



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I am fascinated by the diversity of experience and personalities within our Finnish Center membership. George Fredrick "Fritz" Putkela is a case in point.

Fritz was born in Trimountain, in Michigan's western upper peninsula in 1916. In early childhood the family moved to Anvil, Michigan located near Bessemer. Where Fritz spent his early years. His mother was a cook at a boardinghouse for miners. At the age of 12 assisted in cleaning the rooms and gathering areas. One of his more unsavory jobs consisted of cleaning the spittoons each day. Chewing tobacco was a popular custom of the day and miners enjoyed displaying their competency of "hitting" the spittoon from various distances. Of course their words were better than their aim so the areas around the spittoons required cleaning as well as the spittoons themselves.

Fritz did manage to get some free time. In the summer he and his friends, barefoot as usual, would put a couple of potatoes in their pockets, pick up their fishing line and hooks and head for Black River. After catching a few fish they would light a fire, put the potatoes in the coals to cook and the fish on a stick to bake. Baked potatoes and fish with a sprinkle of salt and water from the river was a feast fit for a king. A swim in the river would usually top off the day. True huckleberry Finns of the U.P.

When Fritz was fifteen the family moved to Detroit. Closing of the mines in the U.P. precipitated the move.

In high school Fritz particularly enjoyed the drafting and geometry classes. When he graduated he secured a job with a machine tool shop. He took some evening classes soon became a proficient machine tool designer. Working in various job shops throughout his career.

Fritz married Ethel Suhonen in 1938 and hitchhiked to the U.P. for their honeymoon. This apparently served them well as they were married for 60 years until Ethel's death in 1998.

Fritz joined of the Finnish Center in 1967. He was a member of the Finnish Male Chorus which gave performances throughout the state as well as in Finland.

Until recently Fritz enjoyed performing his vaudeville style performance annually at Aura, Covington, and the Finnish Center. In 2004 he proposed that a Nikkarintalo (Carpenters House) be constructed at the north end of the garage at the Finnish Center. Thru his direction, labor, finances and major pieces of his machinery the Nikkarintalo was dedicated in June 2005. On September 16, 2010 the shop was rededicated in his honor as the "Fritz Putkela Wood Shop."

At 94 years of age Fritz continues to entertain us with his anecdotes and jokes. He remains a cherished member.

Norb Leppanen

Support

the

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Attend Functions

Visit the Gift Shop

Speak Finnish

Tell Stories about
your 'Finnishness'

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

Finlandia Garden Club

Mondays 9:00 am

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop—Meeting

2nd Monday 1:00 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

OCTOBER

- 2 Finnish Language class 10:00 am
Rental – Anniversary party 6:00 pm
- 6 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
- 7 Flea Market set-up
12 noon – 4:00 pm
- 8 Flea Market 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- 9 Flea Market 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- 10 Brunch 12 noon – 1:30 pm
- 13 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 14 Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 Finnish Conversation 10:00 am
- 16 Finnish Language class 10:00 am
Rental – Wedding 6:00 pm
- 18 Scholarship Committee meeting
11:30 am
- 20 Rental – 101st luncheon 11:00 am
- 21 Rental – Livonia Exchange Club
5:00 pm
- 22 October Fest 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 23 Weavers Forum 2:00 pm
Rental – Anniversary party 6:00 pm
- 25 Book Club 3:30 pm
- 27 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 30 Rental – FACD Pasty sale 6:00 am
Finnish Language class 10:00 am
- 31 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

NOVEMBER

- 5 FASM Pasty preparation
- 6 FASM Pasty sale
Finnish Language class
10:00 am
- 10 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 11 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
Bazaar Set-up
12 noon – 5:00 pm
- 13 Scandinavian Bazaar
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- 14 Finnish Breakfast
12 noon – 1:30 pm
General meeting 2:00 pm
- 15 Scholarship Committee meeting
11:30 am
- 17 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
Rental – 101st luncheon
11:00 am
- 19 Spaghetti Dinner
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 20 Finnish Language class
10:00 am
- 25 CLOSED – Thanksgiving Day
- 26 CLOSED
- 27 CLOSED
- 28 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

DECEMBER

- 4 Finnish Independence Day
Gala Ball 6:00 pm
- 8 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 9 Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Rental – Swedish Club Lucia
2:00 pm
- 12 FASM Concert 3:00 pm
- 14 Rental – Senior Danes 12 noon
- 15 Rental – 101st luncheon
11:00 am
- 18 Rental – Nordic Fellows
12 noon
- 19 Joulujuhla 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 20 Scholarship Committee meeting
11:30 am
- 24 CLOSED – Christmas Eve
- 25 CLOSED – Christmas Day
- 31 CLOSED – New Year's Eve

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Scandinavian Bazaar
Sat., Nov. 13, 2010
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The 2010 edition of the Scandinavian Bazaar will be a festive celebration and treat for the senses of all things Scandinavian.

