FCA News



FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

April 2009

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

HELP-HELP-HELP

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CHAIRMANS CORNER

First of all I thank all those members who allowed their names to be placed in nomination for all of the elected offices. And also, to thank the persons who served in office but whose terms of office have expired.

We welcome our newest additions to the Board: Lois Holmes, Christine Johnson, and Tarja Virtanen. Also, Kristine Copeland as alternate. The Committee Chairpersons essentially remain intact. The new officers of the FCA are: Chairman Norbert C. Leppanen, Vice Chairman Cortland Book, and Secretary Lois Holmes.

We appreciate the dedicated service these and all other volunteers provide to the FCA.

If you have been reviewing the financial statements for the FCA you certainly must conclude that they are not encouraging. Difficult decisions and hard work will have to be done to turn this around. The Board of Trustees must step forward to plan this turnaround but it will take all members participation to make it happen.

There is a committee working feverishly to provide the members with information and advantages to change our Federal Classification from 501C4 "non-profit" to 501C3 "charitable." There could be a \$27,000 a year tax advantage to do this. Details on this should be forthcoming by the end of March. By working with our Caterer we hope to attract additional more profitable rentals. We are keenly aware that we must monitor our electrical and heating costs and are negotiating more stringent insurance and telephone contracts. The Board will have to look at all income and expense items and make appropriate recommendations.

The year 2009 is going to be a pivotal year in determining if we can survive financially. We look forward to the challenge.

Norbert C. Leppanen Chairman

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

2nd and 4th Monday 11 am to 2 pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop—Meeting

2nd Monday 1:00 pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of month 2-4 pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 10-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10 am

MARCH

- 20 Fish Frv 5-8
- 27 Fish Fry 5-8
- 29 Open House

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

APRIL

- 2 Board Mtg 6:30
- 3 Fish Fry 5-8
- 5 Brunch 12-1:30
- 12 HAPPY EASTER

18,19 Flea Market

26 FASM Concert 2pm

26 Open House 1-4

Rentals: 8,15,18,22,25

MAY

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

Rentals: 2,3,13,20,27

JUNE

- 4 Board Mtg
- 5 Novi Band
- 6 Cultural Heritage Day
- 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.

Pasty Bake

The FCA will be baking pasties again on Saturday, May 2.

Call your order in early to the Finnish Center at 248-478-6939 or email to fcacenter@sbcglobal.net

Be sure to include your name, phone number, and the number of pasties you are ordering. The cost is \$5 per pasty and the proceeds help support the mission of the Finnish Center.

Orders are to be picked up at the FCA between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the pasty bake on both Friday and Saturday.

Call Margaret at 248-478-6939.

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TAPIOLA VILLAGE FREEDOM SQUARE

The year 2008 began with new challenges for both properties. Vacancies continue at a staggering rate due to our aging population and current availability of excess housing.

Many of or current residents once again, were given the option of transferring to different units to accommodate their changing financial and/or physical needs.

At Freedom Square, Dean Hrutkey and Sean Gaffka continue as maintenance. Norb Leppanen and Jay Rupp continue at Tapiola Village.

Social activities remain to be an important part to the lives of our residents.

Coffee hour, pinochle, and bingo continue at both properties. At Freedom Square, residents visited many counties and different cultures through the travel logs offered.

Our day trips and parties provide enjoyment for our residents. Once again, residents were given the opportunity to enjoy casino and lunch outings at Freedom Square. Many residents at Tapiola enjoyed the trips to the Toledo Zoo and Frankenmuth.

Flu shots were provided fro both properties again this year. Many of our residents needs continue to be met at both properties. The beauty shop at Freedom Square offers another convenience. Both properties offer weekly transportation to local grocery stores. Charities continue to be an important part of Freedom Square.

Improvements for the year at both properties included replacing sidewalk cement, improving landscapes by adding trees, shrubs and planting colorful annuals at the entrances. At Tapiola Village many of our flower beds were updated with a new look. A special thanks to Paul and Helena Hendrickson, Susan Gaines and Jay Rupp for all their hard work.

Both properties continue to be successful thanks to FCA Senior Housing, Piper Realty, and all the residents.

Mary O'Brien and Laura Fultz Managers

FCA SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

This month you will read Katie Lee Meusling's thoughts on her first semester at Cornell University, in Ithaca, New York. She is a freshman in the College of Engineering, majoring in Operations Research, and plans to graduate in May, 2010, to become a professional engineer. Katie Lee is the granddaughter of FCA life members Esko and Laila Alholinna.

