



Finnish Center Association

FCA News

January 2017

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 05 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 06 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm (see page 7)
- 08 Sunday Breakfast 11:30 am - 1:30 pm (see page 8)
- 08 Sunday Finnish Film 2 pm (see page 9)
- 11 Rentals
- 11 Wednesday Senior Housing Meeting 10 am
- 11 Wednesday FCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 18 Rental
- 19 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 20 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm (see page 7)
- 21 Saturday Karaoke 6 pm
- 25 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12 noon
- 26 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 29 Sunday Open House 1 – 4 pm

FEBRUARY

- 02 Rental
- 02 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 03 Rental
- 03 Pasty Prep 10 am - 2 pm
- 03 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm
- 04 Pasty Bake 8:30 am - 12 noon (see page 4)
- 04 Rental
- 08 & 09 Rentals
- 09 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 11 Rental
- 12 Sunday Breakfast 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 12 Sunday Finnish Film 2 pm (see page 9)
- 15 Wednesday Valentine Luncheon 12 noon
(replaces the regular monthly luncheon)
- 16 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 17 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm
- 19 Sunday Sr. Housing Annual Meeting 1 pm
- 19 Sunday FCA Annual Meeting 3 pm
- 22 Rental
- 23 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 24 Rental
- 26 Sunday Kalevala Day 12 noon - 1 pm



No Open House in February

Weekly Events

- Finnish American Singers
Resumes January 9 - All Welcome 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
11:30-1 pm
- Book Club
Last Monday of the month 1 pm
- Luncheon
Last Wednesday of the month
12 noon
- Open House
Last Sunday of the month 1-4 pm

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Happy New Year and the start of the Finnish Center's second half century. The culmination of the 50th Anniversary Jubilee brought in a record number of people. I heard many comments that this was one of the best parties ever hosted by the FCA. Our successful 2016 year, and our 50th Anniversary party, provide us a good foundation on which we can start making plans to secure our next 50 years.



There will be challenges, some very tough challenges. Our aging population will make it very difficult to keep our membership numbers up. The present Board is proposing to make our life membership transferable to a member's spouse, child or grandchild.

One of the cornerstones for our future will be trying to obtain 501.c.3 status as a charitable organization.

We are proposing initiating a new, annual Nordic Fest with the main purpose of increasing our annual revenue. This festival would be held about the third week of June on the FCA premises together with the Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Icelandic groups. We have met with the Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills and they have given their blessing for such an endeavor. They have promised us the use of the Ice Arena parking lot, located next to our facility free of charge. Obviously, we need to apply for the appropriate permits. The only obstacle is that time for such planning is short for such a big undertaking, but with a positive attitude and mutual co-operation we can make it happen.

I want to thank all of the tireless volunteers who made possible our successful 50th year. Without dedicated volunteers we could not survive. A special thank you goes to Sarah Wiideman who worked tirelessly and made our Jubilee a success.

I wish all of you a very healthy and Happy New Year, and hope to see you at the Finnish Center this coming year.

Mia Lamminen, Chairman



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FROM THE LIBRARY



Turku (Åbo in Swedish), on the southwestern coast of Finland, is the oldest city in Finland, and was the second largest city in the Swedish Empire when Finland was ruled by Sweden (next to Stockholm, of course). It received its charter from Gustavus Adolphus in 1525. With a population of 186,000, it now ranks fifth in size of Finnish cities (Helsinki, Espoo, Tampere and Oulu are larger). It was the capital of Finland until 1812, when the Russians had acquired Finland and wanted the capital nearer the Russian border. The population is 5.2% Swedish-speaking.

“Turku” means “marketplace” in old Finnish; the city developed around the market square. Even before the Christian era there was a trading post near the present town, on Cape Koroinen, 5 km north of the mouth of the Aura River. At the beginning of the 13th century the town was transferred to its present site.

The Aura river splits the town in two. The oldest side is the east side, home to, among other things, the Cathedral, University, and Old Great Square. On the new side you’ll find Turku castle, and the modern city center with its market square and shopping centers. There are ten bridges across the Aura River, and a small ferry transports pedestrians and bicyclists across the river at no cost. A great way to explore Turku is to take a stroll along the riverfront. You’ll find not only historical sites, but also a wide spectrum of places to eat and drink. The riverboats are a real Turku specialty, and many are also restaurants.

