83. Includes lunch at the Traffic Jam & Snug.

Sneak Peak - It appears the Caribbean Cruise for the fall is out but hopefully will be on for the spring of 2009.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

On Tuesday, July 22, 12 people boarded the Bianco Tour Bus at the FCA for our trip to FinnFest 2008 at the University of Minnesota in Duluth. We enjoyed the accommodations during our stay at St. Scholastica College. The Singers performed two fall concerts including selections by two choral groups.

Leaving on Friday, July 25, our first stop was Thunder Bay, Ontario. On Saturday morning, we enjoyed breakfast at a famous Finnish restaurant, Hoito.

Lake Superior was a beautiful sight as we continued traveling. Several scenic stops were made along the way, including Eagle Canyon where some of us crossed Canada's longest suspension footbridge. It proved to be quite an adventure. We saw several water falls and took many pictures.

We returned home through Sault Ste Marie, arriving at the FCA on Sunday evening. We appreciate everyone who traveled with us to Finn Fest.

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

WOMEN'S CLUB

As you know, not only our women come to bake, but some of our men come and give valuable help lifting, dishwashing, etc. Pulla/Nisu baking will again occur on Wednesday, October 22 from 10 am until 2 pm. All are invited to join us. We have a simple lunch while the Pulla rises. Then, we go on to shape and bake the loaves.

Those of you wanting to order Pulla/Nisu should call Finnish Center to place your orders as this is helpful. We appreciate all of our customers.

Thank you-

Ilene Yanke

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Here's a list of some new books we're adding to our library. One or more of them may interest you.

THE TRAVELS OF PETER KALM by Paula Ivaska Robbins, c.2007. Peter Kalm was a famous Finnish-Swedish naturalist who traveled through colonial North America in the years 1748-1751.

LIFE WAS GOOD, MUTTA VOI, VOI! by Gordon Johnson, c.2008. We have several books in our library about young girls growing up in a Finnish-American family, but none about boys, hence this choice. Gordon Johnson grew up in Embarrass, Minnesota as the youngest child in a bilingual Finnish Apostolic Lutheran family. Farm life being what it is, Gordon grew up with first-hand experience of the "birds and the bees" life in the animal world. The jacket warns: "The author cannot be held responsible for any angst or giggling spells that the reading of the scurrilous material in this book may bring about. Therefore, reader discretion is advised."

PRINCE CHARMING: THE JOHN F. KENNEDY JR. STORY by Wendy Leigh, c.1993. This is not about Finland, Finns, or Finnish-Americans, but it was a donation which I couldn't refuse since we all remember the three-year-old-boy who saluted his father's casket and who later came to his own tragic end. Very interesting!

UNEXPLAINED MICHIGAN MYSTERIES by Gary Barfknecht, c.1993. Have you heard of the Paulding Lights, UFOs in Michigan, ghosts in Michigan lighthouses? These and 67 other "mysteries" will make you realize Michigan is a "mysterious peninsula" (two peninsulas, really).

J.K. PAASIKIVI: A PICTORIAL BIOGRAPHY by Uno Tuominen, c.1970. This short book (99 pages) contains some biographical text enhanced by dozens of pictures of one of Finland's most important statesmen, as well as its seventh president, following Mannerheim.

THE WINTER WAR by William Durbin, c.2008. This is the story of Marko, a young boy with a leg weakened by polio, who, despite his handicap, makes a valuable contribution as a messenger on Finland's front line,

skiing in white camouflage through the forests. It's fiction, but true-to-life.

RED EXODUS: FINNISH-AMERICAN EMIGRATION TO RUSSIA by Mayme Sevander, c.1993. The author was born in Brule, WI, but in 1934 went with her family to Karelia, Russia along with numerous other idealists who were chasing the Socialist dream. Their dream turned into a nightmare and after purges and labor camps, few were left to tell their tale. Fortunately for those who want to know their story, Mayme survived and wrote about their experiences.

SOVIET BONDAGE: SEQUEL TO "RED EXODUS", c.1996. See above.

FINLAND ON \$50 by Sydney A. Clark, c.1938. (Note the copyright date!) Those of you who have traveled to Finland in the last twenty years or so, will find this both amazing and amusing. The author talks about hotel rooms in Helsinki for fifty cents! Twenty-five Finnmarks bought a big lunch, a big dinner could be had for 30 or 35 FM. (The 500 mark bill was worth only a little over ten dollars.) The tourist attractions, however, have not changed much. It's interesting to read about what has changed, and what has remained the same in sixty years in this land so dear to our hearts.

DRUMMOND ISLAND: HISTORY, FOLKLORE AND EARLY PEOPLE by Jill Lowe Brumwell, c.2003. Finnish settlers landed on Drummond Island in the early 1900s, led by Maggie Waltz (hers is a story in itself), a Finnish immigrant who wanted to get her people out of the dangerous copper and iron mines in the western Upper Peninsula. Eventually many of them became disillusioned and left, but many descendants remain to this day. But the Finns were by no means the earliest settlers on the island. The first settlers were Indians, followed by French missionaries, and later the British. A lengthy chapter deals with the Finnish settlers, and one finds names such as Nikula, Karvonen, Kemppainen, Jarvinen, Heinonen, Makinen and Ruohomaki, among many others. This is an interesting read about a place little-known to most Michigan Finns. It may inspire you to visit it on one of your trips to the U.P., to stop at the Visitor Center, the Museum (which has a Finnish section) and the Finnish cemetery.

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FCA HOSTS 52ND KALEVA CONVENTION

The FCA was proud to host the 52nd Kaleva International Convention of the Knights and Ladies of Kaleva in June. The three day convention was well attended and jam-packed with festivities, meetings, elections, classes and banquets. The group was entertained by the *Spirit of Detroit Chorus* at the Friday night dinner and danced to the music of Don Reinholm on Saturday night.

The highlight of the weekend, an outing to the Cranbrook Institute, home of the Saarinen family, included dinner in the Science Museum and a slide lecture by Susan Saarinen and Mark Coir.

The convention wrapped up with Sunday services at Bethlehem Lutheran Church followed by a coffee hour where the Knights and Ladies bid each other a fond farewell.



Kaleva Convention Opening Ceremony



Saturday Night Banquet

FINNISH & ARGENTINE DANCERS ENTERTAIN FRIDAY NIGHT DINERS

In June, the FCA held a very special Friday Night Fish Fry. Our Finnish Dancers joined forces with an Argentine Tango Group and truly wowed the Friday diners. During the dinner that included both Finnish and Argentine cuisine, dancers from each group took the floor and, in turn, demonstrated their style of dance. The Finnish dancers performed the comical, story telling *Nuuska Polka* while the colorful Argentinian troupe presented different forms of Tango. Then, picture this, if you can, the Finnish dancers (in full costume) coupled up with the Argentine dancers (dressed to the nines) and showed each other a thing or two. What a visual delight! As a special conclusion they invited the audience to join in and learn the tango or schottische. Needless to say, these two very different cultures created a unique night of entertainment.

Just a reminder, the Friday Night Buffets will begin again in September. This special "Taste of Finland" dinner will feature all Finnish foods. Come on September 26 at 5 pm. Price: \$15.00. See you then!

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