See the beautiful imports from the FCA Gift Shop including the ever popular Iittala products, holiday candies, clothing and more as well as special bazaar **one day only** sales and gift packages. FCA Women's Club Bakers will be selling fresh pulla bread, tarts and wild blueberry pies. FCA Crafter's have an array of knitted and crocheted items including everyone's favorite scrubby. FCA Pasty Bakers will be selling delicious UP pasties (frozen only). Feel the fine craftsmanship of the Finn Weavers beautiful hand-made rugs and savor a bowl of Mojakka from Armitage Catering.

Taste fresh cooked waffle hearts with jam, meatballs, red cabbage and more from The Nordkap Lodge. Norwegian imported foods and imported gifts will be available for purchase. The Norwegian Club of Detroit will featured fine hand crafted Viking ships.

The Swedish Club will feature imports, fresh baked goods and crafts. While the Swedish Passport Shop from Norway, Michigan will have an assortment of original Scandinavian inspired tees, sweaters, calendars, books and more. Swede Anne's Butik from Clarkston, Michigan will feature Norwegian sweaters as well as other fine imports from Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Be sure to stop by for delicious freshly made Æbleskiver, a delightful traditional Danish pancake, from the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of America.

Lavender Fleece from Midland, Michigan will be joining the festivities with wool products hand spun from Icelandic Sheep, lavender soaps and lotions as well as beautiful pottery.

Hear the sounds of ethnic music that will surround the bazaar with live music from the Swedish Club, music from FCA's own Soittoniekat and more.

Santa will make a special appearance from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Overflow parking provided courtesy of the *Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church*, 35300 W. Eight Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (located just west of the Finnish Center).

Thank you.
 Nancy Rajala, Co-chair, Denise Book, Co-Chair

GARDEN CLUB

October has been a busy month of garden by renovation. Several of the gardens have been reworked removing mint and other aggressive growing plants and replanting the beds with more desirable species.

Vegetables are still growing in the gardens and we are looking at plans for possibly adding more raised beds next year to make harvesting vegetables a bit easier on our knees and backs. The entire area will be covered this fall to try and suppress the weeds and make the reworking easier next spring.

A DVD of 11 FCA members telling of life being raised in their Finnish family in Michigan called "OUR FINNISH HERITAGE" is available for \$10.00 with the proceeds going to the Garden Club. The DVD [which is getting rave reviews] is available from David Sharpe, 248-477-5709.

November 1st was our last regular meeting for the year as December will be our holiday meeting. However, we will continue to meet as long as the weather permits at 9 am on Monday mornings through November and most of December if anyone would care to join us with a mid-morning break at 10:30 am.

For questions, or comments contact Gayle Gullen at 734-546-5190 or gaylegullen@comcast.net or gaylegullen@hotmail.com.

Gayle Gullen
 Garden Club President

FINLAND TODAY

First, good news is forecast for Finland's economy for this year, and the next.

The Finnish economic "think-tank", ETLA, has raised its forecast for Finnish economic growth this year to 3.5%, up from the 1.5% it had predicted earlier. ETLA cited a faster than expected increase in demand for Finnish products abroad. "Important export fields such as paper and metal industries have been able to increase their exports clearly more than expected," said an ETLA spokesman. ETLA predicts Finnish exports will grow by 6% this year, and by 9% next year. ETLA forecasts that the Finnish economy to grow by 4% next year.

Nokia has finally started to ship out its new "smart phone", the N8, to its pre-order customers. The N8, is considered the world's best camera-phone. It is 12 megapixel with a Carl Zeiss lens and has a xenon flash, and features HD-quality video recording, film editing software and Dolby surround sound. According to reports, the N8 is "fast and easy to use and supports true multitasking, allowing user to run multiple apps simultaneously and switch between them easily." Everyday, 1.3 billion people connect with one another using a Nokia device, such as a mobile phone, to advanced smartphone or a high performance mobile computer.