The Cathedral is considered to be the most important religious building in Finland. It has borne witness to many important events in the nation’s history and has become one of the city’s most recognizable symbols. Completed and consecrated in 1300, it is the mother church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland and one of the main tourist attractions in Turku. It is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. In summer it is open until 9:00 p.m. However, it is closed during church services except to those who have come to worship. Admission is free. Inside are some interesting tombs, including that of Karin Månsdotter, a commoner who became queen of Sweden in 1568. She was the wife of Eric XIV, and the only Swedish queen buried in Finland. Thousands visit the church every year. The archbishop of the church is also situated in Turku. Currently the Archbishop is Kari Makinen.

Together with the Cathedral, the castle is one of the oldest buildings still in use in the country and is the largest surviving medieval building in Finland. The history of the castle goes back to the 1280’s. The Swedish conquerors intended it originally as a military fortress. During the reign of Gusta Vasa in Sweden/Finland living quarters were added and his son, Duke John, governed Finland and carried on an illustrious royal life in the castle. This was the only time that the castle saw domestic life. It is now a historical attraction, Finland’s most visited museum. Many of the rooms are also used for municipal functions. Originally on the seashore, it is now entirely on dry land because the land mass of Finland has been rising over the centuries.

Turku has suffered many major fires, some of which destroyed almost the entire city. The worst of these was the fire of 1827, the biggest in Finnish history. It destroyed more than 2500 buildings in only a few hours and virtually leveled the entire town. However, one section, Luostarinmäki, was preserved. The area, consisting of 18 buildings housing shops and artisans, is now an open-air museum. Other museums include the Sibelius museum, the Pharmacy museum, the Wäinö Aaltonen Museum, the Museum Of Art (houses a rich collection of pictures and sculpture, primarily by Finnish artists), and a Museum of Biology.

Modern Turku is an important industrial town; industries include shipbuilding, engineering, foodstuffs, textiles, sugar refineries, spinning mills, the largest tobacco factory in Finland, clothing trade (Turku produces 1/10 of Finland’s total output.) It is a key port for imports and an important center for Finland’s tourist trade. Some 9,000 vessels arrive and depart its harbors every year. The city is also a renowned high-tech center.

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Turku has a unique tradition at Christmastime. Every Christmas Eve at noon Christmas Peace is declared from the balcony of the Brinkkala House beginning with the words “Tomorrow, God willing, is the grace-filled celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour.” It continues by urging “one and all in the city to adopt a quiet and peaceful temperament and to respect the Christmas spirit”. It also threatens serious punishments for those who violate the peace of the Christmas season. Scholars believe that the first Christmas Peace declaration took place as early as in the 1320's. The modern-day text dates back to a version recorded from memory on parchment by the town secretary after the original was destroyed by the fire in 1827. The declaration is broadcast throughout the entire country by radio and television.

Another claim to fame for Turku is that it is the birthplace of Mauno Koivisto, Finland’s 9th president, and Paavo Nurmi, the Flying Finn, a 9-time Olympic champion in long-distance running.

If you travel to Finland, a visit to Turku is a must. It’s only 102 miles from Helsinki, a two-hour drive along Finland’s excellent roads with excellent scenery en route. There is also convenient bus transportation as well as several 25 to 40 minute flights a day.

Lillian Lehto



Left: Turku Castle

Below Right:
Turku Cathedral

Below Left:
Map location of Turku



KALEVALA DAY

Each year we present events and characters in various way from the epic “Kalevala”.

The year we invite you to join us Sunday, February 26, 2017 for brunch from noon - 1 pm, followed by a short program with more information from this book.

Kalevala the Epic Poem of Finland - Complete

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FEBRUARY PASTIES

On February 3rd and 4th we will be making pasties again. After January 15th you can order by email to fca-pasties@comcast.net, by signing up in the FCA lobby or by calling in to the FCA office. You must leave your name, quantity and phone number. Orders are taken on a first-come basis. Email orders will receive an email confirmation. Phone or lobby sign-up orders will receive a phone confirmation two to three days before the event. All orders must be picked up on February 4 between 8:30 am and noon. More information will be available in the February *FCA News*.

If you have questions or comments, contact me at prajala@comcast.net.

Paul Rajala



MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Kathryn "Kay" Simo** (1/19/16) donations have been made by Maria Hill, Ray & Pearl Wanttaja and Ellen Clisch.

In memory of FCA member **Leslie Heikkila** (11/3/16) a donation has been made by his sister Lillian & Paul Lehto.

In memory of FCA life member **Rosemary Hartung** (10/15/16) donations have been made by her daughter Louise Hartung and Kathryn Hill.

