



Finnish Center Association

FCA News

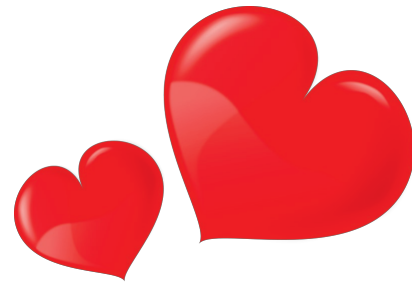
February 2018

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 02 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 07 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 07 Wednesday Valentine's Party 12noon
- 08 & 09 Rentals
- 11 Sunday Finnish Movie 2pm
- 13 Rental
- 14 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 14 Rental
- 16 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 17 Saturday Kaleva Day Celebration
Knights & Ladies of Kaleva Brunch 12noon - Program 2pm
- 18 Sunday Senior Housing Annual Meeting 1pm
- 18 Sunday FCA Annual Meeting 3pm
- 21 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 23 Rental
- 23 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 24 Rental
- 25 Sunday Folk Dancing 2pm - 5pm
- 25 Sunday Open House 1pm - 4pm
- 28 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 28 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12noon



MARCH

- 02 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 07 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 09 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 14 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 14 Wednesday Finnish Dessert Luncheon 1pm - 3pm
- 15 & 16 Rental
- 16 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 21 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 21, 22, 23 Rentals
- 23 Friday Night Buffet 5pm - 8pm
- 24 Rental
- 25 No Open House
- 25 Rental
- 28 Wednesday Asahi Health Exercise 11am
- 28 Wednesday Monthly Luncheon 12noon

**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

Our donation drive was started at the end of December with an ambitious goal of \$100,000.00 dollars. Our rentals and poker fundraisers bring in enough money for day-to-day operations, however, our cultural programs and scholarships need support, as well as our aging building that requires numerous upgrades. The roof replacement, parking lot and heating and cooling equipment are the biggest items in the foreseeable future. We are forever grateful for the donations received so far.

Children's Suomi Koulu and adult Finnish classes started last month. Children's classes are divided into two groups, teenagers and small children. Some of the older students are helping the young ones as assistant teachers. Parents are also actively involved in the activities as well. It is a wonderful opportunity for everyone involved.

Friday night suppers have started again as well as monthly luncheons. Valentine's party at noon on Wednesday February 7, 2018. There is an interesting film, *The Fencer* by Klaus Härö on February 11 at 2 pm. Finlandia Foundation lecturer of the year Tom Dubois will be at the Finnish Center February 17 at 2 pm in conjunction with Kaleva Day Brunch starting at noon organized by Knights & Ladies of Kaleva. Folk Dance Workshop is February 25, 2018 at 2pm. Annikki Kurvi has organized a new activity, Asahi Health exercise every Wednesday at 11 am. It is an exercise program developed by a Finnish Medical Doctor along with other professionals. It is well suited for all ages. Please mark your calendars for these wonderful events!

The Board and Committee elections are just around the corner, mark your calendars for the Annual meeting February 18, 2018. FCA Senior Housing meeting is at 1 pm and FCA at 3 pm. We need a quorum (25 members) for both meetings so please try to come if at all possible.

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

Mia Lamminen
Chairman



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WINTER OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY

The US and Canada are the front runners to win gold and silver medals for Women's Hockey in the February Winter Olympics. But the favorite for bronze in Pyeongchang is almost certainly Finland. The Finns have won bronze at the Four Nations Cup in three consecutive years, and head coach Pasi Mustonen's team has also finished third at the worlds in two of the last three years.

The Finnish Men's Team is seeded fourth behind Canada, Russia, and Sweden.



FOLK DANCING WORKSHOP

Sunday,
February 25

2 - 5 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS



February 2, 9, 16 & 23
5-8 pm



FinnFolk plays during dinner!

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL

A sincere "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Candlelight Memorial on December 17 and made donations to the Finnish Center Association.

Lila Ball welcomed VFW Post 1370 Chaplain Fred Liimatta who spoke on precious memories and welcomed guests to recall special words of wisdom they received when they were young. Following a moment of silence, Charlotte Lytikainen read the names of FCA members who had passed on in the past year. Charlotte also read the names of family and friends of those attending who had passed on and they received a glass tree angel in memory of their loved one.