- Q: What have been some of your favorite classes, and why were they important to you? A: In this past semester I took multivariable calculus, chemistry, a freshman writing seminar and introduction to computer programming. By far my favorite class was the computer programming class. It was my first exposure to computer programming and I enjoyed the methodical approach to problem solving. I even enjoyed working on the projects for the class because each was like a puzzle to figure out. In the upcoming semester I will take physics, linear algebra, probability and statistics, Spanish, and introduction to Operations Research.
- Q: What activities do you participate in, either in the university or in the community? A: I am part of a club called EYES—Encouraging Young Engineers and Scientists—which is both fun and rewarding. Through the club, we go to local elementary schools and do experiments and games with the kids, like making ice cream, in an effort to get them interested in science. We strive to keep the activities both fun and educational by making the kids think about how and why the experiments work.
- Q: What work do you do, including paid and volunteer? A: I work part-time at the fitness centers on campus. My job responsibilities include making sure that people working out are members, maintaining the equipment and ensuring the safety of the members.
- Q: Do you have a mentor who helps/has helped you? A: My parents have been my mentors ever since I was born. They raised me according to their beliefs and principles, always encouraging me to do my best. This has prepared me both for school and for life in general. They are always there to help me when I encounter obstacles or difficulties.
- Q: Would you describe one highlight of your university experience?
- A: One of the greatest things about college is that there are always so many different activities and opportunities. I would have never thought to try salsa dancing, but I kept seeing posters around campus for salsa classes and finally I decided to give it a try. I was nervous about trying something so different, I have absolutely no dancing experience, and none of my friends wanted to try it with me, but I went to the first class and absolutely loved it. Now I cannot get enough of salsa dancing and can't wait until next semester for classes to start again.

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FINLAND TODAY

First, the new Miss Finland is Essi Poysti. The 21 year old blue eye blond beauty is a nursing student from Jyvaskyla. The Miss Finland finals were held at the Helsinki Grand Casino.

The STX shipyard in Turku, Finland is building the world's largest cruise ship for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. The ship will weigh 220,000 tons and carry 5,400 passengers. The ship will have several "neighborhoods" which include "Central Park" with an open-air atrium complete with live trees; a "Boardwalk" with a family-friendly amusement area; the "Royal Promenade" with an indoor mall-like zone; and "Entertainment Place", a sprawling nightclub district.

Delivery date for the ship is November of this year. A sister ship, Allure of the Seas, will debut in 2010. The price tag for each ship is about \$1.24 billion.

Be careful, Big Daddy may be watching. The Finnish Parliament has approved controversial legislation that allows employers to track workers' e-mail. The legislation does not allow employers to read employees' e-mail, but gives them the right to see the recipients and attachments of workers' e-mail. Parliament passed the proposal in a 96--56 vote, but it is still subject to the President's approval.

While surfing the internet, I came across this interesting offer. For 5 Euros per week, you can watch all the Finnish TV channels, there are about 10 channels, including a sports channel, on your computer. You can watch any program 24 hours a day. TVKaista offers various subscription packages including 98 Euros per year. Check it out at: www. TVkaista.fi

Google is building a \$200 million data center in Finland. The center will be built at an old Stora Enso paper mill site in southeastern Finland. It will be ready for testing by the first half of 2010.

Finnish women won the team sprint gold medal at the Nordic Skiing World Championship held in Liberec, Czech Republic. Aino Kaisa Saarinen also won the 9.3 mile classical ski race championship.

Finnish goaltender Niklas Backstrom has signed a four year deal worth \$24 million to stay with NHL's Minnesota Wild. The 31 year old All--Star netminder has played in 152 NHL games, all with Minnesota, and has a 84--39--18 record with 2.19 goals against average.

Another Finnish goaltender, Pekka Rinne of the Nashville Predators, has been named NHL's Rookie of the Month for February. For the month, Rinne was 9--2--1, a pair shutouts, and 1.72 goals against average.

The Detroit Red Wings will open their 2009--10 regular season in Sweden, while the Chicago Blackhawks open their 2009--10 season Finland. Antti Niemi, goaltender for the Blackhawks, was asked, What would be the No. 1 thing he would tell his teammates to do in Finland?

Niemi: "Go to the sauna."

And finally, two medical students were walking along the street when they saw old man Heikki walking slowly, stiff legged, with his legs spread apart. One of the students says to his friend: "I'm sure that old man has Petry Syndrome."

The other student answers: "No, I don't think so. The way he walks, I'm sure he has Zovitski Syndrome." So they decided to ask old man Heikki. "Excuse me, but we are medical students and we couldn't help but notice the way you walk and what syndrome you may have."

Heikki: "I'll tell you, but first you fine medical students tell me what you think I have."

First student: "Well, I think it's Petry Syndrome."
Heikki: "You thought.......But you are wrong."
Second student: "I think you have Zovitski Syndrome."
Heikki: "You thoughtBut you are wrong."
Students: "Well, Old Timer, what do you have?"
Heikki: "Well, I thought it was Gas......But I was wrong."

