



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

May 2011

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lately?

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings to the membership and friends of the FCA.

This is my first message as your newly elected Chairman. It truly was an honor to be re-elected to the FCA Board of Trustees at the annual meeting. I did not expect to be serving another term, since so many qualified and well known candidates had accepted a nomination for the Board. Thank you to all those that supported me in my election. Welcome to all the returning, and the new Board Members and Alternates for the year 2011. We will have much to do this year if we are going to surpass last years goals, I would be remiss if I did not recognize and thank all the volunteers around the FCA. It is truly amazing to see the dedication and faithfulness of these individuals. Hopefully this spirit will continue, as it is the life blood of the center. My goal is to foster a positive relationship with each of you, to help us celebrate and honor the great Finnish tradition and culture of the past, and to work collaboratively towards a very successful future

Cortland R. Book

NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP

The FCA Board of Trustees held its annual election recently. Cortland Book, Frank Gotterberg, and David Sharpe was elected to the board for a three year term The following were selected for leadership positions: Cortland Book, Chairperson; Paul Rajala, Vice Chairperson, Tarja Virtanen, Secretary, and Christine Johnson, Treasurer. All have pledged their cooperation in bringing the FCA forward as we struggle with financial difficulties.

Congratulations and thank you to all who volunteer to serve our fine organization.

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 pm to 9 pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 am to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

Finlandia Garden Club

Mondays 9 am

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop—Meeting

2nd Monday 1 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11 am-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

last Monday of month, 1 pm

APRIL

- 1 Fish Fry 5 pm – 8 pm
 2 Finnish Language Class 10 am
 Rental – Birthday Party 1 pm
 Piiarakka Bake & Sale 9 am – 3 pm
 6 Pulla/Nisu Bake 9:30 am
 7 Flea Market Set Up 12 noon – 3 pm
 8 Flea Market 10 am – 4 pm
 Fish Fry 5 pm – 8 pm
 9 Flea Market 10 am – 4 pm
 Finnish Language Class 10 am
 10 Finnish Breakfast
 12 noon – 1:30 pm
 FAHS Finnish Genealogy
 Presentation 2 pm
 13 Rental – Danish Bros. Meeting
 6:30 pm
 14 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 15 Fish Fry 5 pm – 8 pm
 16 Finnish Language Class 10 am
 Rental – Birthday Party 12 noon
 17 Open House 1 pm – 4 pm
 19 Rental – Business Conference
 7:30 am
 20 Rental – 101st Luncheon 11 am
 23 Finnish Language Class 10 am
 24 **EASTER – closed**
 27 Pulla/Nisu Bake 9:45 am
 Rental – Danish Bros. Meeting
 6:30 pm
 30 Finnish Language Class 10 am

MAY

- 1 FASM Concert 3 pm
 3 Rental—Vendor
 Fair & Luncheon 7 am to 4 pm
 6 Pasty preparation
 Pulla/Nisu Bake 9:45 am
 7 Finnish Language Class 10 am
 Pasty Sail
 8 Mother's Day Potluck
 12 noon – 1:30 pm
 11 Rental – Danish Bros. Meeting
 6:30 pm
 12 Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 13 Pulla/Nisu Bake 9:45 am
 14 Finnish Language Class 10 am
 15 Finnish Breakfast
 noon – 1:30 pm
 Scholarship Reception 2 pm
 18 Rental – 101st Luncheon 11 am
 20 Spaghetti Dinner 5 pm – 8 pm
 Big Band Dance 6 pm – 9 pm
 25 Senior Luncheon 12 noon
 Rental – Danish Bros. Meeting
 6:30 pm
 29 Open House 1 pm – 4 pm
 30 **MEMORIAL DAY – closed**

JUNE

- 1 Rental – Life Line Screening
 8 am – 4 pm
 3 BBQ Dinner 5 pm – 7 pm
 Novi Band Concert 7 pm
 8 Rental – Danish Bros. Meeting
 6:30 pm
 9 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
 12 Brunch 12 noon – 1:30 pm
 15 Rental – 101st Luncheon 11 am
 18 Rental – Graduation Party
 22 Rental – Danish Bros. Meeting
 6:30 pm
 24 Rental—Graduation Party
 26 Open House 1 pm – 4 pm
 Picnic and Juhannus
 30 Rental – Mud Hens Baseball
 Luncheon 6 pm

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1 Year
 Norman McCue, Tarja Virtanen,
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2 Year

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3 Year

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 #3 Marlene Ruuskanen

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FINNISH CENTER FIXTURES, FINISHES, AND FURNISHINGS

As most of you probably know by now, the FCA operates at an annual deficit. Over the last few years, a number of cost cutting measures have been implemented to reduce expenses and they have positively reduced the deficit. However, the goal of balancing the budget has not been achieved.

