



Finnish Center Association

# FCA News

February 2017

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

- 02 Rental
- 02 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 03 Friday Pasty Prep
- 04 Saturday Pasty Sale
- 04 Rental
- 05 Rental
- 08 Rental
- 09 Rental
- 09 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 11 Rental
- 12 Sunday Breakfast Buffet 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 12 Sunday Finnish Film 2 pm
- 15 Wednesday Valentine Party Luncheon 12 noon  
(replaces regular monthly luncheon date)
- 16 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 17 Rental
- 18 Rental
- 19 Sunday Sr. Housing Annual Meeting 1 pm
- 19 Sunday FCA Annual Meeting 3 pm
- 22 Rental
- 23 Rental
- 23 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 24 Rental
- 26 Sunday Kaleva Day-Brunch 12 noon – 1 pm  
Kaleva Program 1 pm  
(no Open House due to Kaleva program)

### MARCH

- 02 Rental
- 02 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 03 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm  
(every Friday night during lent)
- 08 Rental
- 09 Rental
- 09 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 10 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm
- 16 Rental
- 16 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 17 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm
- 19 Sunday Finnish Breakfast  
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 19 Sunday Finnish Film 2 pm
- 22 Rental
- 23 Thursday Finnish Language Class 7 pm
- 24 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm
- 26 Sunday Open House 1 – 4 pm
- 29 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12 noon
- 31 Friday Night Buffet 5 – 8 pm



**Reservations are recommended  
for all events.**

#### 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  
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

This is our 51<sup>st</sup> year. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year was quite successful in many respects.

This year is Finland's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. A lot of activities will be planned by most of the Finlandia Foundation chapters around the U.S. including us. The Ambassador Kirsti Kauppi just inaugurated the traveling sauna tour in Minneapolis, MN which will make two stops in Michigan, one in Houghton in June and the other one at Finn Camp in Wixom in August. More information is available at [www.travelingsauna.com](http://www.travelingsauna.com).



The plans for our activities are still in the early stages, expect a lot of interesting things to come. We are planning concerts, lectures and other cultural events that will culminate in our Independence Day party in December.

The Board and Committee elections are just around the corner, mark your calendars for the Annual meeting February 19, 2017. Also, this month we are mailing ballots to all members to change our Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation as required for our application for 501.c.3 charity status. I encourage every member to return this ballot.



Adult Finnish language classes are going great with Leena Mari Bowers as a teacher. A new session starts in the beginning of February. Children's Suomi Koulu, however, is still looking for a teacher! In the meantime meetings are planned for informal lessons for the children by the parents. If you or anyone you know might be interested in teaching the children, please let us know.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know by calling the Center (248) 478-6939 or email us at: [finnishcenter@gmail.com](mailto:finnishcenter@gmail.com).

Mia Lamminen  
Chairman



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## FROM THE LIBRARY



Many of you watched the PBS documentary about Eero Saarinen recently and were amazed, I'm sure, by the architectural genius of this Finnish American. Eero was the son of another architectural genius, Eliel Gottlieb Saarinen, born on August 20, 1873 to Juho and Selma Saarinen in Rantasalmi, Finland. A few years later the family moved to Ingermanland near St. Petersburg, to serve its Finnish inhabitants (remember that Finland was a grand duchy of Russia at the time.)

When he reached school age, young Eliel (as he was always known) was sent to school in Finland, first in Viipuri, and later to Tampere. At that time his interest was in becoming an artist. He later recalled that when home on vacations, he would spend hours in the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, studying, examining and enjoying its artistic treasures. As a child he also learned to love the forests and lakes of his environment.

In the fall of 1893 Eliel enrolled in the Technical Institute in Helsinki, and simultaneously enrolled in the Department of Architecture at the University for courses in drawing. He soon realized that architecture was where his interest and ability lay; furthermore, it seemed a more meaningful and creative pursuit. There he met two architectural students, Herman Gesellius and Armas Lindgren, with whom he became close friends. While still students, they established an architectural firm in Helsinki in 1896; within a few years it was the leading firm of modern Finnish architecture. Lindgren was the most educated historically and culturally, Gesellius was the most practical one, while Saarinen was the most gifted artistically.

The firm won the competition for the Finnish Pavilion in the 1900 World's Fair in Paris. The creation was a sensation; Akseli Gallen-Kallela did the ceiling frescoes, Kalevala scenes. Saarinen went to Paris to supervise the building of the pavilion, and delighted in the companionship of artists from around the world. In October the firm was to have been presented the Medal of the Legion of Honor, but the Russian government would not permit this award to be presented to the Finns.

