



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 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

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

- Norma & Rudy Aittama
 Denise & Cortland Book
 Shirley Brooks
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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 EVENTS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday 12:30pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of month 2-4pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9-12pm

Camera Club

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10am

NOVEMBER

- 12 Veteran's Day Luncheon 12:00-2pm
 14 Fish Fry 5-7pm
 19 101st Airborne 12pm
 20 Open House 1-4pm

Rentals: 1,2,4,8,12

DECEMBER

- 6 Pikku Joulu 1-3pm
 6 Jam Session 7:30-10:30pm
 7 Finnish Independence Day 2-5pm
 17 101st 12-2pm
 19 Fish Fry 5-7pm
 31 New Year's Eve 4:30-9pm

Rentals: 5,10,13,14,16,20

New Year's Eve Reservations due by December 17—\$25 per person.



Look for photos from our Gift Shop throughout this issue. Come do your Christmas shopping at the FCA!

WANTED: PHOTOS AND INFORMATION

Remember the Norse Civic Association? The association publicized and followed all the events (and joint events!) in the Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, and Swedish communities in former years.

The NCA plans to give all our old records to a library that preserves the histories of ethnic groups in the Detroit area. We are requesting your help. Do you have any snapshots, photographs, newspaper clippings of persons or social events from all those past years?

Call Christine (248) 476-7689 and we will arrange to pick them up. Or, if you would like, send them to her at your convenience. Your help and interest is much appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Young people who would like to apply for a scholarship from the Finnish Center Association may now do so either by downloading the application from our website, or by picking up an application in the FCA office.

The requirements for applying, and the criteria for awarding scholarships are included on the first page of the application.

Remember: The deadline for applying for the 2009-2010 school year is March 15, 2009.

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

We were working on re-staining some of the timbers and the wood façade on the front section of the Finnish Center. From the ladder, I had a good vantage point to see the people coming and going from our Finnish Center. We have many new people that are getting introduced to our Center as they come to gather for their group meetings.

The Livonia Exchange Club rented the hall to hold their annual spaghetti dinner fund raiser. They served over 300 diners during that one evening event. This looked like a very active group with many family members attending and having fun. The Livonia Chamber of Commerce has had some meetings at the FCA as well.

It is good to see the 101st Air Borne group meeting at each month in our lounge for their noon luncheons. These veterans come from many cities that surround our Farmington Hills location.

Another large group that has used our rental hall many times this year is a yoga group. This group teaches body relaxation, flexibility and stress management. People seem to be having fun and it is good to have them returning and enjoying our facility. We need to get more rentals so we can keep our center moving ahead. More exposure generated with the local residents and businesses could result in more rentals. For an example of this, please see page 9 regarding free publicity for the FCA.

Last Sunday, my church, like many of the Lutheran Churches in this area, had a special service called All Saints Sunday. We remembered all those folks and friends that have come and gone in the past. We also remembered all the Living Saints that are among us today. We have close friends, acquaintances, family, etc. that are Living Saints and we love them all. As the song goes: "Be Joyful and be Glad for you are the kingdom of God." Yes, we have living saints among us, and they do their jobs, day in and day out to make this a better place to live by helping others. Yes, we have lots to be thankful for. The plan of the Lord is to provide us faith for the future and faith for us live by today. Enjoy the coming season of Advent and the Christmas Story.

To all of our members of the Finnish Center a very MERRY CHRISTMAS...HAUSKA JOULU SINULE!

Frank Gottberg
Chairman

CELEBRATE 91 YEARS OF FINNISH INDEPENDENCE!

The Finnish American Historical Society of Michigan and Soittoniekat—the FCA's musicians—invite you to celebrate Finland's 91st Independence Day by participating in two activities. Our featured presenter, Dr. Carl Rahkonen, will jam at the Finnish Center with fellow musicians on Saturday, December 6 beginning at 7:30 pm. On Sunday, December 7, he will make an illustrated presentation at 2:00 pm in the main hall about the role of the kantele in the development of Finnish nationalism.

