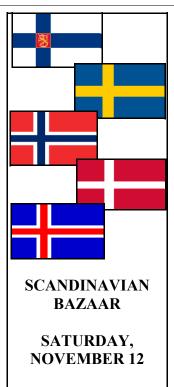
#### Finnish Center Association

# FCA News



FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

November 2011



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## **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

I recently received a telephone call from our own Finnish Consul, Paul Potti, requesting the FCA to host the voting of Finnish citizens for the 2012 election for the President of the Republic of Finland. The previous presidential election was held in 2006. The 2012 election is scheduled to be held on January 22, 2012. If necessary, a second round will be held on February 5th, 2012, if no candidate receives a majority of votes on the first round. The elected candidate's term of office will last until 2018. The incumbent Tarja Halonen is ineligible for reelection, having served the maximum two terms.

Allow me to present the information I have on the candidates:

- Paavo Lipponen is the candidate for the Social Democratic Party. He is the former Prime Minister and former Speaker of Parliament. Lipponen won the Social Democratic Party primary with 67% of the votes.
- Paavo Vayrynen, is the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development, former Minister of Education, and former Minister of Labor. He will be the Centre Party candidate.
- Pekka Haavisto is a Member of Parliament, and the former Minister of the Environment. He has been nominated by the Green League Party.
- The Swedish People's Party has nominated Eva Biaudet. She is the Ombudsman for Minorities of Finland. Eva was the former Minister of Health and Social Services.
- The Christian Democrats have not yet made a decision on whether the party will participate in the election or not, however they have decided that they will not officially support a candidate of any other party.

There are many other minority groups that may or may not put forth a candidate. Parties not represented in the Finnish Parliament, as well as independent candidates, must gather 20,000 signatures from eligible voters in order to appear on the ballot. It is my hope that all Finnish citizens in this area eligible to vote in this area will come to the FCA and cast their ballot for the candidate of their choice.

Cortland R. Book

## **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** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1 pm

Card and Game Party

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

**Finnish Conversation** 

1st Friday of the month 10 am

**Book Club** 

Last Monday of month, 1 pm

#### **OCTOBER**

16	Tapani Concert 4:00 pm
19	101st Luncheon 11:00 am
20	Private Rental 6:00 pm
21-22	Rental-FACD Pasty Prep & Bake
22	C12-00

Genealogy 2:00 pm
Senior Luncheon Noon
Danish Brotherhood 6:00 pm

30 Open House 1:00 pm

#### **NOVEMBER**

4-5 Pasty Prep & Bake9 FCA Bakers 9:30 am

9 Danish Brotherhood 6:30 pm

Pulla Baking 9:30 am

11 Scandinavian Bazaar set up Noon - 5 :00 pm

12 Scandinavian Bazaar 10 am- 4 pm

13 Brunch Noon

13 General Meeting 2:30 pm 16 101st Luncheon 11:00 am 27 Open House 1:00-4:00 pm 30 Senior Luncheon Noon

DECEMBER

Finnish Independence Day 6:00 pm- Midnight

Finnish Independence Program 2:00-5:00 pm

7 Danish Brotherhood 6:30 pm

9 Christmas Potluck 3:00 pm

10 Swedish Club St. Lucia 2-6:00 pm

10 Rental 5:00-10:00 pm

11 FASM Holiday Concert 3:00 pm

#### Save on your next pasty order

The next pasty bake is Saturday, November 5. Make your reservations by signing up on the sheet in the FCA lobby, by calling the Finnish Center, or by email at fcapasties@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 pm on Monday, October 30. To receive the discount you must pick up your order on Saturday.

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

#### CHEF ARMITAGE WINS AWARD

At the 20th annual Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza Chef Linda Armitage of Armitage Catering and the FCA prepared a Trinidadian-style chicken with pickled topping and accented with spicy plantain chips.



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#### **GARDEN CLUB**

What in the world do FCA garden club members do in the last days of autumn? Well, there is much to do: Leaves are collected, shredded, composted, and spread as mulch around sensitive plants that are vulnerable to winter cold; garden sculpture, benches, pots, and other enhancements are stored for the winter; the greenhouse is prepared for early spring planting; donated wood chips are delivered and distributed among the many gardens. (deteriorating wood chips provide nutrients for the soil); the water collection system is reconfigured to send rainwater into the wetland; and barrels are disconnected and cleaned for use in the spring.

The garden club continues to meet during the winter. We paint benches and pots, repair tools and equipment, and build new birdhouses, feeders, and other garden items.

