#### Finnish Center Association

## FCA News



FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

January 2016

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **JANUARY**

- 02 Saturday Rental
- 08 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 10 Sunday Brunch 12 noon- 1:30 pm
- 13 Wednesday Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 Sunday Nordic Folk Dance Workshop 2-5pm
- 22 Friday Pasty Prep 9:30 am
- 22 Friday Night Buffet 5 8pm
- 23 Saturday Pasty Bake & Sale
- 27 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12 noon
- 27 Wednesday Portugal Travelogue following luncheon
- 31 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm
- 31 Sunday Town of Kaleva Presentation Part I at 2 pm (Part II at March Open House)

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 05 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 12 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 14 Sunday Brunch 12noon 1:30 pm
- 19 Friday Night Buffet 5–8 pm
- 21 Sunday Senior Housing Annual Meeting 1 pm
- 21 Sunday FCA Annual Meeting 3 pm
- 24 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12 noon
- 24 Wednesday Spain Travelogue following luncheon
- 26 Friday Night Buffet 5-8 pm
- 28 Sunday Kaleva Day Celebration Knights & Ladies of Kaleva 12 noon Brunch (\$5) Program following (everyone welcome)
- 28 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm



#### **Weekly Events**

Finnish American Singers
Mondays 7 pm
Library
Open Monday 10 am-2 pm
Nikkarin Talo
Mondays 9 am
Finlandia Garden Club
Mondays 9 am

#### **Monthly Events**

Finnish Conversation
1st Friday of the month 10 am
Sunday Brunch
Second Sunday of the month
12-1:30 pm
Book Club
Last Monday of the month 1 pm
Luncheon
Last Wednesday of the month Noon

Open House Last Sunday of the month 1-4 pm

#### **CHAIRMAN'S CORNER**

I hope all of you have had a wonderful Christmas holiday!

We had a very busy December with parties, concerts and rentals.

Suomi Koulu has been very active during the year once we found our teacher Maija Muukkonen Frisorger. The preschoolers have been coming to spend time with each other during the school days as well. It is wonderful to see so many young families participate.

I want to thank all of our volunteers who contribute with their skills and efforts. Without our volunteers, we would not be where we are today. Please consider giving a few hours of your time to help out so we don't burn out the people who give so much of their time to the Center. Please call me! We will find something for you to do.

This year is a very important for the Finnish Center History. We are turning 50, quite a milestone, and plans are on the way to celebrate this milestone with a festive occasion. Details to be announced shortly.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for your support! Hope to see you at the Finnish Center in 2016!

#### Mia Lamminen Chairman





Left to right: Mia Lamminen, Taina Elg, 2015 Lecturer of Year and Olli Lamminen prepare for the Independence Day Party.



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#### FROM THE LIBRARY



We have recently added the following items to our collection:

YANKEE YOOPER ON THE KEWEENAW by Philip J. Howard, Jr., M.D. In 2005, two weeks after retiring, Dr. Howard got a call asking if he would be willing to go to Hancock, Michigan to work at the Portage Lake Hospital for a while. Although he was born and raised in Lower Michigan, he was not acquainted with the Upper Peninsula. This is his account of that experience. It is interesting, especially for one who knows the U.P., to observe a stranger to the area fall in love with our beloved Yooper country. It's in biography, B Ho.

INISIDER'S GUIDE: VISIT FINLAND. This lovely little picture book of Finland was brought back by FinnFest 2015 attendees. The Finns really know how to show off their country with their photography. It's a thin book and you may have trouble finding it but do try. It's in 948.9 In.

FINLANDIA: THE STORY OF SIBELIUS by Elliot Arnold. This is a timely addition in this year in which we're honoring Sibelius. It was written in 1941, while Sibelius was still alive. It presents him in a historical context and one gets to know Sibelius quite intimately. Very easy reading. B Si.

SCANDINAVIAN PROVERBS collected by Julie Jensen McDonald contains folk wisdom from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden; they have all been translated into English. One of my favorites is "That which is loved is always beautiful." 398.9 Sc.

SURVIVAL FROM HOPELESSNESS by Evelyn Hartman Park. Dr. Park was born in Hancock but when she was 14 she accompanied her family when they moved back to Finland. She was a medical student when the Winter War broke out. The medical students were assigned work among the civilians. She tells about the horrors she and others experienced in war-torn Finland including the trauma the children experienced as they were torn from their parents and shipped to Sweden. It will send shivers down your spine and bring a tear to your eye. You'll find it in biography, B Pa

THE KANTELETAR, poems collected by Elias Lönnrot, translated by Keith Bosley. On his poem-collecting trips in Karelia, Lönnrot collected many poems besides those he included in THE KALEVALA. Many of them are included here. You will find this among the books on the KALEVALA. 398.2 Ka.