The Finnish government has requested the purchase of military equipment to upgrade its U.S. made M270 multiple launch rocket system. The U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency has notified the U.S. Congress of the proposed sale saying that the upgrade would "contribute to the foreign policy and national security of a friendly nation that has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in Europe." Lockheed Martin would be the prime contractor for the project.

The Swedish Defense Material Administration has ordered 113 armored modular vehicles (AMV) from the Finnish Patria Land and Armament Oy for about \$336 million. Sweden will use the AMV's as armored personnel carriers. The vehicles will replace the current tracked vehicles the Swedish army uses that were made in Sweden and Russia. Since 2004, Patria has produced or has on order more than 1500 AMV's.

As a part of the European Union's antipiracy operation,

on the coast of Somalia, Finland has decided to send a mine ship, the Pohjanmaa. The Pohjanmaa will be escorting and protecting ships, and also will be involved in surveillance and vessel inspection tasks.

As a part of "Smoke-free Finland in 2040", a new law was passed on Oct 1st. The law says that anyone caught selling tobacco products to people under the age of 18, faces fines and a maximum six month sentence. The law also allows housing associations to ban smoking near children's play areas and on apartment balconies.

Wind power plant going to the birds? The discovery of a white-tailed sea eagle nest in Pyharanta in the southwest of Finland has resulted in the Rihtniemi wind power project of Propel Voima to be put on hold. The white tailed eagle is an endangered sea bird.

And finally, Heikki the Barber, gives this advice: "Both, the Politician and the Diaper need to be changed often, and for the same reason "Tanx Leena.

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

A RASCAL'S CRAFT THE POETRY OF EELU KIVIRANTA

On Sunday, September 26, three generations of Lehtos honored and shared the poetic creativity of their ancestor, Eelu Kiviranta. Granddaughter Lillian translated 45 of his poems for this book, some of which she read during the presentation, in both Finnish and English; great grandson Steve showed slides illustrating Eelu's life and poetry; and great granddaughter Amy operated the computer slide show.

After two professional translators declined, Lillian took on the translation job herself, assisted by two rhyming dictionaries in order to keep the feel and sound of the Finnish poetry in the English translation. Steve applied for a grant from Finlandia Foundation National for publication of the book, which was awarded to this project, "one of the most interesting projects" among the 32 submitted in the competition.

Who was Eelu Kiviranta? Lillian knew her grandfather, though when she was growing up, she didn't talk with him much as he often kept to himself because of his stuttering. But when he recited his poetry he didn't stutter, and he often talked in rhymes. Born in Oululainen, southeast of Oulu, Finland, he had no formal education, yet had an incredibly wide vocabulary, and beautiful penmanship.

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SUNSHINE LADY

She sends Get Well, Thinking of You and words of encouragement cards to FCA members.

This little known function has been around for many years, and can only be accomplished when we are notified that someone needs a card. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

Also, we are running out of cards, so if you have extra cards we would appreciate receiving them.

FINN FACTS



Finland's first university was founded in 1640, in Turku.

Armitage Catering

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

**Weddings/Showers
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Graduation Parties**

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248-921-7561**

This could be a space for your ad.

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

The Fall Season is officially here now. The leaves will soon be turning beautiful golden colors. A bit of coolness is already in the air.

The Finnish American Singers are already practicing for their annual Christmas Concert. The Concert will be held on Sunday, December 12th at 3 PM at the Finnish Center. This year we will be joined by the Swedish Skandia Womens Chorus and the Swedish Arpi Mens Chorus. Why not plan to attend our Concert. It should be an enjoyable Afternoon to celebrate the Holidays.

The FASM Singers participated in a Joint Pasty Sale with the Finnish Center on September 17th and 18th by peeling potatoes, making and baking Pasties. We also wrapped and sold them.

Singing with a Choral Group is a great way to meet many new Friends. If you enjoy Singing, why not consider joining the FASM Singers.

