



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

February 2011



*Scenes from the Finnish Center
Photos by Glenn Kujansuu*

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As my term in office comes to an end in February, I reflect upon all those persons who were such a big help to me, and who are so vital in the operation of the Center.

Our Bylaws in part say that our purpose is: to provide for the spiritual, physical and cultural welfare of its members; to build and maintain in the Finnish American Community in the Detroit Metropolitan area a spirit of learning and union.

This is what we are all about. It takes a lot of work and a lot of money. We have been blessed with persons who are willing to volunteer of their time and also of their finances. If you are in a position to help in either way I urge you to do so. I believe you will find it fulfilling.

I have been honored to serve as your Chairman. Thank you.

Norbert C. Leppanen
Chairman

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NOTICE

The FCA is accepting nominations for the position of trustees of the board and the positions of committee chairpersons at the annual meeting on February 20, 2011 at 2:00 pm

Please submit nomination to Cortland Book at 248-474-4162.

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

last Monday of month, 1 pm

JANUARY

- 12 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 14 Poker Night
- 15 Poker Night
- 16 Poker Night
- 19 Rental – 101st luncheon 11:30 am
- 21 Pasty Sale preparation
- 22 Pasty Sale
- Rental – Birthday party 1:30 pm
- 23 GENERAL MEETING 2:00 pm
- 26 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
- Senior luncheon 12 noon
- Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 30 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

FEBRUARY

- 5 Rental – Harju Birthday party
2:00 pm
- 9 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 10 Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Brunch 12 noon – 1:30 pm
- Finnish Rag Rug lecture 2:00 pm
- 16 Rental – 101st luncheon
11:30 am
- 19 Rental – Wedding Vow
Renewal
& Reception 4:00 pm
- 20 **ANNUAL MEETINGS**
Senior Housing 1:00 pm

- FCA 2:00 pm
- 23 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
- Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 26 Rental – FACD Pasty Sale
- 27 Open House 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

MARCH

- 9 Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
6:30 pm
- 10 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Pasty Sale preparation
- 12 Pasty Sale
- 13 Brunch 12 noon – 1:30 pm
- 16 Rental – 101st luncheon
11:30 am
- 18 Fish Fry 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- 23 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
- Rental – Danish Bros. meeting
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FCA LOUNGE



The FCA Lounge was transformed into a French Bistro in December, 2010. The event was a 90th birthday party. The party was enjoyed by all the attended. Music was provide by Soittoniekat.

Photo by Glenn Kujansuu.

GARDEN CLUB

THANK YOU

The Cultural Committee arranged another Independence Day Event on December 4th, 2010 at the Finnish Center. Professor Rahkonen gave an interesting slide presentation and talk about Finnish and Finnish American music. Armitage catered the dinner and was able to find some Finnish drinks for the cash bar (Koskenkorva viina and Sinebrychoff Porter beer). The evening closed with music for listening and dancing by Ursula Walker and the Buddy Budson Group.

The Cultural Committee would like to extend their sincere thank you for those who were present and those who gave donations even when not able to attend.

FINLAND TODAY

First, Disneyland Paris is again coming to Finland to recruit summer workers. They hope to sign-up up-to 500 workers from Finland out of 3,000 foreign workers they expect to hire. The workers will receive about \$1,865/month in salary plus the flight ticket to and from Finland to Paris. They will work from March to September. Finnish workers are in demand because many have worked there before, with good results. Finns are perceived to be honest, conscientious workers, with a smile, and a good command of languages.

The STX Finland shipyard in Rauma has delivered the largest ferry to be operating in the English Channel to P&O Ferries. The Spirit of Britain, which will operate between Dover and Calais, will accommodate 2,000 passengers, 195 cars, and 180 trucks. The ship, spanning 700 feet, 11 stories high, is very energy efficient, using 50% less energy than ferries half its size. A sister ship, The Spirit of France, will be delivered in September 2011 from the Rauma shipyard. In October 2010, STX Finland delivered the second of a pair of the world's largest cruise ships to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. Each ship cost about \$1.5 billion, spanning 1,200 feet, and can accommodate 6,300 passengers, with a crew of 2,000.

Will Finland become a nuclear manufacturing center? It could happen if the U.S.-Japanese company, the GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy decides to locate the European manufacturing center in Finland. The facility could bring thousands of jobs.

