Finnish Center Association

FCA News



FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

October 2012

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Greetings Members:

I would imagine that many of you have been following the Republican and Democratic conventions. I know that I have spent considerable time following and discerning to my best ability, what choices I consider the best for the good of our country. This brings to mind another important election to be held in February. This election will be here before you realize it, and we again will need to make choices for the leadership roles at the Finnish Center.

This year every member will receive a ballot in the mail to facilitate their participation in the selection process. With the ballot will be included a brief article on each announced candidate. If you have desire, and some experience, and a dedication to serve the Finnish Center in the future, please come forward and volunteer to be a candidate for the Board of Trustees, or to take on the responsibility of a Committee Chairperson.

Cortland R. Book, Chairman



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SCANDINAVIAN BAZAAR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012 10 AM – 4 PM

COME ENJOY THE SIGHTS, SOUNDS, SMELLS & TASTES FROM NORWAY, SWEDEN, FINLAND, ICELAND & DENMARK

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

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Flag Dedication 11:30 am
- 19 101st Luncheon Noon
- 21 Pasty Prep
- Pasty Sale 11 am-4 pm
- 26 Monthly Luncheon Noon
- 26 Rental Noon
- 28 Auction Set Up
- 29 Silent Auction Noon-5 pm
- 29 Auction Preview 6 pm
- 29 Live Auction 6:30-8:30 pm
- 30 Open House 1:00—4:00 pm

OCTOBER

- 6 Cultural Workshop 9am-3pm
- 10 Rental Noon
- 11 Flea Market Set up
- 11 FCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 Flea Market
- 13 Flea Market
- 14 Finnish Breakfast Noon-1:30
- 14 FAHS 2 pm
- 17 101st Luncheon 11:00 am
- 19 Kitchen Rental
- 20 Kitchen Rental
- 24 Rental noon
- 28 Open House 1:00-4:00 pm
- 28 "Life of a Finnish Copper Miner"

3 pm

31 Monthly Luncheon Noon

NOVEMBER

- 8 FCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9 Baking for Bazaar 9:45 am
- 9 Bazaar Set Up 12-7 pm
- 10 Scandinavian Bazaar 10 am-4 pm
- 11 Brunch Noon
- 11 Railroad Depots of MI 2:00 pm
- 14 Rental Noon
- 21 101st Luncheon 11:00 am
- 25 Open House 1:00 pm



SEPTEMBER PASTIES

The next pasty bake is Saturday, September 22. 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.

Volunteers are always welcomed. See the sign up sheet in the lobby, email fca-pasties@comcast.net or call Paul Rajala, (248) 926-0532.

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GARDEN CLUB

It is difficult to write an article at least a month ahead of the publishing date. What will the gardens be like in the fall? We know we will be showing pumpkins and Halloween decorations. We will have fall colors on our trees and perennials. Our squirrels will be storing up seeds and nuts for the coming winter and the gardeners at Finlandia Gardens will be busy preparing the gardens for winter as well.

We will be bidding one of our stalwart gardeners "farewell" as she moves to Florida. It is hard to lose someone who has given so much to us. She came across from the apartments last year saying, "I have watched the garden club for a number of years and I would like to help. I don't know much about gardening but what can I do?" Well, since that time Marion has become a knowledgeable gardener and has dug her way into our hearts. She even has a garden to care for and her balcony overlooks the Finnish Center. Thanks, Marion Lewis, for being a great friend to all of us.

As we think forward to the coming year we wonder if the Finnish Center will survive increasing financial obstacles. Perhaps we all can dig a little deeper to help us get through 2013. I know the gardeners will. Thank you all for what you have done for the gardens and for the Finnish Center.

David Sharpe Garden Club President

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Ed Gilbert has been cutting the lawn for five years or more and he said he will retire this year. Now we need a replacement! If you can give about 40 hours a month, talk to Ed, or let the office know you may be able to help. We do have a tractor!

DID YOU KNOW

Life Memberships are still available?

As a member of the Finnish Center, you automatically are a member of the Senior Housing Corporation?

Helvi Koivunen donated Harri Virjo's flags of Finland and the United States?

Charlotte Lytikainen repaired one of our U.S. flags?