Markku Ketolal, marketola @yahoo.com

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FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Notes from the Singers for April

Spring is nearly here now. We are looking forward to warmer weather after our long cold Winter. Some of the Singers participated in the FCA February Pasty sale and it was very successful.

Seven of our FASM Singers made a trip to the State Capitol in Lansing. We supported "The Therapy Choir" with our singing a selection of songs with them. It was the 10th Annual Kick - Off Rally recognizing March as Brain Injury Awareness Month in America. There were also several speeches with important information to convey. The Event was Videotaped by PBS and will be seen on television soon. This Event took place on Wednesday, March 4th. It was an interesting and informative experience.

The Singers are busy practicing for our Annual Spring Concert which will be held on Sunday, April 26th. The NEW TIME will be 2:00 P.M. A delicious Coffee Social will follow the Concert.

Hope to see you there. This is a wonderful way to welcome the Spring Season!

Gerald Malstrom Co-Publicity



Finnish children celebrate Easter by trick-ortreating like our Halloween. Photo by Lillian Lehto

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. <u>Deadline is the last day of every month.</u>

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check <u>must</u> 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 to the Memorial Fund since the last newsletter are as follows:

In memory of Nancy Roberts
Haapaniemi (1-30-09) of Farmington, a
donation has been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of FCA life member <u>Jacob</u> <u>"Jake" Hayrynen</u> (2-3-09) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Margaret "Magpie" Hawkinson (2-17-09) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Milda & Ralph Mattila.

In memory of FCA member Norman Paulson (2-18-09) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member <u>Edsel</u> <u>Carlson</u> (5-6-08) a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila.

In memory of FCA life member Adolph "Ade" Aittama (12-13-08) a donation has been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of <u>Laila Merila</u> (12-20-07) and Eli Merila (9-7-98) of Roscommon, a donation has been made by their daughter Juliann Boushelle.

In memory of FCA life member <u>Harold</u> <u>Fosness</u> (8-9-08) a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila.

In memory of FCA life member <u>Toivo</u> "<u>Toby</u>" <u>Nummela</u> (1-19-09) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of <u>Karl Timonen</u> (10-27-08) of Leesburg, FL, a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila. Karl was the son of member Virginia Timonen.

The FCA remembers life member Harold Westfall (2-6-09)

In memory Edsel Carlson of (5 /6 /2008) a donation was made by Paul & Judy Winquist

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In memory of Ethel Lappala (12/27/2008) a donation was made by Kathryn Simo

In memory of <u>Harold Fossness</u> (8 /9 /2008) a donation was made by Paul & Judy Winquist

In memory of <u>Helen Snabb</u> (11/26/2008) donations were made by Constance B. Fosness and Paul & Judy Winquist

In memory of <u>Ida E. Kujala</u> (11/29/2008) donations were made by Joseph/Sandra Walls, Roger/Kathy Gregory, and Dennis L. Haase

In memory of <u>JACOB HAYRYNEN</u> (1/27/2009) donations were made by Kathryn Simo, and KATHY L. HAYRYNEN

In memory of <u>Karl Timmonen</u> (10/27/2008)a donation was made by Constance B. Fosness

In memory of Nancy Haapainieme () a donation was made by Pearl Wanttaja

In memory of Nora Lahti (2 /5 /2009) donations were made by Francis/Eleanor Martin, Raymond/De Loris Fredrickson, Robert Lahti Paul/Catherine Tulikangas, Donald/Lois Lovelace, Dennis/Marie Renneker, Ronald/Brigid McDonell, GEORGE & NANCY DANSBY, FRED N DANSBY, ELLEN G. ALANEN, Kathryn Simo, and Kenneth/Janet Belaner

In memory of <u>Steven Neal</u> () a donation was made by Pearl Wanttaja

In memory of Walter Haveri (7/30/2008) a donation was made by John Kulju

In memory of Walter W. Line (9 /5 /2008) a donation was made by Constance B. Fosness

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 - 1 day, Tuesday, April 7,..\$22. Included is \$20 in slot play. Be at FCA 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 6:30 pm.

Niagara Falls - 2 days, Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3, \$135. Includes overnight at the Sheraton-on-the-Falls and \$30 in incentives. "Blue Champayne" at the Huron

Country Playhouse in Ontario - 1 day, Thursday, June 25, \$99. Lunch will be at Oakwood Inn. Pick-up is from Narden Park Methodist Church on 11 Mile Road. Be there at 8:15 am for an 8:30 departure. You will need a passport, or a passport card, beginning June 1. Call me if you have any questions.

<u>Point Edward</u> featuring Westview Orchards in Romeo. Pick your own peaches! 1 day, Tuesday, August 25, \$31. No departure time yet.