Some of you may already be familiar with Dr. Rahkonen through his many presentations at FinnFests over the years. He is a music librarian and a professor at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. As a member of the library faculty, he is responsible for reference, collection development, and cataloging. He teaches courses in Music Bibliography, Information Literacy in World Music, and Ethnic Music and Culture. Dr. Rahkonen specializes in studying many aspects of the Finnish national instrument, the kantele, and his dissertation, *The Role of the Kantele in the Development of the Finnish Nation*, may be read on his website: <http://www.people.iup.edu/rahkonen>. In addition, he is also a talented musician who plays the fiddle, mandolin, and string bass with local musician friends and with the Irish band, Aran.

Musicians who enjoy playing different types of music such as Finnish, country, folk, bluegrass, popular, jazz, for example, as well as those people who like to sing, dance, and just tap their feet, are invited to the Saturday night jam session in the lounge. There is no admission fee; instead a free-will offering will be collected to offset building expenses. Light refreshments will be served and the bar will be open. Dr. Rahkonen will join the music playing one or several of his instruments.

The Sunday afternoon celebration will feature Dr. Rahkonen's presentation on the role of the kantele in the development of Finnish nationalism. *Kalevala* rune singing will also be included so come prepared to participate in this ancient art. War veterans and exchange students will be recognized and we will hear a few words about Finland from our honorary Finnish consul, Paul Potti. A special musical event will be Don Reinholm's accordion rendition of Sibelius' complete *Finlandia*. Admission is \$10. A coffee hour will follow the program with music by Soittoniekat.

TERVETULOA to our Independence Day celebration! Bring friends and family to participate in this most important anniversary event of the Finnish nation.

Louise Hartung, for the Finnish American Historical Society of Michigan and Soittoniekat

FINLAND TODAY

The economic down turn has now also spread to Finland. Many companies have started to lay off workers. One of the hardest hit is the forest products industry where about 6,000 workers are expected to be laid off. Nokia Tires are in negotiations to lay off about 1,000 workers.

In the Helsinki area, housing prices are down 2.6%. Also the construction of new stores is down by 30%.

The third quarter of 2008 was bad news for Finnair. Last year Finnair made a profit of \$71.1 in the third quarter. This year Finnair shows a loss of \$27.4 for the same quarter.

The government is in negotiations with some of the key Finnish industries, like ship building, to provide some sort of financial help.

In September the Finnish industry was projected to grow by about 1.8% next year, but it is projected for zero growth.

The Finnish Stora Enso Oy will build a power plant in Poland to provide electricity for its mill and the surrounding area. The Ostroleka mill will produce paper, pulp, and industrial packaging material for the Polish and Russian markets. The plant is scheduled to be online in 2010.

Stora Enso is one of the world's largest forest products companies making magazine paper, newsprint, fine paper, pulp, and packaging board. It operates in more than 40 countries and employs 34,000 people.

"The most modern of the Baltic harbors", Finland's massive Vuosaari Harbor, opened for business in November. The harbor will be able to handle 4,000 vehicles per day to load and unload the ships.

Which are the most environmentally friendly countries of the 17 most industrialized countries in the world? The Nordic countries are at the top. Sweden, Finland, and Norway lead the list. Canada was 15th, and the U.S. 17th.

At the Japanese World Cup Auto Rally, Finns came in first and second. Mikko Hirvonen won the race with Jari-Matti Latvala second. Sebastian Loeb came in third, but with the third place points, Loeb clinched the World Rally Championship.

Saku and Mikko made NHL hockey history. They are the first European brother combination to face each other in a NHL game, while each was the captain of their team. Saku is the captain of the Montreal Canadiens, while his brother Mikko is the captain of the Minnesota Wild. By the way, Montreal won the game 2--1.

Who was Finland's top money earner last year? It was Jorma

Ollila, the chairman of Nokia and of Royal Dutch Shell, who earned about \$12.2 million. Second was investor Juha Lindfors with \$6.73 million. And in third place was Marimekko's Mika Ihanmuotila with \$6.48 million.

The top woman was Maarit Nakyva, former vice president of Sampo Bank, earnings of \$3.43 million.

