



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

October 2006

*Special points of interest:*

**Kantele Workshop**  
**October 7, 2006, 12 noon**

**Learn to play a five or ten string Kantele.**

Three great instructors:  
*Linda Horton*  
*Harvey Horton*  
*Laura Malkamaki*

The instructors are members of the “**Kantele Players of Lake Erie**” Ohio. Registration cost is \$50, which includes instruction and lunch. They will be performing a concert on Sunday, October 8 at 1:30 pm. A CD will be available for purchase.

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## CHAIRMAN’S CORNER

Last month we said good-bye to an icon of the Finnish-American Community. Ralph Mannisto dedicated his life to music, Finnish and otherwise, and young people. He was responsible for instilling a love for Finnish music in many others, guaranteeing that the beautiful folk songs would live on at least one more generation. If you look in our gift shop, you will see at least three of his students represented by CDs. Countless numbers have danced to his music, in social and folk dances. I myself learned to love Finnish folk dancing to the accompaniment of this great musician. Even the State of Michigan recognized Ralph for his furthering of Finnish culture. Ralph will be sorely missed--both his music and his humor.

When it comes down to it, Ralph epitomized everything the Finnish Center is about--keeping Finnish culture alive in the US. As the largest Finnish club in the U.S., we should be at the forefront, teaching our youth about the rich heritage they share. I ask you to take advantage of any opportunity to join us, whether you play an instrument, enjoy reading, baking or stamp collecting, want to dance or act or learn to speak Finnish. Check the calendar for opportunities. We'd love to have you. And Ralph, if St. Peter needs a saw player for the heavenly choir, I know you're obliging.

Kristen Kreiner

### 40th Anniversary Booklet

We are gratefully accepting donations to offset the cost of printing the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet. With the various reflections and 21<sup>st</sup> century articles, there will be several new photographs that will certainly delight you. **The names of those who make donations will be listed in the December newsletter.**

Please address your envelope to “Finnish Center Anniversary”. We thank you in advance for your consideration, as it is most appreciated.

# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### Crafts

Mondays 10am - 2pm

### Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 - 9pm

### Nikkarintalo

Mondays 9am

### Study Group

Thursdays 12 - 2pm

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### Blood Pressure Readings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 11am - 2pm

## OCTOBER

- 1 Sun Soitonaikeet Jam Session  
12-2pm in the Lounge  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
Cocktails 1pm - Dinner 2pm
- 4 Wed Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 7 Sat Finnish Language Class  
10am-noon
- 8 Sun Brunch 11 am-1 pm  
Lake Erie Kantele Players  
Concert 1:30 pm
- 11 Wed Camera Club 12-2pm
- 12 Thu Garden Club Lecture 7pm
- 13 Fri Buffet 5-7 with dancing  
Reserve by Tues \$12.75 + tax  
at the door \$14 + tax
- 14 Sat Finnish Language Class  
10am-noon
- 15 Sun Weavers 9am-2pm
- 15 Sun Finnish American Historical  
Society 2pm – discussion on  
*The Survivors*
- 18 Wed Senior Luncheon 11:30am  
Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350  
Roger Hewlett, accordionist
- 21 Sat Finnish Language Class  
10am-noon
- 22 Sun Scholarship Reception 2pm
- 26 Thu Women's Club 10am-2pm

- 27 Fri “Juha” Book Club 6:30pm  
Buffet 5-7 pm with dancing  
Reserve by Tues \$12.75 +  
tax-at the door \$14 + tax
- 28 Sat Finnish Language Class  
10am to noon  
Vegas Night 7-12 midnight
- 29 Sun Stamp Club 2-4pm

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Wed Joint Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 4 Sat Finnish Language Class  
10am-noon
- 8 Wed Camera Club 12-2pm
- 10 Fri Buffet 5-7 pm  
Reserve by Tues \$12.75 +  
tax at the door \$14 + tax  
Deadline Christmas Greeting
- 11 Sat Finnish Language Class  
10am-noon  
Weavers 9am  
Scandinavian Bazaar 10am-  
3pm
- 12 Sun Brunch 11am-2pm  
General Meeting 2:30pm
- 15 Wed Senior Luncheon 11:30am  
Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350
- 16 Thu Women's Club 10am-2pm
- 18 Sat Craft Show 9am-3pm
- 19 Finnish Language Class  
10am-noon  
Craft Show
- 26 Sun Stamp Club 2-4pm