Our Monday mid-morning break for some refreshment usually includes coffee and some homemade dessert. Marge Haarlala usually brings a fresh raspberry or apple pie. What a treat!

Although we meet less frequently as winter sets in, we enjoy the friendship and congeniality of our members and visitors. Come by and join us on Monday mornings. We have plenty of room in the woodshop for guests.

#### David Sharpe



Crabapple display

#### **GENEALOGY 101 AND 102**



On April 10, the Finnish American Historical Society sponsored a fascinating presentation by Dr. Paul Lehto on how he has carried out his family genealogy study for over 20 years. His very useful workshop, Genealogy 101, provided many resources that people can use in their own family searches: a "Finnish-American Genealogy Cheat Sheet" published by the Finnish American Heritage Center; the Mormon Church microfilms; Finland's national archives, in Helsinki; federal and state census data; Michigan Technological University library archives; Finland's Institute of Migration; and Ellis Island immigrant records, among others.

If you missed his April workshop, you can still learn what you need to know to start on your family project. Set aside **Sunday, October 23**, at 2:00 pm in the Main Hall, for "Adventures in Discovery" Genealogy 102. Dr. Lehto will continue to share his successful strategies.

In addition, for those who wish to continue their family roots searches, Janie Eskuri has enthusiastically offered to work with them. You may contact her at (248) 380-6098 or ejanie@att.net.

Louise Hartung, FAHS Secretary

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## "Tombstones to Tattoos: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Finnish American Heritage Center"

The Finnish American Historical Society invites you to celebrate Finland's 94<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence at the Finnish Cultural Center, on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 pm. Our presenter, Mr. Jim Kurtti, comes to us from Hancock, MI, where he wears many hats: Director, Finnish American Heritage Center, associated with Finlandia University; Editor, *Finnish American Reporter*; Honorary Finnish Consul for the UP; and organizer of FinnFest USA 2013. He is a busy man!

The title of Mr. Kurtti's presentation refers to his description of the Finnish American Heritage Center: how it functions; the types of collections it houses and how people can access them for research; what types of items people may donate to ensure their preservation; and the strange and fascinating requests people bring to him. He will also be giving us a "sneak peak" at the plans for FinnFest USA 2013, to be held in Hancock from June 19-23.

During the afterglow people will have the opportunity to donate Finnish heritage items to the FAHC, or discuss with Mr. Kurtti how they may donate items at a later date. A large coffee table/light supper will be provided: open-face sandwiches, mulled apple cider, *pulla*, delicious desserts, and of course lots of hot coffee.

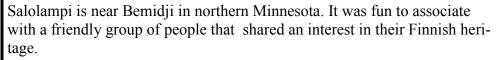
Music will be provided by Soittoniekat/FinnFolk before the program and during the afterglow.

Admission is \$10, with children and students free. Proceeds will benefit the Finnish Center Association.

Louise Hartung, FAHS Secretary

#### SALOLAMPI ADVENTURE

Charlotte Lytikainen and I attended the September Finnish Fall Adult program at Salolampi Language Village and had a wonderful educational and fun week.





Many of the 34 students had previously attended the camp. Charlotte and I were in the minority of first timers, but we fared very well in Finnish language speaking. Our instructor a young man who had grown up in Finland and now lives in Minnesota. Each day we had 3 hours of Finnish language within the 5 levels of instruction. In addition to the language classes there were Finnish singing each morning, cultural presentations, teaching of Finnish games and crafts and entertainment. The meals were good with much homemade bread, fresh vegetables and other Finnish style foods. There was plenty of coffee and pulla.

It was an exhilarating week in a Finnish-style environment. At the end of the day one had no trouble falling asleep.

I would encourage adults to try the language program during the spring week in May or the fall week in September. Children might want to spend time there during the summer sessions.

Nancy Sannar

#### Scandinavian Bazaar Saturday, November 12, 2011, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The 2011 edition of the Scandinavian Bazaar will be a festive celebration of food, imports, music and more from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Denmark.

See the beautiful imports from the FCA Gift Shop including the ever popular Iittala products, holiday candies, clothing and more with special bazaar one day only sales and gift packages. FCA Women's Club Bakers will be selling fresh pulla bread, tarts and pies. FCA Crafter's have an array of crafts as well as knitted and crocheted items. FCA Pasty Bakers will be selling delicious UP recipe pasties (frozen only). Finn Weavers from West Branch, Michigan brings a beautiful assortment of hand-made rugs and totes.