Family and friends remembered were Rudy Aittama, Audrey & Henry Ball, Mr. & Mrs. Seit Bego, Patricia Burrell, Edsel Carlson, Walter & Clara Mai Hart, Jean Liimatta Haslip, Melvin Hemminger, Paul Hendrickson, Ruth & Robert Hendrickson, Selma & Ed Keskitalo, Elvira Kortesoja, Henry & Celia Kotila, Dan Laurila, Ainard, Mamie & Ronald Liimatta, Albin Liimatta, Frank & Mary Liimatta Family, Fred & Elaine Liimatta, Gerry Malstrom, Karen Marvel, Ray Marvel, Carl Mattson, Dale Niemi, Maria Petrucci, Nancy Nakkula Prescott, Wilbert Rajala, William Schmehl, Pete & Hilda Sormunen, Carol Vought Kirken and Henry A. Welker II. Names of deceased FCA members are posted on the Bulletin Board by the Gift Shop.

Silent Night was sung by the group followed with prayer of thanks offered by Walt Hart. A delicious dinner featuring Pasty and Lasagna was prepared by Terry & Lila Ball and enjoyed by all.

Over \$1500 was received in donations. If you made a Candlelight Memorial donation and were not able to attend, please contact Lila Ball for your special angel ornament. The tentative date for the 2018 Candlelight Memorial is December 16. We'll look forward to having you join us for this meaningful time to remember those who have gone before us.



FROM THE LIBRARY



As we celebrated Finland's centennial last year, I was reminded of the year 1992, when Finland celebrated 75 years of independence. At the time, Suomi Seura sponsored a collection of poems by expatriate Finns. Of the 3,000 poems submitted, 150 were published in a book entitled JUURET SUOMESSA (ROOTS IN FINLAND), which was also the theme of the jubilee. There were entries in many languages. I found the following, by Anneli Behrendt of Germany, especially poignant:

Which should I love more,
the place where I was born and raised
or the place
where I established my family,
where I have lived my life?

Which should I love more,
the language
which my father spoke, my mother taught,
or the language I spoke to my children,
with which I raised them?

Which should I love more,
the land where I learned life's beginnings
or the land where I learned to live?

Which should I love more?

Observing the same theme, Jukka Kuoppamäki wrote a song "Juuret Suomessa" ("Roots in Finland"), which was released in an album in 1992. A translation follows:

Though I were to move away, leave my homestead,
Still I would surely return.
Though I were to whittle gold elsewhere
I would perish of homesickness.

My roots are in Finland, deep in its granite bedrock;
My life draws strength from its soil; its child ever I'll be.

Though I were to get lost on foreign soil,
Still I'd find the birch and the star.
Though riches were to entice me elsewhere
Here is where my soul finds rest.

My roots are in Finland, deep in its granite bedrock;
My life draws strength from its soil; its child ever I'll be.

By day and by night I long for it now,
The summers and star studded nights.
I remember the snow-crueted fields and sights
And spring so serene and clear.

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LIBRARY (continued from page 4)

My roots are in Finland,
 deep in its granite bedrock;
 My life draws strength from its
 soil; its child ever I'll be.

The preceding is one of about 2,000 songs which Jukka Kuoppamäki has written and performed. He was born in Helsinki in 1942 but moved to Germany in 1977 to study theology. He became a pastor there, retiring in 2012. He and his family return to their home in Helsinki annually. You can read more about him on Google and hear him sing his compositions. One of his most well-known songs is "Sininen ja valkoinen" ("Blue and white").

Lillian Lehto,
 lklehto@comcast.net

**KALEVALA DAYS**

Saturday, February 17

Brunch 12 noon

Lecture by Dr. Tom Dubois 2 pm

Saturday, February 17 will be the day to commemorate the *Kalevala*, the national epic for the Finns, with a very interesting presentation by one of the nation's experts on Finland, Finnish culture and the *Kalevala*. Dr. Tom Dubois has done extensive research on Finnish and Sami culture, past and present. His talk will focus on Finland and the *Kalevala*.

Dr. Dubois is the Halls-Bascom Professor of Scandinavian Studies and Folklore at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He holds a Ph.D. in Folklore and Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania. His books include *Finnish Folk Poetry and the Kalevala: Lyric, Meaning and Audience*; *Nordic Religions in the Viking Age*; *Sanctity in the North: Saints, Lives and Cults in Medieval Scandinavia*, and the co-edited volumes *Finnish Folklore* and *The Nordic Storyteller*.

Dr. Dubois is one of the centenary lecturers of the Finlandia Foundation National and his presentation is also supported by the Knights and Ladies of the Kalevala, and the Finnish Center and the cultural committee.



Dr. Tom Dubois

MEMORIALS

In memory of FCA life member **Milda Mattila** (11/10/17) donations have been made by Charlotte Lytikainen and Paavo Nurmi.

In memory of FCA life member **Phyllis Weisinger** (9/5/17) a donation has been made by Diane & Rich Galbraith.

