

FCA News



FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

December 2011



**FINNISH
CENTER
ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL
MEETING**

JANUARY 15, 2012

**at
2:00 pm**

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Dear Membership: It is not a pleasant task to write about financial problems, but it is a duty that I must address. Your Board of Trustees has cut back expenses as far as possible, with the most recent being the elimination of all payroll starting in January 2012. The personal sacrifice on the part of those individuals affected by this action is greatly appreciated. The Board hopes that all members will set aside personal disagreements or opinions, and all come together so that the FCA can preserve what it has been, and what it is today. Please be sure to read the related article in this newsletter, very well written by Board Secretary David Sharpe. (see page 3)

As critical as the financial situation is, there is still much hope. There is tremendous talent and dedication within the Board of Trustees, and also within the FCA membership.

As your Chairman, I have visited other similar facilities, and have also consulted with The Club Managers Association of Michigan, to make sure that the FCA Board is doing everything that is prudent.

I would invite anyone who can help in any way to contact me, or any of the Board members.

Most sincerely, Cortland R. Book

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**CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS**

\$10.00

**Deadline by
December 4, 2011**

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

1st Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

Last Monday of month, 1 pm

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

3 Finnish Independence Day
6:00 pm– Midnight
4 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
14 101st Luncheon 11:00 am
18 Kids Christmas 1-3 pm
21 Senior Luncheon Noon
24 Closed
25 Closed
26-28 Poker Nights

JANUARY

1 Closed
8 Brunch noon
15 General Meeting 2:00 pm
20 Pasty Prep
21 Pasty Sale

KIITOS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the October 7-8 Flea Market a success. It began with table set up, bake sale donations, concession prep and sales, cashiers, Armitage Catering, and last but not least all the volunteers that helped and the vendors who rented space. Every piece connects to make the whole event a success.

The bake sale fund raiser was held on October 7-8. A big thank you to those who provided baked goods: FCA Bakers, FCA Pasty Workers, Maria Hill, Hilikka Ketola, Luise Leppanen, Charlotte Lytikainen and Nancy Rajala.

Also to those who helped sell: Shirley Belttari, Christine Jurgensen, Luise Leppanen, Marlene Ruuskinen and Jeannette Sharpe. The sale netted \$1,005.50 for the FCA.

Denise Book, Nancy Rajala and Luise Leppanen

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 18th 1-3 pm

Come join the kids' Finnish School as we celebrate Pikkujoulu in the Finnish style. There will be Finnish Christmas songs, small performances by the kids of the Finnish School and a coffee table (bring a dish to pass).

There will be no Santa Claus this year, but small gifts bags for the kids will be provided. Please RSVP to me by Monday, December 12, so that we can arrange for a proper number of gift bags.

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FCA BOARD SUSPENDS SALARIES

The FCA Board of Trustees has suspended all salaries at the FCA as of January 1, 2012. This is due to an income projection for the next eight months that shows insufficient resources to pay our bills. Our monthly expenses of over \$7000 far exceed the income being received at this difficult economic time. Other organizations such as service groups and rental facilities are having similar difficulty. This action of the board will reduce expenditures by \$32,000 and allow us to continue our operations through July 2012.

Three of our employees have offered to continue serving the FCA without pay. These sacrifices are greatly appreciated. We call upon you our members and friends to also volunteer in order to continue our programs into next year and save our Finnish Center.

The FCA has been financially stable through the last twenty years due to the generosity of members, other organizations, and legacy gifts from members who have passed away. These gifts are no longer coming in and we have come to the financial difficulties we now face.

Well over half of our members have life membership and do not pay yearly dues. While life memberships provided the necessary capital to build our wonderful facility, today they do not contribute to the funds needed for annual operational costs.

Last year the Kaleva organization gave us \$75,000 for infrastructure needs and one Kaleva member donated his distribution from the sale of Kaleva property. A few others gave additional money and other donations for the FCA and Finlandia Gardens. These gifts are deeply appreciated.

We are at a crossroad and the next few months will determine our future. We urge all members and friends of the FCA to assist us in coming up with a solution to this serious financial situation.

For further information and to discuss our problem you can contact any board member.

David Sharpe

“Tombstones to Tattoos: A 21st Century Finnish American Heritage Center“

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

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; hot, spiced apple cider; *pulla*; delicious desserts; and of course lots of hot coffee and tea.