Enjoy the Autumn Season.
Gerald Malstrom, Co- Publicity

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He began rhyming poetry as a child. In 1901 Eelu immigrated to the U.S., to the UP. He bought a printing press soon after coming to Michigan, and began printing his poems, one sheet at a time, binding them into tiny books with string and staples. He traveled around the UP on a bicycle or skis, depending on the season, selling his books. Dr. Armas Holmio, seminary professor at (then) Suomi College, and creator of the Finnish American Archives, told Lillian that Eelu's poetry was very important, that he was the only person in the U.S. who wrote in the aarkiveisu style--broadside ballads, which were very popular in Finland in the late 1800's. His poems had been in the Archives for over 50 years, and many people had mentioned him when giving oral family histories

You can learn more about this fascinating author in the August issue of Finnish American Reporter, and in the Spring Finlandia Foundation National Newsletter. A Rascal's Craft is available in the Gift Shop. Buy your copy on a Monday—you'll find Lillian volunteering in the Library, where she can sign the book for you.

The Lehtos' presentation was sponsored by Finnish Center Association, Finnish American Historical Society, and Finnish American Cultural Corporation.

By Louise Hartung, for the three sponsoring organizations.

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.

In memory of FCA life member Aurelia Holso Bergstrom (9-6-10) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of Matthew "Matt" Attalai (9-6-10) of Ishpeming, donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, and Connie Fosness. Matthew was the son of members Christine & Andrew Attalai and the grandson of member George Koskimaki.

In memory of Aurelia Bergstrom (9/6/2010) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of Hulda LaCourt (7/22/2010) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of Irja Connolly (5/2/2010) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of Leo Korpi (5/27/2010) a donation was made by Walter & Miriam Kyllonen.

In memory of Matthew Attalai (9/6/2010) a donation was made by Luise & Norbert Lep-

panen.

In memory of Wilfred Manley (7/8/2010) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

HAPPINESS

A donation was made to the Scholarship Fund from George Koskimaki in honor of Eunice Gould.

A donation was made to the Garden Fund from Betty & Bill Wallace in honor of Fritz Putkela.

Belated 80th Birthday Greetings go out to Eunice Gould from Norma & Rudy Aittama and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

*Christmas Greetings
\$10.00
Deadline by
November 3, 2010*

Finnish Center Association

General Meeting

November 14, 2010
2:00 pm

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: The new requirements for proof of citizenship to cross the border to Canada are:

1. PASSPORT - Must be a valid passport.
2. PASSPORTCARD or the new PASSPORT DRIVERS LICENSE.
3. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION accompanied by a valid passport and valid U.S.. Re-Entry Permit.

"Leading Ladies" at Croswell Opera House - 1 day, Sunday, November 14, \$82. This is an hilarious comedy about two Shakespearean actors who pretend to be the long-lost English nephews of an old lady, in hopes of inheriting her fortune. Departs 10:45 am and returns about 6:45 pm.

Frankenmuth - Tribute to Bob Hope - 1 day, Tuesday, November 30, \$78. Departs 9:15 am and returns about 4:45 pm.

Soaring Eagle - 1 day, Tuesday, January 18, \$30. You will receive \$30 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher. Departure at 8:30 am. Return about 7:00 pm. We are combined with 2 other groups so sign up ASAP.

If you have any ideas of trips you would like to take please let me know and I will see if they are available. Pearl Wanttaja, 248-541-0054

BRUNCH QUESTIONNAIRE

Ilene and I would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond to our questionnaire at the September brunch. A total of 46 were returned to us. One respondent said they would prefer all Finnish Breakfasts with Finnish food, or the number 3 choice of roughly half Finnish Breakfasts and half Regular Brunches. 10 respondents said they would prefer all Regular Brunches as in years past. 36 respondents said they prefer it a mix of Finnish Breakfasts and Regular Brunches, as we have had in the past 2 or 3 years.

Several people wrote extra suggestions on the questionnaire, which I was hoping they would do.

A couple suggested a second scrambled egg dish, which we have done a couple of times. We will do that again in the future when we can. We do main courses from "scratch" as much as we are able. Unfortunately we cannot do that 100 percent of the time anymore because we are desperately short of help in the kitchen. We also need more help in

bussing and coffee serving (after church, perhaps?), but the kitchen is really the area that is hurting the most.

