

Finnish Center Association

FCA News



FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

January 2012



**FINNISH
CENTER
ASSOCIATION**

**GENERAL
MEETING**

JANUARY 15, 2012

**at
2:00 pm**



HOLIDAY GREETINGS



Tem Ahonen ★ Virginia Ahonen

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Bob & Marge Salo

David & Jeannette Sharpe

Kay Simo ★ Ray & Pearl Wanttaja



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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

1st Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

Last Monday of month, 1 pm

DECEMBER

11	FASM Holiday Concert 3:00 pm
14	101st Luncheon 11:00 am
18	Kids Christmas 1-3 pm
24	Closed
25	Closed
26-28	Poker Nights

JANUARY

1	Closed
8	Finnish Breakfast and New Member Welcome noon
15	General Meeting 2:00 pm
18	101st Luncheon 11:00 am
20	Pasty Prep
21	Pasty Bake & Sale
25	Rental 6:30 pm
29	Open House - 1-4 pm



Kiitos

Kiitos to the Gift Shop volunteers, Millie Harju, Luise Leppanen, Erik Lindquist, Amy Lowell and Nancy Rajala, who come faithfully on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, pasty day and special events. Other FCA members have applied price stickers, and helped sell at the Flea Market and Scandinavian Bazaar. There are other members who have graciously donated items to sell.

Thanks to those who have picked up and delivered hardtack, jam, squeaky cheese and toast from Canton, Eagle River and other points north, south, east and west. This saves on shipping fees.

And I want to thank everyone who has purchased Finnish food, clothing, books, candles and glassware. Every gift and purchase is important and appreciated.

Margaret Laurila,
Gift Shop Manager

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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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings to all members and friends of the FCA. As your Chairman, and on behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to convey the very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas season, and a great coming New Year.

The year drawing to a close has been difficult and your Board has expended considerable time and effort in trying to resolve the issues in the best interest of the FCA. It is my hope that the joy of the Holy Christmas season will provide comfort and good will to everyone's thoughts and desires for the Finnish Center. Let us start the New Year with a renewed commitment to make the Finnish Center a place where the very best becomes reality.

Sincerely,
Cortland R. Book



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The following change in the FCA dues structure are recommended by the FCA Board of Trustees and will be voted on at the FCA Member's meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 2 PM the Finnish Center. These changes will assist in making the FCA fiscally stable in the coming years.

YEARLY MEMBERSHIPS

Single member changes from \$25 to \$50
Family membership changes from \$35 to \$75

Sustaining memberships:

Silver	\$100
Gold	\$500
Platinum	\$1000
Business	\$1000

VERTERN'S HONORED AT LUNCHEON



Miriam Klevin (left) led a sing-a-long. With FASM Dee Aebersold, Ilene & Bruce Yanke, Char Lytikainen and Jerry & Dagmar Malstrom.



George Koskimaki spoke of how the Dutch continue to honor veterans buried in their soil.



Freddie Liimatta, brother of Lila Ball, was a guest speaker. He served in the Vietnam War.

FCA GIFT SHOP

Come in to see what's in store. Unadvertised specials and discounts for members!



Glögg “ \$11 for members
\$13 non-members

“Spring Mountain”
18 x 24 oil painting

By artist Jim Fetter

Now on display and available for purchase

Hours of Operation

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

CORRECTION

In the December issue of the FCA News, Lorraine Hannah was incorrectly identified as the purchaser of a beautiful set of Arabia dinnerware that was sold in the gift shop, when she actually had donated the set, which had belonged to her mother. On behalf of the membership of the FCA, we want to thank Lorraine for her generous gift.



WHEN IS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATED IN FINLAND?

The first Sunday in December (also called the First Advent) starts the Finnish Christmas season. Many children use advent calendars that count down the remaining days to Christmas Eve. During the four weeks of the advent season, homes are prepared, cookies are baked, and decorations are made ready.

December 13 is the day of Saint Lucia, who is celebrated with lots of candles and formal celebrations in every town with a candle-crowned young girl. The time for Scandinavian Christmas tree shopping and decorating is coming, and Christmas cards are being exchanged.

For Finnish families the celebration of Christmas occurs primarily from December 24th to the 26th. Essentials on Christmas Eve in Finland are Christmas mass, and a visit to a Finnish sauna, of course. Many Finnish families also visit cemeteries to remember the dead and have porridge for lunch (with a hidden almond in it - the finder has to sing a song.)

Between 5-7 pm on Christmas Eve, Christmas dinner is served, which traditionally consists of oven-baked ham, rutabaga casserole, beetroot salad, and similar holiday foods. Christmas Eve in Finland also consists of joyful carols and local Christmas songs. The Christmas presents are usually given out

in the evening during a personal visit from the local Santa Claus.