Taste freshly cooked waffle hearts with jam, meatballs, red cabbage, Norwegian imported foods, gifts and more from The Nordkap Lodge. The Norwegian Club of Detroit features fine hand-crafted wood items.

The Swedish Club features imports, fresh baked goods and hand-made Tomtes, while the Swedish Passport Shop from Norway, Michigan, brings an assortment of original Scandinavian-inspired tees, sweaters, embroidered clothing, imported linens, jewelry, books and more.

Be sure to stop by to see the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood of America for delicious freshly made Æbleskiver, a delightful traditional Danish pancake. These delicious pastries always sell out.

Lavender Fleece from Midland, Michigan, joins the festivities with wool products hand spun from Icelandic sheep, home grown lavender soaps and lotions, as well as beautiful hand-painted, hand-crafted pottery.

New participants for 2011 are the FCA's Elina Simonen, who will be selling her fresh rye bread and piirakka and Helen Denton, of Helen's Craft Shop featuring hand-stitched Old World Santa center pieces and crocheted items. Also joining the bazaar this year is Sandy Reynolds of Finnish Family Soap Products. You won't want to miss taking home some of these traditional items.

Hear the ethnic sounds surrounding the bazaar with live music from the Swedish Club, from FCA's own FinnFolk, and more.

**Santa** will make a special appearance from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Nancy Rajala and Denise Book, Co-Chairpersons

#### **SUNSHINE LADY**

Sending get-well cards, thinkingof-you cards and words-ofencouragement cards to FCA members.

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

Thank you, Eunice Potti Gould



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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: <u>FCA</u>, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, <u>Farmington Hills</u>, MI 48335. Donations received by the 5th of each month will be published in the next month's newsletter.

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.



In memory of life member Wilho Lehtinen (5/28/11) a donation was made by Daphne Prescott.

In memory of life member <u>Lillian Johnson</u> (9/17/11) a donation was made by Max and Tuij Lunsford.

In memory of <u>Vera H. Oja</u> (9/20/11) a donation was made by Linda Jacobs.

#### FINNISH LANGUAGE CLASSES SPRING 2012



Saturday morning Finnish language classes will resume in March 2012. Questions? Contact Katja Jablonski at (734) 717-9426 or katja.tuuli@gmail.com.

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## **SOCIALLY SPEAKING**

#### VETERANS' DAY/SENIOR LUNCHEON

#### **NOVEMBER 30 AT NOON**

All veterans, relatives, and friends are invited to this annual luncheon honoring our veterans. We're hoping to have veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and more recent conflicts such as the Gulf War.

There will be a 50/50 raffle. Donation for the luncheon is \$8.

Miriam Klevin has agreed to play the piano for a sing-along of military service related song favorites.

Lila and Terry Ball and volunteers will cook and serve the meal as well as provide decorations and favors. Please contact Ilene at 248 887-3538 if you have an idea for the program presentation.

#### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



This popular holiday meal is set for Friday, December 9, at 3:00 pm. This year pork loin (cooked the Finnish way) will be provided as the main dish. Donations can be turned into the office to offset the cost. Members and friends of the Finnish Center are invited to bring a side dish to share.

We are still planning the musical entertainment for the program. Hope to see you sharing in the fellowship of this holiday event.

Ilene Maki Yanke

## **GOING PLACES**

**Niagara Falls and Seneca Casino** 2 days, October 15 & 16, 2011. \$135. Includes \$20 slot play and \$5 food voucher. This should be a beautiful color tour.

**Branson** 6 days, November 3-8, 2011, \$929. Includes 2 nights at Harrah's Casino Hotel in St. Louis and 3 nights in Branson. Three breakfasts and 3 dinners included, and \$10 cash back at Harrah's. Also included are 4 shows, a ride on the Showboat Branson Belle and several other

interesting stops. See flyer for more details.

Cirque Dreams Holidaze at the Fox Theatre 1 day, Saturday, December 17, 2011, \$107. Lunch will be at Sinbad's Restaurant at 11:45 am. This is a fantastic holiday show by the renowned director Neil Goldberg. An international cast of over 30 artists costumed as holiday ornaments perform astonishing feats. Combo with Nardineers. Bus leaves the Nardin Park Methodist Church on 11 Mile Rd. at 10:45 am.

Return about 5:30 pm. <u>Resevation deadline is</u> <u>November 19</u>. Reservations made after that will be based on availability.