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

Please see the attached flyer publicizing FinnFest USA 2013, which Mr. Kurtti is organizing.

Louise Hartung, FAHS Secretary



**The
Gift Shop
has a variety
of gift items for sale:
aprons, bibs, books, bread,
CD's, candles, caps, cards, coffee
DVD's, dishes, glasses, hats, Iittala, jams,
jackets, jewelry, mugs, neck warmers, rugs,
sauna items, sweatshirts, t-shirts, vases,
votives and wall
hangings.**

Hours of Operation
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
& during FCA functions.

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THE BIRCH WOOD OF THE KOKKO AND BE WHERE
EVERY FINN NEEDS TO BE IN JUNE OF 2013.

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YOURS! CONTACT US AND WE'LL GET YOU THERE.



FINNFEST USA 2013

A MIDSUMMER EVE'S DREAM

JUNE 19-23

IN MICHIGAN'S COPPER COUNTRY



WWW.FINNFESTUSA2013.ORG

On Midsummer's Eve 1865, some thirty Finns and Sámi landed on the shores of the Portage Canal in present day Hancock, and trudged the steep hill to Swedetown where they immediately began to work in the copper mines. Thus began the Finnish presence in the Copper Country - one of the nation's most significant Finnish-American communities. By 1910, the region's Finns numbered in the thousands and the great strikes and tragedies of 1913 have defined Finnish-American history and identity to this very day. Celebrating and honoring Finnish-American culture, including its inextricable connections to the 1913 unrest, the Copper Country will host FinnFest USA - a national gathering of Finns - a midsummer eve's dream.

For five days the Copper Country will host FinnFest USA 2013 - a festival spread across the region, with a variety of programming sure to interest everyone!

- ✦ The Tori market with ethnic and regional wares, music and food
- ✦ Concerts, performances, dances and evening events
- ✦ Exhibits (art and historical interpretation) and gallery shows
- ✦ Local tours
- ✦ Sports and games
- ✦ Parade
- ✦ Midsummer bonfires
- ✦ Street theater
- ✦ Special guests and VIPs
- ✦ And, much, much more!



FINNFEST USA 2013



FinnFest 2013 in true Copper Country style with copper over gold, sauna over spa and pasty over paté.



NEWS RELEASE

The Finnish American Cultural Corporation (FACC) is planning on sponsoring a performance at the FCA on May 19, 2012 featuring Sulo Raina, a "hand saw" player from Finland. To support this program the FACC is soliciting donations to defray expenses. Donations are tax deductible. Donors will be acknowledged by letter and in the program. If you are so inclined make checks payable to the FACC, P.O. Box 483, Farmington, MI 48332-0483

FCA MEMBERS ENJOY MACOMB SYMPHONY'S DANISH CONCERT

On October 14th nine FCA members traveled to the Macomb Center for a special evening of Danish music. Thomas Christensen and Cortland Book, members of both the Danish Brotherhood and the FCA, carried in flags to begin the evening. After the excellent concert the group was invited backstage by conductor Thom Cook. He recalled fine memories of their concert of Finnish music in 2003 and the support given by the FASM and FCA.

From left to right in front are Thomas Christensen, Denise Book, Cortland Book, Dee Aebersold, Charlotte Lytikainen and Ilene Yanke. The men behind are Fred Aebersold, Frank Gottberg and Bruce Yanke.



SOCIALLY SPEAKING

VETERAN'S DAY/SENIOR LUNCHEON

At noon on Wednesday, November 30, this event begins with a meal prepared by Lila and Terry Ball and helpers. We're pleased to have George Koskimaki then present a short program. Pianist Miriam Klevin will accompany a sing-along.

Please join us in honoring our veterans.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

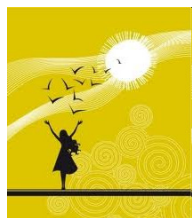


Pork loin cooked the Finnish way will be the main entrée at the Christmas Potluck to be held on Friday, December 9, at 3:00 pm. Bring your own special dish to share to make this holiday meal delicious and extra special.

Some of the Soittoniekat "Finn Folk" members have enthusiastically responded to the request for Christmas and other music, and will entertain the diners with Finnish carols and other selections.

Monetary donations are being accepted at the FCA office to help cover the cost of the pork loin.

Ilene Yanke, Social



SUNSHINE LADY

Sending get-well cards, thinking-of-you cards and words-of-encouragement 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



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).