Christmas in Finland officially ends 13 days after Christmas Day, on Epiphany, which is called *Loppiainen*, a name which goes back to the 1600s. In the 1500s the Swedish-Finnish Lutheran church called Epiphany "Day of the Holy Three Kings". In medieval times the Western church dedicated the Epiphany to the three Magi who came to visit baby-Jesus. Today, in the Lutheran church, Epiphany is a day dedicated to a focus on missionary work in addition to the Wisemen narrative.

The traditional date of January 6 is now observed as a national public holiday for Loppiainen. *Piparkakut* or Finnish spice cookies are a dish typically served on this day, especially when cut into the shape of a star. These cookies are broken in the palm of one's hand, while making a silent wish. If on Epiphany a *Piparkakut* star should break into three pieces, and all three be eaten without speaking a word, it is said that the wish will come true. While the term *Loppiainen* means "ending of Christmas time" in reality, Christmas celebrations are often extended to *Nuutti* or St. Canute's Day on January 13, completing the Scandinavian Twenty Days of Christmas.

PUPOSE STATEMENT OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

A portion of the FCA Purpose as stated in the Bylaws of the organization reads as follows:

To provide for the spiritual, physical, and cultural welfare of its members; to hold a spirit of learning and union; to foster and develop the highest ideals of American Citizenship; to grant scholarships and fellowships to commemorate the achievements of Americans of Finnish descent and to perpetuate their heritage.

Worthy purposes maintained to this day.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

For the November 30 Veteran's Day/Senior Luncheon Terry Ball cooked the delicious spaghetti sauce and worked with his wife Lila and others to present the meal.

We were delighted to have George Koskimaki, Rudy Aittama, and Freddie Liimatta as speakers. George told a story of one family's caring for military graves in Holland for four generations. Rudy related his experiences as a POW in WWII. Freddie, the brother of Lila Ball, was a member of the Green Berets during the Vietnam War. Miriam Klevin accompanied all of us as for the sing-along of patriotic songs. Pearl Wanttaja handled the 50-50 drawing where there were many winners.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke,
Social Chairman



FCA BAKERS

We will bake again on January 6th for the Finnish Breakfast which will be held at noon on Sunday, January 8.

These terrific ladies baked about 52 loaves of Pulla/Nisu, 25 pies and 6 small pies, and 175 Christmas Tarts for the November Scandinavian Bazaar: Delores Aebersold, Hannah Carlson, Charlotte Lytikainen, Betty Taipulus, Barb Whitty, Lorraine Hannah, and Ilene Yanke.

Paljon kiitoksia to all of you!

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

**Merry Christmas to all
from the Sunshine Lady**

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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 FCA Barbara Wanttaja Kilpela (10/2/11) a donation has been made by her cousin Ray and Pearl Wanttaja.

In memory of Aili Pelto (10/14/11) donations were made by Georgory & Edna Alaska, Sandra Cornellier, Ron & Jeannette Koski, Michael Roberts George, Ray & Laura Cornellier and Sarah J. Pelto.

In memory of FCA life member Arlene Mattson Sabin (10/31/11) a donation has been by Alice Toss.

In memory of FCA life member Sylvia Waliwaara Saarinen (11/21/11) a donation has been made by Ellen Clisch and Pearl and Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of Robert Erickson (9/28/11) donations were made by Charlotte Lytikainen, Ronald & Ethel La Court, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert La Court.

In memory of FCA life member Helvi Liimatainen Wertheimer (10/23/011) a donation had been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of FCA life member Robert Usitalo (10/29/11) donations have been made by Rick Aardal, Denise Pacteles, Kay Simo, Paul Mandeville, Charlotte Lytikainen, Mary Kay Sonntag, Monica Hufnagel, Nina Ranta, Delores Aebersold, Beth Walker and David & Mary Kay Sonntag.

FCA condolences are also extended to:

Life Members:

Arlene Sabin (10/31/11)
Sylvia Saarinen (11/21/11)
Heimo Raski (11/21/11)

Members:

Barbara Kilpela (10/2/11)
Donald Kaiponen (11/21/11)

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. Everyone has been busy preparing for this joyful season.

We welcome three new singers to our chorus, Karen Call, soprano, Cortney Sandifer, soprano, and John Houkana, bass.

We are always seeking new members. Join us on Monday nights beginning January 9 for rehearsals.

Happy Holidays,
Gerald Malstrom, Pubicity



FACC FUNDS FCA

The new non-profit corporation, Finnish American Cultural Corporation, has begun providing funds for the Finnish Center. The FACC will rent office space at the FCA in 2012 providing significant funds in the effort to assist the FCA in becoming financially stable for the next year.

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.