The architectural world was in a great state of flux at this time, and the Saarinen firm, as well, was striving for an original form of expression. The Finnish love of nature and natural materials, primarily timber and stone, is evident in their work. Setting was always taken into consideration; many of their buildings seem to "grow" out of the terrain itself. The firm built several villas as well as professional buildings; they then decided they needed a studio outside Helsinki. They decided to build 18 miles outside Helsinki, on the shore of White Lake or "Hvitträsk". There was a home and studio for each of the architects. The building is now a museum.

In 1899 Saarinen married Mathilda Gylden. However, the marriage was short-lived, as Gesellius and Mathilda fell in love and the Saarinens divorced in 1904, scandalizing the neighborhood. Gesellius and Mathilda married, and Saarinen promptly married Gesellius' sister Loja (Louise; Loviisa); the two couples lived quite happily at Hvitträsk but the Lindgren family no longer felt at home and moved away, ending the firm of Gesellius, Lindgren and Saarinen. Gesellius and Saarinen continued their association until Gesellius' death in 1916.

In 1902 the Gesellius-Lindgren-Saarinen firm won the competition for the national museum to be built in Helsinki. Many churches, private homes and other projects were handled by the firm in the next few years, but the most famous is the Helsinki railway station. It is said to be one of the most beautiful railroad stations in the world. The work was mainly Saarinen's.

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In 1922 Saarinen entered the international competition for the Chicago Tribune Tower. His sketch won second prize, although in retrospect it has been agreed that he should have been the winner. His sketch became the model for several U.S. skyscrapers. It was this event that brought the Saarinens to the United States. Eliel left in 1923, intending only to visit colleagues, but two months later he was joined by his wife and their children, Eero, thirteen, and Pipsan (Eva-Liisa), eighteen.

Eliel was asked to join the staff of the University of Michigan as guest professor. One of his students introduced him to George G. Booth, publisher of the DETROIT NEWS, who was interested in building an art academy on his estate in Bloomfield Hills. The Saarinens agreed to take on the project in 1925.

The first building to be built was the Cranbrook School for Boys, then the Academy of Art, the Kingswood School for Girls and the Institute of Science, followed by the Academy of Art, the Museum, and the Library. In 1928 a permanent residence for the Saarinens was built on campus. As in the other buildings, the furniture was designed by the Saarinens, and built in the Cranbrook woodshops. Loja designed and wove or saw to the weaving of the rugs, draperies and upholstery. Almost every article in the house was designed by the Saarinens, their children, or artists of their acquaintance. The school opened in 1931. In 1932 Saarinen was appointed president of Cranbrook, he served until 1948.

During his tenure at Cranbrook, Saarinen was involved in many architectural projects nationwide, one of the most acclaimed being Christ Lutheran church in Minneapolis. A building of unadorned simplicity, it is said to be without precedent in ecclesiastical architecture. The acoustics are probably the finest of any religious building in the United States; the tone and clarity of music within it are incomparable.

Saarinen's wish was that he be buried in his native land. His ashes were returned there in 1950 after his death at Cranbrook. He was buried at Hvitträsk. Premier Urho Kekkonen, speaking at his memorial service, said "To the memory of a son who has accomplished such an unforgettable life's work and made his country's name well known throughout the world, the Finnish people and the Finnish government present their respectful thanks. The present generation and future generations will cherish the name of Eliel Saarinen with grateful hearts."

Loja survived her husband by eighteen years. She is buried beside her husband at Hvitträsk.

Lillian Lehto



A postage stamp honors Saarinen



Helsinki Railway Station



## MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Alfred "Al" Burke** (1/6/17) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member **Nina Kotaniemi Ranta** (12/8/16) donations have been made by Bob Dunn, Sandra & James Tyler, Mary Moilanen, Suzanne & Bill Britt, Helen Blendea, Shelly & Kevin Murphy, Sara & Jim McCrea, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and Livonia Over 30 Hockey Association.

In memory of FCA life member **Kay Simo** (11/19/16) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and Lois Makee.

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In memory of FCA life member **Elvi Saviniemi** (8/19/16) A donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

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In memory of FCA life member **Elsie Ahonen** (6/25/16) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA member **Margaret Kustron** (6/11/16) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member **Rosemary Hella** (6/8/16) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member **Rafael Saviniemi** (5/30/16) a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of **Faye Boomer** (3/13/15) of L'Anse, Michigan, a donation has been made by Ann Makila.