In order to increase the income side of the balance sheet, a likely source of revenue is the increased rental of the building. The Board of Trustees is looking to implement better marketing and is asking how we can make the Finnish Center more attractive to outside rentals.

Late last year, we corrected deficiencies in the wall moldings in the lobby and hallways. Ceiling tiles were reseated and damaged ones replaced. Perhaps you have noticed that the lounge has received a fresh coat of paint, that trim and moldings have been repaired, and that electrical code violations have been corrected.

This past winter the board approved adding the words "BANQUET AND CONFERENCE CENTER" to our Eight Mile Road sign. This has generated some rental inquiries and hopefully some bookings.

The board has assembled a committee to review the Fixtures, Finishes, and Furnishings of the lounge in particular, as well as the various other rooms in the center. The committee will provide recommendations as to how and where we can display the items important to the membership, while at the same time making the center more attractive for rentals.

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GARDEN CLUB

May News from Finlandia Gardens

We've had April showers and now the Finnish Center is adorned with the flowers of May. You may wish to come and take our new self-guided walking tour of the gardens. We have folders with directions and the points of interest to be seen. Pick up a folder just outside the entrance or just inside the FCA. Our hope is that in addition to all the beautiful flowers in our gardens we will also find you enjoying the beauty of our Finnish Center.

Now a few notes on our progress this spring. Our new greenhouse is producing seedlings for our vegetable and perennial gardens and we continue composting and recycling for the FCA. Our Eight Mile Road cleanup was a huge success last month. We removed many bags of debris along both sides of Eight Mile from Farmington to I-275. Our new Evergreen Garden has been completed this spring. Lastly, we plan to again participate in the Farmington Memorial Day Parade. Come out and cheer us on.

We still have a few vegetable garden plots available for this season. To reserve a garden plot contact Gayle Gullen at Gaylegullen@hotmail.com or 734-546-5190.

Consider having a gathering in our gardens this summer. This can be formal or not. Informal groups can be accommodated in many areas of the gardens as we have ample seating for a lunch or committee meeting. Finlandia Gardens are open to the public from dawn till dusk.

If you might be motivated to become a garden associate, come by on Monday mornings and join us for coffee and a snack. We gather by 9AM. We can find an activity for you that will not be too difficult among the hundred or so things we do.

For further information contact, David Sharpe at Dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net or 248-477-5709 and check out our website at finlandiagarden.org

FINLAND TODAY

First, could a nuclear disaster like that in Japan happen in Finland? Finland's new Olkiluoto nuclear power plant is scheduled to come on line in 2013. The project manager for the new Olkiluoto plant, Jouni Silvennoinen says, "We have so many backup systems that the kind of accident like in Japan could not happen." Also, Finland is seismically stable. The 1600 megawatt European Pressurized Reactor is being built at Olkiluoto by the French Areva company. France is a country that gets 80% of its electricity from nuclear power. To be on the safe side, the European Union countries with their 143 reactors, plan to give a "stress test" to all their nuclear power plants.

According to a recent article in the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, if a person starts smoking at an early age, it is a strong predictor of drug use later.

A Finnish-American study started in 1994, participants who started smoking by the age of 12 or earlier, were 26 times more likely to start using drugs by the age of 17 than those who never smoked.

Did you know that Nokia has 46 patent infringement lawsuits against Apple, mainly relating to the Apple i-phone and i-pad.

Kesko Oy plans to expand its operations in Russia by opening two large food stores in Moscow and two more in St. Petersburg by 2013. Kesko operates over 2,000 stores in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, and Belarus in several different fields, the largest being in foods, with about 1,000 stores. In the food sector, Kesko has 4 store names including K-Market and K-Extra. In the home-specialty stores sector, Kesko has 6 store brands which include Anttila and Kenkakesko. In the home-improvement and building trades sector, Kesko has 7 store brands which include Rautakesko. In the auto and machinery area, Kesko operates the VW Auto Group which imports and sells VW and Audi autos and parts. Kesko also has Konekesko which imports

and sells machinery, agricultural equipment and boats. In addition to the food stores, Kesko also operates 13 K-Rauta hardware stores in Russia.