Pearl Wanttaja 248-541-0054

CULTURAL

The Soittoniekat play background music for us on many Fridays during dinner. It is nice of them to come and entertain

Do you do crafts, woodworking and related hobbies, save stamps weave, work with puppets, etc? On the second Saturday of every month from 10 am to 12 noon, we meet to share our hobbies and maybe learn others. Hopefully we could make things to sell on the craft table at our flea market or in the Gift Shop.

We are still hoping to get a puppet show off the ground to tell Finnish stories and some from the Kalevala.

We are planning to show a Finnish film in May.

Am looking forward to meeting with many of you to exchange ideas and to bring more crafts and culture to the FCA.

Ruth Mannisto



Soon we will see beautiful blooms in the Finlandia Gardens.

Photo by Glenn Kujansuu

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

The first time I saw a Finnish Easter card, I thought it was a Halloween card; it had a witch on it! This led to research regarding the Easter witch; it had no connection with Halloween, which is not celebrated in Finland.

The Finnish Easter has two influences. The Lutheran tradition leans more toward the Scandinavian, while the Karelians of southeast Finland and some of the province of Savo still retain much of the Russian Orthodox influence. The Russian Orthodox are extremely religious; for them Easter is an even more important holy day than Christmas.

Some Easter traditions are carryovers from pagan times. Although Lutheran Finland no longer observes the fast imposed by the Catholic church, many of the prohibitions were retained by the peasants; these became enmeshed with folk superstitions and traditions. One of these traditions has to do with witches.

In olden days peasants believed that wicked witches were about during the period from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It was believed that evil spirits were out in especially full force from Good Friday to Easter morning, because the Savior was sealed up in his tomb.

The witch is still retained in Finnish Easter tradition in fun. On Easter Eve, children dressed as witches travel from door to door, hoping for treats, usually collected in a copper pot.

The Orthodox have long had the custom of giving decorated eggs as gifts at Easter; however, this custom wasn't widespread in the rest of Finland until this century. Now eggs figure prominently in Finnish Easter tradition. Some are the real thing; others are made of chocolate or marzipan. They are used both as a breakfast treats as well as decoration

Another decoration is an "Easter tree." A branch of willow is brought indoors and "forced" to bud. Then it is placed in a pot or other holder, and decorated with colored feathers, colored blown

eggs, and sometimes witches and/or birds.

In most of Finland, Easter is not considered a time for a "Fashion parade"; (that is reserved for May Day.) However, in Lapland everyone looks forward to Easter, when they will wear their best clothes and visit the nearest village. They come to shop, and perhaps sell a few reindeer. They also look forward to visiting with their neighbors, whom they may not have seen for months. They go to church, and this is often the time when weddings and baptisms take place. There may be games including competitions involving lassoing of reindeer. There will probably be a lot of talk, and also singing to help make up for the lonely life they usually know.

There is no traditional meat that is served on Easter throughout Finland; however, mämmi, a baked rye pudding, is traditional in all parts of the country except Karelia. In olden days it was baked in birchbark baskets; however, today it is illegal to strip bark off birch trees, so a substitute container must be used. There are almost as many recipes for "mammi" as there are Finns, and the consistency varies from one part of the country to another. In one region it is so thin that It has to be drunk from a cup, but the most common consistency is that of a baked pudding. In Karelia the traditional Easter dessert is "pasha," a molded cheeselike dessert

If you wish to read more about Finnish Easter, or other Finnish holidays, you will find information in FINNISH FOLK YEAR by Anneke Lipsanen in our library. A recipe for mämmi as well as pasha can be found in THE FINNISH COOKBOOK, by Beatrice Ojakangas, also in our library.

Have a Happy Easter!

Lillian Lehto, Libarian

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.

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

A: The FCA scholarship has helped me be able to attend a good college that I wanted to go to, expanding the options and opportunities available to me.

Q: What advice would you give to high school students about how to prepare for the university experience and for their career? A: My advice to high school students would be to always be open to new experiences. There are so many opportunities to take advantage of in college for both personal and professional development if you are willing to keep an open mind and step outside of your comfort zone.

Louise Hartung, for the FCA Scholarship Committee



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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

At this writing we are still in March and anticipating our 4th Finnish Breakfast and our St. Urho's celebration.

April will be quieter with the occurrance of Holy Week and Easter.

A Mother's Day Brunch is on the calendar for Sunday, May 10, from noon-1:30 p.m. Armitage will again

present a fine array of foods in stations for everyone's enjoyment. We'll also have a short program. Plan ahead to come with your families.

Kiitos, Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

Wednesday, April 22, is Pulla/Nisu Baking Day, from 9:45 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Men and women are invited to help for all, or part, of the time.

Please call the FCA with your pre-orders of our tasty coffee bread.

All proceeds are for the FCA

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