The last surviving member of the Finnish colony in Cuba has passed away. Emilio Alberto Koski passed in a Havana hospital at the age of 82.

Over a hundred years ago a group of Finns went to Cuba to start a Finnish "Dream" colony.

In 2006, the Ilta Sanomat newspaper and the Finnish--Cuban Society sponsored Koski's trip to Finland, where he, among many experiences, had his first sauna.

And finally, two guys were sitting next to each other at the Copper Nugget Bar. After awhile one guy looks at the other and says, "I can't help but think, from your accent, that you are from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan."

The second guy: "Yes I am, I am proud to say that I am a Yooper."

The first guy: "So am I!. Where in the U.P are you from?"

The second guy: "I'm from the Copper Country."

The first guy: "Holy wah, so am I."

The second guy: "Where in the Copper County are you from?"

The first guy: "I'm from Calumet."

The second guy: "This unbelievable, so am I."

About this time, another customer walks into the bar and orders a beer. The bartender brings the customer the beer and shakes his head and mutters, "This is going to be a long night, the Heikkila twins are drunk again."

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

NOTICE:

Thanks for all the past and future Memorial Fund Donations. The memory of loved ones and friends is well served by providing monetary gifts to the Finnish Center.

Memorial Fund donations must now be sent to or delivered to the Finnish Center due to computer book keeping and auditing practices.

ARTWORK ON LOAN AT THE FCA

Stop by the Manager's office and see the painting "A Finnish Girl" on loan from the family of John Potti. John is available for portraits or custom paintings. Please call the FCA if interested in commissioning this talented artist.

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.

FINN FACTS



Bomba House near the eastern Finnish town of Nurmes is a traditional Karelian house providing visitors with comfortable accommodations and local specialties.

Armitage Catering

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Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Holiday Greeting to all!

The Finnish American Singers are busy practicing for their annual holiday concert which will be held on Sunday December 21st at 3:00 pm. We will be singing a selection of Christmas Carols and other holiday favorites. Soloists will be included in our program. After the concert, there will be a coffee table with a nice selection of tasty sandwiches and desserts to enjoy. A Bake Sale will be held featuring our homemade Pulla/Nisu.

We welcome new members to our singing group. Anna Kimler, soprano has returned after several years. Ruth Gottschalk, alto, Erik Rovenski, tenor, Jeff Nippa, bass, and Neil J Lehto, bass have also joined us.

Many thanks to everyone who assisted in our Fund Raising efforts by purchasing fresh holiday wreaths or other greens.

Hope to see you at our Holiday Concert which is a great way to get into the Spirit of the Season

Kiitos,
Gerald Malstrom

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

ANNUAL NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We'll hold our potluck meal on Sunday, January 11 at 2:00 pm to welcome those who joined the FCA in 2008. If you are one of them, you will receive an invitation in the mail. Please mark your calendar now and plan to come.

Veteran members, we invite you as always, to come greet those who have joined. Please bring an ample potluck dish to share as the new members are our guests. Leaders of the FCA, you will be asked to say a few words about what you do, and encourage the new members to get involved. New members, involvement helps you and strengthens the Finnish Center.

Recently, I have been very pleased to see new members of the past 2 or 3 years helping at pasty-making, Pulla/Nisu baking, Brunches, in the Garden Club, etc. That is so encouraging!

See you on January 11!

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

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: the FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. 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 the FCA at (248) 478-6939.**

Thank you, Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

NOTE: Effective immediately, all memorial donations MUST BE MAILED TO THE FINNISH CENTER by the 1st of the month.

Donations received since the November newsletter are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Gladys Huhta Nordstrom (10-4-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of Karl Timonen (10-27-08) of Leesburg, FL, donations have been made by Neil Manley Jr. and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja. Karl was the son of member Virginia Timonen.

In memory of FCA life member Eveline Olson Mikko (10-31-08) donations have been made by Norbert & Luise Leppanen, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Maria Hill, Charlotte Lytikainen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Allie Tuomaala Lindstrom (9-8-08) donations have been made by her brother Allan & Linda Tuomaala and Lillian Heikkinen.