In memory of FCA life member **Ellen Alanen** (5/18/17) a donation has been made by Diane & Rich Galbraith.

In memory of **Evelyn Keskinen** (2/28/15) a donation has been made by Diane & Rich Galbraith.

In memory of **Anna Keskinen, Brian Keskinen, Christopher Keskinen, Francis & Evelyn Han-ninen, Herbert & Florence Makimaa, Rebekah Keskinen and Alfred & Shirley Burke** a donation has been made by Diane & Rich Galbraith.

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

- FCA member **Lilja Kurvi** (1/19/18)
- FCA life member **Sylvia Hakala** (1/13/18)
- FCA life member **Ruth Kaarlela** (1/8/18)
- FCA life member **Toini Killewald** (12/13/17)
- FCA life member **Norma Renn** (11/26/17)

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, Drama Club, Finn Weavers, Garden Club, FinnFolk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

The family of the deceased may direct undesignated donations toward a specific fund (up to one year after date of death).

Please make your check out to the Finnish Center Association and send donations to: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Donations received by the 5th of each month will be published in the next month's newsletter.

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing, but then your check must be made out to

FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, please call the FCA at (248) 478-6939.



GET WELL, THINKING OF YOU

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

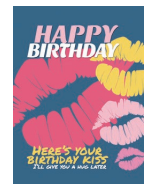
Please notify me if you think someone might need warm and thoughtful wishes from the friends at the FCA. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

Thank you,
Eunice Potti Gould



HAPPINESS FUND

Did you know you can also request a happiness greeting? New baby, special anniversary, significant achievement and more.



FEBRUARY IN THE GARDENS

The Garden Club members have been busy this winter finishing up several projects that were started this fall while trying to stay warm in the Wood Shop. The Club was given a large carved brown bear and has worked hard to restore it to its former glory. The Brown Bear is the National animal of Finland and this statue will be placed in one of the gardens in the spring to add interest and bring attention to this magnificent creature.

The reindeer is an important symbol of the Sami culture as it represents the herding practice which is passed through generations. An addition of a donated reindeer will also be added in one of the front gardens in the spring.

The Little Free Library box has been finished with paint and stencils. It will be placed near the front of the property where it will encourage patrons to drop by to borrow a book and return another. Hopefully patrons of the Library will partake of the various benches and enjoy the scenery. If you have a book you wish to donate (Children's books also) please see David Sharpe.

More regular meetings will likely start come March as I am out of town taking care of my aging parents this winter. In my absence, if you have any questions, comments, or donations, you can contact David Sharpe at (248) 977-1337 or via at dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net.

Gayle Gullen
Finlandia Garden Club President

FCA BAKERS

Thursday, February 8
9:30 am

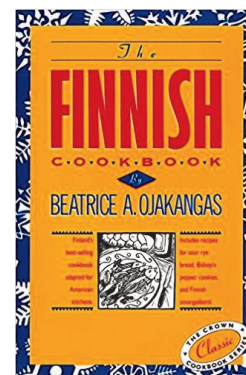
Come and join the group for a fun time of mixing, rolling and baking pulla/nisa. No experience is necessary.



GIFT SHOP

What a cold January we have had. It is time to brighten our spirits. The gift shop is full of ideas. I know when I am weary from the weather a good book helps. May I suggest *Xenophobe's Guide to the Finns*. It is full of little tidbits of knowledge and fun. Or Scandinavian Cooking by Beatrice Ojakangas. Or how about making pea soup. We have the peas. Just have fun trying something new.

February Special:
10% off anything red.



SOCIAL NEWS

Let's get back in the swing of things and have some fun. This snow takes the joy out of us but it is up to us to put it back in.

February 7 at noon we will have a Valentine party with sandwiches and desserts followed by a few games. I am donating a gift so come check out who will get that special Valentine gift. Stories are always welcome of Valentines that you spent in the past. Join the fun.

Don't forget the monthly luncheon on February 28.

March event will be a Finnish Dessert Luncheon. Come and try some Finnish desserts for a fun day.

Mary O'Brien



JINGO (JENNY) VIITALA VACHON

After discussing folk songs in this column in December, it seemed a logical follow-up to share notes about someone who described herself as a Finnish hillbilly singer, Jingo (Jenny) Viitala Vachon. This investigative journey began because of a link to a twenty-seven minute [Youtube video](#) a Finnish church friend, Bud Luoto, emailed of a video made by documentary filmmaker Erkki Määttänen about Jingo, a 1988 recipient of a Michigan Heritage Award as a storyteller and musician.

