



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

April 2012

CHAIRMANS CORNER



**Thursday,
April 19**

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our community
clean!**

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(248) 682-6792
for full details.

Greetings FCA Members. I would like to report to you the election results from the FCA annual meeting of 2012. For three year terms, elected were Olli Lamminen, Marlene Ruuskanen and Carl Aebersold; and for one year terms, elected were Roger Waantaja and Lois Makee.

Committee Chairpersons elected were: Building and Grounds-Frank Gottberg; Cultural-Carl Aebersold and Hilikka Ketola; Education-Hannah Hall; Finance - Mia Lamminen; Gift Shop-Margaret Laurila; Mailing-George Koskimaki; Publicity and Publication-Nancy Sannar; and Social-Ilene Yanke.

Your Board of Trustees elected the following officer positions; Chairman of the Board-Cortland R. Book; Vice-Chair-Lois Makee; and Secretary-Marlene Ruuskanen.

FCA ANNUAL MEETING NEWS: A grievance has been made to the FCA Board of Trustees in regard to the manner in which the election for FCA Trustees was conducted. Due to misinformation provided to the election committee by an FCA member, proxy votes were accepted, voted and counted. This was a procedure not provided for in the FCA bylaws. The FCA Board of Trustees has thirty days in which to respond to this grievance.

Cortland R. Book, Chairman.

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FINLAND CALLING

Carl Pellonpaa has been on the air for 49 years and we have the opportunity to hear him speak.

The television program "Finland Calling" (Suomi Kutsuu) has been filmed at Marquette station WLUC in the U.P. It is the only Finnish-Language television program in the United States, and has aired since March 25, 1962. Also it is the longest running talk show and is certainly the longest running television show in the United States.

Join us on April 18 at 2:00 pm to hear Carl Pellonpaa live at the FCA and visit with him.



CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 pm to 9 pm
(no rehearsal in Summer)

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

MARCH

- 16 Fish Fry 5-8 pm/St. Urho 6:30 pm
- 17 Finnish Language Class 10:30 am
- 21 101st Luncheon 11 am
- 23 Pasty Prep 10 am
- 23 Fish Fry 5-8 pm
- 24 Pasty Bake & Sale
- 24 Finnish Language Class 10:30 am
- 25 Open House 1-4 pm
- 28 Monthly Luncheon Group Noon
- 28 Rental 6:30 pm
- 30 Fish Fry 5-8 pm
- 31 Finnish Language Class 10:30 am

APRIL

- 1 Author Eric Enno Tamm 1:30 pm
- 8 Easter
- 9-12 Poker Nights
- 12 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Pulla Bake 9:45 am-3 pm
- 14 Finnish Language Class 10:30 am
- 18 101st Luncheon 11 am
- 18 Finland Calling 2 pm
- 19 Adopt A Highway
- 19 Flea Market Set up noon-4 pm
- 21 Finnish Language Class 10:30 am
- 20-21 Flea Market 10 am-4 pm
- 25 Monthly Luncheon Group noon
Rental 6:30 pm
- 28 Finnish Language Class 10:30 am
- 28 FAHS Annual Meeting noon
- 29 Open House 1-4 pm

CORRECTIONS

February:

The photo display presented to Jim Kurtti at the Independence Day program was of Neil and Wilfred Manley's mother and brother who died at the Italian Hall fire. The article had incorrectly stated that it had been the mother and sister of Eleanor Manley that had perished.

March:

Pasty Potato Peelers photo was of Kevin Heltunen not Kevin Hirvela.



LOOSE CHANGE

As part of our efforts to support the Finnish Center through donations we have added a new opportunity. During FCA events you will find blue donation containers at your table for your loose change. A nearby church has raised significant funds through just collecting spare change from its members. We also have a larger container in the accounting office for all those coins you have collected.

Bring the nickels, dimes and quarters you have saved on your dresser and jars. Bring them in and you will support our center into the future. If you would like to take an orange container home in order to collect change for the FCA, we can accommodate that as well. Thank you for making this part of our development program successful.

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Gerald Malstrom, Roger Wanttaja,
Lois Makee

2 Year

Frank Gottberg, Cortland Book,
David Sharpe

3 Year

Carl Aebersold, Olli Lamminen,
Marlene Ruuskanen

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#2 Francis Fadie
#3 Gayle Gullen

Financial Review

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WHAT'S UP IN FINLANDIA GARDENS?