Zehnder's of Frankenmuth - 1 day, Thursday, January 26, \$67. Zehnder's Snowfest luncheon show features "Dueling Pianos" a modern day vaudeville act! These two pianists are comedians as well as top-notch musicians with an unbelievable repertoire of music. This is a combo with Nardineers. Pick up will be at Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River (west corner near Botsford Inn). Departs 8:30 am and returns about 5:30 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.



WHAT DOES THE FINNISH CENTER MEAN TO YOU?



Each of us has a reason to support the FCA. Maybe your family was involved in founding the center. Perhaps you came to the center in the early years and were involved in one of the cultural programs. Or maybe you are a more recent arrival to the Finnish Center.

Building the organization must have been an exciting time. Meeting at the homes of members, figuring out where the center would be located, how it would look, its size, and how it could be financed all took a lot of time and effort. Many fundraising activities were held. Members and families even bought square yards of land to pay for the property.

What an idea to form an organization that could be for all Finnish people and their friends, regardless of differences. It certainly has worked for many years and this year we celebrate our 45th anniversary.

Should we let this testimony to the efforts of our founders pass away? If we want to save our center we will have to "step up to the plate" and see that this gem is not lost due to lack of finances or caring or understanding of our mission.

Make a financial donation to the FCA in memory of a loved one. It will allow you to be a part of our cultural legacy and will help to keep the lights on at the center and you will feel proud to be a part of our cultural legacy.



FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



We have recently added the following books to our library:

THE HORSE THAT LEAPS THROUGH CLOUDS: A tale of espionage, the Silk Road and the Rise of Modern China by Eric Enno Tamm, c 2011. In 1906 when Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim was still with the Czar's army, he was sent to China to gather intelligence regarding China's development and the possibility of China's being able to attack Russia. As a cover up for this mission he masqueraded as an ethnographic collector. In Chinese his name was translated to "ma", which means "horse, and then two more "beautiful" characters were added, as was the habit. His name became Ma Dahan, which means "the horse that leaps through clouds". During this long arduous journey Mannerheim did a superb job of collecting the required information, pleasing the Czar. A century later, Eric Tamm retraced Mannerheim's journey, recording it here in a fascinating book. You will find it in 951 Ta.

FINLAND'S WAR OF CHOICE: The Troubled German-Finnish Coalition in World War II by Henrik O. Lunde c 2011. This book is an eye-opener for those of us who know almost nothing about what happened in the war Finland and Germany were engaged in from 1941 to 1945. This is a period many Finns would rather forget; they were fighting alongside the Nazis, who were our enemies. On the shelves in 947.1.

"SPARKS" FROM SUOMI by Lillian Pfeiffer, c 1993. This is a reprint of the book Lillian wrote when she was a student at Suomi college around 1950. Interesting especially if you attended Suomi, but not limited to Suomians. Especially for poetry lovers. In 811.

HERE, THERE, AND BACK AGAIN by Alpo Marttinen, c 2002. Marttinen wrote this for his children and grandchildren, but you'll find it interesting too. It's the story of his childhood and youth in Finland, and life as an immigrant in Canada. It's in Biography.

TUNE-A-DAY by Wilho Saari, c 2010. Any kantele players will love this collection by Wilho Saari, who presented a delightful program here recently. Dewey number 787.

SCANDINAVIANS IN AMERICA by Christian T. Feddersen, c 1968. You'll find some familiar Finns, as well as Finnish organizations. We have shelved it in 920.Fe.

FCA INTERVIEWS FEATURING FRITZ PUTKELA, RUTH KAARLELA and four others, a DVD recorded by Donald Autio, c 2011. Interesting! On the media shelf, 920 Au.

KIRKOLLINEN KALENTERI 1905. History and articles from the early days of the Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church, or Suomi Synod. In 284.1 Su.

YEARBOOK OF THE FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA or **SUOMI SYNOD** for the 64th ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ASTORIA ORE., JUNE 21-24, 1953. Of historical significance for those who still remember the old Suomi Synod. It's in 284.1 Su.

YEARBOOK FOR THE 70th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA or **SUOMI SYNOD IN BERKELEY, CA, JUNE 28-JULY 1, 1959.** Ditto for above.

YEARBOOK OF THE FINNISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA or **SUOMI SYNOD** for the SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION IN VIRGINIA, MN, JUNE 26-29, 1960. Ditto for above.

1962 YEARBOOK: SUOMI SYNOD: SIXTY THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION and the **CONSTITUTING CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, JUNE 28-JULY 1, 1962, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.** Ditto for above.

Have a Happy New Year! How about making a resolution to do some more reading this year!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

GARDEN CLUB

As we complete the garden year at the Finnish Center there are thoughts about the busy, happy hours we spent in Finlandia Gardens in 2011. A wet spring soaked our gardens and made it unnecessary to water in the early part of the year.