Beginning her story by taking the viewer on a tour of her home community where she was born in 1918 both through pictures and memories of bygone days and through film today, Jingo shared that her father had a very, very hard life in Finland and was always amazed that “Uncle Sam” gave him 160 acres after he came here as a young man, only having to live on and work it to own it. He didn’t expect streets of gold, but unlike Russia-ruled Finland, he would have a chance to *live!* His land was in Toivola, MI, about 14 miles south of Houghton, an area Jingo referred to as “the sauna belt.” As the last born in a family of 15 children, she trailed after her father, a tomboy; rambling outdoors in overalls and big rubber boots, even beginning to trap weasels when only six years old. She became quite successful trapping them, as opposed to coyotes (with a \$25 bounty). She did monitor a thirty-plus-mile trap line for coyotes, stretching from Toivola nearly to Ontonagon and related her struggles baiting those traps with backpacks of “guts and lungs!” Jingo stated she didn’t begin hunting with a gun until she got her first at thirteen, and then stopped trapping when she “trapped her husband at twenty-one.” After moving with her husband and children from Michigan to New Mexico, where she became a fluent Spanish speaker, she returned to Toivola, the land of her birth.

Jingo always enjoying singing, and as a child was nudged in church to “sing louder.” At fifteen, she ordered a guitar from Montgomery Ward for \$4.50, using her trapping money. She taught herself to play to the point where she played and sang on the radio. Her cousin, Viola Turpeinen, a well-known accordion player, insisted they play and sing together when Viola visited Tapiola. Despite, only an eighth-grade education, Jingo not only wrote music, she also translated many Finnish folk songs into English, English standards into Finnish, and was able to sing in Spanish as well! Her knowledge of the folk music and songs was a great resource for scholars researching aspects of the evolution of Finnish-American music. The video filmed her playing her guitar as well as warbling in all three languages. She sings her favorite folk song, *Kulkurin Valssi* (Vagabond Waltz) in English at 14:03 in the video and in Finnish at 14:58. She said she was able to sing like a man (something this writer understands as a tenor singer) but also could sing higher, like a woman – though that made her throat hurt! Busy raising eight children and taking care of her family, Jingo continued singing at community gatherings and for fun.

Locally known as a wonderful storyteller, she expanded that reputation when she began writing articles for newspapers and eventually for other publications in the United States as well as Finland. She wrote humorously about her experiences, every day life, and stories from the past told to her by friends and acquaintances. Illustrating those stories with her own drawings increased their popularity, leading to the publication of three books, *Tall Timber Tales*, *Sagas from Sisula*, and *Finnish Fibles (L’Anse Sentinel, L’Anse, MI*, published from 1973-1979). Although the FCA may have her books, all three books can be interloaned by local public libraries. Jingo also was featured in Michael Loukinen’s film *Tradition Bearers* (1983) as he documented the lives of four Finnish-Americans considered cultural treasures.

Research of Jingo’s story led to fascinating YouTube viewing strongly recommended here: [Jänkä’s Dream](#), an excerpt from Loukinen’s film, and a website with English translations of Finnish songs as well as original songs based on parts of the Kalevala. Enjoy! Nauttikaa! Written by Katy Koskela



FINNISH FILM

The Fencer

Director: Klaus Härö

February 11 at 2:00 pm

Klaus Härö does it again. His new film has received accolades and awards at film festivals throughout Europe. The film is *The Fencer* however, it is not a Finnish film; rather, it was filmed in Estonia, in Estonian. I urge people to read the interview with Klaus Härö in the January issue of the *Finnish American Reporter*. This is a film that all who loved “Mother of Mine” and the other films by him that we saw in 2017 will want to see.

The plot:

A young man, Endel Nelis, arrives in Haapsalu, Estonia, in the early 1950s. Having left Leningrad to escape the secret police, he finds work as a teacher and founds a sports club for his students. Endel becomes a father figure to his students and starts teaching them his great passion, fencing, which causes a conflict with the school's principal. Envious, the principal starts investigating Endel's background. Endel learns to love the children and looks after them; most are orphans as a result of the Russian occupation. Fencing becomes a form of self-expression for the children and Endel becomes a role model.

UNDERSEA RAILWAY TUNNEL

Finland and Estonia have proposed an undersea railway tunnel. The Helsinki to Tallinn Tunnel would span the Gulf of Finland and connect the Finnish and Estonian capitals while bypassing Russia. The cities have been working towards the project since Estonia joined the European Union in 2004.