In memory of FCA life member **Carl Taipalus** (1/30/08) a donation has been made by Michele Taipalus.

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

When making a memorial donation, you may direct it toward a specific fund. The funds available are: FCA General Fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoi-jakat 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 acknowledgement 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



## FEBRUARY IN THE GARDENS

The Garden Club members have been taking some time off this winter with some winter vacations that find some of us out of town in February. However, we have had time to start planning projects for the new year.

We are planning on replacing the pagoda/ pergola that disintegrated which was located at the corner of Senior Housing and the wetlands. The 4x4's, metal supports, and umbrella are ready and waiting a break in the weather and will likely be one of the first late winter projects.

We have numerous colors of edgers which make lovely circles around trees protecting the bark from inadvertent cuts from weed whipping. If there is no snow before or after the annual meeting is a great time to take a look and put in your order for the spring. Contact David Sharpe for more information: (248) 977-1337.

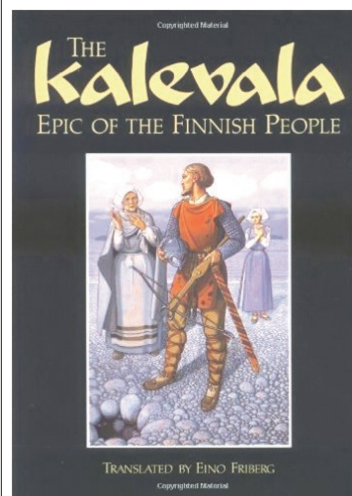
More regular meetings will likely start come March as the ground thaws and we can get out and finish cleanup we didn't get to in the fall. If you have any questions, comments, or donations, you can contact me by phone at (734) 546-5190 or by email at [gaylegullen@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylegullen@hotmail.com).

Gayle Gullen  
Finlandia Garden Club President



## 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 for brunch from noon - 1 pm, followed by a short program with more from this book.

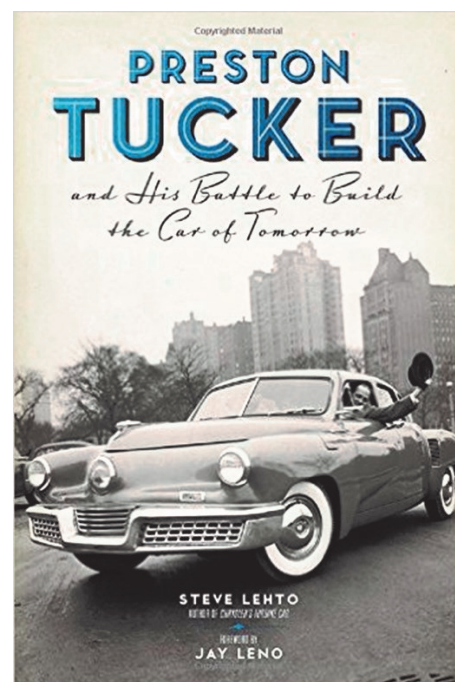
We hope to see you there.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE LEHTO FOR HIS 2017 MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK AWARD FOR "Preston Tucker and his Battle to Build the Car of Tomorrow"

Steve Lehto will be coming to the Finnish Center at a future date to give a presentation about his Preston Tucker book. Details and date to be announced in the coming months. Steve who is an FCA member and son of FCA librarian Lillian Lehto, and Dr. Paul Lehto, has a love of history, law, automobiles and has a number of books on these topics. His love of cars and his writings about them, led him to meet and become friends with Jay Leno. Jay Leno wrote the forward for his latest book: *Preston Tucker and his Battle to Build the Car of Tomorrow*.

As noted above, the Library of Michigan just named his Preston Tucker book one of 20 Michigan Notable Books of the Year for 2017!

This is the fourth book that Steve Lehto has written to be named a Michigan Notable book of the year. His others were *Death's Door* (2007), *Michigan's Columbus: Life of Douglas Houghton* (2010), and *Chrysler's Turbine Car: The Rise and Fall of Detroit's Coolest Creation* (2011). These and other books of Steve's can be purchased on Amazon. Check the amazon site for a complete list of his books.





## THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Close your eyes and picture a single event or time period in your life.....perhaps it is a happy time like a wedding, first date, big vacation; a sad memory like a relationship break-up or a death; or a tumultuous time like your high school years. Do you hear a song track playing in the background? Conversely, does hearing some specific music take you back to a special time?