Remember when Chef Jeff Mead used to come in to make omelettes-toorder? And, when we were short, Chef Mike Grant would come in to make an entree or two. But, we are not professional cooks, so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Pearl Wanttaja

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have added the following books to our library:

MINE COLLAR MYSTERY, written and illustrated by children living in Keweenaw National Historical Park. This is an absolutely charming story by fourth grade students of CLK Elementary School in Calumet. The children learn about early mining from a mysterious "time traveler". The authors and their teacher are to be commended for this clever idea and the end product, containing much informative research and student-drawn illustrations. It's in the children's section, but adults as well as children will find it worth their while. Read it to your children or grandchildren! Its in Juv F Mi.

TRAILBLAZERS, The Story of Port Arthur Kansallisseura Loyal Finns in Canada, by Raili Garth and Kaarina Brooks. The authors have compiled a history of Canadian Finns in what is now Thunder Bay, based on their research into the archives of a Finnish-Canadian organization which existed from 1926-2002. Although these were "White" Finns as opposed to "Red" Finns, this is not the story of any conflict but about the members of this organization and thier lives. Many illustrations. It's in 971 Ga.

LIFE IN MICHIGAN'S TWO PENINSULAS, by Helen Kathleen (Ranta) Phillips. Hot off the press, this is the author's memoir of her life in Ontonagon, South Range, and finally in the Lower Peninsula. You'll find it in biography, B Ph.

HIGHTECH FINLAND 2010. You will be amazed at the high technology now existing in our grandparents' "old country". No wonder they lead the world in many areas. Even it it's too much for you cover-to-cover, take a look and see what the Finns are up to! In 600 Hi.

FINNS IN MICHIGAN, by Eva Koskimaki. We finally have Eva's well-written history bound in a form we can place on the shelves. You'll find it in 977.4 Ko.

OULUSSA LAULETTUA. This contains words and melodies of songs that were familiar in the Oulu area through 1983, but surely in other parts of Finland also. In 784 Ou.

FROM CHRISTMAS TO CHRISTMAS, by Väinö Havas, translated by Tyynie S. Kiefer. These are not Christmas stories, but short devotional/parable-type stories set throughout the year, from one Christmas to the next, intended to teach young people lessons about their faith. Interesting reading. You'll find it in devotional literature, 248 Va.

PORTRAYING FINLAND, a new book we have just acquired from the Finnish Embassy in Washington, D.C. You will be surprised by MODERN Finland! 914.71 Po.

MIRIAM DAUGHTER OF FINNISH IMMIGRANTS, by

Diane Dettman and Miriam Kaurala Dloniak. Although Miriam married a toiskielinen, she has not forgotten her Finnish roots, which she shared with her niece Diane. It's a typical immigrant story, which may well remind you of what you heard from your parents and/or grandparents. B Dl.

HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF THE MUSIC AND MUSICIANS OF FINLAND by Ruth-Esther Hillila and Barbara Blanchard Hong. This is a large encyclopedic work (473 pages), an excellent resource for information pertaining to Finnish music and musicians. It is only a reference book, not to leave the library, for a replacement would cost \$125.00! Don't even THINK of taking it out the door, but you are welcome to peruse it in the library. 780.03 Hi.

ETHNIC FLAVORS, a recipe book published to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Finnish Center Association; recipes were submitted by members. Yum! It's in our cook book section, 641.5 Fi.

SHARING OUR BEST, another recipe book, published by the folks at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in 1993. The recipes are as good as ever! It's near the above book, 641.5 Be.

A RASCAL'S CRAFT: MUSINGS OF A FINNISH-AMERICAN IMMIGRANT, poems by Eelu Kiviranta, translated by Lillian Lehto. You read about this in the September newsletter, and/or perhaps heard/saw the presentation on September 26. If you didn't buy the book (available in our gift shop) you can read some of Eelu's unique poems, available for the first time in English. In 811 Ki.

Come and see us sometime! We love visitors!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

Many Hands

"Many hands make light work". That is especially true when a big event takes place. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make the Fall 2010 Flea Market a success. See you in the Spring!

