



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

March 2009

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- Cleaning
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- General Office
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## TYPICAL FCA SCENES AND EVENTS



Spring Gardens and Blue Sky



A Menu at a Catered Event



A Wedding Party Waiting for Guests



Entertainment at a Special Event

# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9 am

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### **Blood Pressure Readings**

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

11 am to 2 pm

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop—Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:00 pm

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of month 2-4 pm

### **Weavers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10-2 pm

### **Card and Game Party**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11-4 pm

### **Finnish Conversation**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 10 am

## MARCH

- 5 Joint Board Mtg
- 6 Fish Fry 5-8
- 8 Finnish Breakfast  
12-1:30
- 13 Fish Fry 5-8  
St. Urho about 6:30
- 15 Soup, Salad, Dessert  
1-3
- 20 Fish Fry 5-8
- 27 Fish Fry 5-8
- 29 Open House

Rentals: 1,8,11,14,18,25

## APRIL

- 1 Board Mtg 6:30
- 3 Fish Fry 5-8
- 12 **HAPPY EASTER**
- 18,19 Flea Market
- 26 FASM Concert

Rentals: 8,15,22,25

## MAY

- 3 Scholarship  
Reception 2 pm
- 6 Joint Board Mtg 6:30
- 10 Mothers Day Brunch 12-1:30
- 15 Fish Fry
- 24 Open House

Rentals: 2,3,10,13,20,27

## JUNE

- 3 Board Mtg
- 5 Novi Band
- 28 Open House

Rentals: 10,14,17,20

## SPRING FLEA MARKET

April 18, 9 am - 3 pm

April 19, noon - 4 pm

Tables are still available. Please call for rental information.

## POKER ANYONE?

### PLAY TEXAS HOLD'EM DOUBLE EXPOSURE BLACK JACK AND OTHER CARD GAMES

CHARITY CARD PLAYING EVENT  
FOR THREE DAYS  
FROM 4:00 PM TO 2:00 PM  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY  
MARCH 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH

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Norbert Leppanen, Secretary

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1 Year  
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3 Year

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### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

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## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

In this high tech world you can go on the internet and do some banking, pay bills, go shopping, or even play games. I like traveling. I have been traveling on the internet and it is just amazing what you can see and what you can learn by spending just 30 minutes. It is like looking out the window of your own tour bus, or like renting a taxi cab and visiting all the sights. What is even better, you can learn more facts and numbers about each site that you are looking at.

A website for an auto parts store can tell you what the part number is for the parts you might want to use for repairs to your car and then it can tell you what is inside the box without even opening it. The size and shape and all kinds of specifications and details are all outlined for you. If you dial up a fancy hotel in Helsinki, you can see the swimming pool, the sauna, the court yard and the dining room in a very short time. All this traveling with no gasoline or any travel tickets to buy. Hey, I like this kind of traveling.

If you log on to a Finnish culture center website, you can get some interesting stories about Finns living in that area and what they will be up to the next month. I logged on to the site of the Finger Lakes Finns in upstate New York. I learned they are planning to have a FinnFun Weekend in the first weekend of October of 2009. The FinnFun weekend will be held at the Clariton Hotel next to Cornell University campus and it overlooks high over Cayuga Lake. It is a beautiful territory. I know because I grew up in that area. There are many wineries in there and you can purchase real maple syrup, too. If you want to visit this group, log on to [www.fingerlakesfinns.org](http://www.fingerlakesfinns.org) and read all the stories.

It is a fun trip to learn what folks are planning to do for St Urho's Day in March. Many different towns in the Midwest and in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan will be celebrating St Urho's Day and they will be wearing purple and green outfits and drinking plenty of the purple grape juice. There are statues of St Urho carved out of wood on display in local parks. Up in Kaleva, MI there is giant size grasshopper mounted at the edge of the woods. You can see him from the highway anytime, winter or summer.

Take an old fashion drive over to your Finnish Center and have some fun and enjoy a Fish Fry ( Kala Paistaa) and our St. Urho's Day celebration on March 13.

Spring is on the way soon.

by Frank Gottberg, Chairman

## FCA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT INTERVIEW

As this edition of the *FCA Newsletter* is being published, we are approaching the deadline for submitting scholarship applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. Completed applications must be in the FCA office by **March 15**. As a reminder, applications can be downloaded from the FCA website, [www.finnishcenter.org](http://www.finnishcenter.org), and are also available in the FCA office.