In memory of FCA member **Jeannette Rinkinen Willard** (10/9/16) A donation has been made by her husband Richard Willard.

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

FCA life member **Kay Simo** (11/19/16)
 FCA life member **Torgny Fredrickson** (11/16/16)
 FCA member **Patricia Kallioinen** (11/16/16)
 FCA member **Lampi Tervo** (11/5/16)
 FCA life member **Hilja Waisanen** (9/29/16)

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, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, Happiness Fund, FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers. If undesignated the funds will be directed to the General Fund for expenses of the Center.

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: **FCA, 35200 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, and date of death of the deceased as well as the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgment card is to be mailed.

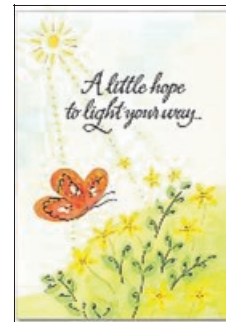


GET WELL, THINKING OF YOU

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



SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to give a special thank you to everyone who participated in our Candlelight Memorial Service. Your thoughtfulness in donations and presence was so encouraging.

We hope everyone had a nice time sharing their thoughts and taking time to remember our loved ones. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Terry and Lila Ball



JANUARY IN THE GARDENS

January is always a wonderful time to reflect on what we accomplished during the year while we plan for next year. This year our biggest accomplishment was the rejuvenation of the pergola with new stain and lattice. Perhaps this will attract more than the two outdoor weddings we had this past year.

We removed edgers and reconfigured gardens to provide easier mowing of gardens while starting deconstruction of one more garden which should be finished next year. Late this year we revived and enlarged the fire pit with the addition of some donated stone. We also added a dining area in front of the lounge. These changes should help next year if the Finnish Center is involved in any 100 year Independence celebrations.

We will be taking down the holiday decorations on the second Monday in January and then meeting again in February to repair some benches and birdhouses. Feel free to drop by and join using the woodshop.

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



NOVEMBER POKER ALL STARS

All stars include Norbert Leppanen, Ilene Yanke, Cortland Book, Aggie McManus, Gene Belttari, Paul Rajala, Mark Rikkonen, Mark Belttari, Helena Hatten, Olli Lamminen, Bruce Mikko and Roger Wanttaja.

The three-day event was a very successful fundraiser for the FCA. Our next event is March 30 to April 2. Please consider joining our team.

Contact Gene Belttari
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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Wednesday, January 25, monthly luncheon menu will be ham, scalloped potatoes, green salad, vegetable and pie. Please reserve your spot and sign up by Monday, January 23, in the office or by phone. Cost is \$10.

In February the social committee will be replacing the regular end-of-the-month luncheon with a Valentine special event. This will be a fun time to celebrate Valentine's Day.

The Valentine celebration will begin at noon on Wednesday, February 15. Join us for some entertaining games with a light luncheon. The charge will be \$5 for this special event. Be sure to wear red to make the day special!



FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET MENUS

Friday, January 6

Baked Cod
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Rice Pilaf
Vegetable
Salad & Rolls
Vegetable Soup



Members of FinnFolk will be playing during dinner!

Friday, January 20

Baked Cod
Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable
Salad & Rolls
Chili

WHO'S WHO AND SIBELIUS AT FCA JUBILEE AND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

A three-day spectacular began Friday, December 2, with a buffet and Christmas concert by the notable 50 member Novi Community Concert Band. The concert included familiar melodies, holiday medleys, and a secular number with a klezmer sound.

On Saturday, December 3, this year's Independence Day event marked the culmination of a series of programs celebrating the Finnish Center Association's 50th year. Commemorating this milestone and the 99th year of Finland's Independence, the night began with the procession of the American and Finnish flags, followed by the singing of the national anthems by the Finnish American Singers of Michigan. Current FCA chair, Mia Lamminen, extended a warm welcome to all and promised a thrilling evening of commemoration and revelry. The FCA celebrated, in high form, an evening of Finnish-ness with selections from the iconic Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius, performed by Finnish-born Katri Ervamaa, in collaboration with Ruusamari Teppo, pianist and great granddaughter of Jean Sibelius. A commemorative perspective was delivered by Paul Potti, Honorary Consul of Finland for Southern Michigan. A keynote address on Finnish/American affairs by Antti Vanska, Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Washington D.C., followed a dinner celebrating Finnish cuisine. The evening ended on a high note with dancing and a lively performance by FinnFolk.