We added a number of garden enhancements including a statuary, a fountain, a greenhouse, and benches. New plantings were obtained including evergreens and native perennials. Our one thousand gallon rainwater collection system worked well with a solar pump enhancement.

Gardeners who rented vegetable garden plots were pleased with the results of their efforts. A variety of vegetables including tomatoes, peppers, cantaloupe, cucumbers, and greens were grown. our raspberry patch produced a huge crop of berries that many have enjoyed.

Our woodshop efforts this winter will include building an outdoor holiday display, some new birdhouse designs, wind chimes, seed packaging, and planning for the next garden season.

Your interest in the gardens this year has been appreciated as we have seen many beautiful photographs of flowers and insect visitors. Our habitat continues to draw many varieties of visitors.

The Finnish Center has again received a beautification award for Finlandia Gardens by the City of Farmington Hills. It can be seen outside in the front of the center.

We appreciate your donations and support of our garden efforts. Please also assist us in Saving the Finnish Center through additional donations and volunteering for the FCA. Your participation in this effort will make the difference.

David Sharpe
President Garden Club



NEWS FLASH

FCA Senior Housing Corporation granted \$1000 to the Finnish Center in appreciation for the many benefits the residents of Tapiola enjoy as a neighbor of the FCA. The board recommends that Finnish Center members and friends make a similar commitment at whatever donation level you feel is possible.

SAVE ON YOUR NEXT PASTY ORDER

The next pasty bake is Saturday, January 21. 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 pm on Monday, January 16. To receive the discount you must pick up your order on Saturday.

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Finland Today



First, Transparency International has again produced a list of the least and most corrupt countries in the world. The Berlin-based organization rates 183 countries, based on perceived levels of public sector corruption. Transparency International uses data from 17 surveys that look at such factors as enforcement of anti-corruption laws, access to information, and conflicts of interest. Heading the list of least corrupt countries was New Zealand, and tied for second were Denmark and Finland, Sweden 4th, Norway 6th, Canada 10th and the U.S. 24th. At the bottom of the list were Somalia, North Korea, Burma, and Afghanistan.

A new Saudi-Finnish private international school is set to be opened up in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 2013. Edu-cluster Finland will draw up the curriculum for the school. Initially the school will offer only kindergarten, but after 2016, the school will expand to cover elementary, intermediate, and secondary grades.

The sale of traditional Christmas cards have been brisk in Finland this year. At the beginning of December, many of the retailers report that more Christmas cards have been sold than all of last year. "We firmly believe that the Finns still like to send personal Christmas cards despite the talk of electronic greetings", says Mari Jantti-Mahonen, Product Manager at the Finnish Post Office.

In a split decision, a Finn, Robert Helenius won the European Heavyweight Boxing Championship. Helenius, nicknamed "The Nordic Nightmare", won the decision over Dereck Chisora of Great Britain. It is the first ever European heavyweight championship for a Finn. For Helenius, it is the 17th win without a loss as a professional.

Next season we may see a Finnish golfer playing on the LPGA Tour. At a qualifying tournament in Florida, a Finnish woman golfer, Minea Blomqvist, came in 20th. Blomqvist hasn't made up her mind yet about next year, to join the LPGA Tour, or to remain on the European Tour.

The state owned "VR" railway company has ordered an additional 35 more trains to bring 37,000 additional Russians to Finland for the Christmas and New Year holidays. In addition to Helsinki, the most popular site for the Russian tourists is Rovaniemi, the capital of Lapland, and the home of the Finnish Santa Claus, Joulupukki.

And finally, Pastor Kemppainen goes to the dentist in Marquette for a new set of false teeth. On the first Sunday after he got his new teeth, Pastor Kemppainen is only able to talk for about five minutes. On the second Sunday he is able to talk for about eight minutes. But on the third Sunday, Pastor Kemppainen talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes until the members of the church choir are finally able to get him to stop talking. After the service, members of the congregation ask Pastor Kemppainen what happened. Pastor Kemppainen explains that on the first Sunday after he got his new teeth, his gums hurt so much that he was only able to talk for five minutes. On the second Sunday, his gums still hurt so much that he was only able to talk for eight minutes. But on the third Sunday, he put his wife's teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up.

Hauskaa Joulua ja Onnelista Uutta Vuotta!!!

Markku Ketola
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Signature: _____

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- Life membership: *\$300.00 (two votes)

*Life membership requires that applicant has been a member in good standing for minimum of one year.

Are you of Finnish descent? _____ Is second applicant of Finnish descent? _____

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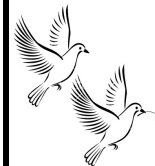
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