Did you know that the "THINK City" electric car assembled in Elkhart, Indiana comes from kits manufactured in Uusikaupunki, Finland?

Kimi Raikkonen moving to NASCAR racing? According to Finnish newspapers, Raikkonen, the former Formula One World Champion is going to compete in some NASCAR events this year starting with the NASCAR truck race at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 20th. Says Raikkonen, "I love the American spirit of racing. It feels great to get involved with that." Raikkonen, known as the "Iceman" throughout his racing career, has named his new racing team "Ice 1". Raikkonen will be doing the NASCAR racing in between his commitment to the World Rally Championship racing.

And finally, Heikki, the old Northwoods Sage says:

1. Dolphins are so smart that, within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the edge of the pool and throw them fish.
2. Some people bring you happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go.
3. How come the evening news on TV start with "Good Evening", and than proceed to tell us why it isn't?
4. You don't need a parachute to skydive, you only need a parachute if you wish to skydive twice.
5. How is it that one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole book of matches to start a campfire?
6. The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

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

Kun kahta jänistä ajaa,
ei saa kumpaakaan.

(He who chases two
rabbits will get neither.)

Armitage Catering

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

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Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Spring is officially here now and we can look forward to warmer weather after a long and cold winter.

The Finnish American Singers are continuing to practice on Monday evenings for our Our Annual Spring Concert "Love is a Song" will be presented on Sunday, May 1st at 3 PM at the Finnish Center. Tickets are \$10.00. A nice variety of English and Finnish songs will be presented. Enjoy a medley of old favorites included in the program such as "You're Just in Love" and "Memories".

As usual, a Luncheon with an assortment of tasty sandwiches and desserts will follow.

Enjoy a nice afternoon with relatives and friends at our Annual Spring Concert. Hope to see you there!

Many thanks for supporting the Finnish American Singers of Michigan.

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

Thanks to all
who volunteered
their services during
our Spring Flea Market.

It was a total success!

Denise Book,
Nancy Rajala
Luise Leppanen

Flea Market Coordinators

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 LuElla Lepisto Bobnick (3-10-11) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Laina Kehus Lampi (3-20-11) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo, and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA member Cynthia "Cindy" Siira (3-25-11) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, and Maria Hill

In memory of FCA life member Lillian Ollikainen (3-26-11) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Maria Hill, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, , Pearl & Ray Wanttaja

In memory of FCA member Hank Verleye (2-19-11) a donation has been made by Kay Simo. Hank served as manager at the Finnish Center in 2005 and 2006.

The FCA remmebers life members Robert Gambotto (3-18-11) and Doris Kangas (3-20-11); and in memory of members Stuart Saari (3-9-11) and Benhard Kokko (3-30-11)

In memory of Cynthia Siira (3/25/2011) donations were made by Richard Hakala, and Luise & Norbert Leppanen.

In memory of Laina Lampi (3/20/2011) donations were made by Jeff & Arlene Bidigare, Sandra & David Scheel, Beverly & George Finn, Jeane Ford, David & Deanna Lampi, Ronald & Sheila Wahl, Lynn & Samuel Wright, Richard & Debra Lampi, Mary & Lawrence Lockhart, and Luise & Norbert Leppanen.

HAPPINESS FUND

Happiness is:

Announcing the engagement of our daughter, Jacqueline Kate, to Jeffrey Scott Weinman.

Sandy & Dave Scheel

Wishing Tarja Virtanen a happy 36th birthday - Marlene Ruuskanen

Save on your next pasty order

The next pasty bake is Saturday, May 7. You can make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the FCA lobby, by calling the Finnish Center, or by email at FCA-pasties@comcast.net. All orders must be picked up on Saturday between 11:00 and 4:00.

The cost is \$5 each, but for orders of 10 or more, you can save 10%. Here is how: First, email your order and phone number to FCA-pasties@comcast.net by 10:00 p. m. on Monday, May 2. Then just pick up your order on Saturday, May 7 between 11:00 and 4:00.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the pasty bake. Simply sign up on the sheet in the lobby or contact Paul Rajala. (Volunteers can pick up a free pasty on Saturday).

Please note that the pasty bake raises needed funds for the FCA!

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.. Reentry Permit.

Soaring Eagle Casino - 1 day, Tuesday, April 26, \$30. Includes \$30 in coin and a \$5 food voucher. Departs 8:00 am and returns about 7:00 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

Wisconsin Dells featuring "House on the Rock" - 4 days, September 13-16, \$599. Includes 7 meals. See flyer for details of all included attractions. Combo with Nardineers.