Lila Ball has donated the majority of prizes for the Wednesday lunches?

As a member you can attend the board meetings and joint board meetings?

As a volunteer organization, volunteers are desperately needed in all areas?

GIFT SHOP

Come in and see the new t-shirt designs.

Don't see your size?

Special ordering is available.



Joulu Pukki (Red) Sweatshirts are now available for special order for the holidays. (Child & Adult sizes)

Hauskaa Joulua (Light Blue)
with Santa scene
also available for special order.
Some sizes are in the Gift Shop
& available for purchase now.

Remember to check out the <u>one day only</u> specials at the **Scandinavian Bazaar** November 10th.

GIFT SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hours of Operation Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am to 4 pm and during all FCA functions

THE FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Twelve members of the Singers enjoyed beautiful weather and wonderful food at an August end-of-the summer pot luck hosted by Ilene Yanke (with Bruce recovering from surgery). We compared our summer stories of camping, health problems, vacations, and both gardening woes and successes. All agreed we are looking forward to the onset of our practices. Hopefully the rest of our group and possibly new singers will be at the FCA on September 10 at 7 pm. We would love to see *you* there, or possibly your spouse, children, and/or grandchildren!

I took the opportunity at the picnic to gently interview Cheri & Neil Lehto, providing the readers with a "two-fer" this month, spotlighting a couple from the group. Our interview was punctuated by a great deal of laughter as they prompted each other while answering my questions. Cheri told me that's what drew her to Neil: he taught her to laugh! I suppose she got a clue about his wacky sense of humor as he "woo-ed" her at the many Michigan local fairs and festivals he took her to: the ABC (Arts, Beans & Crafts) Fair in Port Hope, the Yale Bologna Festival, the Pig Gig, and the Armada Tractor Pull!

They love to travel to places with some historical flavor: the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, the Flamingo Hotel in Vegas, and a B & B in Toronto where Hemingway had stayed when writing. They joined the camping conversation at the picnic as well, relaying stories about distaining the use of an air mattress (Neil), relief that *this year* the camp had showers (Cheri), and the gorgeous, wild scenery they sampled in the Georgian Bay.

Neil has been singing bass with our group for 5 years, joining after his father passed away. Cheri accompanied Neil to practices, watching from the back for 2 years until she decided that it looked like so much fun she wanted to try it. Although she doesn't come from a family of songsters like Neil and doesn't read music, she wanted to learn something new and has found that having strong singers on either side has helped her become a valued member of the alto section.

Thanks to Neil and Cheri for sharing some laughter this month with all of us! Katy Koskela – Singers' Scribe

Cheri and Neil Lehto

Neil J. Lehto

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Marge Salo has donated her raffle winnings at the last Luncheon to the Open House for supplies.

Connie Fosness is now providing the Open House napkins.

Maria Hill donated some coffee – again.

A great big "Thank You" to all you ladies and, also, to everyone else who has donated in the past. And, of course, a big thank you to everyone who brings in food. That's what keeps the Open House going. Thanks again.

Pearl Wanttaja



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

WHAT IS THE FINNISH CENTER?

Is it our beautiful facility with its many qualities? Is it our six acre Finlandia Gardens? Is it our extensive Senior Housing located next door to our center? Is it the current board of trustees? Is it the current membership? Is it the visitors who come by for the gift shop, pasties, dinners, parties, events, celebrations, and funerals?

Is it all of those who have ever been members? Is it our founders, their dreams, plans, efforts, and dedication? Is it those who have left substantial donations or legacy gifts in their wills for our betterment and sustenance? Is it our parents and grandparents some of whom may not have joined the FCA but left us a legacy to carry on, in part, through supporting Nordic culture. I suspect it is all of this and much more as well.

It is the memories and the strength we bring from our past that will continue to sustain us through difficult times.

Will you consider making a sustaining gift to the Finnish Center? You will continue to be proud of what we are doing and what we have accomplished together.

For tax deductibility, donations can be written to the FACC, the Finnish American Cultural Corporation. The FACC is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation supporting Finnish education and culture.



MEMORIALS

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 <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 FCA life member <u>Robert Erickson</u> 9/28/11 donations were made by The Tapani children, acknowledging their father Ray Tapani's lifelong friendship with Bob.

