Finnish Center Association



FCA News

September 2017

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 01 Friday Office Closed for Holiday
- 03 Sunday "Man Without a Past" Movie 2 pm
- 04 Monday Office Closed for Holiday
- 06 Rental
- 08 Friday Night Dinner 5 8 pm
- 08 Friday Pasty Prep 10 am
- 09 Saturday Pasty Bake 8:30 am Noon
- 09 Saturday Ice Cream Social 2 pm
- 10 Sunday Fritiz Putkela Memorial 1-4pm
- 13 Wednesday FCA Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14-17 Rental
- 15 Friday Night Dinner 5-8 pm
- 20 Rental
- 22 Friday Flea Market & Bake Sale 10 am 4 pm
- 23 Saturday Flea Market & Bake Sale 10 am 3 pm
- 24 Sunday Open House 1-4 pm
- 27 Rental
- 27 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12 noon
- 30 Saturday Pulla Workshop 11 am 2pm

OCTOBER

- 03 Tuesday Runebergskoren Finnish Male Choir 7 pm
- 06 Rental
- 06 Friday Night Dinner 5 8 pm
- 07 Rental
- 11 Wednesday FCA Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 Rental
- 15 Sunday Scholarship Comm. Fundraiser Pancake and Waffle Brunch 11 am - 1 pm
- 15 Sunday Finnish Movie 2 pm
- 18 & 19 Rentals
- 20 Friday Night Dinner 5 8 pm
- 20, 21 & 22 Rentals
- 25 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12 noon
- 27 & 28 Rentals
- 29 Sunday Open House 1 4 pm
- 29 Sunday Suomi Koulu Halloween Party (time TBD)



Reservations are recommended for all events.

Weekly Events

Finnish American Singers Monday 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

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

Summer is almost gone! I hope you have been enjoying the beautiful sunny days and are ready for the fall activities.

I have just returned from Finland visiting family and attending the confirmation of one of my grandsons. The Church of Finland arranges confirmation camps for expatriate children every year. This year a record number of our Suomi Koulu children attended such confirmation camps. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet other youngsters from around the world on such an important occasion. They also have an opportunity to practice and improve their Finnish language skills during these camps.

We are gradually gearing up for the fall activities at the Center. Our first craft show was held with a great attendance of vendors and visitors alike. Based on the feedback, this event is going to be an ongoing thing in the future.

Gearing up for Finland's 100-year jubilee, we are planning on sprucing up the center to make sure our facility will be in great shape for the events. We will be mailing to our members a list of tasks that need to be done and hope for a great participation of volunteers for these tasks. If you are unable to volunteer, a monetary donation would be greatly appreciated towards this endeavor.



Please check the calendar for activities to come, and this reminder that the first Friday Night Dinner will be held September 8, 2017 from 5 pm till 8 pm.



Let's have a good and productive Fall and I hope to see you at the Finnish Center. As always if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me on my cell at (734) 834-6085.

Mia Lamminen Chairman

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PULLA WORKSHOP

Reminder
Saturday, Sept 30
11 am



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







Minnesota: FinnFest USA 2017 Thursday, September 21 - Sunday, September 24

https://finnfest.us/festival-2017/

FLEA MARKET & BAKE SALE

Friday, September 22 10 am - 4 pm Saturday, September 23 10 am - 3 pm

The fall flea market is coming. Some of your favorite vendors will be on hand as well as some new ones. Something for everyone.

Also, the always favorite bake sale. Lots of homemade baked goods as well as pasties will be available. Come early before they sell out.

Lunch made and served by members of the Finnish Center will also be available. Hope to see you there.





SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, October 15 11 am - 1 pm

Since the early 1960's (before the Finnish Center was formed) scholarships have been presented to over 300 Finnish students. We no longer receive the donations we used to, consequently, the treasury is very low, and your help is needed.



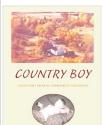
In order for us to continue these scholarships, we invite you to attend our Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday, October 15.