KAJAANI by Jorma Komulainen. This is a beautiful picture book of the town of Kajaani in Finland, with text in several languages including English. 914.71 Ko

MADE A KILLING IN COPPER by Richard L. Baldwin. This fictional story of murder in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula is an interesting entertainment for an evening or two, especially for those to whom all the places mentioned are familiar. Recommended if you like murder mysteries. Baldwin, who lives in Haslett, Michigan, is not a novice writer. This is his 16th murder mystery. F Ba.

THE SAGA OF SANTA CLAUS by Mark D. Couturier. Based in Finland, this is a clever fantasy suggesting the origin of the Santa myth, including how various things came to be, such as his reindeer transportation, coal for bad children, his "Ho, ho, ho" greeting, and so on. Born in South Korea but now residing in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Couturier has developed an interest in Finland and contacted the Finnish Center asking for someone who could help him with his research. The FCA directed him to me. I have worked with him for quite a while. I congratulate Mark on finally getting his book into print after all the work he put into it. Although we have put this into the Juvenile section, you adults are welcome to check it out as well. I enjoyed it. You'll find it in: J F Co.

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#### LIBRARY (continued from page 3)

THE SURVIVORS by Anita Hokkanen Middleton. During the 1930's a "Karelian fever" spread among some North American Finns. About six to seven thousand of them decided to emigrate to Stalin's Russia, looking for a Utopia. They did not find it. Most of them disappeared in Stalin's purges. This video documentary is the story of twenty of the survivors, four of whom returned from Russian labor camps. It's worth watching, "lest we forget". This is on the shelf where we keep non-book media VHS 947 Su

Lillian Lehto, FCA librarian



Thank you to all involved who made the Scandinavian Bazaar a success. Special thanks to all our exhibitors: Finn Weavers, Ollie Koski, Fritzcraft, The Swedish Club, Swedish Club Women's Organization, Scandia House, Lavender Fleece, John Depa, Richard Willard and Ms. Karen Lafnear. Nordcap Lodge/Sons of Norway and FCA volunteers provided great food for the visitors. Thank you also goes to all the tireless volunteers who made it all happen. Without our volunteers we could not have done it. Our bakers did a great job in filling our table for the bake sale. Thank you also to Paul Rajala and his crew who provided pasties which sold out in no time. FCA gift shop had stocked up the store with great gift items, food and candy. Special thanks also goes to Finnfolk for providing music for the occasion.

The date for next year's Bazaar is November 12, 2016. Mark your Calendars!

Mia Lamminen



#### **BROWN BAG CONCERTS**

On Thursday December 3, there was first a "Brown Bag" concert preview at the Finnish Center, and a later concert performance that evening by Katri Ervamaa, cellist, and Marja Kaisla, pianist, at Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor.

The audience was entertained by cello and piano music by Sibelius and his European contemporaries.



Above: Performance at the Finnish Center Below: Performance at Kerrytown Concert House



#### PIKKUJOULU PARTY PHOTOS



Above: Lucia, Maria Crouse with Emma, Julia, Meeri and Tiia Top right: Mia Lamminen with Santa Center: Guests enjoy buffet







#### **MEMORIALS**

In memory of FCA life member **Judith Winquist** (10/19/15) a donation has been made by Judy & Paul Winquist.

In memory of FCA life member **Katri Pietila** (10/30/15) donations have been made by Anikki Kurvi and Maria Hill.

In memory of FCA life member **Martha Shields** (11/3/15) a donation has been made by Charlotte Lytikainen.

In memory of **Pauline Fritz** (7/23/01)a donation has been made by Germaine & Jeff Fritz.

In memory of FCA life member **Rudy Aittama** (8/19/15) a donation has been made by George Koskimaki.

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

FCA life member Lily Waara (11/18/15)

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, Happiness Fund, FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers. If a donation is undesignated, it goes to the General Fund for expenses of the Center.

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

**Also include all names of donors.** If the deceased is a non-member of the FCA please include city and state of residence.

You may also direct your donation toward the Senior Housing, but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name, address, date of death of the deceased as well as the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed

#### EXPERIENCE PORTUGAL AND SPAIN WITH MARY O'BRIEN

Mary O'Brien recently returned from Portugal and Spain. On January 27th she will come to the monthly luncheon with pictures of Portugal.

Did you know that Lisbon is a sister city to San Francisco? Come and see the similarities. Join us to see the charm of this beautiful country.