Mr. Vanska is the second highest ranking official at the Embassy and is the key adviser to the chief of mission, the Ambassador. He oversees the heads of sections and holds responsibilities for the Embassy administration. He is a career diplomat and immediately prior to his posting in D.C., he worked in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in Helsinki, in the Unit for Security Policy and Crisis Management. Earlier in his career he has worked as Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland and also as Deputy Director of the Unit for Russia in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

Mr. Vanska has previously worked abroad as the First Secretary at the Embassy of Finland in Berlin, Germany, and as Consul at the Consulate General in St. Petersburg, Russia. He has a Master's Degree from the Turku School of Economics and Business Administration, having graduated in 1994.

Paul N. Potti, Honorary Consul of Finland for southern Michigan, is a local businessman in Farmington Hills, Michigan, and life-long member of the Finnish Center. Noah Potti, Paul's father, was the first chairman of the FCA.

A final address was presented by Finlandia Foundation National president Ossi Rahkonen. Finnish cuisine for the palate and folk music for dancing completed a fitting and stunning event.

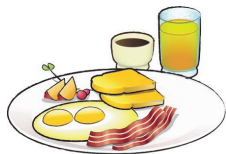
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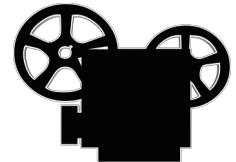
A choral celebration, on Sunday, December 4, topped off the weekend for FCA members and friends with the dedicated Finnish American Singers of Michigan. This group has a long and remarkable history of performances. Their program at the Finnish Center included Finnish carols and American favorites. Conductor Henry Naasko narrated an interesting and compelling program. The concert was followed by a luncheon of holiday treats and, of course, coffee.



Top Left: Flag Bearers Roope Pantsar, Robert Crouse, with Emma Kaipainen, Meeri Pantsar and Maria Crouse.
 Top Right: Elegant dinner table settings
 Bottom Left: Katri Ervamaa, Cello, Ruusamari Teppo, Piano (left to right)
 Above: Honorary Consul Paul Potti and Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Finland Antti Vanska (left to right)



SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET



January 8, 11:30 am-1:30 pm
 Adults \$10 Children (12 & under) \$5

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Oven Brown Potatoes, Toast, Fruit, Pastries, Coffee, Tea and Water included.

Reservations preferred. Please contact the FCA office at (248) 478-6939 during office hours or leave a message.

The Finnish Film *Elina-As If I Wasn't There* will be shown at 2 pm in the main hall.

UPCOMING FINNISH FILMS

Sunday, January 8, 2:00 pm

Elina – As If I Wasn't There

Näkymätön Elina

Klaus Härö, Director

2003, In Swedish & Finnish

Set in Northern Sweden near the Finnish border in the 1950s, this remarkable, award-winning film focuses on the inner agony of Elina, a young girl who has recently lost her father, a Finn, and is herself recovering from tuberculosis. When she starts a new school, the stubborn child clashes with the school's most senior teacher. Not only is it a clash of wills, it is also a clash of cultures. The rigid teacher forbids Elina and other Finnish students from speaking Finnish and enforces a Swedish-only language rule. Elina rebels against her teacher and takes emotional refuge in the bog outside the town, a mysterious, wild, and beautiful place, retaining memories of the times Elina spent with her beloved father.

The film's simple story effectively focuses on a number of issues, such as the majority's treatment of minorities, poverty, tolerance, and Swedish identity (the Old and the New). It was intended as a film for children, but, in fact, it is also a film that adults have highly praised.



Sunday, February 12, 2:00 pm

A New Man

Uusi ihminen

Klaus Härö, Director

2007, In Swedish with subtitles

Sweden 1951 and a society where there is no room for the socially and mentally weak. Gertrud is a 17 year-old girl from a very poor family. After her mother's death, she is committed, against her will, to a work home for young women, and the only way out is by agreeing to voluntary sterilization. Gertrud falls in love with the janitor, Axel, and soon finds herself pregnant. She dreams about a normal family life with Axel and the child, agrees to the operation, and then realizes that when performing the operation the doctor will most certainly take the child away. She changes her mind about the operation but she no longer has a choice. Now there is only one way out: she pretends to be mentally deranged and is transferred to a mental hospital. Gertrud has fooled the system, but the price she pays is her own future.

The screenwriter Kjell Sundstedt, who also wrote the text for *Elina*, drew on the real-life experience of his aunts, who were among the 30,000 victims of Sweden's 42-year experiment in genetic engineering.