As most of the items are being donated by the committee, 95% of the income will go into the scholar-ship fund.



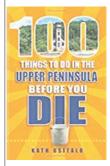
FROM THE LIBRARY





Additions to the Library

COUNTRY BOY: ADVENTURES FROM AN UNTROUBLED CHILDHOOD by Dan Prusi. The author grew up in a now non-existent location outside of Negaunee in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He was born in 1953 and grew up before Nintendo and Play Station came along. He romped outdoors with his dogs and neighbor boys, made tree forts, dreamed over Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs before Christmas, and rejoiced when the weather brought enough snow for a surprise vacation day from school. In other words, he had a normal Upper Michigan childhood to which anyone who has grown up there can relate. It's fun to read, a small book, short enough for an evening's reading when there's nothing good on television. You will find it in biography in alphabetical order under his name.

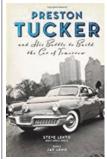


100 THINGS TO DO IN THE UPPER PENINSULA BEFORE YOU DIE By Kath Usitalo. I was born in the U.P. and lived there until I was in my twenties and never knew about half of the places the author writes about! Kath has done an incredible amount of research for this book. The subjects are arranged by topic: food and drink, music and entertainment, sports and recreation, culture and history, and fashion and shopping. One page is devoted to each item. If I were younger I would take a month off to tour the Upper Peninsula with her book in hand. She presents an exciting tour destination. Check this out or purchase it in our gift shop and I'm sure it will inspire you to acquire several copies to hand out to friends and relatives! It's in non-fiction, Dewey number 917.74 Us.



THE NORDIC THEORY OF EVERYTHING: IN SEARCH OF A BETTER LIFE by Anu Partanen. The title of this book gives no clue to its interesting, insightful content. The author is a Helsinki native who married an American and moved to the U.S. Considering the fact that America is often considered a paradise by immigrants, she was frustrated and disappointed that things were not as she had expected. She found that Americans too are equally frustrated but being accustomed to things as they are, usually give it no further thought. Being a journalist and student of sociology she began a fact-filled survey of the difference between American and Nordic (think Finnish) child care, health care, education, elder care and taxation. For instance, Americans generally think that Nordic countries pay

heavily in taxes. However, she points out that considering what they get in exchange for their taxes, they are better off. She certainly convinced me. In international testing, Finnish students rank near the top, Regarding health care, she says "when you've experienced life with a Nordic health-care system, coming to America is a shock." In the Nordic countries elder care is a basic government service and is paid for through taxes and is available to everyone. There are many fewer people on welfare in the Nordic countries than there are in the U.S. Partanen maintains that the American system is not hopeless, but rather, can be repaired. It sounds like this book might be depressing, but it is not. It's easy reading, interestingly informative. You'll find it in 309.1 Pa.



PRESTON TUCKER AND HIS BATTLE TO BUILD THE CAR OF TOMORROW by TUCKER Steve Lehto. After World War II, Preston Tucker from Ypsilanti, Michigan, who had built race cars before the war, gathered a group of brilliant automotive designers, engineers and promoters and announced that he would build a revolutionary car: the Tucker'48. It was to have ingenious advances in design such as a rear engine, rear-wheel drive, a safety-glass windshield that would pop out in case of an accident, a padded dashboard, independent suspension, and an automatic transmission. It would be more attractive and aerodynamic (continued on page 5)



FINNISH FILM

Sunday, September 3, 2:00 pm

The Man Without a Past (2002)

Mies vailla mennesisyyttä

Director: Aki Kaurismaki

Finnish with English subtitles

Our next series of films will be those of director Aki Kaurismaki. Along with Klaus Härö, Aki Kaurismaki is another of the directors credited with broadening the styles and genres in Finnish cinema.

The film that first brought attention to Aki Kaurismaki in the U.S is *Leningrad Cowboy*. Rather than viewing this film, we will start with one from his Finland trilogy, *Man Without a Past (2002)*, for which he was awarded the Grand Prix in Cannes and which has received the highest accolades possible from world famous film critics. It also is the most widely distributed Finnish film of the last decade.