On February 24th she will come to the luncheon to show the Spanish culture. The Cathedrals and Art and castles. Witness the beautiful and quaint mountains. And lastly see the beautiful Mediterranean where the Finnish spend their winters.

We hope to bring a little sunshine in the dreary winter with a snapshot of these beautiful countries.



Portugal Coat of Arms



Spain Coat of Arms

#### **GIFT SHOP**

This month we are featuring CD's that some of our members have made and are for sale in our gift shop.

Rachel Lowrance has a romantic classical style CD called "A Spark of Inspiration". Her brother Tim has a more flamboyant style and his CD is called "Rhythmus". Both Tim & Rachel have played for scholarship receptions and luncheons at the Finnish Center.

Also available is a CD by member Kathleen Kramer titled "Rare Dog". Roger Hewlett of FinnFolk has a CD titled "Melodies of the North Land" and Don Reinholm of FinnFolk has a CD titled "Papu and Towhead".



Gift shop purchases help support the Finnish Center. These CD sales support both the member musician as well as the Finnish Center!

You can place orders by phone or email at fcacenter@sbcglobal.com if you are unable to come to the Finnish Center itself. Thank you!

#### JANUARY PASTY BAKE



Fresh-baked pasties will be available on Saturday, January 23. They can be purchased for \$5 each. It is recommended that you place your order early. (We usually sell all that we can make). The best way to order is by email to

<u>fca-pasties@comcast.net</u>. Provide your name, phone number, and number of pasties. This email method also allows you to realize a 10% discount for a purchase of 10 or more.

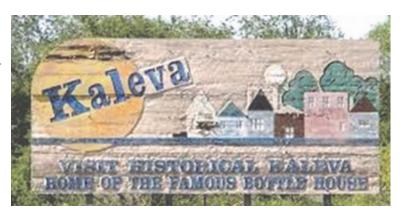
You may also enter your order on the sign-up sheet in the lobby of the Center on your next visit. If you phone the FCA during normal business hours, the receptionist will place you order on the sign-up sheet.

Please contact me at <a href="mailto:prajala@comcast.net">prajala@comcast.net</a> if you can volunteer to help on Friday between 10 and 2, or on Saturday between 7 and 4. A volunteer sign-up sheet is also in the lobby of the FCA. Two or more hours of your time will be appreciated and you can earn a free pasty to take home on Saturday.

Paul Rajala, FCA pasty coordinator

Have you ever wondered when people mention the town of Kaleva where it is? Mary O'Brien grew up in the little town of Kaleva with both of her parents being Finnish. You will see how the Finnish Culture and SISU molded the little town. She will be here at the Sunday Open House on January 31 with stories of Kaleva (Part I). In March she will continue with Part II of Kaleva which will include an interview with her Mother who arrived in Kaleva in 1909 and lived her entire life there. Hope to see you there.

#### STORIES OF THE TOWN OF KALEVA, MICHIGAN WITH MARY O'BRIEN



#### FINLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The 98<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration and Fundraiser was held on December 5, at the Finnish Center.

The program included the traditional flag ceremony with Roope Pantsar and Nicholas Kaipainen as flag bearers, followed by the national anthems led by the Finnish American Singers. Mia Lamminen, Chairman of the FCA, gave a welcoming speech and talked about events preceding Finland's independence. Musicians Michele Cooker on the piano and Maria Bessmeltseva on the violin, welcomed guests with their music, and later performed music by Sibelius. A Finnish style dinner was served, followed by coffee and desserts.

Ms. Taina Elg, Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year, was introduced by Yvonne Lockwood. Taina, together with Heli Sirvio, a Finnish actress, gave an interesting presentation of Taina's career as an actress with an interview and video presentation.

Our programs would not be complete without our members of FinnFolk performing. Thank you Steve Niemi, Roger Hewlett and Don Reinholm.

A big thank you for our tireless volunteers for making this event happen. It is a fact that music brings people together, and this year was no exception. Thank you Finnish American Singers, Michele Cooker, Maria Bessmeltseva and FinnFolk!



Pianist Michele Cooker & Violin player Maria Bessmeltseva





Taina Elg and Helvi Koivunen Taina danced ballet with, and was friend of Helvi's cousin in Finland.





Flag processional: Roope Pantsar & Nicholas Kaipainen



## FINLAND INDEPENDENCE DAY CONTINUED

Helvi Sirvio and Taina Elg







Above: Finnish American Singers open the program with Maamme and the Star Spangled Banner.

Below: Guests enjoy the buffet.