In memory of FCA life member Rev. Fredrick Vanhala 4/28/12 a donation was made by Paul & Lillian Lehto.

In memory of FCA life member <u>Ella Hillson</u> 6/12/12 donations were made by Christine Nashien, Richard & Cynthia St. Pierre, Cindy Cendroski, Shirley Madden, Lynn Taeger-Peterson, Myrna

Taeger, Nancy Fehniger, Bob & Ruth Taeger, Marty & Hedi Kaufman, Paul & Alice St. Pierre and Joan Raven, Friends of Barabara Anderson and Dan & Julie Norris.

In memory of FCA life member of <u>Christine</u> <u>Jurgensen</u> 6/16/12 a donation was made by Kay Simo.

In memory of <u>Anna Kujala</u> 6/20/12 donations were made by Louise Hartung, Helvi Koivunen and Maria Hill.

In memory of Nellie Hackala 7/26/12 of Warren, a donation was made by Eleanor Manley.

In memory of <u>John Kulju</u> 7/31/12 a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of FCA life member <u>Grace Ekola-Nayback</u> 8/14/12 Donations were made by Maria Hill, Mr. & Mrs. Roanld LaCourt, Lois Makee, Fritz Putkela, Kathryn Hill, Fred & Charlene Ames, Charlotte Lytikainen, Eva Miner, Neil Manly, Ruben, Jill, Mark & Laurie & Jon Nayback, John Piippo, Braden & Elaine Archambeau, Beverly Nayback, Luise & Norbert Leppanen, Kay Simo, Hannah Carlson, Lovern Aittama, Rudy & Norma Aittama, Nancy & Paavo Nurmi, Dale & Lorena Quasius, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Roger Wanttaja, Connie Fosness and Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

The FCA also wishes to extend condolences to the families and friends of these FCA life members:

Ella Hillson 6/12/12 Laila Telto 8/8/12 Grace Nayback 8/14/12



GOING PLACES

"Doubletake" at Courthouse Grille in Plymouth, Sunday, September 23, \$71. Dinner and the show of "Celebrity Impersonators" will be right there at the Grille. Pick up will be at Botsford Cancer Center, 27900 Grand River (west corner near Botsford Inn). Departs at 3:15 pm with return about 8:00 pm.

Ethnic Dine-A-Round #2 – one day, Wednesday, November 14, \$63. This is a gourmet food lover's delight. We begin with appetizers at Moro's in Allen Park. Then we go to the Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant in Southgate for our entrée. We will be entertained by Hungarian music while we enjoy a choice of veal, chicken paprikas, stuffed cabbage or pork chop. Then it is on to the ever popular Union Street in Detroit for dessert. You will have a choice of tiramisu, chocolate mousse or bread pudding. Sounds enticing doesn't it? We depart at 10 am from the Nardin Park Church on 11 Mile Rd. and return about 3 pm. Full payment by November 7th please.

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





LIFE OF A FINNISH COPPER MINER

Come to the Finnish Center at 1 pm on Sunday, October 28, for the Open House, and stay for a program at 3 pm about the history of UP copper mining. Larry Molloy, Oakland Community College professor emeritus and UP copper mining expert, will give a slide show titled "Life of a Finnish Copper Miner." Mr. Molloy currently gives tours at the National Historic Park in the Keweenaw Peninsula, and will also be presenting at FinnFestUSA 2013 in Hancock.

There is no charge for the program, which is sponsored by the Finnish American Historical Society of Michigan. Historical Society members will provide a coffee table with desserts and coffee, and people may make a free-will offering to benefit the Finnish Center.

Louise Hartung, FAHS of MI Secretary



FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



Our speaker for the Finnish Independence Day program will be this year's Finlandia Foundation National's Lecturer of the Year, Dr. Glenda Dawn Goss, author of SIBELIUS: A COMPOSER'S LIFE AND THE AWAKENING OF FINLAND (c 2009), which will be the topic of her presentation.

For those of you who won't get to read the book before that date, we'll give a little preview. Johan Julius Christian Sibelius was born to a Swedish-speaking family on December 8, 1865 in the Russian Grand Duchy of Finland, which it had been since 1809. Known as "Janne" to his family, he adopted the name "Jean" professionally.