Music can be a strong trigger for many people, recalling both positive and negative times in our lives. the popularity of the decade music stations on Sirius Radio: the 60s, 70s, 80s, and Classic Rock for example confirm this relationship. A radio DJ played a song titled “My Dad” recently that he had played a couple of days after his father’s unexpected death when he was a younger man. When he came back on-air, he shared his surprise at the sorrow and nostalgia that song still evoked. Last spring while our group was practicing a medley from a classic musical for our spring concert, Charlotte Lytikainen leaned toward me and murmured, with a smile on her face, that she had sung that love song to her first boyfriend! Both sides of the same coin!

We have all heard wonderful singers. Sometimes as a soloist they cause feelings of envy, admiration, enthusiasm, camaraderie, or awe. A group of musicians may encourage us to sing along or tap our feet, clap, sway, or in some other way “groove” to the music! Friends both young and old, who were told not to sing around others, to mouth the words if necessary, because they “just couldn’t sing” have saddened this writer. However, they also admitted they sing in their cars and showers, and that they love music! This writer has encouraged them to “sing loud and proud” at church since that is the one place that the joy of all music should be shared and celebrated!

As the Finnish American Singers begin to “groove to the music” in preparation for our spring concert in May, we hope any readers that love music and enjoy singing in a group will join us on Monday evenings at 7 pm at the FCA when we practice. If you are more of a listener than a singer, please mark your calendars for our spring concert Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the FCA! We’ll bring you along for the musical tour!

Submitted by Scribe,  
Katy Koskela

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Please come on Wednesday, February 15th, to celebrate Valentine's Day. This light luncheon will replace our February monthly luncheon. Come dressed in red, share some games with prizes and share some time with friends and fellowship. The cost is \$5. Please sign up by Monday, February 13.

We'll be looking for you! See you there?

Terry and Lila Ball

## GIFT SHOP

A very happy Valentine's Day to each of you. I will be changing things again, as I do every few weeks, so February will look cheery in the gift shop.

The gift shop bake sale will be on Friday, February 10. We will need bakers and buyers. Please help in any way that you can. If you can bake something, please call and let me know. I will be calling to get bakers soon. Anyone who brings baked goods or makes a baked goods purchase will receive a 10% discount on the day of the sale. Thank you in advance for helping make this event a success.

The gift shop had a very good year last year. We are in the process of finishing the inventory so the numbers will be available to you soon. We were very happy that we did as well as we did with the remodeling and the road construction. I thank everyone who helped in any way.

The gift shop will be working with social committee at various events. We will have an unadvertised special at the monthly luncheons. So be sure to come to this special event.

Mary O'Brien



## PASTY BAKE

On February 3rd and 4th we will be making pasties again. You can order by email to [fca-pasties@comcast.net](mailto: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 Saturday, February 4, between 8:30 am and noon. The cost is \$6.00 each. For orders of 10 or more the cost is \$5.50 each.

Volunteers are needed both Friday and Saturday to help.

Contact me at [prajala@comcast.net](mailto:prajala@comcast.net).

Paul Rajala



## MARLENE RUUSKANEN



Several days of the week Marlene travels to the Finnish Center, from Ann Arbor, spending several hours on the road and many more hours at the center. As Treasurer she has kept the books in good order for several years. Marlene's input in our operations is critical.

Marlene, your time and hard work are greatly appreciated.



## FRITZ PUTKELA TURNS 100



Fritz Putkela, a fifty year member of the Finnish Center Association, celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on Christmas Eve, 2016. Family and friends gathered at his apartment in Botsford Commons during the day for a brunch to celebrate his achievements and to thank him for his many contributions through the years.

Fritz was a cook, a volunteer, vocalist, and a sustainer of the Finnish Center. His performance as the “Copper Country Cowboy” can be found on YouTube. Fritz performed at many venues and is a celebrated story teller of his early days as a Michigan Finn. His occupation as a tool and die maker, served him well as he repaired and built in the extensive woodshop he established at the Finnish Center. Fritz served as a member of the FCA Board of Trustees and was able to keep a balanced approach to any issue discussed. He entertained members with his stories and often brought along a delicious pannukakku which he had made.

Fritz Putkela has made an indelible impact on the Finnish Center through his many years of service.

David Sharpe



## FINNISH FILM

Sunday, February 12

2:00 pm

### *Elina – As If I Wasn't There*

*Näkymätön Elina*

Klaus Härö, Director

2002, In Swedish & Finnish

(Originally scheduled to be shown in January).

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.