The film follows a man who arrives in Helsinki and gets beaten up so severely he develops amnesia. Unable to remember his name or anything from his past life and unable to get a job or an apartment, he starts living on the outskirts of the city and slowly starts putting his life together.

This is a comedy-drama rated PG-13 (brutality, no sex, profanity limited). Aki Kaurismaki is an interesting man, admired by some but not by all. The other films we will be seeing are *Lights in the Dusk* and *Le Havre*. All his films will be preceded by short introductions, to better understand the films and the director. Afterwards, there will be time for discussion.

Yvonne Lockwood



Library (continued from page 4)

- and safer - than any other car on the road. But it was not to be. Probably influenced by Detroit's Big Three, the SEC commissioner in Washington succeeded in bringing him down. The public was convinced that Tucker was bilking his investors with a massive fraud scheme and that his cars weren't real, that his factory was a sham. In fact, the car was real but unfortunately the opposition, nevertheless, was successful in bringing him down. This is the first comprehensive book of the Tucker story. Steve has found and used documents to which no other writer has had access until now. This book was chosen as a 2017 Notable Book by the Library of the State of Michigan. You'll find it in 629.22 Le.

Lillian Lehto

SOCIAL NEWS

What a pleasant summer it has been at The Finnish Center this year. The strawberry social and cookout were nice events and I was very happy that people turned out.

Our first craft show was a fun event for everyone and a it brought some unique items to FCA. A huge thank you all who worked to make this event a success. Our volunteers are the best. And thank you to everyone who attended.

Fall is rapidly approaching. We will be having an ice cream social to kick off fall events, please join us on Saturday, September 9 from 12-2 pm. I am hoping to see the kids and the adults for a fun event.

On September 27 our monthly luncheons will resume. Please join us.

And don't forget the flea market on September 22 and 23.

Mary O'Brien

MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Ruth Siira Mannisto** (8/5/17) a donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, John Saetta, Randy Wanttaja and Roger Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member **Helen K. Peterson** (7/28/17) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and Kathy Meister.

In memory of FCA life member **Gerald "Gerry" Malstrom** (7/12/17) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Geraldine & Donald Staisil, Elroy Blanke, Bruce Mikko, Erin & Raymond Teichman, Dee Aebersold, Jeannette & David Sharpe, Elaine & Charles Lada, Kathryn Hill, Joyce Keskitalo and Marie Hill.

FCA life member **Aileen Jouppi** (7/4/17) donations have been made by Gwen Prais, Lisa & Joseph Pellegrino.

In memory of FCA life member **Paul Hendrickson** (6/28/17) donations have been made by Maria Hill, Kathryn Hill and Luise & Norbert Leppanen.

In memory of FCA life member **Ellen Alanen** (5/18/17) donations have been made by Robin & Larry Mosher, Elaine & Joe Burcar and Carole & Russ Luttinen.

The FCA wishes to express condolences to the family and friends of:

Harry Kauppi (7/10/17) Esko Sage (7/3/17) George Salo, Jr. (6/13/17)

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.

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.

MUSIC NOTES

The Finnish American Singers of Michigan had some ups and downs during the past summer. The August issue of this newsletter detailed the June Kaleva, Michigan concert sung by many of our members, and led by our director and accompanist. Some members enjoyed traveling, visiting grand-children, spending time at their cottage, working in their garden or crafting. One member moved into a new home and another celebrated her daughter's marriage. We unfortunately shed some tears at the unexpected passing of both choir member Gerald Malstrom, and the son of former choir president Carol Gambotto. We had sunny days but rainy days also.