In this second of six interviews with FCA scholarship recipients, you will meet Cale Mannesto, a freshman at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, planning to graduate in 2012. He is the son of FCA members Gary Mannesto and Geneva Halliday. While in high school, he participated in soccer and basketball for four years, served the community by participating in three mission trips and volunteering for four local agencies, and worked as a soccer referee and math tutor. All of these activities while maintaining a 4.0 GPA! Congratulations, Cale!

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

**A:** I am majoring in business and plan on pursuing a career in finance.

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

**A:** I am only a freshman so I have only taken four classes at Michigan. They are biology, geology, college writing, and calculus one. I didn't really like any of them so maybe I will have better luck next semester.

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

**A:** I am in the fraternity Pi Kappa Phi. We do a lot of community service through the philanthropy group Push America. We did a can drive and business simulation game to raise money for this group. I am also in several business activities including the Michigan Economics Society, Sports Business Association and Business Economics News Club.

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

**A:** I worked three days a week at a maintenance job at the local park, and I interned at a real estate agency three days a week this past summer. I also went on a mission trip to Savannah, Georgia with 70 other students to help rebuild homes for the less fortunate.

**Q: Do you have a mentor who helps or has helped you?**

**A:** My parents are my mentors. They have helped me with my school work since I was in elementary school. They instilled a strong work ethic in me that has helped me succeed in school. Even in college we exchanged several emails every week where they gave me advice on a variety of topics that have helped me survive my first semester of college.

*(cont'd on page 7)*

## FINLAND TODAY

First, the coffee drinkers may be doing something right. According to a study done at the University of Kuopio in Finland, coffee drinkers were 70% less likely to develop various dementia diseases, including Alzheimer's disease, compared to those who did not drink coffee.

The study was carried out with 1,400 adults who were middle aged at the beginning of study, for a course of 20 years. Half of the people drank between three to five cups of coffee per day, and the other half did not drink any coffee.

There was no conclusion though as to what was in the coffee that actually caused the decreased risk in developing dementia. The study was published in the Journal of Alzheimer's disease. As you may know, Finns are the greatest coffee drinkers in the world.

The strength among the three major political parties has been almost a dead heat, until recently. According to the current Finland Gallup Poll, the National Coalition Party (right) has about 24.7% support, while the Social Democrats have 21.6% support, and the Center Party has fallen to 19.5%. The rest of the 34.2% goes to the True Finn Party, Left Alliance, Christian Democrats, Swedish Party and several other smaller parties.

Valmet Automotive in Uusi Kaupunki has announced a new product in its assembly plant, a luxury golf cart. Valmet will be producing the golf carts for the Danish Garia A/S company.

Currently Valmet assembles the Porsche Boxter and the Porsche Cayman at its Uusi Kaupunki plant. Later this year, Valmet will start the production of Fiskar Karma hybrid car.

The Finnish government has announced an economic stimulus package worth about \$2.6 billion. It's small by U.S. standards but according to officials, the package will provide 25,000 man-years of employment.

Nokia has bought the German Bit-side programming and consulting firm. Nokia has already been working with Bit-side for its map making services. Bit-side will become part of Nokia Services division.

In Finland's version of the "Oscar" awards, the "Jussi" award, the award for the picture of the year went to an animated feature film called *Niko and the Way to the Stars*. It's the first time that an animated movie was named picture of the year. The film was released last year in the U.S. on home video under the title, *The Flight Before Christmas*.

The story is about a young reindeer who dreams of flying and pulling Santa's sleigh on Christmas like his father. Receiving the Jussi for the leading actor was Tommi Korpela, and the Jussi for the leading actress was Elena Leeve, both were in the movie *Fallen Angels*.

Finland's representative in the Eurovision Song Contest which will be held in Moscow, will be group called Waldo's People. They won the Finnish Eurovision contest with the song "Lose Control".

Finns are continuing to excel in synchronized skating. At the Prague Cup, winning the gold was the Finnish team, Marigold Ice Unity. Getting silver was another Finnish group, Team Unique. The Junior division was won by yet another Finnish team, Ice Steps.