## FINLAND TODAY



First, Finland experiments with universal basic income scheme. Finland's experimental scheme to provide its citizens with a basic income, regardless of employment, was launched at the beginning of the year. The two year pilot scheme will provide 2,000 unemployed Finns, aged between 25 and 58, with a monthly basic income of \$581.48, which will replace their other social benefits. These citizens will continue to receive the basic income even if they find work. Kela, the organization that runs Finland's social security systems and is running the pilot scheme, hopes the basic income experiment will boost employment, because the current system can potentially discourage the unemployed to find work as their earnings reduce the benefits they may receive. "Earnings do not reduce the basic income, so working and self-employment are worthwhile no matter what," says Marjukka Turunen, head of Kela's Legal Affairs Unit about the new Finnish basic income model. Kela intends to test various basic income models and hopes to expand the sample size in 2018. Last year Switzerland considered introducing a basic income for its citizens, but the plan was rejected by the public in a referendum. Others criticize the idea as expensive, and unworkable. In September, the U.K. government rejected plans for a basic income scheme. Other countries considering the idea include Scotland, which plans to test the scheme in Fife and Glasgow later this year. Proponents of universal basic income argue it can be more efficient, fairer and will better protect people as the economy evolves.

The city of Vaasa will soon deploy a fleet of eco-friendly biogas busses. They will operate on biogas produced by Stormossen, a regional waste management company. It is the country's first firm to produce biogas from biomass for a fleet of busses. The new busses prioritize safety and easy access for disabled commuters. They provide room for wheelchairs as well as guide dogs. They all have three doors and a low floor. The busses will have a range of 500 kilometers per tank. "This is not just about acquiring busses; rather we are creating an entire production chain. It is a unique project in Finland," says Pertti Hallila, planning Chief. The planning chief says that the vehicles should be in use for about 15 years. Each bus is expected to run 65,000 kilometers annually.

In a small southern Finnish municipality of Iitti, between Lahti and Kouvola, a vehicle manufacturer Kiiatokori, has completed the construction of a new bookmobile for the community. It replaces the previous bookmobile which had been in service for 19 years. "We're going to pack it as full of material as we can. We can fit about 4,000 books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, and audio books in there", says Olli Aarnio, Kiiatokori's marketing Chief. The new bookmobile is 12 meters long and weighs 18 tons. Iitti's new bookmobile is the 670th library vehicle to manufactured by Kiiatokori, 80% of which are exported through-out Europe. "The Finnish library network is well organized and bookmobiles are part of the network. The Finnish library system is used as a model through-out the world," says Aarnio.

And finally, here are a couple of short "Teacher" jokes.

Teacher: Heikki, how do you spell "Crocodile?"

Heikki: K-r-o-k-o-d-i-a-l.

Teacher: That's wrong!

Heikki: But, sir, you asked me, how do "I" spell it.

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Teacher: Matti, what do you call a person who keeps talking even though nobody is interested any more?"

Matti: A teacher.

Thanks, Leena Floyd

Markku Ketola    marketola@yahoo.com

## FCA and FCA SENIOR CITIZENS HOUSING CORPORATION ELECTIONS

The period for accepting candidate nomination materials is closed for the FCA Board of Trustees. The biographical statement for each eligible nominee, along with a voting ballot, is in the process of being mailed to each member. Votes will be tallied during the February 19, 2017 meeting. Please plan on attending as certain positions such as committee chairs and alternates are voted on from the floor.

The period for accepting candidate nomination materials for the FCA Senior Housing Corporation Board of Trustees is also closed.

If you have any questions, please contact the election chairperson, Cynthia Haffey at [haffey@butzel.com](mailto:haffey@butzel.com) or [\(313\) 983-7434](tel:3139837434).



## ADVERTISING RATES

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### *FCA NEWS ADVERTISING RATES & SPECIFICATIONS*

FCA News is published 11 times annually (June-July issue is combined) by and for members of Finnish Center Association. Circulation is about 1,000 of your fellow FCA members, and others, per issue, and unknown numbers online.

**Deadline/payment for ad is the 5th of the month preceding publication.**

Column (ad) width is 2-1/4" for rates quoted below. Other sizes quoted on request.

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

3 month rate ..... 1" ad - \$30.00.    1.5" ad - \$45.00    2" ad - \$60.00

Pay for full year ..... 1" ad - \$100.00.    1.5" ad - \$150.00    2" ad - \$200.00

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## READ THE FCA NEWSLETTER ONLINE

**FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION**



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U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Farmington, MI  
Permit NO 250

Current Resident or

**FCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Are you of Finnish descent? \_\_\_\_\_

- Annual membership, single, one vote ..... \$50.00
- 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)

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