GIFT SHOP

Limited Supply
The Rascal's Craft by
Lillian Lehto
Heiki's Finnish Walking Sticks

Hyva Tytto / Paha Poika
T-shirts.
On Sale

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
10 am - 2 pm Saturdays

Limited Selection Arabia pattern:
Anemone-Blue, Blue Bands

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

Please join us in a

Fund-raising event for the FCAT
To celebrate the 93 years of independence
"Best Country in the World"

December 4, 2010, 6:00 PM

Program includes

Professor Rahkonen
Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year
Finnish Inspired Dinner
Live music

Seeking Employment

Duties as a companion/caregiver. To
include errands, light housekeeping,
Non medical needs provided.
Call Margaret 248-252-3247

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

The Finnish Breakfast scheduled for Oct. 10 is moved to Nov. 14. This is on the Scandinavian Bazaar Weekend, with the Breakfast topping off a pleasant weekend. We'll have the usual Finnish foods that you enjoy. Pearl Wanttaja completed a survey with the results being that you want about 1/2 half regular brunches, and 1/2 Finnish Breakfasts.

VETERANS' DAY OBSERVANCE ON WED. NOV. 24 at 12:00 NOON

We'll combine with the Senior Luncheon again to honor our veterans. Spread the word to veterans you know and plan to come. Lila and Terry Ball will prepare the food. Together we'll provide decorations. Gene Belttari will lead Karaoke with patriotic songs for about 20 min. If you want to speak, or help with the program, let me know.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER ON FRIDAY DEC. 17 AT 3:00 P.M.

Maria Hill and Pearl Wanttaja suggested this event last year, and we will do it again this year. We will accept donations for the Pork Loin that will be roasted Finnish-style. Plan to come and bring one of your favorite dishes. A sign-up sheet will be in the FCA entrance. The room will be decorated for Christmas and some pleasant entertainment will be provided. Maybe you can get some friends together to come?

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

FCA WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

As usual, Edith Raski made phone calls to remind persons to help with our Sept. baking one for the Finnish Breakfast, a double project. Helping with the Pulla/Nisu and Piirakka were Clarabeth Dixon, Lillian Heikkinen, Dee Aebersold, Liz and Norm McCue, Charlotte Lytikainen, Betty Taipalus, Ilene Yanke, and Suchetha and Kyoko, two young women who wanted to learn more about our foods. Kyoko's husband had lived for two years in Finland.

In Oct. bakeed Pulla/Nisu on the 6th for the Flea Market on the 8th and 9th. Please plan to come again on Wed., Oct. 27th to bake pies and Christmas Tarts for the Scandinavian Bazaar. With these ambitious plans, we need you to help! Lunch is provided.

See you then, Ilene

SUOMALAINEN SISTERS: “NYT NAURA!”

And laugh we did, in Finn Camp’s Dance Hall. Gentle good humor, poking fun at many things typical of life in the UP’s Finnish-American community, seen through the eyes of the Suomalainen Sisters as they were growing up. The city cousins, who just didn’t quite fit in. The non-Finnish-American boyfriend, who didn’t appreciate Finnish-America’s unique cuisine. The deadpan, unsmiling faces of the Suomalainen Sisters who said they were really having lots of fun. Humor transmitted through song, rap, flute music, jokes, conversations over coffee between Chris and Linda Kyro.

The “Nyt Naura” act was part of Finn Camp’s Autumn Fest, held on September 25, and was sponsored by the Finnish Five group: Finnish Center Association, Detroit Finnish Co-operative Summer Camp Association, Finnish American Historical Society, Knights and Ladies of Kaleva, and Finnish American Cultural Corporation. Monies raised from the event will be used for student scholarships. A raffle organized by Hilikka Ketola, who put together a beautiful gift basket, added to the scholarship funds.

After the theatre presentation, a delicious dinner was provided at the Mojakka Cookoff, an opportunity to taste several varieties of homemade mojakka. Among several prizes awarded to mojakka-makers, Kirsti Niemi won the “People’s Choice Award” and Markku Ketola won the grand prize. Freshly pressed apple cider was served also, made by Finn Camp kids with a family-owned cider press. Home-baked desserts completed the meal. Soittoniekat and Friends jammed in the background during dinner.

Didn’t get to Finn Camp for “Nyt Naura?” Check out Glenn Kujansuu’s photo collection, at www.drysteam.smugmug.com and see the fun.

By Louise Hartung, for the Finnish Five

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We had to re-schedule the lecture on Finnish Rag Rugs by Yvonne Lockwood, but will hold this forum and have the lecture at a later date.

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