#### SCENES OF CHRISTMAS FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS CONCERT DECEMBER 13, 2015







Top: FASM perform Middle: FASM perform the Fruitcake song. Bottom: FASM Ensemble Karen Call, Vickie Kimler, Ilene Yanke, Jean Shea, Hank Naasko, William Gramzow IV, and Paul Rajala



#### JANUARY IN THE GARDENS

The Garden Club will be out in early January removing the holiday lights and decorations that we placed around the Finnish Center in early December. We will also be cleaning out the bird houses that we didn't get to in the fall and make a few more to replace several that have been worn out from overuse. We hope to have a few left over for sale at the spring Flea Market.

We also have some beautiful 8 foot long pieces of cedar from 3-10 inches wide and ship lap about 8 inches wide ranging from 2 feet to six feet long. All this wood has been aged about 30 years and is great for building items such as decorative walls or rustic furniture.

Daniel Coleman finished his Master Gardener class in December which means we now have four Master Gardeners in the Garden Club. Rufus Peoples, David Sharpe, and Gayle Gullen join Daniel and are all available to answer any garden related questions.

As the Garden Club both ages and our funding lessens, we find ourselves struggling to decide how best to spend our time and money in the gardens. It takes much manpower to manage all the gardens, however, removing them is also extremely labor intensive and we only managed to remove ½ of one garden last year with all the other work there was to do and injuries/ surgeries to several of our members.

If you have any questions, donations, comments, or suggestions on what we should or shouldn't do this coming year, you can contact me at (734) 546-5190, or gaylegullen@hotmail.com or put your comments in the garden club box in the office.

Gayle Gullen Finlandia Garden Club President



## FCA ELECTION NOTICE 2016

Election at the Annual meeting on February 21, 2016 at 3 pm.

The FCA Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill three positions on the FCA Board of Trustees. Members running as candidates need to submit short biographies (250 words or less) by January 20, 2016 to the Finnish Center Association, attention Anu Pantsar, Nominating Committee Chair.

If you have any questions, please contact Anu Pantsar at <a href="mailto:akpantsar@gmail.com">akpantsar@gmail.com</a> or (408) 674-6476.

Please consider serving the FCA as a leader in one of these positions.



#### FCA SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING CORPORATION NOTICE

We are seeking candidates for three Board of Trustee positions to be elected at the annual meeting on February 21, 2016 at 1 pm.

If you are interested in participating as a member of the Board, forward a short resume (max 250 words) including your birthplace, your formal education and professional background as well as explanation of how you would contribute to the Board. Resumes should be received no later than January 20, 2016 at:

FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corporation Attn: Secretary 35200 W. Eight Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48335

# NORDIC FOLK DANCE WORKSHOP

**GOAL:** To have fun while preserving our Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish culture through folk dancing.

**FOR:** Everyone who would like to have fun learning basic steps and simple dances from the Nordic countries along with more complex dances for the experienced folk dancer.

**AGES:** 6 – 100

WHEN: Sunday, January 17, 2016

WHERE: Finnish Center Association
35200 West 8 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan

**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



If you have any questions please e-mail Glendene Thornbloom at gathorn4@gmail.com or call Hilkka Ketola at (517) 548-4461.

Sponsored by the FCA Cultural Committee

#### GOING PLACES

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra**, Sunday, January 10, \$103, featuring **Classic Broadway**. Includes lunch in Greek Town. Depart at 12 noon and return about 6:15 pm.

**Mardi Gras** at Caesars, Tuesday, February 9, \$20. A \$15 voucher is include. Depart at 9:45 am and return about 5:30 pm. Please remember to bring a valid passport or ID to cross the border.

**The Odd Couple** at The Purple Rose, Wednesday, February 24, \$82. Lunch at the Common Grill and time for shopping. Depart at 11:00 am and return about 6:30 pm.

All of these trips are combined with the Nardineers on 11 Mile Rd. Have questions? You may call Betty at (248) 553-7618 or Pearl at (248) 541-0054. Trip flyers will be available at the FCA.



#### **BAKERS**

In November the bakers gathered to make 8 batches of pulla and 175 prune and apricot tarts for the Scandinavian Bazaar. Bakers included Elaine Weiland, Charlotte Lytikainen, Barb Whitty, Tobie Line, Hannah Carlson, Lorraine Hannah and Ilene Yanke. Thank you all for your dedication and hard work. We would also like to thank the customers who made purchases. Baking will resume in January.



Left: Pulla Below: Prune tarts



## CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday January 10, 2016 12 noon - 1:30 pm

Volunteers are whipping up a special New Years Breakfast.

Serving sparkling juices, deviled eggs, cranberry meatballs and a decadent dessert table with cakes, pies, and pudding in a jar as well as old favorites!