At this writing, the choir is looking forward to a pot luck dinner at the end of August at the Ann Arbor home of director Hank Naasko and his wife, Sandy. It is always a wonderful opportunity to share summer events, enjoy someone else's good cooking while they enjoy yours, and re-group in anticipation of regular practices that start after Labor Day. The choir is looking forward to the ability of separating into two groups during practices for sectional practice occasionally. This will enable our director to lead one section (upper voices for example) and accompanist, Bill Gramzow, to lead another (lower voices) to maximize practice time. One of our members, Karen Call, facilitated the donation of a piano from a friend to the Finnish Center making this possible! Many thanks to Karen and her friend as well.

A pasty bake is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th so if you have helped in that endeavor, thank you. It is a major undertaking and help is needed from both choir members and non-choir friends.

Please consider joining the choir as we begin preparing for our Christmas concert. Our rehearsals begin the first Monday after Labor Day, September 11th, at 7 pm in the FCA lounge. We practice until about 9 pm and close with coffee and goodies. All ages are welcome but we particularly would love some younger voices. For example, if you have a college student living at home that has been (continued on page 7)

ICE CREAM SOCIALS

Saturday, September 9, 12 noon



No charge. However, donations gladly appreciated.

SEPTEMBER IN THE GARDENS

September means back to school, Labor Day, and end of summer vacations. Many of the traditional fall flowers started blooming early again as the drought speeds up the blooming season.

The heat has been good for the vegetable gardens although watering everyday has been needed. The raspberry patch has suffered greatly, however, with two years of drought killing off many of the plants. We are considering bringing in new plants in the spring if we have the rain next year.

Bryan Reppenhagan, has chosen as his Eagle Scout project, to build a new brick paver patio in the front of the Finnish Center. The patio will make a nice addition, especially suitable for outdoor dining. Imagine outdoor seating for the Friday Night Dinners!

If you see cars near the woodshop on Monday morning, please drop by and join us in our projects, to chat, or have a cup of coffee.

If you have any questions or comments, or items to donate, please contact me at (734) 546-5190 or gaylegullen@hotmail.com

Gayle Gullen Finlandia Garden Club President



Music Notes (continued from page 6)

active in their high school choir and who would like to keep their vocal chords exercised, send them our way! If <u>you</u> would like to try something new, we would love to see you!

Submitted by Scribe, Katy Koskela



GIFT SHOP

We have new things arriving in the gift shop all the time. More wood trivets from Finland have just arrived. Some excellent DVD's on The Finnish Wars are here. Come in and check them out.

September Special: all books 10% off

Thank you for supporting The Finnish Center Gift Shop.

Mary O'Brien

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

(formally buffet)

To all Friday night diners, we're changing it up! The buffet is gone and we're going to a restaurant style menu with better selections, lower prices and a weekly special that will be a Finnish meal. That's right, the first Friday night will feature Finnish stew!



So let's see all of you out there on September 8! The menu will feature burgers, coney dogs, fried and baked fish dinners and more.

We will also be offering delivery to anyone at Tapiola Village. So please tell your friends at Tapiola, if they can't come to us, we will come to them!



Tuesday, October 3
7:00 pm
Finnish Cultural Center
35200 W 8 Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI





RUNEBERGKOREN CHOIR

The Runebergskoren BSB Finnish Male Choir that is coming to the Finnish Center on Oct 3 is a Swedish speaking male choir from Porvoo, Finland. They are on their American Tour in celebration of the centennial of Finnish Independence.

Here is a little about the town they are from in Finland.

Porvoo, founded about 800 years ago, is the second oldest town in Finland. The city is famous for its red shore houses which were originally built and painted red in honor of the arrival of the King of Sweden,

Gustav III.



It is also known for the Porvoo Cathedral. It was built at the end of the 14th century. This is the place where the first Diet of Finland assembled in 1809 giving it religious freedom.





Porvoo has a Doll and Toy Museum which has more than a thousand dolls and toys on display dating from 1800 to 1990.

And finally, the downtown is a fun place to gather. Also flower beds, cafes, and fountains have made the marina and ferry dock a lively and pretty place to go.



Due to vacation plans the deadline for the October issue of September 5th must be adhered to.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nancy Rajala

HOW DO YOU EAT YOUR PASTY?

Some of you eat it plain.