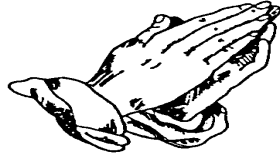
Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

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 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.**



In memory of Clinton Miner (12/24/99) a donation was made by Eva Miner.

In memory of Bertha Akola Kayhko (8/14/11), mother of FCA member Elaine Burcar, a donation was made by Ray and Pearl Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Robert Erickson (9/29/11) donations were made by Kay Simo, Ray and Pearl Wanttaja, Leonard and Betty Holmbo, Connie Fosness and John and Leila Malmstrom.

In memory of FCA life member Vivian Winters Kane (10/9/11) a donation was made by Ray and Pearl Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Nelma Kangas Kananen (10/10/11) donations were made by Kay Simo, Eleanor Manley, Laura Hirvela and Sylvia Hakala.

In memory of member Aili Peltö (10/14/11) donations were made by Kay Simo, Eleanor Manley, Vi Hakala, Edith Raski and Mark and Betsy Cornellier.

In memory of FCA life member Helvi Liimatainen Wertheimer (10/23/11) donations were made by Ellen Clisch, Connie Fosness, Leonard and Betty Holmbo and Ray and Pearl Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Robert Usitalo (10/29/11) donations were made by Robert and Leila Malmstrom, Leonard and Betty Holmbo, Connie Fosness, Ray and Pearl Wanttaja and Barbara Moors.

The FCA would like to also extend condolences to the family and friends of:

Life Members:

Reinold (Ray) Lampi (8/26/11)
Lillian Johnson (9/17/11)
Robert Erickson (9/29/11)
Nelma Kananen (10/10/11)
Onerva Hamburg (10/11/11)
Aili Peltö (10/14/11)
Helvi Wertheimer (10/23/11)
Robert Usitalo (10/29/11)

Members:

Kenneth Kujala (9/11/11)
Vivian Kane (10/9/11)

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Betha Kayaho (8/14/11)

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GOING PLACES

Cirque Dreams Holiday 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. Reservation deadline is November 19. Reservations made after that will be based on availability.

Soaring Eagle-1 day, January 7, 2012, \$36. Includes \$20 in coin and a \$5 food voucher. Also includes a show, "Platters, Coasters and the Drifters", music of the 50's. Combo with Nardineers. Departs Nardin Park Church at 9:12 am and returns about 8:45 pm.

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"

Pearl Wanttaja (248) 541-0054.

FCA BAKERS/SOCIAL

The October Finnish Breakfast went well. The star of the show was Omenapannukakku, or apple pancake. A thank you to the combined efforts of the bakers and the brunch workers. It is rewarding to see non-Finnish brunch workers get excited about our foods. One has even developed a taste for viili! Perhaps we'll have another Finnish Breakfast in January.

The FCA Bakers were especially busy in the kitchen the week of the Scandinavian Bazaar, putting in two days to make our popular Finnish treats. Thanks go to Lorraine Hannah for getting information out to both regular and potential bakers. We'll be taking December off, but plan to start our 2012 baking season the first week in January. All of the profits go directly to the FCA, so keep on coming to bake.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke

HOW YOU CAN SAVE THE FINNISH CENTER

Probably no one member can save the Finnish Center but together we might. If someone makes a challenge grant to the membership such as I will donate \$1000 if someone will match it, or I will donate 5 hours a month at the FCA doing jobs that need to be done if one other person will do the same. These kinds of challenges will work. You will not be asked to do anything you cannot or do not wish to do. Our volunteer coordinator will find appropriate activities for your assistance.

What kinds of opportunities exist? We need people to call members, explain our difficulties, and ask for financial support. We need people who can assist in building maintenance, making coffee for our volunteers, and producing promotional materials. We need people with computer skills to create copy for our newsletter and website. We need people to inspire all of us to make these efforts successful. We all need to pull together to bring us through this difficult time. If you care about the FCA now is the time to act.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Holiday Greetings to everyone at this very special time of the year.

The Finnish American Singers are busy rehearsing on Monday evenings for their annual Christmas Concert. The performance will be presented on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm. Donations are \$10 for adults and include a delicious luncheon afterwards.

A variety of songs in both English and Finnish, will be presented, including *Christmas Tree*, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*, and *Snow, Snow, Beautiful Snow*. Finnish numbers include *Joulun Kellot Soi*, *Oi Sä Riemuisa*, and *Joulupuu on Rakennettu*.