Actually, a lot is. Our bulbs are starting to bloom and buds are beginning to pop all over the gardens. We found a blooming dandelion in February so it looks like a good year for all kinds of plants. A recent major donation will make it possible for us to print more copies of our brochure. We will add some perennials, and purchase some tools for the wood shop. We are always needing to replace broken tools. Any garden material you are discarding can probably be used in our six acres of gardens.

If you are planning an event or committee meeting during warmer months why not consider having it in the gardens. Let us know in advance and we will make preparations for your event. Vegetable garden plots are also available for rental.

Contact David Sharpe (248) 477-4009 or Gayle Gullen at (734) 546-5190. Many thanks to all of you who support the gardens with your gifts.

Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden.
~Robert Brault.



FINNISH PROVERB

“Töistä miestä mainitaan eikä suurista sanoista”.

"A man is valued by his work, not his words".

SAVE ON YOUR NEXT PASTY ORDER



The next pasty bake is Saturday, March 24. 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 am and 4 pm.

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, March 19. 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).

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

SPRING WIND

The wind flows gracefully through forest trees.
Dancing leaves change partners with the passing breeze.

The wind moves swiftly from a northern reach,
Then a western gust moves through to join the swirling leaves.

Fresh and young, the trembling leaves
Flirt with the passing breeze
Eager to join the dance.

by David Sharpe



VOLUNTEER AT THE FCA -WE NEED YOU!

Volunteering is not a choice, it's a responsibility.
Unknown

**Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Things aren't going to get better, they're NOT!**
-- Dr. Seuss, *The Lorax*

Volunteers are not paid -- not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.
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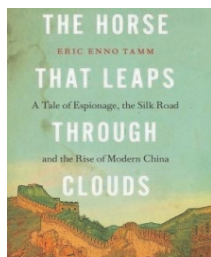
Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.

Elizabeth Andrew

SAVE THE DATE FOR MANNERHEIM!



Come to the Finnish Center on Sunday afternoon, April 1, 1:30 pm to hear author Eric Enno Tamm speak about his book, *The Horse That Leaps Through Clouds*. Tamm makes a fascinating power point presentation about Baron Gustaf Mannerheim's July, 1906, secret intelligence-gathering trip to China along the Silk Road to document the modernization and reforms being carried out there. In July, 2006, Eric Tamm followed in Mannerheim's footsteps in order to learn about modern China.



If you couldn't get into the overly-crowded room at Finn Grand Fest 2010 to hear Eric Tamm, now is your chance! No admission fee, but free will donations appreciated. Light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Historical Society and Cultural Committee



SPRING FLEA MARKET

APRIL 20 and 21
1-4 pm

Denise Book, Chairperson
Nancy Rajala, Co-Chairperson and Concession
Luise Leppanen, Bake Sale

Call 248-478-6939 for more information.



POKER NIGHTS

Monday, April 9 -
Thursday, April 12

Contact
Gene Belttari
(734) 416-8644
ebelttari@wowway.com

FEBRUARY POKER ALL STARS

The following persons are recognized for many hours of volunteering at the February poker nights. We volunteers all enjoyed meeting the many poker players and working together on our volunteer work. Profit from these nights went into the Finnish Center general fund. We will be having four more nights on April 9th through 12th. More volunteers are needed. The location is on Lilly Rd just south of Joy Rd in Canton. Call Gene Belttari at (734) 416-8644 if you are able to volunteer. E mail ebelttari@wowway.com.



ALL STARS

Nancy Sannar, Frank Gottberg, Neil Manley, John Saarinen, Neil Lehto, Rudy Pertunen, Paul Rajala, Marlene Ruuskanen, Lois Makee, Christine Johnson, Bruce Mikko and Cortland Book.



FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Happy Springtime! Warmer weather is just around the corner now and we are looking forward to it.

The Finnish American singers are continuing to rehearse on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm for the annual Spring concert. The concert will be presented on Sunday, May 20 at 3 pm. Tickets are \$10.00. Musical selections include *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, *Say It with Music* and *Synnyinmaani Sä Kallehin*. A light luncheon will follow the concert with tasty sandwiches and desserts. Come and enjoy a nice afternoon listening to your favorite songs.

The singers are participating with the FCA in a pasty sale on Saturday, March 24.

Enjoy Spring!

Gerald Malstrom, Pubilitycty



TERVETULOTOIVOTUS!

Little Finland is the home of the National Finnish American Festival. The NFAF works to preserve our Finnish-American heritage. The museum has a wonderful collection of Finnish artifacts, most of which came with their owner's from Finland. Old Bibles, a rug loom, musical instruments and curios make up only a small part of the holdings.