Some slather it in catsup or butter or both. Some of you have tried a spicy catsup or salsa. While others bury it in gravy.

A friend of ours bought one at a restaurant as a carryout, and was expecting it to be covered in gravy. Just the way he likes it. Well, it didn't exactly happen that way. It was wrapped in paper with a cup of gravy on the side. Since he was driving and couldn't really eat it with gravy on it anyway, he took a bite of pasty and a sip of gravy. Not everyone would have thought to make the gravy a chaser. Just goes to show you with a little ingenuity you can have your pasty just with way you like it.

However you like your pasty just sit back and enjoy it. Nothing satisfies like a fresh hot pasty.







FINLAND TODAY



First, Finland wants to bury its nuclear waste for 100,000 years. The plans for the storage of spent fuel in Finland look far ahead into future and deep into the ground. A site in Finland is set to use a labyrinth of underground tunnels for the storage of nuclear waste, in what could become a template for other countries to follow. According to the World Nuclear Association, Finland currently has four nuclear reactors which provide about 30 % of its electrical needs. According to energy company, Teollisuuden Voima OYJ (TVO), the Olkiluoto 3 project, is set to begin operation at the end of 2018, with about 1,600 megawatts of power, making it the largest electrical power plant in the world. "For operational waste, like low and intermediate waste, we have an underground repository at a depth of 60 meters in bedrock", so says Anne Niemi of TVO. "And for spent fuel we have a new underground repository being built in Olkiluoto at a depth 400-450 meters", says Anne.

One of Finland's best known brands, Koskenkorva Vodka, will soon be available in the U.S. for the first time. The state-owned Finnish alcohol production company, Altia, announced that it has entered into an import partnership with the American Infinium Spirits. Koskenkorva, known colloquially as "Kossu", is already sold in about 30 countries. Says Janne Halttunen, Altia export chief, "The partnership with Infinium Spirits gives Altia a terrific opening in the U.S. market. Infinium Spirits is a strategic partner and we aim to build the brand and distribution with a long term view." The U.S. market will initially launch with Kosenkorva Vodka Original, 80 proof in both 750ml and one liter size. Koskenkorva is the second Finnish vodka to be sold in the U.S. The U.S. started importing the Finlandia brand vodka in the early 1970's.

Finland sets skinny dipping world record, breaking the previous Australian record by three individuals. The new record is now set at 789. A few weeks earlier, the Ilosaarirock Music Festival, held in Joensuu in Eastern Finland, had set a challenge for its ticket holders, to gather 1,000 skinny dippers and break the Australian-held Guinness World Record for naked swimming. The festival reports that the swimmers had to stay in the water for five minutes in order to break the record. After some initial splashing and screaming, the crowd spontaneously broke into song when they heard that there were only about 30 seconds remaining, singing the Finnish national anthem to celebrate the country's centennial.

Finally, a teenage boy had just passed his driving test and was inquiring his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your bible a little, get your haircut, then we'll talk about the car."

The son thought about it for a moment, then decided he'd settle for the offer.

After about six weeks the father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've noticed that you've been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your haircut."

The son said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that a lot, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, even Jesus had long hair."

Thank you Leena Floyd!





SIMPLE QUESTIONS WITH SIMPLE ANSWERS

- What do you call a boomerang that doesn't work?
- 2. What do you call cheese that isn't yours?
- 3. What do you call a pampered cow?
- 4. What has four legs, is big green and fuzzy, and if it fell out of a tree would kill you?
- 5. What lies at the bottom of the ocean and twitches?
- 6. Why are there so many Smiths in the phone book?
- 7. Did you hear about the man who was tap dancing?

Answers

He broke his ankle when he fell into the sink

Треу аll have phones A nervous wreck

A pool table ·Þ

Spoiled milk

Иасћо сћеезе А. stick

ADVERTISING RATES

DEADLINE: DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 5TH

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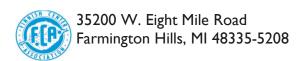
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