## DECEMBER

- 2 Sat Scandinavian Holiday Dinner
- 6 Wed Board Meeting
- 9 Sat Weavers 9am  
Children's Christmas Party  
1 – 3pm
- 13 Wed Camera Club 12-2pm
- 15 Fri Buffet 5 – 7pm  
Reserve by Tues \$12.75 +  
tax-at the door \$14 + tax
- 17 Sun Finnish American Singers  
Christmas Concert  
1 – 5:30pm
- 20 Wed Senior Luncheon 11:30am  
Reserve by Sat  
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## OFFICERS

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Brenda Sinclair, Treasurer

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1 Year  
Norbert Leppanen, Pearl Wanttaja  
David Sharpe

## 2 Year

Gene Belttari, Kristen Kreiner  
Lari Korpela

## 3 Year

Frank Gottberg, Neil Lehto  
Fritz Putkela

## ALTERNATES

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## FINANCIAL REVIEW

Ruth Kaarlela, Hilikka Ketola  
Neil Manley, Jr.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

We're looking forward to an exciting **40th Anniversary** dinner and program on Oct. 1. With Finland's Consul General Osmo Lippanen as guest speaker, Cantate for music, photos presented on the large screen by Glenn Kujansuu, and the new 40th Anniversary booklet, it will be a fine afternoon.

Please mark the following dates: On November 15, we'll combine with Senior Luncheon at noon for Veteran's Day. Herb Piilo and Gary Darke will co-chair the program. Last year we had 28 veterans present! Do come again.

Saturday, December 2, is our traditional Scandinavian Holiday. We have wonderful Scandinavian appetizers, entrees and desserts that night. We are planning to have St. Lucia and other entertainment. Plan to wear Scandinavian dress, if you have it.

Saturday, December 9, is the Children's Christmas Party from 1:30-3:30 p.m. We are fortunate to have booked "Jannie Annie" the high energy clown whom everyone just loved five years ago. Santa will arrive at 3 p.m.

Remember, socializing with friends and acquaintances is beneficial to health.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke,  
Chair

## CULTURAL

The Kantele Workshop on October 7<sup>th</sup> begins at 12 noon. \$50 Registration includes instruction and lunch. Bring your 5 or 10 string to class. After Brunch on Sunday there will be a Kantele Concert, \$6 donation.

Would you be interested in a system to earn a pin/certificate for completing various projects regarding Finnish Culture, i.e. Stamps, Music, Folk Dance, Language, etc.? Call the Center with your comments.

Folk dancing will take place after the Friday night Buffets.

**Reminder:** The Weavers meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9am to 2pm; and the Stamp Club meets the last Sunday of the month from 2 to 4pm.

Ruth Mannisto,  
Chair

## KITCHEN SANITATION CLASSES

The Health Department has issued instructions on how we prepare foods in our kitchen. In order to be in compliance, our caterers conduct **ONE-HOUR** classes on "Food Safety".

Anyone that uses our kitchen **MUST take this one-hour course**. The list of GRADUATES is posted in the kitchen, if your name is not there you must take the class. To enroll, call the FCA and let us know your availability so we can set a class time.

## FINLAND TODAY

First, the Finnish National Radio, YLE, celebrated its 80th anniversary in September. The date, September 9th, 1926 was the beginning of regularly scheduled programming in Finland on YLE. YLE TV started regular broadcasts in 1958.

Last year 98% of the Finnish population listened or watched YLE radio or TV for atleast 2 hours per week. YLE also announced that it will have an online service providing hundreds of hours of archived TV, radio and music programming. You can watch the latest TV news on the internet by going to: [www.yle.fi/news/id187.html](http://www.yle.fi/news/id187.html) You need "Real Player" or "Windows Media" to view the news, but you can download them right at the YLE site. The news are in Finnish and English.