Niagara Falls at Seneca Casino - 2 days, October 15 & 16, \$135. Includes \$20 in coin and \$10 in food. This should be a beautiful color tour. More info later.

Branson - 6 days, November 3 to 8. This should also be a beautiful color tour. More info later.

Let me know if you have a special trip you would like and I will try to see if it is available.

I'm still trying to get a Point Edward-Sarnia trip.

Pearl Wanttaja, 248-541-0054.

HELLO,

Here is a link to the Finlandia University website page where you can select a link to view the April 1, 2011, e-newsletter:

<http://www.finlandia.edu/e-newsletter.html>

I hope you enjoy this news from Finlandia!

If you have questions or comments about the newsletter, please feel free to reply to this e-mail.

Best regards,

Karen S. Johnson
Executive Director of Communications
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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Since we have just added three new books either about or by Juhani Aho to our collection, I think it is appropriate to write about this interesting Finnish author. He is regarded as Finland's first professional writer (that is, one whose entire income was earned by his written word).

Juhani Aho was born Johannes Brofeldt on September 11, 1861 in Lapinlahti, near Iisalmi. In 1907 when several thousand Finns changed their Swedish names to Finnish, he followed suit. (Swedish "feldt" means "field" or Finnish "aho".)

Juhani (also known as "Jussi" or "Hannes"), the oldest of seven siblings, grew up on the premises of the parsonage, where his father was the pastor's assistant. After the pastor's demise his father became the pastor and they moved into the parsonage. Juhani had a happy childhood; he and his siblings were very close. When he was away from home he corresponded frequently with them, and they with him.

The Brofeldt children received their elementary education at home with tutors; when Joannes reached high school age his father took him to Kuopio to attend the lyseo. His talents became evident already in the lyseo, where he won a writing contest. Upon finishing the lyseo he enrolled in the university. The pastor's family gave him 500 marks; then when his father became pastor they had more money to do with, so that helped, but soon he was working as a reporter and writer for a newspaper and did not finish his university studies. (He was eventually awarded an honorary doctorate by the university.)

As were many of his class of people, he was bilingual, his second language being Swedish. Among his friends were many of the famous people of culture of his day. They included members of the Järnefelt family, including Arvid, Eero, Armas and Kasper as well as Aino, who became Mrs. Sibelius. Mrs. Järnefelt gave him much encouragement and inspiration for his writings. Other famous people in his body of friends were Minna Canth, the author and playwright, artists Akseli Gallen-Kallela and Albert Edelfelt, Swedish writer Sema Lagerlöf, and Eino Leino, the poet. In 1897 Juhani moved his family to Järvenpää, where their neighbors were the Sibeliuses, the artist Pekka Halonen and others of the cultural world.

Juhani had two broken engagements before he finally married. In 1883 he was engaged to a Lydia Wallenius; they broke up and in 1887 he was engaged to Minna Nikander, a schoolteacher and artist. He wrote passionate love letters to both. In 1881 he met Vendla (always called Venny) Soldan, a professional artist, at the Kuopio song festival; they were married shortly after. They had two children, Heikki and Antti (an exceedingly talented artist from a young age).

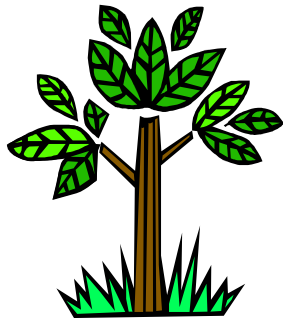
Juhani was a prolific writer. He edited a newspaper Savo at one time; he contributed to various newspapers calling his essays and articles "lastuja" or "chips". He was one of the founders of Päivälehti, the predecessor of the biggest newspaper in Finland today, Helsingin Sanomat. In 1989-90 he went to Paris so he could send back articles to the paper about the World's Fair, in which Finland participated for the first time.

Juhani Aho is best remembered for his novels and short stories. In them he portrays typical Finnish folk life of his day. His first short story (1883) *Siihen aikaan kun isä lampun osti* (When father brought home the lamp) tells the story of when the family acquired a modern wonder: an oil lamp! The entire neighborhood arrives to see this modern marvel. The story ends with the comment "It was known all over the parish that our house was the first, after the parsonage, where the lamp had been used. After we had set the example, the magistrate bought a lamp like ours, but as he had never learned to light it, he was glad to sell it to the innkeeper, and the innkeeper has it still."