The Finnish energy company, Fortum Oy, has acquired 85% stake in two Polish power companies. The two companies, ZEC Bytom, and the EC Zabrze, were both bought from the Polish Ministry of Treasury.

The Helsinki-Vantaa airport has received some more accolades. The British magazine, *Monocle*, has named the Finnish airport as the "Best Airport for Connections." Also, the British con-

sultancy firm, Skytrax, has named the Helsinki-Vantaa airport as the "2010 Best Airport in Northern Europe".

Osku Palermaa of Finland, won his first PBA bowling tour championship. Palermaa, who uses a two-handed delivery style, won the PBA Tour Shark Championship held in Las Vegas.

Finland's Matti Heikkinen made Finnish skiing history in Oberstdorf, Germany. Heikkinen won the 10 + 10 km cross country skiing pursuit race. The 10 + 10 km race is where you ski the first 10 km using the "classic" cross country skiing style, and the other 10 km using the "free" or skating style. When you go from the "classic" to "free" style, you also change skis. The "free" style use shorter skis. The race was the 4th stage of the "Tour de Ski" cross country skiing tournament held in central Europe.

And finally, Heikki, the Ol' Northwoods Sage says: Give a person a fish and you'll feed them for a day; but teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks.

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

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.

THANK YOU for all the cards you have sent me - I now have a sufficient supply for a long time! THANKS AGAIN for your generosity.

FINNISH PROVERBS

Collected by Lillian Lehto

**Oma kunkin kauni-
himpi, sammakonkin
nuijapänsä.**

**(One's own (child) is al-
ways most beautiful,
even the frog's tadpole
(is beautiful to her.)**

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the newsletter.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Holiday Season has been busy for the FASM Singers. The Singers enjoyed performing with the two Swedish Choruses on Saturday, December 11th. On Sunday, December 12th at our Annual Christmas Concert the Swedish Choruses joined us. The Concerts were enjoyed by all. Both Concerts were video taped by Bob Tubek and will appear on Public Television.

Many thanks to Dagnie Carlson, Lillian Heikkinen and Margaret Laurila for preparing and serving the delicious luncheon. Our Bake Sale was successful.

On Tuesday, December 14th, our singers performed with other singing groups at St John's Lutheran Church Little Christmas Program. Some of our singers and friends sang Christmas Carols for Calvin Niemi and other residence living at Sunrise Assisted Living Residence on Monday, December 27th. We were accompanied by Miriam Kleven on the piano. It was a meaningful experience for all.

The FASM Singers are beginning to rehearse for our Annual Spring Concert which will be held on May 1st at 3 PM at the Finnish Center. We participated with the FCA in a Joint Pasty Sale on Saturday, January 22nd.

We thank everyone who attended our Concert and purchased our Holiday Greens.

Enjoy the Winter Season!

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

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.

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.

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

SAARINEN RE-SCHEDULED

Filming of the fascinating documentary “Eero Saarinen: An Architect's Memoir” scheduled for January 30th has been postponed until Spring. Robert Ziegelman was an apprentice of Architect Saarinen and one of the producers of this film that will entail filming in our own backyard.

More information when we secure the date.

Cultural Committee

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have added the following books to our library:

FINNISH TOUCHES: RECIPES AND TRADITIONS, edited by Jean Liffing-Zug et al. This book is a treasurehouse of information about Finland, Finnish-American history and traditions as well as Finnish recipes. It's worth a look. Dewey number 641.5.

THE FOUNTAINS OF PETRODVERTS by Ilya Gurevich. So, OK, this is not about Finland, but since St. Petersburg is so well-known to Finns, this definitely deserves a place on our shelves. This is a large, lovely picture book of the fountains (144 of them) at the summer palace on the outskirts of St. Petersburg. They are considered "a monument of enormous value", "one of the treasures of world art", and sometimes "the Russian Versailles". The text is in English. You'll find it in 914.7 Gu.

BONE SOUP AND A LAPLAND WIZARD by Timo Koskinen. This is a fictional account of an odd bachelor and his friend Paavo in the U.P. One of them decides to return to Finland, setting sail across Lake Superior in a makeshift Viking boat! It's in F Ko.

VOICES FROM FINLAND, an anthology of Finland's verse and prose in English, Finnish and Swedish, edited by Elli Tuomi. Dewey number 894.541.

SIBELIUS AND THE MUSIC OF FINLAND by Veikko Helasvuo, translated from the Finnish by Paul Sjöblom. This is not only about Sibelius, but later Finnish composers and other information regarding music in Finland. It's in biography, Si.