Invite a relative or friend to join you at this holiday concert.

Gerald Malstrom





FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



Would you believe that we have 27 cookbooks in our library? Some are in Finnish, some are in English. Many are devoted entirely to Scandinavian (including Finnish) cooking. Here are just a few:

THE BEST OF FINNISH COOKING by Taimi Previdi. Finnish-born Taimi has collected a delicious array of recipes for every occasion: an old-fashioned Finnish coffee party, Easter, May Day (Vappu), Juhannus, Christmas, and a Finnish banquet. She has recipes for soups, fish dishes (kalakukko, Jansson's Temptation and 17 others), desserts, breads and sweet yeast breads, and much, much more!

FINNISH TOUCHES: RECIPES AND TRADITIONS (formerly **FANTASTICALLY FINNISH**, revised and expanded), compiled by a number of Finnish-Americans. The first half of this book is devoted to the "traditions" and it is worth reading that half alone, even if you are not interested in the recipes. This section includes such items as a 2-page chronology of Finnish history, holidays and celebrations, notable and famous Finns, a list of sites for Finnish-American genealogical research, and much more on people, places and events, profusely illustrated in color. All of this is current, for it is a recent publication. The second half has recipes galore, including one for "squeaky cheese".

We have two books by Beatrice Ojakangas, **GOURMET COOKING FOR TWO** and **THE FINNISH COOKBOOK**. The former is for those who complain "It's so hard to cook now, since there are only the two of us anymore." Besides several pages of menus, she includes scrumptious recipes, some of which can be doubled or tripled for larger groups. Those she has marked by an asterisk. **THE FINNISH COOKBOOK** is the one we have known and loved since she first produced it in 1964. You are probably familiar with its recipe content, but have you checked the menu suggestions at the end? Since the holidays are upon us, I'll give you her menu for Christmas dinner. She suggests that this may be served Christmas Eve afternoon before attending church, or later in the

afternoon before attending church, or later in the evening, after church. She says this is what was served her in Kauhajoki, a small village in the Western Finnish province of Pohjanmaa.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Beef broth

Tray of Pickled Fish, Cheeses, Breads, Cold Cuts

Potato Casserole

Rutabaga Casserole, Beet Salad

Holiday Lutefisk with White Sauce

Christmas Ham with Prunes

Creamed Rice

Stewed Prunes and Whipped Cream

All the recipes for the above can be found in the cookbook.

SCANDINAVIAN COOKING: Savory dishes from the four northern sisters: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland. Recipe contributions by Gunnevi Bonekamp, Gothenburg, Sweden, international authority on Scandinavian cooking. It is pointed out that although the four countries have much in common, their cooking and dining habits do vary. Perhaps tongue-in-cheek, it is stated: "Danes live to eat, the Norwegians eat to live, the Swedes eat to drink, and Finns drink to eat." Each country is given an introduction; recipes follow. Each category of recipes gives one or more from each country. Of special interest at this time of year is the section on traditional Christmas dishes. The author explains that because of the long dark winter days, Christmas in Scandinavia "is a feast of light and warmth in the house, of crackling logs in the fireplace, of flickering candles in the Christmas tree and wreaths, of warmth and pleasure and of groaning tables that all but collapse under the weight of the food heaped on them". Christmas recipes follow. A bonus in the book is a conversion table for those of us who are not too proficient at reading recipes in metric.

All of these, as well as other books on cooking can be found under Dewey number 641.5. If you forget the number, look under "COOKERY" in the card catalog, or ask one of the library staff.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



GARDEN CLUB

This month's article focuses on the financial condition of the FCA, and what we stand to lose. Many of you have noted the progress in our development of Finlandia Gardens during the last eight years. We have won awards from the state, city, and the Rouge River Advisory Committee. Our gardens are being noticed and generate positive comments from many visitors to the FCA. Most of the funding has come from Memorial gifts, the donation of materials from local businesses, and from the garden club members themselves.

We have now come to a point where we may lose this beautiful environment we have created. For the gardeners this is very sad. We hope you feel the same foreboding sense of loss.

A few of us have dedicated significant portions of our time in creating Finlandia Gardens. Just as the many FCA members that have made huge sacrifices through the years in developing and maintaining the Finnish Center and its many programs. It will be disrespectful to our Finnish legacy if we allow our center to be lost due to disinterest or lack of dedication at this crucial time in our history.