Located in the Wisconsin north woods, just minutes from the city of Ironwood, Michigan, the cultural center has facilities for reunions, receptions and gatherings.

Visitors to Little Finland will also enjoy touring Harma House, an authentic early 20th century Finnish home.

For more information go to www.littlefinland.com



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

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/FinnFolk 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).

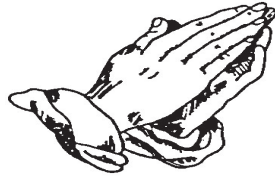
Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Donations received by the 5th of each month will be published in the next month's newsletter.

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 Helen Phillips a donation was made by Phillips M. Jane.

In memory of FCA life member Lillian Aho Aukee (12/18/11) donations were made by Myrna C. Sultan, Kathleen Aufschlager, the Finnish American Club of Detroit and Nancy & Paavo Nurmi.

In memory of Jennie Raisanen Paavola (12/28/11) of Grand Rapids, formerly of Houghton, a donation has been made by her brother, Carl Raisanen.

In memory of FCA member Norman McCue, Sr. (2/11/12) donations were made by Maria Hill, Bruce Mikko, Kay Simo, an anonymous donor and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of Peta Pekula Elias a donation was made by Elizabeth Groome.

In memory of FCA life member Shirley Tiilikka (1/18/12) a donation was made by Dorothy Bays.

In memory of FCA life member Syliva Walwaara Saarinen (11/21/11) donations were by John Saarinen, Neil Manley, Jr., Jinny Heltunen and Kevin Heltunen.

The FCA also wishes to extend its condolences to the families and friends of these FCA members.

Shirley Tiilikka (1/14/12)
Norman McCue, Sr., (2/11/12)



FINNISH LANGUAGE CLASSES RESUME

Begins March 10
Saturdays
10:30 am - noon
10 Weeks
\$100

Contact FCA Office
for more information

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GOING PLACES



Caesars Windsor-1 day-Thursday, April 12, 2012-\$15, Free Show: Florence LaRue and the 5th Dimension. \$10 Casino package. Departs 8:30 am and returns 7 pm. Combo with Nardineers. Passport, passport card, enhanced drivers license or certificate of naturalization required.

Cornwell's Dinner Theater-1 day, Tuesday, May 8, 2012-\$73 Featuring: *Funny You Don't Look Like a Grandmother* and includes Cornwells delicious carved turkey luncheon. Combo with Nardineers. Departs 9:30 am & returns 6 pm.

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30-36 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.

Pearl Wanttaja (248) 541-0054



TIME TO APPLY!

The Scholarship Committee wants to remind members that there is a variety of scholarships available to members, their children, and their grandchildren. Adults or youth may apply for a \$50 scholarship, which is half the cost of the Finnish language class offered at the Finnish Center. Children and youth who want to attend one of the two Concordia College programs, Salolampi Finnish language camp, or Soiva Music Camp at Salolampi, may apply for a \$500 scholarship plus possible other financial assistance. The college/university \$1,000 scholarship deadline was March 16, but keep it in mind for next year. Contact the Finnish Center office and leave a message for the Scholarship Committee if you'd like to have more information about applying.

Louise Hartung, Scholarship Committee Chair

Happiness is joining the Finnish Center and making lots of new friends.

Margaret Laurila



FCA LUNCHEON

In January the winner of the 50/50 was Milda Mattila. Other winners were Seija Ustitalo, Milda Mattila, David Sharpe, Dagmar Malstrom, Norma Aittama, Fritz Putkela, Lil Heikkinen, Lila Ball, Norbert Leppanen, Pearl Wanttaja, Kay Simo, Alice Manley, Connie Fossness, Laura Hirvela, Marilyn Bodrie and Eleanor Manley.

In February, after another great meal, Gene Belttari led us in singing karaoke style. Then our usual raffle drawing ensued with Milda Mattila winning the 50/50, again. Other prizes went to Shirley Belttari, Irma Leppola, Eva Miner, Lil Heikkinen, Margaret Laurila, Charmaine Elias, Shirley Ward, Pearl Wanttaja and Clarabeth Dixon. Each winner also received a rose, donated by Village Green Florist.

We enjoy preparing meals and the fellowship is outstanding. There is a different theme each month. Suggestions are welcome.

Everyone is invited to join us the last Wednesday of each month. Where else can you have salad, rolls, an entrée and dessert for \$8, plus good fellowship?