TARJA HALONEN: YKSI MEISTÄ ("one of us") by Hannu Lehtilä. It's a pity this is in Finnish; I'll review it at length in the next issue. It's in biography, Ha.

SUOMI -- VÄRIEN JA LUMEN MAA (FINLAND -- LAND OF COLOR AND SNOW) by Reino Luonimo. This beautiful picture book has text in Finnish, English and German. You'll find it in 914.71 Lo.

VÄLKKYVIEN VESIEN SUOMI (LAND OF SPARKLING WATERS) by Reino Luonimo. This is a companion to the book above, every bit as colorful. Also in 914.71 Lo.

A QUINNESEC KID by Joseph Massie, copyright 2010. This interesting autobiography of a man who grew up in a "suburb" of Iron Mountain was purchased from the author just recently. You'll find it in biography, Ma.

FREDA, MICHIGAN, END OF THE ROAD by Clarence J. Monette. This is another in Monette's "Local history series". 977.4 Mo.

THE HISTORY OF EAGLE HARBOR, MICHIGAN by Clarence J. Monette. Same series as above, same location on the shelf, 977.4 Mo.

IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE/KAIKEN KESKELLÄ by Ilpo Okkonen. This is a beautiful picture book of modern Oulu. Text is in Finnish and English. 914.71 Ok.

KAUNIS SUOMI/IMAGES OF FINLAND by Anne Roston and Tim Bird. Another lovely picture book of Finland; brief text includes English. 914.71 Ro.

And finally, two additions to the Juvenile section:

AAPINEN by Urho Somerkivi, Hellin Tynell and Annikki Lehtonen. This is a beginning reader for adult beginners as well as children. Juv 494.541 So.

ENNEN JA NYT by Martti Haavio. This is an advanced reader suitable for adults as well as children. It's in the same area as the above, Juv 494.541 Ha.

Don't be bashful! Come in and see us and check out a book to read during cozy winter evenings by the fire.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

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Flea Markets

Spring
April 8 & 9

Fall
October 7 & 8

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Dec. 17 was the day for our Christmas Potluck where we had a nice roomful of members and guests. The pork loin and the dishes prepared by those who attended were all so very delicious. Many thanks to Steve Neimi and Don Reinholm of Soittoniekat who entertained with Christmas music and accompanied the sing-along of Christmas carols. We appreciate them!

The January activity is combination with FCA Bakers and Brunch workers to host the Finnish Breakfast. We'll introduce Omenapannukakka, or Baked Apple Pancake with cinnamon and sugar.

We are not planning a Feb. activity, but will have St. Urho's in March. More details on that next month.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

FCA BAKERS

Wed., Feb. 23 is the Pulla/Nisu Baking date. We begin about 9:40 a.m., but some come in later for the tasks of shaping the loaves, baking, glazing, packaging, and clean-up. If you've never helped with this, consider coming to learn this kind of baking. . We serve lunch and have time also to socialize a bit.

Your orders are very important to us. You may call in orders for our braided loaves and cinnamon/brown sugar loaves---all flavored with cardamum. They are \$5/each and can be picked up about 1:30 p.m.

We thank Edith Raski for mailing written reminders of baking dates to our bakers.

ART, TRADITIONS, FOLKLORE

On Sunday, February 13th at 2 pm, Professor Yvonne Lockwood will speak on the craft of rug making at the Finnish Center. This will be of interest to anyone who appreciates art.

She retired from Michigan State University Museum, as curator and senior academic specialist. Her focus was on the culture and folklore of ethnic communities of the upper Midwest.

Yvonne has written numerous articles and publications including the book *Finnish Rag Rugs – Art, Tradition and Ethnic Continuity*, which is the result of over 15 years of field research. This book includes some photos and stories of our earlier weavers at the FCA, for example Laina Lampi one of our founders.

Some of her awards included the Friends of Finland (Flint) awarded her the Finnish American of the year award for “dedicated service to our mid-Michigan community” in 2010. She was also the recipient (with William G. Lockwood) of the 2001 Sophie Coe Prize in Food History.

Join us for this interesting lecture and display of rag rugs.

Cultural Committee

Seeking Employment

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SAVE THE DATE

Professor Yvonne Lockwood lecture on her book of Finnish American Rag Rugs has been re-scheduled for Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 2pm

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