Also note that since we are now combined with several groups you must get your deposits in early. It's a matter of "first come, first served"

If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

Pearl Wanttaja (248) 541-0054.



## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

The beautiful fall season is fully upon us. The leaves are turning brilliant colors. It is the special time of year to begin thinking of the holidays to come.

The Finnish American Singers are continuing to rehearse for their annual Christmas concert. This years performance will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm. The program contains a variety of both English and Finnish songs. Refreshments are always served following the concert.

As a fund raiser holiday greens are being offered for sale. You may place your order with any of the singers. Contact Ilene Yanke at 248-887-3538 for further information.

On October 2 with heavy hearts, about 14 of the singers directed by Hank Naasko, honored Bob Erickson, a long-time member of the tenor section. Bob passed away on September 28 and will be sorely missed. We are thankful to have his solos on our DVD/CD's, particularly the wonderful rendition of "White Christmas" at the December 2010 holiday concert.

Gerald Malstrom





## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



Finns discovered a treasure quite by accident in 1940. While building a defense line on the eastern border during World War II, spectrolite crystals were found in stones raised as anti-tank obstacles. Spectrolite is one of the varieties of labradorite, a feldspar mineral. This iridescent stone is most fascinating because of its richness of color and changing tones, ranging from golden browns to darkest blues. It seems to reflect the rich hues of the Finnish scenery. It is the only Finnish gemstone which meets the three basic requirements of a true gemstone: beauty, hardness, and rarity. Gemologists regard spectrolite as the world's most beautiful labradorite

Since each country Is entitled to name its own gemstones, Professor Aarne Laitakari, then Director of the Geological Survey of Finland, named the newly-found stone "spectrolite," since It reflects a spectrum of colors. This term has been accepted by European gemologists.

When set in a gold or silver necklace, ring, or bracelet, spectrolite becomes a stunning piece of jewelry. Olli-Pekka Kiljunen's workshop alone produces over 10,000 units a year. One of the latest specialities of the region Is a watch face for Swiss Zenith. The Japanese Seiko also uses spectrolite in some of its watches.

Quarrying of spectrollte began on a very small scale after the war, but was not expanded until very recently. There are now five small spectrolite companies in the vicinity of Ylämaa, near the Soviet border, producing this semi-precious stone. All are family-owned firms, employing outside help only during rush times.

Spectrolite quarries are concentrated around the small town of Ylämaa, population 1900. It is about 35 kilometers south of Lappeenranta, a little off the highway between Lappeenranta and Vaalimaa. Because of the gemstone, it has become quite a tourist attraction in recent years.

The Jewel Village (Jalokivikylä) is the main at-

traction in Ylämaa. It consists of two stone grinderies, a goldsmith's workshop and a gem museum. There is also a cafe and gas station. You can watch the grinders and goldsmiths at work, see the jewelry exhibit, or purchase some lovely spectrolite items. The gem museum has a collection of spectrolites and other precious stones from all over the world. There is a small admission fee.

The church of Ylämaa, built in 1931, is also worth a stop. The baptismal font is made of spectrolite.

The Ylamaa municipal tourist service arranges sightseeing tours by prior arrangement. The "Precious Stone Tour" includes a visit to a stone quarry, and meals and coffee can be included, if desired. For more information, contact:

Ylämaa Municipal Tourist Service; Kunnantoimisto; 54410 Ylamaa; FINLAND. (Telephone 953-77170) When visiting Finland, if an adventure into a little-known area of Finland interests you, the spectrollte country in and around Ylämaa may be just what you are looking for.

If you wish to see or perhaps purchase spectrolite locally, visit our gift shop where we have some spectrolite jewelry.

If you want to plan your next trip to Finland and perhaps visit Ylämaa, do avail yourself of the many travel books we have in the library. For their location, check the card catalog under FINLAND -- DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL, to find the Dewey location, or ask one of the library staff.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



Spectrolite

#### **VIOLIN AND ORGAN CONCERT**





Tapani Yrjola from Finland and David Troiano from Grosse Pointe Park are returning for another concert at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They collaborate annually in the United States and Canada. Tapani enjoys giving a concert here as he gets to speak Finnish.

Both of these performers studied at the University of Michigan, and earned many degrees at other institutions. Works they will be performing include Bach, Handel, Salonen and Sibelius.

The Finnish Center is co-sponsoring this concert with Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 35300 W. Eight Mile Road, on October 16 at 4:00 pm. Refreshments will be served after the performance, where you will have an opportunity to visit with these two talented musicians.