There is a raffle basket worth over \$50 at the Center with the drawing to be held on March 28, our next luncheon. This is a fund raiser for the FCA.

Lila and Terry Ball





FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



Your librarian is on sick leave; therefore we are rerunning a column from April, 2009.

The first time I saw a Finnish Easter card, I thought it was a Halloween card; it had a witch on it! This led to research regarding the Easter witch; it had no connection with Halloween, which is not celebrated in Finland.

Finnish Easter has two influences. The Lutheran tradition leans more toward the Scandinavian, while the Karelians of southeast Finland and some of the province of Savo still retain much of the Russian Orthodox influence. The Russian Orthodox are extremely religious; for them Easter is an even more important holy day than Christmas.

Some Easter traditions are carryovers from pagan times. Although Lutheran Finland no longer observes the fast imposed by the Catholic church, many of the prohibitions were retained by the peasants; these became enmeshed with folk superstitions and traditions. One of these traditions has to do with witches.

In olden days peasants believed that wicked witches were about during the period from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. It was believed that evil spirits were out in especially full force from Good Friday to Easter morning, because the Savior was sealed up in his tomb.

The witch is still retained in Finnish Easter tradition in fun. On Easter Eve, children dressed as witches travel from door to door, hoping for treats, usually collected in a copper pot.

The Orthodox have long had the custom of giving decorated eggs as gifts at Easter; however, this custom wasn't widespread in the rest of Finland until this century. Now eggs figure prominently in Finnish Easter tradition. Some are the real thing; others are made of chocolate or marzipan. They are used both as a breakfast treats as well as decoration.

Another decoration is an "Easter tree." A branch of willow is brought indoors and "forced" to bud. Then it is placed in a pot or other holder, and dec-

orated with colored feathers, colored blown eggs, and sometimes witches and/or birds.

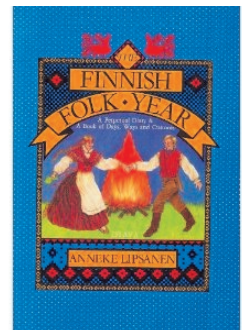
In most of Finland, Easter is not considered a time for a "Fashion parade"; (that is reserved for May Day.) However, in Lapland everyone looks forward to Easter, when they will wear their best clothes and visit the nearest village. They come to shop, and perhaps sell a few reindeer. They also look forward to visiting with their neighbors, whom they may not have seen for months. They go to church, and this is often the time when weddings and baptisms take place. There may be games including competitions involving lassoing of reindeer. There will probably be a lot of talk, and also singing to help make up for the lonely life they usually know.

There is no traditional meat that is served on Easter throughout Finland; however, mämmi, a baked rye pudding, is traditional in all parts of the country except Karelia. In olden days it was baked in birch bark baskets; however, today it is illegal to strip bark off birch trees, so a substitute container must be used. There are almost as many recipes for "mammi" as there are Finns, and the consistency varies from one part of the country to another. In one region it is so thin that it has to be drunk from a cup, but the most common consistency is that of a baked pudding. In Karelia the traditional Easter dessert is "pasha," a molded cheese like dessert.

If you wish to read more about Finnish Easter, or other Finnish holidays, you will find information in *FINNISH FOLK YEAR* by Anneke Lipsanen in our library. A recipe for mämmi as well as pasha can be found in *THE FINNISH COOKBOOK*, by Beatrice Ojakangas, also in our library.

Have a Happy Easter!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



FCA GIFT SHOP

Organic round rye
and hardtack are in stock.

Salt licorice, lemon licorice and ässä arriving soon.

Finnish crest sweatshirts in stock.



Special markdowns on some items -
new samples are in -
come in and check it out!



Iittala prices increasing so get
that special item now.

Hours of Operation
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
and during FCA functions

FCA BAKERS

In February, these were our fine helpers: Lorraine Hannah, Charlotte Lytikainen, Betty Taipalus, Ilene Yanke, Susan Atkinson, new baker Tobie Laine, and long term member, Ruth Mannisto, who arrived in time to braid and shape the loaves. On this day we also baked French Apple Pie Squares served at the first two Fish Fries.

New helpers are always very welcome. Wednesday, March 14 is our next baking day, beginning at 9:30 am. Come if you can. Lunch is provided. Helpers at the end of baking are especially appreciated.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who are baking desserts for the fish fry dinners.