The Saimaa Canal is commemorating its 150 anniversary. Saimaa canal officially opened on September 7, 1856. The canal is 43 km long and connects Finnish inland lakes with the ocean. What is unique about the canal, because of political reasons, is that 23 km of the canal is inside Finland, and 20 km is in Russia. Originally it was all in Finland. Currently Finland leases the part that is in Russia. The current lease ends in 2013, but negotiations are in progress to extend the lease for another 30 years. Under the present agreement, Finland pays Russia 10 million euros a year.

Aker Yards in Finland announced the order of 2 new cruise ships by the Norwegian Cruise Lines, worth over 1.5 billion euros. But the ships will not be built in Finland, but instead at its newly acquired ship yard in St Nazair, France. The Aker Yards in Finland are filled to capacity with orders. Currently Aker Yards in Finland, and its sub-contractors are looking for hundreds of new skilled trades people such as welders, sheet metal workers, electricians, carpenters, and engineers.

The Helsinki based, Stora Enso paper manufacturer has bought the US based International Paper's coated publication paper business in Brazil for about \$415 million. The Brazilian plant produces 230,000 tons of coated paper for catalogues, magazines, and inserts. The deal also includes a saw mill operation that produces 83 million board feet of lumber each year. Stora Enso already has a presence in Brazil with a cellulose pulp mill plant in Eunapolis. Enso Stora produces magazine paper, newsprint, fine paper, pulp and packaging board in more than 40 countries.

The head of the Finnish Heart Federation, Professor Pekka Puska, has been named to head the World Heart Federation, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland. The World Heart Federation consists of about 200 national organizations from 100 countries. The World Heart Federation's mission is to help

people achieve a longer and better life through prevention and control of heart disease and stroke, with a focus on low and middle income countries.

With the announcement of the retirement of Michael Schumacher from the Ferrari Formula One, F-1, Team at the end of this season, Kimi Raikkonen has been signed by Ferrari for the 2007-2009 seasons. For the last 5 years Raikkonen has been with the McLaren-Mercedes Team. At the recent Italian Grand Prix, Michael Schumacher took the gold with Raikkonen second. Another Finn is joining the Formula One ranks. The Renault Team has announced the signing of Heikki Kovalainen to its F-1 Team. Kovalainen has already logged 28,000 km as Renault's test driver, so he is not altogether new to Renault.

The Atlanta Thrashers of the NHL have announced the signing of goal tender Kari Lehtonen to a new two year contract worth about \$3.7 million.

About a year and a half ago, Finland's former President and army commander, Carl Gustav Mannerheim was voted the greatest Finn of all time. Recently the greatest fictitious Finnish character was voted upon. The winner was Rolli the Troll. Rolli is a long haired forest troll that appears on a popular Finnish children's T.V. program.

Finnish opera singer, Esa Ruuttunen was peddling his bicycle on his way to rehearsals at the Helsinki Opera House when a squirrel ran into his bicycle. The squirrel got caught in the spokes causing Ruuttunen to fall, breaking his nose, and knocking him out. But, he was able to perform at the world premiere of the opera, House of Serpents, in September. The squirrel died in the accident.

1 Euro is equal to \$1.27 U.S.

And finally:

Toivo was working at a fish plant in Duluth when he accidentally cut off all ten of his fingers.

He went to the emergency room at the hospital. The Doctor looked at Toivo and said, "O.K. lets have the fingers and I'll see what I can do."

Toivo said, "I haven't got the fingers."

"What do you mean you don't have the fingers. It's 2006, and I do microsurgery and have all the latest techniques. I could have put them back on and you would be like new, why didn't you bring the fingers?"

Toivo: "How was I supposed to pick them up?"

Markku Ketola  
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## HAPPINESS



Happiness is wishing Helen and Warren Gehrman a belated 65th wedding anniversary. Their special day was on August 15.

Vivian and George Kane

Happiness was celebrating Charles and Joan Larson's 50th wedding anniversary on August 26.