Finland fared well under the Russians until the ascendency of Czar Nicholas II in 1894, when the freedoms Finland had enjoyed during the previous czars began to be stripped away. When the muchhated Bobrikov became Governor-general of Finland, he proposed a ten-point plan, which the czar approved. Among other things, it stipulated that Finland's army was to be integrated into the Russian army, and that the Russian language was to be adopted in the Finnish diet, in educational institutions, and in administrative offices. At this point Finns began to realize "We are not Swedes, we will never be Russians, let's be Finns." Fortunately for Finland, this was the era sometimes called "the golden age of Finnish art" (make that "art" to include all the arts.) Perhaps it was fate that concentrated so many of these "gifted ones" for this time: Jean Sibelius, the artist Akseli Gallen-Kallela, the poet Eino Leino, the composer/ conductor Robert Järnefelts Kajanus, the (musicians and artists in Aino Sibelius' family), the architects Armas Lindgren and Eliel Saarinen, the writer Juhani Aho, to name a few.

Lotteries have a long history in Finland. They were a means of raising funds for any good cause. Young students of the Imperial Alexander University planned a number of lotteries which were actually *soirees* which included elaborate *tableaux* depicting the history of Finland for hundreds of years, sometimes all the way back to the arrival of

Bishop Henrik in the 1100's to bring Christianity to Finland. The entire artistic community became active in this effort; Sibelius also became very involved and composed and conducted the music for them. Lottery tickets sold like hotcakes during the intermissions. It was a clever way of merging art with politics, with fundraising as an extra benefit. The five or six elaborate tableaux presented during each event were intended to promote the uniqueness and identity of the Finns. Although everything had to pass by the Russian censor, they did not immediately perceive the intent of these events. It was for one of these soirees that Sibelius wrote "Suomi Herää" ("Finland Awake"), which eventually became "Finlandia". (At one time there was even talk of adopting the chorus, what we now know as "The Finlandia Hymn", as the national anthem.) Eventually Bobrikov outlawed the further staging of these "cursed" musical events. (Bobrikov was assassinated in 1904.)

By this time Sibelius was married and had several children. He was composing prolifically, but a composer does not make as much money as one might think. When a professorship became vacant at the University, his mother encouraged him to apply. He was one of three applicants; the other two were Robert Kajanus and Ilmari Krohn. Although Sibelius received by far the most votes, Robert Kajanus went to St. Petersburg to complain to the czar and was awarded the position. To compensate for the loss, the czar awarded Sibelius a stipend which was equal to what he would have received as a professor, to be renewed in ten years. It was, in fact, later increased and continued for the rest of his life.

There has been much conjecture as to why Sibelius did no composing for about the last thirty years of his life. Dr. Goss explains the reason to my satisfaction, at least. This and many other topics and issues are dealt with in this fascinating book which is the result of an incredible amount of research. I invite you to read it for yourself and/or come to hear her in December. You won't regret it. What you read here is, of course, only a drop in the bucket of Dr. Goss' knowledge.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



CULTURAL COMMITTEE

A fundraiser to make cultural events more affordable for all, we will have a 100% Finnish table with only used Finnish articles/products at the Flea Market on October 12 and 13. But we need your help -PLEASE consider donating used Finnish articles such as a shot glass, vase, candle, linen napkins, miscellaneous dishes, etc. All of these funds will go to supporting more events like concerts, Independence Day, programming and workshops.

On October 6 from 9-3 a workshop is planned where you can learn weaving, baking, sewing, knitting, crocheting, wood working and children's crafts. As materials will be provided, we ask that if you make it and take it, make a donation – if you leave it we can sell it. If you have a skill you would like to share, please volunteer for one hour or more to teach it.

The kitchen will have some Finnish coffee and food for sale. PLEASE let us know what talent you would like to share with others to keep the craft alive, such as making a Himmeli, felting, basket weaving, etc. For more info call the FCA.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Hoping all enjoyed one hot summer. Personally, I'm looking forward to a cooler colorful fall in our "Pure Michigan".