Ilene Maki Yanke

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

FINNISH BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, APRIL 15
NOON to 1:30 pm

Featured menu will be traditional Pannukakku, Potato Piirakka, Oatmeal Casserole, Breakfast Sandwiches, Pulla/Nisu, and a dessert. As usual, there will be juices, coffee, and tea. The FCA Bakers prepare some of the foods and the Brunch workers make the sandwiches on homemade Rie-ska and help with other menu items. At the January Finnish breakfast, we had about 70 attendees. Maybe even more of you will come in April. The food is good and pricing is à la carte.

On Sunday, May 13, Mother's Day, Pearl Wanttaja and helpers will present a potluck in honor of our mothers from 1-4 pm.

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social



FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY DURING LENT

5-8 pm
\$9 Adults \$5 Children

Deep Fried or Baked Fish or Chicken Strips
French Fries or Baked Potato
Cole Slaw
Roll

Beverages and homemade desserts available for an additional charge.

Live music provided by Soittoniekatt/FinnFolk.





Finland Today



First, "In the execution of my office as President I will sincerely and faithfully observe the Constitution and laws of the Republic, and to the best of my ability promote the success of the Finnish people." With that short statement, Sauli Vainamo Ninisto, 63 became Finland's 12th President. "I would like to thank you President Tarja Halonen, for your valuable efforts for the benefit of the Finnish people and your contribution toward international security and cooperation. Your work has laid down an excellent path for us to follow". And so began President Ninisto's inaugural address.

Finland now has three living Presidents, each having achieved a "first". Finland's 11th President, 2000-2012, Tarja Halonen was the first female President. The 10th President, Martti Oiva Kalevi Ahtisaari, was the first President elected in direct public vote. Mauno Nenrik Koivisto, 1982-2000, was the first President to be born in independent Finland. What all three former Presidents have in common is that they all are members of the Social Democratic Party (SCP). The new President, Sauli Ninisto, is a member of the National Coalition Party (NCP).

To upgrade their F18 fighter jets, Finland and the U.S. have reached an agreement where the Finnish Air Force will purchase JASSM missiles (Joint Air to Surface Standoff Missiles) for about \$193 million. This makes the whole F18 Hornet purchase worth \$931 million. The missiles will be built by the Lockheed-Martin Company.

Akler Artic Technology of Finland will design the Canadian Coast Guard's future Flagship ice breaker, the CCGS John G. Diefenbaker. The ice breaker will accommodate a crew of 100, with space for an additional 25 people. The ship will be able to operate independently for up to 270 days, and go through ice about 8 feet thick at three knots an hour. The ship will be built at the Vancouver shipyard. The Helsinki based Artic Technology has designed over half of the world's ice breakers, as well as Arctic and Antarctic research vessels.

Nokia to cut 40,000 jobs, mostly in Europe, and move them, mostly to Asia. According to Stephen Elop, CEO, Nokia will close production at plants in Hungary (2,300 jobs), Mexico (700 jobs), and at its oldest plant in Salo, Finland (1,000 jobs). Nokia will build new plants in Vietnam and Brazil. Nokia has nine plants world-wide, including one in Dongguon, China, that makes one-third of its phones. Since its partnership with Microsoft, Nokia has lost 52% of its stock value, down to \$19 million.

The latest sports in Finland? It's lawn mower racing on ice. The Third Annual Grand Prix was held in Jarvenpaa. The lawn mower racing has up to now been mainly a British sport, but the Finns have "kicked up a notch", by racing on ice. The latest competition in Jarvenpaa was won by an Estonian team going around the frozen course about 30 mph, completing 126 laps in three hours.

And finally, Heikki feels newly empowered after reading the book entitled, "You Can Be The Man of the House." Finding new courage that he never knew he had, Heikki storms into the kitchen where his wife, Hilma was working, and announces to her, "From now on, you need to know that I am the man of this house and my word is "Law." You will prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, bring it to me, and when I'm done eating my meal, you will clear the dishes and serve me a scrumptious dessert. After that, you are going upstairs with me and we will make love the way I want! Afterwards, you are going to put on soothing music, draw me a bath, wash my back, towel me dry and bring me my robe. You will massage my hands and feet to relieve any last bit of tension so that I can sleep like a baby. Then tomorrow, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?" Hilma replied, "Well, my first guess would be the funeral director, unless I decide to have you cremated."

Happy Birthday to my wife Hilka, who has treated me like Heikki had hoped Hilma would, after my recent shoulder problems.

Markku Ketola
maketola@yahoo.com

ADVERTISING RATES

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Rates for a camera-ready, black & white ad, per three month period:

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