In memory of FCA life member Eleanor Marttila Heinonen (8-6-08) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member Harold Fosness (8-9-08) donations have been made by Helvi Wertheimer and Lillian Heikkinen.

In memory of Douglas "Carl" Miilu (6-28-08) of Rockland, a donation has been made by Maria Hill. Carl was the father of members Kamela Torvinen, Karlyn Miilu-Maxon and Karen Miilu.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life member Fay Outinen Ruohonen (10-10-08) and member Lillian Sundquist Lagervist (10-13-08).



This cute owl would make a great gift for all the nature lovers on your shopping list.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Come ring in the new year at the FCA. We'll start the celebration at 4:30 pm and get our noise makers ready for 5:00 (which is midnight in Finland). Dinner will be prepared by Armitage Catering and follows at 5:30.

We're still working on some of the details, but the night should wrap up about 9:00 pm. That way, those of you who like to go home early can do so. And, for those of you who have other parties to attend, the night is still young!

We look forward to seeing you.

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.

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. This trip is filling up!

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Fox - 1 day, Wednesday, December 10, \$83. Includes lunch at the Traffic Jam & Snug. Be at FCA 10:15 am for 10:30 departure. Return about 5:45 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia - 1 day, Thursday, January 29, \$22. Slot play of \$20 included. Be at FCA 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 7 pm. Don't forget proper I.D.

"Escanaba in Love" at the Crowell Opera House - 1 day, Sunday, March 1, \$76. This is the latest "yooper" comedy by Jeff Daniels. This one takes place during World War II. Lunch will be at the Hathaway House. Be at FCA 10:45 for an 11 am departure. Return about 6:45 pm.

We are still hoping for the Caribbean Cruise in the spring.

Also, don't forget the FinnFest 2009 Alaskan Cruise May 17 to 24, 2009. Available space is going fast.



Littala crystal, tiny coffee cups and a copy of a Viking ship...all available at the FCA.

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We've added a few more books to our library for your reading pleasure:

SIBELIUS by Andrew Barnett. When we did our inventory, we realized we did not have even one biography of Sibelius in English. Fortunately, North Wind books had one, which we acquired. The blurb on the jacket describes it best: "Informed by a wealth of information that has come to light in recent years, this engaging biography tells the complete story of the life and the musical work of Finnish composer Sibelius." Much of the information came from Sibelius' own correspondence and diaries. This is enhanced by information from family and friends. The author also provides commentary on much of the composer's music. It contains a chronology of Sibelius' entire output. You'll find the book in biography, where the books are arranged in alphabetical order by the subject's last name.

COPPER COUNTRY 2008. The **DAILY MINING GAZETTE** recently published a supplement containing information on all the wonderful landmarks in the Copper Country. We think it is something that would interest all Yoopers, especially those with roots in the Copper Country, or even wannabee Yoopers. We made it a hardcover item so we could place it on the shelf. It is in 977.4 Co.

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES MAGAZINE, SPECIAL UPPER PENINSULA ISSUE, January-February 1980. This was donated to us quite a while ago, but being softcover, it was not suited for the shelf. Since we had such good luck with making the above item shelf-ready, we did the same for this. It contains numerous articles about the entire Upper Peninsula, all very interesting. You'll find it in 977.4 Mi.

HELL'S HIGHWAY: A CHRONICLE OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE IN THE HOLLAND CAMPAIGN, September-November 1944 by George Koskimaki. We found that we were remiss by carrying only one of George's books, **D-DAY WITH THE SCREAMING EAGLES.** To correct that oversight we are adding this book, plus his **BATTERED BASTARDS OF BASTOGNE: THE 101ST AIRBORNE IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE,** December 19, 1944-January 17, 1945. You will find both books in 940.53 Ko.

HISTORY OF THE FINNS IN MICHIGAN by Armas K.E. Holmio. We have Dr. Holmio's book in Finnish, but since Finnish readers are very few, we were fortunate that we received this donation of the book in English, translated by Ellen M. Rynanen. It is in 977.4 Ho.