None of us has the capacity to save the Finnish Center by ourselves. Perhaps together we can extend the life of our center. We hope you will find a way to assist us in making this possible. We urge you to make the FCA and Finlandia Gardens a priority at this time. Once our center is gone it will not be seen again.

David Sharpe,
Garden Club President.



FCA GIFT SHOP

Last summer a donation of Arabia dinnerware was brought to the Finnish Center. Suggestions were made concerning the best way to use this gift. When I heard about it, I offered to sell it in the Gift Shop. It took about a year before a serious buyer saw it and purchased it. Since she wasn't Finnish, she wondered if she could buy it. I told her if she had raha (money), it was hers. She was thrilled. It was perfect for her color scheme. So, she was happy and the FCA was pleased to receive \$1,100.00. Thank you, Lorraine Hannah for your purchase.

Margaret Laurila,
Gift Shop Manager

THANKS TO FCA PASTY MAKERS

Three thousand four hundred twenty-three. That is the number of pasties baked at the FCA in the five sales that were held in 2011. These fundraising events require 30 volunteers each time and the workers put in about 4 or 5 hours on average.

To all the pasty makers and the pasty sellers, I thank you. In particular, I would like to single out Linda Armitage and Laura Ingram, who purchase and deliver all the flour, potatoes, carrots, onions, rutabagas, meat, and other supplies; John Saarinen, who directs the Friday peeling and dicing operations; Frank Gottberg, who heads the Saturday cleanup, Dagmar Malstrom who keeps track of the receipts, and Nancy Rajala, who makes the packaging of the product go smoothly and works with me to make dough. As always, Carl Aebersold's help is invaluable.

Paul Rajala

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Finland Today



First, Finland will be able to use the Saimaa Canal for another 50 years. The treaty between Finland and Russia concerning the use of the Saimaa Canal was signed on May 27, 2010, but not ratified until November 1st, 2011 by the Russian Duma. The canal, originally built by the Finns and inaugurated in 1856, is 26.7 miles long, connecting Lake Saimaa with the Gulf of Finland. As a result of the treaty signed after the Winter War of 1939, 12.2 miles of the canal went to Russia, and 14.5 miles stayed with Finland. Because of this treaty, the canal remained unused until a new treaty was signed in 1963, leasing the Russian part to Finland. The Finns rebuilt the canal, making it operational again in 1968.

The Finnish Armed Forces are going to purchase 600 Stinger anti-craft missiles from the U.S. for about \$330 million. "This proposed sale will enable Finland to modernize its armed forces and enhance its existing air defense architecture to counter threats posed by air attacks", said the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency in its notification to the Congress. The prime contractor will Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson.

Don't tell the Finns that there isn't "global warming". Normally by the end of October the ground in the Finnish Lapland is covered with snow, but for the second time in the last four years, the ground is bare. But, because of this lack of snow, the annual "first of the season" World Cup men's and women's slalom ski races are canceled at Levi in the Finnish Lapland. Levi has some of the best snow making equipment in the world, but when the temperature is above freezing, you can't make snow. According FIS officials, the races will be rescheduled to be held in Flachau, Austria on December 20th and 21st.

The season opening World Cup Snowboarding Big Air event held in New Zealand, was won by Janne Korpi of Finland, with Petja Piironen coming in 8th. The Finn won the event by "nailing a front side 1080 double cork melon", as well as, "a switch back 1260 mute".

At the Valencia Grand Prix Moto 2 motorcycle race, Mika Kallio came in second place.

Nashville Predator goalie, Pekka Rinne, received quite the birthday present for his 29th birthday. The Predators signed Rinne, from Kempele, Finland, for seven years for \$49 million. Rinne is one of the elite NHL goalies, coming in second in voting for the Vezina Trophy last year and also was had the second best save percentage in the league at .930.

And finally, Toivo and Heikki, couple of good friends that live across the road from each other at the big bend near the Pilgrim River, were putting up a sign which read:

DA END ISS NEAR!
TURN YERSELF AROUND NOW
BEFOR IT ISS TOO LATE!

Just then a car goes by with the driver leaning out the window and yelling at them: "Youse guys are a couple of crazy Finlander nuts."

When the car goes around the bend, Toivo and Heikki hear the tires screeching followed by a big splash. Toivo turns to Heikki, shaking his head and says: "Tats da terd one dis morning, do you tink da sign should yust say, "BRIDGE IS OUT"?"

Markku Ketola
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