Edith Raski and Ruth Kaarlela

## VEGAS NIGHT

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
from 7pm to midnight -  
Admission \$2 each.**

**Games will include “Black Jack”, “Maverick Poker”, and “Let it Ride” with \$1 to \$5 bets.**

**Food and beverages will be available. Come and try your luck! Don't know how? We will assist you**

## FINNISH FACTS



The flag with “the blue of our lakes and white snow of our winters”, as one poet described the symbolic colors, was made official on May 29, 1918, six months after Finland achieved independence.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

We are looking forward to meeting with the new singers that will join us this fall. If you like to sing, and want to join in the fun, we will see you Monday evenings at 7:00 PM.

The singers will be selling “fresh” holiday greens and Christmas wreaths again this year. The mixed ever-green wreaths have that fresh scent of cedar and add so much natural beauty to accent the holidays. We will have the individual BULK wreaths that come in moisture-proof bags. These will arrive in a shipment to the Finnish Center the first week of December. The DIRECT ship boxed wreaths will also be available this year. You can send a wreath and surprise anyone in the continental 48 states. These boxed units are delivered via United Parcel Service and they have a greeting card attached.

May we have your order with your address labels by Friday the ***November 4*** Please contact anyone of the singers to place your order. The holidays will be here before you know it. This is a perfect way to get your shopping done early in the season.

See you at the Finn Center.

Have a nice day,  
Frank Gottberg  
248-549-4056, [fggmerr@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fggmerr@worldnet.att.net)

# MEMORIAL FUND

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, FinnWeavers, Garden Club, Soittoniekat Folk Musicians and Finnish American Singers.

If a donation is undesignated it goes to the general fund for expenses of the Center.

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: Pearl Wanttaja, 28235 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Please do not send cash through the mail.

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 me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you,  
Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

Since the last newsletter and up to September 11, donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member **Helen Maatta Pietila** (8-11-06) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Frances Simo** (8-15-06) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Kay Simo, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Alfred & Gloria Manzagol and the FCA.

In memory of **Ronald Hakala** (8-18-06) of Ferndale, donations have been made by Eleanor & Will Manley and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of **Charles "Ray" Martin** (6-8-06) of Osseo, WI, a donation has been made by Arne & Mary Ann Harminen. Ray was the brother of member Francis Martin.

In memory of FCA member **Carmen Kauble** (8-10-06) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Ralph Mannisto** (8-10-06) donations have been made by Norbert & Luise Leppanen, Karin Arneson, Neil Manley Jr., Al Lehtikoinen, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Helen Lampi, Carol & Bob Stapula, Erick Kyro, Bob & Shirley Erickson, Hank & Arliss Verleye, Rigmor Cuolahan, Jack & Mary Knight, Pauline & Bill Heinz, Dagnie Carlson, Katri Pietila, Bob & Marge Salo, Eleanore Keranen, Elna Reinholm, Herb Piilo, Sylvia Saarinen, Harold & Connie Fosness, Doris & Jake Hayrynen, Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Rafael & Elvi Saviniemi and Ed & Helen Gilbert.

In memory of FCA life member **Edna Kuopus Palo** (5-30-06) donations have been made by Neil Manley Jr. and Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Erick Palo** (8-26-05) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Felix Ahola** (4-2-06) a donation has been made by Eleanore Keranen.

In memory of **Lorna Jurva** (5-7-06) a donation has been made by Lil Heikkinen. Lorna was the twin sister of member Annabelle Kyllonen and the sister of member Roy Jurva.

In memory of FCA life member **Vera Hanson Oja** (9-20-02) a donation has been made by Steven & Linda Oja Jacobs and Lisa & Andrea Jacobs.

In memory of FCA life member **Francis Keskinen** (6-24-06) donations have been made by Eleanore Keranen, Jeanette Leaman and James & Elaine Weiland.

In memory of FCA life member **Lillie Pantsari Isotalo** (2-18-06) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Doug O' Brien** (4-12-06) a donation has been made by James & Elaine Weiland.