His first novel (written in 1884) was *Rautatie* (Railroad), about an elderly couple who cannot conceive of a horseless carriage which runs on an "iron road" (literal translation of "railroad"). Nor can they imagine what an "iron road" could be. They eventually travel by foot to see this wonder and try it out. Attesting to the novel's popularity is the fact that it has seen over forty printings, and is still widely read. Juhani Aho based his stories on real people and real life situations. For instance, Matti and Liisa of this story really existed. In 1921 *Rautatie* had become the best selling work of fiction after the *Kalevala* and *Vänrikki Stöölin Tarinat* (The Tales of Ensign Stahl).

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FCA GIFT SHOP



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**Come in to see the
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Saturday 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

& all events

FCA BAKERS

At our last bake session our fine helpers were Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Barb Witte, Lorraine Hannah, Char Lytikainen, Liz and Norm McCue, and Ilene Yanke. We made loaves for purchase, having quite a few orders. Also made the cinnamon rolls to be served at the April 10th Finnish Breakfast, where Finnish Pancakes will also be featured.

Another Finnish Breakfast will be held on Sun., May 8. Pannukakku will return to the menu.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

St. Urho's was a fun evening, begun with a fine meal by Armitage, corned beef or fish. Soittoniekat was marvelous all evening with some guest musicians and soloist! Frank Gottberg brought viili to share after Jerry Malstrom read "Ode to St. Urho".

Joe Kylman, one of our Soittoniekat musicians, was chosen "St. Urho of 2011", and did a fine job of acting out that role. He led the parade with Frank Gottberg who held a portable drill that spun a Finnish flag around. I had read of Finns in Hood River, or who had a "Drill Team" doing just that in their St. Urho's Day Parade, so we did it, too! Nearly all in the room enjoyed parading behind St. Urho. "Hullu", crazy, as my mother would say.

DINNER DANCE ON FRIDAY, MAY 20, WITH MIKE WOLVERTON'S COMBO

From 5-8 p.m., Armitage will serve a Spaghetti Dinner for the sole benefit of the Finnish Center. The Mike Wolverton combo will play from 6-9 p.m. for listening and dancing. This local group plays regularly at seniors' dances and has a following. Mike is distributing flyers wherever he plays, so we're hoping to attract guests from the area to experience our fine dance floor. This was all the idea of Irene Kazarosian, longtime singer with FASM. She no longer can sing with us, so we're doing the dance partially in honor of her. Come to hear the music and socialize, even if you don't dance. It is \$12. for the meal, and \$5. for the dance only. Call or sign the list to reserve, and DO COME.

In June, I will work with Cultural on the Juhannus event on Sun., June 26.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

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Over the next few months you may see some changes to walls, furnishings and furniture as the committee attempts to find a balance. We ask that you allow time for the process to work and remember that nothing is permanent. The committee will provide the board with recommendations, and the final decision will be made by the board. In the meantime, I welcome comments and suggestions from members. You can email me at prajala@comcast.net.

Paul Rajala, committee chairperson

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Juhani Aho's most well-known novel outside of Finland is probably *Juha*, which is strictly fictional. Having gotten the idea from the experience of his wife's friend in Italy, he set the story in Karelia. The story of an unhappy marriage, it created a storm in Karelian newspapers. "We are not like that", they proclaimed. *Juha* has been translated into English, has been made into movies and is the basis for two operas.

Besides his many short stories, novels, and newspaper articles, Aho also wrote a children's book, illustrated by his wife Venny. He was the most well-known Finnish author in Europe in his lifetime. His works have been translated into at least ten languages. Each time a new work of his appeared, it was immediately translated into Swedish. He also worked on a committee that translated a version of the Bible into Finnish.

Juhani Aho died in 1921 of diphtheria and is buried in the churchyard in Iisalmi.

Besides *Rautatie* (available only in Finnish), our library carries *Juha* (English) and several English translations of his short stories. *Squire Hellman* and other stories contains two of his stories and Finnish short stories contains two more, among stories by other Finnish writers also.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY

There are plans to have a picnic and celebrate Juhannus on Sunday, June 26th in honor of Finnish Center's 45th Anniversary, a concert sometime in the fall, and end with a special Gala Event on December 3.

We had a piirakka sale on April 2nd and are also having other fundraisers.

Please keep your eyes on the newsletter, website, and special announcements throughout the year.

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