Lois Makee

### **OCTOBER POKER ALL STARS**

The following are recognized for many hours of volunteering at the October 3-6 poker nights. The volunteers all enjoyed meeting the many poker players and working together. Profit from these nights went into the Finnish Center general fund. We will be having three more nights on December 26-28. More volunteers are needed. The location is on Lilly Road just south of Joy Road in Canton.

Call Gene Belttari at 734-416-8644 if you are able to volunteer.



## **ALL STARS**



Nancy Sannar, Helena Hatten, Frank Gottberg, Neil Manley, John Saarinen, Neil Lehto, Rudy Pertunen, Paul Rajala, Gary Prevo, Marlene Ruuskanen, Lois Makee, Kelly Tauriainen, Mia Lamminen, Dagmar Malstrom and Cortland Book.

Many thanks to the ALL STARS

#### **FCA GIFT SHOP**

Suomi fleece jackets are in, just in time to pick one up for the fall temperatures or a holiday gift. Various sizes available.

Festivo ball candles are in and available in several colors

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#### **FCA BAKERS**



On September 14, Dee Aebersold, Lorraine Hannah, Betty Taipalus, and Norm and Liz McCue. joined Barb Witte and me to bake pulla loaves and cinnamon rolls for the October Finnish breakfast.

In November we'll bake on the second Wednesday, the 9th at 9:30 am. On this day we'll make pies and Christmas tarts. Then on November 11 we'll bake the pies as well as pulla for the Scandinavian bazaar. These are always popular and sell out quickly.

We are desperately seeking volunteers to help. Our continued contribution to the Finnish breakfasts and pulla/nisu is at stake.

Ilene Yanke



## **Finland Today**



First, Finland is a global stand-out in innovation, thanks to spending nearly \$7 billion on research and development, which is nearly 4% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP). This is a higher percentage of the GDP than the leading economic powers such as the U.S., Germany, China, Japan, and South Korea. Finnish innovation has resulted in 30.5% of Finnish energy needs coming from renewable sources, as compared with 10.5% for the other E.U. countries. The industrial sector provides 71% of the total research and development money, while universities account for 20%, and research institutes provide 9%. The industrial sector spends 18% of its revenue on research and development.

To promote and honor technological innovation, the Technological Academy of Finland, confers the Millemnieum Technology Prize every other year. This year the prize went to Michael Gratzel, who has worked on the third generation of dye-sensitive solar cells.

Bruce Oreck, the U.S. Ambassador to Finland, announced that the U.S. State Department will build a \$75 million innovation center on the U.S. embassy grounds in Helsinki's Kaivopuisto district. Construction of the new innovation center will begin in 2014, providing the city council grants a building permit.

It will be make or break time for Nokia, and for Stephon Elop, the CEO. He announced that Nokia will unveil its first Windows based "smart phone" at the end of October or beginning of November.

Nokia has been sort of "left off the boat" without a viable smart phone. But, in February Nokia entered into a strategic alliance with Microsoft to develop a smart phone. In the meanwhile, with falling sales, Nokia plans to cut 7500 jobs around the world.

The Finnish government has announced that it will propose the raising of the President's annual salary from the current \$168,000 to about \$214,000. The reason for the rise is because of the rise of the wage and salary earnings index and the rise of the consumer price index.

Fennovoima has announced that it will build Finland's 6th nuclear reactor in Pyhajoki, on Finland's northwest coast. The cost estimate is between 4 and 6 billion euros. The project will provide work for 3,000--4,000 people during construction and for 400--500 people when the plant becomes operational in 2020.

In hockey, Finland is the 2011 World Champion, but in rugby its a different story. According to the International Rugby Board (IRB) rankings, New Zealand is No. 1 in the world. And Finland? No. 93, last in the rankings behind such "powers" as Cameroon, Guam, and Peru.

So has Finland the worst rugby team in the world? Probably not, because most countries don't even play rugby or are not ranked by the IRB. You can only rise in the IRB standings by winning against ranked teams. So, Finland's recent victories against Greece and Estonia don't count because those countries aren't ranked by the IRB.

And finally, last year I replaced all the windows in our house with those expensive double-pane energy efficient kind, and last week I got a call from the contractor who installed them. He was complaining that the work had been completed a whole year ago and that I hadn't paid for them. Hellloooo, just because I'm blonde doesn't automatically mean that I am stupid. So, I told him just what his fast talking sales guy had told me last year, that in "In one year those windows would pay for themselves." There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally just hung up.

Markku Ketola marketola@yahoo.com

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