In memory of FCA life member **Onerva "Jo" Juntunen** (3-19-06) a donation has been made by Eleanore Keranen.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members **George Meranuck** (5-31-06), **Alma Erickson Lewis** (9-6-06) and **Margaret Sopsich** (9-13-06)

# GOING PLACES

## TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits 30 days prior to the trip, or we lose the bus.

If you leave your car at the Finnish Center while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

FOR BORDER CROSSING: You must have two pieces of valid I.D., EITHER a passport (current or expired) OR a certified birth certificate (not a photocopy) OR a Certificate of Citizenship. AND YOU MUST ALSO have a valid driver's license or government I.D. card with photo.

### Octoberfest, Kitchener – Waterloo, Ontario

Two (2) days, Monday-Tuesday, October 9 & 10, \$239. This is North America's largest Bavarian festival, the second largest in the world – lots of Bavarian entertainment!! Includes one dinner and one luncheon with show. Deposit \$20 to hold your space. Balance due September 8. Don't forget proper I.D.

### Branson, Missouri

Six (6) days beginning Wednesday, November 1, \$859. Includes five (5) shows including Shoji Tabuchi and Dick Clark's American Bandstand. Also includes five (5) breakfasts, four (4) dinners and sightseeing in the area. Deposit \$20 to hold your space. Balance due October 2.

### “White Christmas” at the Fox

One (1) day, Wednesday, December 6, 2006, \$99. This Irving Berlin classic is sure to get you in the holiday spirit. Lunch will be at Dearborn Hills Golf Course. By the way, this golf course is listed in the State Register of historic sites. Departure time is being worked out.

# HELP WANTED

Being a volunteer organization, we need assistance in:

- setting up and taking down tables
- setting tables with tablecloths, napkins, silverware, centerpieces
- folding napkins
- washing windows
- cleaning mirrors
- dusting
- dishwashers
- bartenders
- cashiers
- waitresses
- clean-up after an event
- clean bathrooms
- vacuum carpets
- setting up/taking down the stage
- opening and closing the building

The list goes on and on – but the center belongs to all of us and any little thing you can contribute will be deeply appreciated.

We have some great volunteers doing some of the above - but they could use some assistance.

Please contact the Manager's Office at 248-478-6939 for more information.

## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

I hope all of you had a nice vacation and are all geared up for reading some of the wonderful books we have in our library. Here are some suggestions:

**NIKOLAI'S FORTUNE** by Solveig Torvik. This is historical fiction in that the events and people are real but some of the extraneous material, conversation and such, is as the author imagined it to have happened. Solveig Torvik was brought up to believe she was Norwegian. However, there seemed to be some family secrets that aroused her curiosity about her heritage. Upon research, she discovered she was 100% Finnish! She found that her grandmother had been sent from Finland as a foster child to a Norwegian family. At that time Finns were put down by the Norwegians and it was actually shameful to be a Finn. Hence the family secrets. The story is told by three generations of women, Solveig, using the name Hanna, being the last. Whence the title? Nikolai was her great-grandfather who came to America and was rumored to have made a fortune, which the family was curious about, as they were about Nikolai's whereabouts or what happened to him. If you don't read anything else this year, don't neglect this. You'll find it in fiction.

**SIRKKA** by Eila Siren-Perlmutter. This book is also of a biographical nature but is considered his-

torical fiction because some of the story and events have been fictionalized. Nevertheless, this story of an immigrant girl in northern Minnesota would ring true for anyone who grew up in that era. This also can be found in fiction.

Someone has said that laughter is the best medicine. For a medicinal fix, try **FINNFUN** by Bernhard Hillila. Dr. Hillila has compiled dozens of facts and humorous stories about Finns. (He insists "Yes, Finns DO have a sense of humor.") Just one of his many examples: "Martha Lurvey remembers that it was a long time before she realized that when her mother spoke of lit a Ahon perunoita, she was referring to "Idaho potatoes", not "Ida Aho's potatoes"!

Dr. Hillila didn't run out of examples of Finnish humor when he published **FINNFUN**, so he wrote a sequel, **THE FINNISH LINE**, which we also carry. Both books are in the "Wit and Humor" section, call number 808.7.

These and anything from the list of new books acquired this summer (see FCA Newsletter September 2006) should keep you busy reading for some time.