GIFT SHOP

The gift shop has been busy this month. It has been nice for me to meet people coming in to look for new Finnish items. I marvel at how lucky we are to be able to buy these fine Finnish items. I keep looking for new things. If there is anything you want or need give us a try. We just might have it. Again thank you for choosing us when you need a gift and when you just want some good Finnish candy.

Our special for January is 10% off in stock hats. There are many to choose from. In February we are going to try something new.... a valentine's bake sale. I will be calling you in late January to see if our special bakers can bake something. I hope this will be special for you. The date for the sale will be February 10, 11 am-3 pm. As a special reward anyone who bakes or buys gets 10% off in gift shop. Hopefully, everyone will enjoy this event.

Mary O'Brien





FINLAND TODAY



For the first time, stores in Finland can keep their doors open over the Christmas holidays. Some retailers have already announced plans to stay open in order to test demand for shopping on Christmas and on Boxing Day (December 26). Among the retailers testing the holiday market are some of the S-Group's Hameenmaa Cooperative's Prisma supermarkets in Lahti, Hameenlinna, Riihimaki, and in Forssa. Traditionally, the high point of the holiday celebration for the Finns is Christmas Eve, when Santa visits and gifts are exchanged. Christmas Day tends to be quiet time, spent with the family. According to Hameenmaa Cooperative's Division Director, Lari Rusila, "most of the personnel who will be working over the holidays are either regular staff members who have volunteered to work or are seasonal employees."

Consumer confidence is at a five year high in Finland, according to the number-crunching agency, Statistics Finland. In November, 42% of consumers believed that Finland's economy would improve during the next twelve months, while 16% thought that the *country's economy* would improve. Some 34% of consumers in November said they thought that the *unemployment figures* would improve during the next twelve months, 27% thought that *unemployment figures* will worsen. A year ago the figures were much different with only 11% thinking that unemployment would improve, while 63% thought that unemployment would worsen.

Let's look at the CCI (Consumer Confidence Index). In September the CCI was at 14.4, in October it rose to 15.8, while in November it stood at 17.6. For the latest OECD (Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development) PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) survey, about 540,000 fifteen-year-olds from 72 countries were tested on science, reading, math, problem solving, and financial literacy. In the latest survey, Singapore was on top followed by Japan, Estonia, Finland, and Canada. The PISA survey is done every three years and the emphasis rotates between reading, math, and science. This year's emphasis was on science. And if you separate the scores by the subject and by gender, the Finnish girls did great in science; they had the second highest score. Finland is the only country where the girls had a higher score than the boys in science.

And finally, I called up an old school friend of mine to ask him what was he up-to. Here's what he told me. He said that he was involved in the "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum, and steel.....under a constrained environment." I was really impressed.....

I had to ask him what he really meant by what he had said. So he told me. He said that he was "washing dishes in hot water.....under his wife's supervision."

Thanks Leena Floyd
Markku Ketola



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE



If you, your parent, guardian or grandparent is an up-to-date paid member of the Finnish Center since March 1, 2014, you are invited to apply for one of our scholarships.

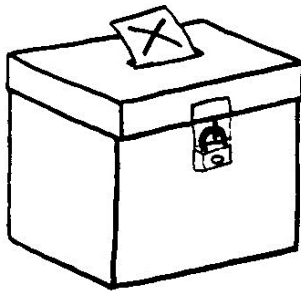
Applications are available in the Finnish Center office or on our website at www.finishcenter.org.

FCA ELECTION NOTICE 2017

Election at the Annual meeting on
February 19, 2017 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 18, 2017 to the Finnish Center Association, attention Cynthia Haffey, Nominating Committee Chair. Biographies may also be submitted via email to haffey@butzel.com

If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Haffey at haffey@butzel.com or (313) 983-7434. 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 19, 2017 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 18, 2017 at:

FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corporation
Attn: Secretary
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3 month rate 1" ad - \$30.00. 1.5" ad - \$45.00 2" ad - \$60.00

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FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION



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Applicant _____

Applicant/Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip code _____

Signature _____ Are you of Finnish descent? _____

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- Annual membership, senior* or youth*, one vote \$25.00
- *Senior, over 65 years, youth under 30 years of age
- Annual membership, couple, two votes \$100.00
- Annual membership, family, one vote \$75.00
- Life membership, one vote \$500.00
- Life membership, senior, one vote (see membership for details)

Amount enclosed _____
Please make check payable to FCA and send to Finnish Center Association,
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