HOUGHTON COUNTY 1870-1920 By Richard E. Taylor, one in the Images of America series. This profusely illustrated book would be of interest to anyone wondering about

the Copper Country when copper was king, and when Houghton, Hancock, and Calumet were big cities. With immigrants from Cornwall, England; Germany, Italy; Finland; Ireland; the Austro-Hungarian empire and French Canada; the area was a true melting pot. The Dewey number is 977.4 Ta.

HANDBOOK FOR DOING FINNISH AMERICAN FAMILY HISTORY by Carl Ross and Velma M. Doby. When I considered doing a family history, I didn't know where to start. Fortunately, I came across this book, which was a tremendous help. Those of you who may be in the same boat might find this useful, as well. The Dewey number is 929 Ro.

KALEVAINEN 2007 and **KALEVAINEN 2008.** Both of these publications have much interesting information for Kalevains and non-Kalevains alike. They are in 366 Ka.

Last, but not least, we have two amusing books by Art Lee. Although a Norwegian (we'll forgive him for that!), his humor will tickle the funny bone of Finns as well, for aren't we nowadays classed with the Scandinavians? You'll like **SCANDINAVIANS ARE VERY MODEST PEOPLE -- BUT THEY HAVE MUCH TO BE MODEST ABOUT,** THEN as well as **REAL SCANDINAVIANS NEVER ASK DIRECTIONS -- SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN, WIT AND WISDOM.** Both of these are in 808.7 Le.

Come and see us sometime!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



Hand painted birch by Charmaine

HYVAA UUTISET! FCA CITED TWICE IN LOCAL PAPERS

The Farmington Press, a local paper that keeps us in the know about community life in Farmington and Farmington Hills, mentioned the Finnish Center in two separate articles in the November 5, 2008 issue.

On the front page, FCA Manager, Lois Makee, shares her thoughts about the many changes she has observed traveling the Eight Mile Corridor over the past 30 years. She was among other business people including the Eight Mile Boulevard Association and City Council members interviewed about the changing perceptions of this historic strip of road. The Association plans to continue with the many improvements already made along Eight Mile and is hoping to have it granted the designation of becoming a Heritage Route. Please read this informative article as it is of great interest to the FCA and other Eight Mile businesses.

Another article highlighting the FCA is on page 4A featuring dances held for home-schooled teens. Our Center is mentioned as the scene of the organization's recent masquerade ball. It was reported as a successful, well-attended event with the promise of more parties and dances for the teens. If you look closely at the photos on page 4A and 4B, you can see our dance floor being put to good use. This group has already booked dates in 2009 for more dances and parties.

This is very exciting for the FCA and is exactly the shot in the arm we need to generate more rentals at our facility. Please share the articles with your friends and family.

Kiitos-
Kamela Torvinen

GIFT SHOP

Come and see our new gift and food items: an assortment of Fazer candies, cards, books, calendars, runners, sweatshirts and much more. Unique Iittala Ornaments are only \$10.00 each. Finnish and Trenary toast, jams and Maltex are staples.

The Gift Shop also sells craft items, kanteles, song books and collector stamps.

The volunteers are here Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Stop in and keep us busy with your Christmas shopping.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

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WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

Many thanks to Clarabeth Dixon who helped with baking before the Finnish Breakfast. We extend deep appreciation to all of these who helped with the breakfast: Christine Jurgensen, Dagnie Carlson, Lillian Heikkinen, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Jerry and Dagmar Malsrom, Nancy Conner, Neil Manley, Vern Oja, Kay Simo, Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, and Ilene Yanke. Special thanks, also, to Carl Aebersold who set up everything for the breakfast. Kiitos to all of you who attended the breakfast causing it to profit the FCA.

MORE ABOUT BAKING

On December 19, from 10 am-2:00 pm, the Finnish -American Singers will be baking fancy Christmas Pulla/Nisus as a fundraiser to be sold at their Christmas Concert planned for December 21 at 3:00 pm.

Since many of the younger singers are still employed, we encourage any of you FCA members to come assist us with this baking. You can learn how to make a fancy Pulla/Nisu. Lunch is provided while we wait for the dough to rise. Also, plan to attend the very special Christmas Concert.

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