Lillian Lehto,  
Librarian

## NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTION

If you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please email the following information to the FCA at [fcacenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fcacenter@sbcglobal.net):

first and last name  
mailing address  
email address

In the subject line of the email, please write "newsletter".



## SUGAR ISLAND AND KARELIA

Mark your calendar for an interesting afternoon on Sunday, October 15 at 2pm in the FCA Lounge. Charlotte Lytikainen and Joyce Keskitalo will lead a discussion of the film *The Survivors* – the story of a family that left Sugar Island to live in Karelia. Charlotte and Joyce will share their experiences of visits to Sugar Island and Karelia.

A coffee hour will follow. Everyone is most welcome to come.

Ruth Kaarlela  
Finnish American Historical Society

## SENIOR CORNER

Senior Housing provides a transportation van for residents to go shopping and other activities.

## CHANGE IN PRICE

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** are now \$10. Please send them in prior to November 10<sup>th</sup>, our Newsletter deadline.

## CRAFT SHOW CONTACT INFO

Please contact Kath Usitalo at 313-885-9077 to rent a table.

## FCA GARDEN NEWS

Finlandia Gardens now consists of over twenty separate garden areas around the center. Garden club members have donated over 750 hours of volunteer time to the beautification of our center this year. This has enhanced our image in the immediate community as well as with you, our members, and also our customers. Many of you have made positive comments about our evolving gardens.

Tulip bulbs are being planted this month for a colorful showing in spring. Next year we will have many plants to divide and share with you.

Suggestions for improving the

gardens and any plants you may have to share will be gratefully received.

On your next visit to the Finnish Center, please look at the beautiful new garden wall on the west and north side of the building.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the **Fendt Company** for their donation of wall stone for our West and North Gardens.

David Sharpe



## Guest Speaker

The FCA Garden Club is pleased to host **Mr. Joe Derek, Naturalist** of Farmington Hills, on Thursday, October 12, at 7PM. Joe is returning to bring his special knowledge of the natural world to our center. His experiences will delight and entertain.

All FCA members and friends are invited to attend.

## ROSTER CHANGES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2006

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## FOR SALE

As we have new chairs in our newly decorated Hall, we are offering our old BLUE stacking chairs at \$10 each, great for use in your home or patio.

There are a number of 4' by 8' sections of stained fencing sections available for \$15 each.

Our old risers are still looking for a good home. Let us know of a chorus, school, church, etc. that may be interested.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Classes started on September 27 at 9:00 am. They will continue for 4 weeks. There is a \$20.00 fee for the class.

Call the Managers office to sign up for the next set of Computer classes. This will be for beginners (little or no computer knowledge).

## GIFT SHOP

Our Bronner's Christmas ornament order has arrived! We are busy getting ready for the holiday shopping season. Think about purchasing a calendar by the Finnish U.P. artist, Kathrine Savu, for a Christmas gift. How about a 3 x 5 Finnish flag? They are for indoor or outdoor use.

The old favorite Maltex is back. Our new food items are selling well. If you bought any licorice, butter cookies or jelly roll cakes, please let us know what you think. I've heard that the rusk toasts are dry, but remember, they are lactose, trans fat and cholesterol free, and they are meant to be eaten with a topping of your choice.

By the time you read this, we will have attended the Heritage Festival in Farmington Hills. I hope our sales are good! As always, we welcome your feedback.

Brenda Sinclair,  
Gift Shop Chair



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## NOTICE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

SOON MEMBERS WILL BE THINKING OF HEADING FOR WARM CLIMES FOR WINTER MONTHS.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD AGAIN ADVISE DATES OF TRAVEL BOTH TO AND FROM YOUR WINTER DESTINATION.

ALSO PLEASE RE-VERIFY THE ADDRESS, INCLUDING ANY PHONE NUMBERS, E-MAILS, ETC. WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING DURING THIS TIME. MEMBERSHIP WILL CHANGE ADDRESSES TO ENABLE YOU TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS ALL WINTER LONG.

REMEMBER: IF WE ARE NOT NOTIFIED, YOUR ADDRESS WILL REMAIN THE SAME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

SHIRLEY BROOKS,  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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