And finally, Hilma and Heikki had just moved into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, Hilma saw her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," Hilma said. "She doesn't know how to wash the clothes correctly, perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Heikki looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash out to dry, Hilma would make the same comments.

About a month later, Hilma was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to Heikki, "Look, she finally has learned how to wash her clothes."

Heikki: "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

### SOUP, SALAD, DESSERT

All the soup you can eat, salad, dessert, and beverage. Join us for an enjoyable afternoon with friends, food and fun. Price will be \$8.00 per person

Support the FCA on March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3 pm.

## 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.**

## FINN FACTS



Finns are absolutely crazy about coffee. With an annual consumption of around 14 kg per person, they drink more coffee than any other nation.

## Armitage Catering

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

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

**Off site catering is also available  
248-921-7561**

**This could be a space for your ad.**

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Notes from the Singers for March

It has been a cold winter and we are looking forward to the Spring season.

The FASM (Finnish American Singers of Michigan) are busy practicing for their annual Spring Concert which will be held on Sunday, April 26. Our Concert will include a nice selection of both English and Finnish songs.

Our FASM President Ilene Yanke had recent hip surgery and is making good progress recuperating at home.

Many of our Singers participated in our January Pasty Sale peeling potatoes on Friday and baking and wrapping pasties on Saturday. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Pasty Sale a success.

Let's start thinking spring!

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

## KALEVALA DAY

February 28 is known as Kalevala Day in Finland. It marks the day in which Elias Lonnrot signed the foreword to his first edition of the Kalevala. After a slow first acceptance, it has become a national treasure. It has inspired artists, sculptors, musicians and craftsmen to produce some of Finland's best works.

On Sunday, March 1 at 2 pm, Lillian Lehto will give a slide presentation on the Kalevala, Finland's National epic.

Knights and Ladies of Kaleva

## CULTURAL

Do you do crafts, woodworking and related hobbies or save stamps? Please join us on the second Saturday of every month from 9 am to 11:30 am we meet to make things to sell at our flea market and craft shows. It is an opportunity to meet others and exchange ideas.

If you don't do a craft and would like to learn one, join us and we can teach you.

Culturally,  
Ruth Mannisto

# 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.**

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

Donations received since the last newsletter are as follows:

In memory of FCA member Ida "Betty" Kujala (11-29-08) donations have been made by her sister Sandra & Joe Walls, Kathy & Roger Gregory, her brother-in-law Dennis Haase, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Adolph "Ade" Aittama (12-13-08) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, and Connie Fosness.

In memory of FCA member Ethel Onkalo Lappala (12-23-08) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of Steven Neal (1-3-09) of Kerens, TX, donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja. Steven was the son of member Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member Helen Tiri Snabb (11-25-08) a donation has been made by Connie Fosness.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Walt" Haveri (7-30-08) a donation has been made by John Kulju.

In memory of Karl Timonen (10-27-08) of Leesburg, FL, a donation has been made by Connie Fosness. Karl was the son of member Virginia Timonen.

In memory of life member Toivo "Toby" Nummela (1-19-09) and in memory of Bernadine Bidigare (1-10-09) of St. Clair Shores, mother of member Jeff Bidigare.

In memory of Eveline Mikko (10/31/2008) donations were made by Toini V. Keski, and Millie Harju.

In memory of Helen Snabb (11/26/2008) donations were made by Dan & Susan Krichbaum, Karen & Ernie Graham, and Eva J. Bessonen.

In memory of Ida Tomberg (10/2 /2008) donation was made by Erma Ahola.

In memory of Irene (Mayry) Koponen (2/18/2008) donation was made by Leo Hakola.

In memory of John Keski (12/1 /2008) donation was made by Toini V. Keski

In memory of John Suni donation was made by Kathryn Simo.

## 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.

"Escanaba in Love" at the Croswell 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 the FCA 10:45 am for an 11 am departure. Return about 6:45 pm.

Point Edward Casino - Sarnia 1 Day, Tuesday, April 7, \$22. Included is \$20 in slot play. Be at the FCA 9:45 am for 9:30 am departure. Don't forget proper ID. \$10.00 deposit required.

Niagara Falls May 2 & 3, \$135.00. Included overnight at the Sheraton on the Falls. \$30.00 incentives.