Thank you everyone who attended our August Luncheon. Thirty-nine dinners were served and the time together was wonderful.

Our winners were Marge Salo, Grand Prize, Eunice Gould, Alice Stechel, Elvi Sarienien, Natalie McCue, Marcia Munro, Terry Ball, Dagmar Malstrom, Elva Heliste, and Laura Hirvela, along with Charlotte Lytikainen and Connie Fosness.

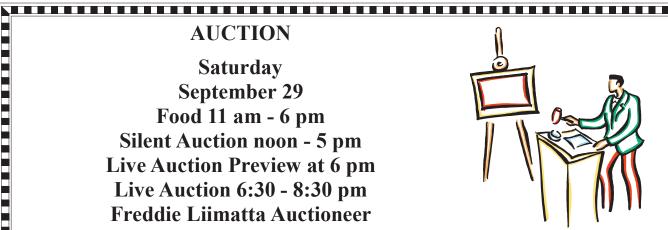
Terry and I will start back on October 31st for Monthly Luncheon. The price \$9.00.

Remember to mark your calendar and sign up sheet in lobby or call Finnish Center at (248) 478-6939 for your reservation.

Respectfully, Terry and Lila

AUCTION

Saturday September 29 Food 11 am - 6 pm Silent Auction noon - 5 pm Live Auction Preview at 6 pm Live Auction 6:30 - 8:30 pm Freddie Liimatta Auctioneer



Antiques, collectibles, furniture, books, glassware, china, linens, vintage photos, framed art, military memorabilia, Christmas, postcards and other assorted items.

Your donations are still needed. Proceeds to benefit the Finnish Center.



Finland Today



The Fund For Peace organization has released its annual "Failed States Index". What is the Fund For Peace organization? It is an independent, nonpartisan, non-profit research and educational organization that works to prevent violent conflict and promotes sustainable security. It is based in Washington, D.C. The FFP looks at 109 indicators, such as political, social, and economic to make the index. For the current index, the data was gathered between January 1st and December 31st of 2011 for 177 countries.

The top five MOST failed states were:

- 1. Somalia
- 2. Congo
- 3. Sudan
- 4. Chad
- 5. Zimbabwe

The top five LEAST failed states were:

- 1. Finland
- 2. Sweden
- 3. Denmark
- 4. Switzerland
- 5. Norway
- 8. Canada
- 18. United States

Finland repeated its position as the "least" failed state, as did Somalia as the "most" failed state.

The Cell-Phone Throwing World Championships are held each year in Savonlinna, Finland. In this year's Men's Championship, a new World Record was established when the winner, Ere Karjalainen, threw his cell phone a distance of 322 feet. Second place went to Jeremy Galles of South Africa with a throw of 311 feet. The Women's Championship was won by Jonna Mattero, with a throw of 139 feet.

During the London Summer Olympics, Finnish athletes won one silver and 2 bronze medals. It was only the second time in Summer Olympic history that Finland didn't receive a gold medal, the other time being during the 2004 Athens Olympics. With the three medals, Finland tied for 60th place along with Armenia and Belgium.

Since the Olympics started in 1908, Finland has received over 300 medals ranking them 14th overall in the medal count. But if you go by medals won per capita, Finland would be ranked number one.

Lentokones uihkutur biinimottoria pumekaanikko-aliup seerioppilas.

What is that? It may be the longest word or "title" in the Finnish language. I found it in the "YLE" Russian language web page. What does it mean? Well, roughly translated it means: Turboprop airplane assistant motor-mechanic junior-officer student.

And finally, Matti and Pekka were a couple of very rich, but mean spirited and evil brothers. When Matti passed away, Pekka asked Pastor Kemppainen to give an eulogy at the funeral. Also, Pekka gave the Pastor some money under the stipulation that he says that Matti was a "Saint". Pastor Kemppainen thought for awhile and finally agreed.

So, at the funeral Pastor Kemppainen is doing the eulogy: "Matti was an evil and mean man. He cheated on his wife, he stole from his friends, but compared to his brother Pekka, he was a "Saint".

Markku Ketola marketola@yahoo.com

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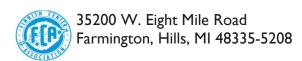
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