Tens of thousands of Estonians commute to the Helsinki area for work, while many Finnish tourists visit Tallinn. It currently takes between 90 minutes and two hours to travel between the two cities by fast ferry. The railway link would reduce travel times to about 30 minutes

The tunnel's length would depend upon the route taken; the shortest distance across would have a submarine length of 50 km (30 mi), making it the longest undersea tunnel in the world. It could open after 2030 by earliest and would cost an estimated €9–13 billion. The European Union has approved €3.1 million in funding for the feasibility studies.



CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

IRENE LAMANEN

I am Irene Lamanen, an active retiree who spends much of my time in personally meaningful and productive ways with volunteering, educational endeavors such as lecture series, study groups, travel as well as with my grandchildren during visits to museums, lighthouses, the zoo and concerts. I enjoy gardening, walking in nature, exploring mountains, beaches, forests and wildlife. New adventures feed a measure of curiosity and savor life's offerings.

My parents' first language was Finnish as they spoke, read and wrote in Finnish. My brother and I ate 'Finn foods', learned of Finnish Ways, heard our parents speak Finnish with relatives/friends when they didn't want us to know what they were saying! I don't speak the language.

However, I am proud of my heritage and membership in the FCA. I do drink coffee; love a sauna; don't give up when facing challenges; practice an inherited stoicism and independence; and very much like the color "Blue". As a child I waited an eternity in time for ferries to the UP. My freezer is stocked with Pasties and Pulla. I listen to Sibelius, hosted a Finnish student for a year, learned more about the Saarinen family and their many diverse talents. My grandkids wear SISU t-shirts and attend a summer Finn Camp in Canada. I've been to Finland. Yet I don't speak the language.

My professional life was as a grants writer and in various aspects of education from teaching high school, community college and university students as an adjunct. I continue to facilitate study groups and other such educational endeavors in retirement.

Perhaps a few professional and personal skills will assist to preserve, promote, and grow the mission of our FCA. I would like to support and contribute to this ongoing, sustainable and proud heritage by serving as a Board member.

LINDA POIRIER

My name is Linda Poirier and I am submitting a 'bio' of myself for consideration of a board position. I am of Finnish descent - approximately 66%! My maternal grandparents both emigrated from Finland in the 1920's to Canada. My mother, Maria Kuhn, 100% Finnish descent, met my father in the 1950's, married, and had me! I am a retired educator. I spent 37 years teaching Spanish and as a high school administrator. 34 of those years were with the Romulus Community School district here in the Detroit area. I am a graduate of Michigan State University, class of 1981. I wear my Spartan green and white with pride, and I am an avid fan of my alma mater. I have been to Finland twice, most recently this past summer, to travel and to visit with relatives. My mother's family still maintains the family home/farm, the "Hoikkola", and I have been fortunate to visit my extended family there and in the surrounding area of Iisalmi several times. I love all things Finnish...pulla, Iittala, Marimekko, Fazer chocolates, you name it! I love the people and the country, and would like very much to travel again to Helsinki and to northern Finland next time. Thank you for considering me for one of the board positions.

ILONA TAKAKURA

I was born in Finland in 1969, got my education there, and immigrated to the United States of America in 1994. Currently I hold a dual citizenship, which reflects my multicultural heritage and family life. I hold Masters in Arts from University of Helsinki (from year 2000, in Japanese Studies), Masters in Science from California State University in Fullerton (from year 2004, in Education), and currently I am taking an MBA at the University of Michigan, Flint. I will graduate with my MBA degree in 2018.

I have worked in K-12 education in California prior to moving to Kentucky. In Kentucky I operated my own tutoring and language business, and later taught 6 years in Gateway Community and Technical College as Assistant Professor of Developmental Reading. Currently I am an intern in the FCA office.

FCA has several important functions in the community, and I would like to contribute to the operations and future of this association. My children attend the Finnish School, and as a family we participate in many of the cultural social events. If I am selected to serve on the board, I would like to ensure that the FCA can continue offering services and

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events to all people with Finnish heritage in the area. I also think it is vital that we grow the membership base and develop ways to fund repairs and improvements in the physical building and grounds of the center. I also promise to uphold the highest level of honesty and integrity in all my acts, and promote transparency in decision making and financial matters concerning FCA.

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 information of the candidates is included in this newsletter. Nominations for Board alternates and Committee Chair positions are voted on from the floor at the annual meeting.

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

FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corp. meeting is February 18, 2018 at 1 pm Finnish Center Association Meeting is February 18, 2018 at 3 pm.

We need a quorum (25 members) for both meetings, so please try to attend if at all possible.

If you have any questions, please contact the election chairperson Fran Fadie at finnishcenter@gmail.com or (248) 478-6939.



ADVERTISING RATES

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Recommended by: _____

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