The Caribbean Cruise still has not materialized so it is probably too late for this spring.

## FINNISH LANGUAGE CLASSES AT THE FINNISH CENTER

Beginning Saturday, March 14 there will be a 10-week session meeting every Saturday from 10 am to noon with classes concluding on May 16.

You will need to purchase the textbook "Teach Yourself Finnish" by Terttu Leney.

To register, contact the Finnish Cultural Center, 35200 East Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48355 (248) 478-6939.

## WOMENS' CLUB BAKERS

On Friday, March 6 from 9:45 am to 2:00 pm we invite women and men to help bake Piirakka and Pulla for the Finnish Breakfast. If you've not done this before, you're invited to come learn. Of course we want our veteran bakers to come, too, as the Piirakka is fairly complex to make. Lunch is provided.

**PULLA/NISU BAKING ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 FROM 9:45 am-2:00 pm**

We resume this monthly activity of baking the sweet coffee bread that the Finns enjoy. Come for as long as you can, lunch will be served. We want you to pre-order by calling the FCA and pick up your loaves that day after 1:45 pm, if possible.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

# FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Many of you whose roots are in Finland have ancestors who came from Oulunlääni, possibly from the city of Oulu itself. Located on the Gulf of Bothnia near its northernmost end and at the mouth of the Oulu River, Oulu (population 97,000) is the capital of the province of Oulunlääni.

Oulu is a very old city. Toward the end of the 16th century, King John III of Sweden had a castle built on an island (now known as Linnansaari; "linna" = castle) at the mouth of the Oulu River. The town grew up around this island.

The town received its charter in 1605 from the Swedish King Charles IX. However, already in the 1300s there was a lively trading center there, thanks to a good harbor and a thriving tar industry. Tar was brought down the river from the interior in long tar boats; there it was sold or exchanged for other commodities. In the 19th century Oulu was one of the world's most important export harbors.

In 1822 the town was almost completely destroyed by fire; it was rebuilt according to a plan by C.L. Engel. At this time the town center was moved to the mainland.

Oulu has not stood still; recent years have seen much vigorous development, not without protest, however. A number of young architects of Oulu feel that too much of the old, beautiful wooden buildings have been destroyed and replaced by impersonal structures. They bemoan what has already been demolished, but hope that remaining old treasures, such as Rantakatu with its old wooden buildings dating back to 1882, be preserved as a memorial to the olden days when people from inland came to trade tar for wares. Historical perspective is important, they maintain.

In spite of this, new large residential and office buildings have been erected downtown. There is a new theater, university (founded in 1959), library, university teaching hospital, an ice stadium, swimming pools and new suburbs. Much of the architecture is Alvar Aalto's work. Oulu now has the largest port in northern Finland; four harbors handle 1.5 million tons of merchandise a year. Wood, paper and products from the chemical and electronics industries have replaced tar exports. Oulu is the center of commercial and cultural life in northern Finland.

The Oulu city theater and city orchestra are known throughout Finland. The symphony orchestra presents weekly concerts in the new Madetoja Music Hall on Thursdays from September-May. One can study music at the conservatory.

Oulu has much to offer the tourist. If you are fortunate enough to be there during Juhannus (Midsummer Day) you can take the waterbus to the Turkanasaari Open-air Museum to see the lighting of the fire for tar-burning week. Turkanasaari has something to offer all summer long: folk dancing, concerts, summer theater, exhibitions, handicraft week, plus

20 old farmhouses from the 17th and 18th centuries and a wooden church from the 1600s.

On the magnificent island of Ainola is the North Ostrobothnia Museum where you will find not only items having to do with Oulu culture, costumes, weapons, coins and medals, glass and porcelain, but also articles connected with the tar-burning trade, as well as a Lappish collections from northern Finland.

The town also has an art gallery, a zoological museum, a geological museum, an automobile museum, and Mikrola, an area for demonstrations and trials of computer equipment and programming. Hupisaari, a park at the mouth of the Oulu River, has a museum, summer theater, children's playground, greenhouses, and water fowl.

An impressive sight in Oulu is the empire-style cathedral, designed by Engel. The interior was renovated and decorated with paintings in 1932. It, like many churches in Finland, is a cruciform church ("ristikirkko"); that is, it is built in the shape of a cross (with all the wings the same length). To the left of the entrance is a monument by Waino Aaltonen commemorating those who fell in the fight for liberation in 1918.