#### **GET WELL, THINKING OF YOU**

Sending get-well cards, thinking-of-you cards and words-of-encouragement cards to FCA members.

Please notify me if you think someone might need warm and thoughtful wishes from the friends at the FCA. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

Thank you, Eunice Potti Gould



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#### FINLAND TODAY



First, let's start with a philosophical question, what is "the good life?" Is it being happy all of the time? These are the questions that face a Finnish Doctor of medicine, a child psychiatrist, psychotherapist, and a coach to psychotherapists, Antti Mattila. A few stories up from where the doctor has his offices, there is a second small office where the doctor practices his true passion, that of a psychologist. This room is so small that it barely has room for an armchair, a couch and a small table. In this small room, the Doctor discusses with his clients questions that have elsewhere been left unanswered. Questions such as: Is it time to change careers? How does one recover from a divorce? Is it possible to be happy in your day to day life if someone close to you has passed away? And, what exactly is "the good life?" "Everyone should have the right to pursue a good life," says Mattila. "But it is not the same as everyone's right to happiness". "People are having children at an older age, and are accustomed to the single life. They cannot accept that a baby requires attention around the clock. Then they want a divorce when the child is just a couple months old," says Mattila. He wishes that parents would withstand a little longer, and would have the patience to last past the worst chaos. "Continuous happiness is impossible, because the pursuit of a good life may demand pain and patience every now and then." "Happiness is not present in every moment,"----philosopher, Epictetus.

The best porter beer in the world is brewed in Finland? Yes, that's right, according to the Global Association of Craft Beer Brewers (GACBB). The Tampere based brewery, Pyynikki, was awarded the Gold Medal for its Vahvaportteri beer at the Global Craft Beer Awards held in Berlin. Over 60 breweries worldwide took part in the event. In the spring of 2014, the future of the brewery was in doubt, because a fire destroyed much of the equipment, halting production for months. Due to Finnish laws, the brewery can't sell their gold medal winning beer directly to the customers, but rather through the national retailer, Alko. Finnish "gluten free" beer, Kukko (Rooster), is set to be exported to the U.S. in early 2016, after the Finnish brewery, Laitilan Wirvoitusjuomatehdas, signed a contract with Good Life Imports, a company that specializes in bringing European products to the American market.

In Europe, you can call a product as "gluten free" if it's below 20 parts per million, like Kukko is, but in the U.S., the FDA has taken a long time in deciding when you can call a product gluten free. As a result, the Kukko beer will be identified as, "crafted to reduced gluten". Also distinguishing it from other similar products on the market, Kukko, is devoid of the chemicals typically used to reduce the gluten levels during the brewing process. Kukko is made completely from malted barley. Upon entering the U.S. market, "our intention is not to advertise it as a gluten free beer, but as a great tasting beer that happens to be gluten free". Good Life's web-site is: http://www.goodlifeimports.us

The best gin in the world is distilled in Finland? Apparently so. Napue Gin, created by Kyro Distillery Company in Isokyro, Finland, won first place in the Gin and Tonic category at the International Wine and Spirits Competition held in the UK. Wine estates and distilleries from 90 countries took part, including about 150 varieties of gin. According to the Kyro distillery website, "The gin's key components have their roots in the very heart of Finnish nature, with meadowsweet, sea-buckthorn, cranberries, and birch leaves, giving the scents and flavors of a misty Finnish meadow, early in the morning. Cool as the Finnish night but with the heat of rye and the midnight sun, it is a gin unlike any other." By the way, what is "meadowsweet"? The web-site for the Kyro distillery is: http://www.kyrodistillery.com

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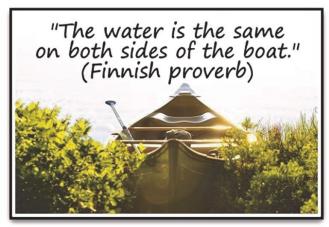
And finally, my girlfriend does not like my mutt of a dog, Satu, so I have to rehome her. She is a purebred from a wealthy area and I have had her for four years. She likes to play games. Not totally trained. Has long hair, so she is a little high maintenance, especially the nails, she loves getting them done. Stavs up all night yapping, but sleeps while I work. Only eats the best, most expensive food. Will never greet you at the door after a long day, or give you unconditional love when vou are down. Does not bite, but can be as mean as hell. So, if anybody is interested in my 30-year-old, selfish, wicked, gold -digging girlfriend, come and get her! Me and my dog want her re-homed, ASAP!

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#### **ADVERTISING RATES**

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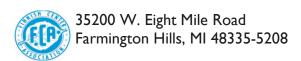
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