The Oulu City Hall, originally a hotel built in 1885, is a magnificent structure. It was built in anticipation of the railroad's arrival in Oulu. It is said that the people of Oulu wanted to show the "big shots" of Helsinki that they also know how to build elegant buildings.

Oulu is a great place for shopping. In the "tori" one can find local specialties like "rieska" bread, farmhouse cheese, and cloudberries. The old, gray buildings at the edge of the "tori" were used for storage of salt in the olden days, but now house many interesting souvenir shops. The most interesting streets for shopping are Isokatu and Kirkkokatu. Many shops feature Finnish design in glass, china and ceramics.

Oulu is easy to get to via car, bus, train or plane. The Oulu airport is one of the busiest in Finland.

If you want to read more about Oulu, I would like to direct you to books in our collection:

OULU by Antti Aaltio, Dewey number 914.71 Aa

OULU by Tuomo-Juhani Tapio, Dewey number 914.71 Ta

OULU, KOSKIEN KAUPUNKI by Uno Laukka, Dewey number 914.71 La

OULU, THE CITY'S CHANGING PORTRAIT, photographed by Matti Saani Dewey number 914.71 Sa

The card catalog will also direct you to any of the above.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



# GIFT SHOP

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 shopping.

Get your St. Urho cards, books and tee shirts. Gift certificates are always available.

## GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays  
10 am - 4 pm Wednesdays  
11 am - 3 pm Saturdays

**Refer to the calendar for additional dates & times.**

*(cont'd from page 3)*

**Q: Would you describe one highlight of your university experience?** **A:** Initiating and becoming a brother of my fraternity has been the highlight of my first semester at U of M. Pledging was long and hard, so to finally initiate at the end of the semester was a huge relief for me. I am looking forward to helping my fraternity continue to strive to be one of the best fraternities at U of M.

**Q: How has the FCA scholarship helped you meet your educational goals?** **A:** The FCA scholarship allowed me to do an unpaid internship at a real estate agency this past summer. I also received my real estate license last summer. This was a great experience for me, and it allowed me to see first hand how the business world worked.

**Q: What advice would you give high schools students about how to prepare for the university, and for their career?** **A:** Many college students are amazed at how much time they have to spend studying and do not allow enough time every day to study. Study habits and knowing how to manage your time is critical to success at the college level. Also, make sure you enjoy high school as much as possible. Many students are worried about what colleges they are going to, and they don't stop and enjoy high school while they still can. High school should be a fun experience, so don't leave high school with any regrets and enjoy it to the fullest.



# FISH FRY NEWS

There will be a Fish Fry every Friday during Lent.

February 27.  
 March 6, 13, 20, 27,  
 April 3

Carry out will also be available

Call to reserve

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Cale Mannesto accepts a Finnish Center Association scholarship check from Ruth Kaarlela

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## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

It's three weeks today since my hip replacement surgery, and I've been blessed with a fine recovery. Today I was able to drive the car again. For March, we'll combine with the Women's Club Bakers to present another:

TRADITIONAL FINNISH BREAKFAST  
 SUNDAY, MARCH 8 FROM 12:00-1:30 PM

MENU: Orange Juice, Puuro (Oatmeal), Viili, Piirakka (Karelian Pies) with Muna Voita (Egg Butter), Pulla/Nisu, Coffee & Tea.

This is our 4th such breakfast, and members/guests have thoroughly enjoyed them. **PLAN TO ATTEND.** Also, all FCA members are invited to help serve,

clean-up, etc. on the day of the breakfast. Your help will be appreciated.

ST. URHO'S DAY CELEBRATION/FISH FRY  
 FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 5:00-7:30 PM

Many Finnish communities hold St. Urho's day celebrations now. It is all "hullu", craziness, as my mother would say. At about 6:30 PM in the Main Hall, we'll start the program. There will be readings explaining the day, games and the selection of a new St. Urho for 2009. He/she will lead a parade around the room accompanied by some of our musicians. Official colors of St. Urho's Day are purple and green, so try to wear those colors. **HOPING TO SEE YOU AND YOURS WITH US.**

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