



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

November 2008

THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office
- Bartending
- Hall/Lounge Set up
- Proofreading
- Sound
- Plumbers
- Electrical

THANKS TO OUR CATERERS

The Finnish Center is very fortunate to have Armitage as our in-house caterers. The services they provide go above and beyond what is typical. The following list provides a look at some of what they do for us—free of charge:

- Provide food service for FCA events:
Buffet/Fish Fry dinners, Mother’s Day, New Years Eve, etc.
- Purchase/pick up menu items for FCA events:
ingredients for pasty making
- Provide wait staff for events:
including table settings, beverage service, clean up
- Provide dishwashers for FCA events and rentals
- Purchase/pick up kitchen supplies for FCA
including paper products, coffee, sugar, creamer, etc.
(often without asking for reimbursement)
- Absorb cost of per plate overage when estimating number of guests
- Maintain cleanliness of kitchen:
clean filters, wash walls, scrub floors, clean up after volunteers
- Generously provides lunch for FCA staff and volunteers each Monday
(Before going on vacation, they left enough food for the two weeks.)

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They go to Taste of the Town in Livonia each year, taking our pasties and one of their specialties. Each year they receive an award. We have received pasty orders and rentals because of their efforts.

Linda is a graduate of Schoolcraft College’s Culinary Arts Program and customizes each menu.

All the advertising they do reads “Finnish Cultural Center and Armitage Catering.”

They are members of the FCA and have contributed to our curtain fund, as well as the \$100 Board.

Armitage provides up-scale food presentation for our rentals and special events for the FCA. This brings in the revenue so our volunteers are able to have brunches, open houses, pasty making, pulla/nisu making, etc.

Thank you Linda and Laura for all you do.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10 to 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9am

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Monday

11 am to 2pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday 12:30pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of month 2-4pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9-12pm

Camera Club

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10am

OCTOBER

- 3 & 4 Flea Market 9am-3pm
 12 Finnish Breakfast 12-1:30pm
 15 101st Airborne 12-2pm
 17 Harvest Dinner 5-7pm
 26 Open House Garden Club 1-4pm

Rentals: 8,15,16,17,18,19,20,21 &25

NOVEMBER

- 4 Joint Board Mtg 6:30pm
 8 Scandinavian Bazaar 9am-3pm
 9 Brunch 12pm
 9 Genl Mtg 2:30pm
 12 Veteran's Day Luncheon 12:00-2pm
 14 Fish Fry 5-7pm
 19 101st Airborne 12pm
 30 Open House 1-4pm

Rentals: 1,2,4,8,12

**Christmas Greetings due by November 1-
 \$10.00 per greeting.**

DECEMBER

- 6 Pikku Joulu 1-3pm
 6 Jam Session 7:30-10:30pm
 7 Finnish Independence Day 2-5pm
 17 101st 12-2pm
 19 Fish Fry 5-7pm
 31 New Year's Eve 4:30-9pm

Rentals: 5,10,13,14,16,20

**New Year's Eve Reservations due by
 December 17—\$25 per person.**

WANTED: PHOTOS AND INFORMATION

Remember the Norse Civic Association? The association publicized and followed all the events (and joint events!) in the Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, and Swedish communities in former years.

The NCA plans to give all our old records to a library that preserves the histories of ethnic groups in the Detroit area. We are requesting your help. Do you have any snapshots, photographs, newspaper clippings of persons or social events from all those past years?

Call Christine (248) 476-7689 and we will arrange to pick them up. Or, if you would like, send them to her at your convenience. Your help and interest is much appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!

Young people who would like to apply for a scholarship from the Finnish Center Association may now do so either by downloading the application from our website, or by picking up an application in the FCA office.

The requirements for applying, and the criteria for awarding scholarships are included on the first page of the application.

Remember: The deadline for applying for the 2009-2010 school year is March 15, 2009.

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

Each time I pull up on Finn Drive, I have a sense of excitement. I think about what needs to be done today at the Finnish Center and what challenges we have to match. I am not the only person who gets this sense of excitement. We must have 25 to 30 other people that feel the same excitement and take an active interest in learning what is happening at the FCA. Our newsletter has the calendar of events which alerts you to upcoming events. We also deal with the unscheduled events, like a refrigerator or freezer that just quits running or a control unit that needs replacing. We also need volunteers to help close up the building after the renters leave the building. The main point I am trying to convey to you is that there is a constant list of items we need to pay attention to in order to keep moving forward. Some of these details are routine while others can be very challenging.

As I walk around the Center's property and around the building, I get to see our outside setting. The proper placement of flowers and bushes that have been planted in the gardens speaks volumes about our members' desire to get out there and do things and get in some exercise. The same is true as you get inside the building and I find we have people doing volunteer work in so many ways. The traditional baking of pulla, piirakka and pasties is a part of the excitement of our Finnish heritage to have home baked goods. I am happy to report that one of our clubs at the Center, the Finnish American Singers, have donated \$1000 toward our freezer fund.

Thank you to our charter members and to our members over the past 40 years for their dedication and creative ideas to develop such a unique Finnish Heritage and Cultural Center. As I walk around our Center, I get to understand why our tax assessed valuation is high and later results in such a high real estate tax bill of \$21,000 per year. A personal business property tax adds up to another \$4500 dollars. This all adds up to an old fashion ouch! What can we do about this challenge? To begin, a committee was formed to develop a forthcoming fund raiser to come up with \$10,000 to offset expenses.

I would like to ask our FCA members to help out in whatever way they can in this forthcoming raffle fund raiser. We will need people to help in various ways to do the mailings and ticket sales. We will need help from all of our members who live in other areas of the country to sell tickets and to talk about our Finnish Heritage to accomplish our goal of keeping the Center vibrant for the next generation. Most of us have heard the answer to the question "Why ___?". The answer is always the same, because you are a Finn! Okay

We should all be proud of our Finnish Cultural Center.

Kiitos,

Frank Gottberg, Chairman

CELEBRATE 91 YEARS OF FINNISH INDEPENDENCE!

The Finnish American Historical Society of Michigan and Soittoniekat—the FCA's musicians—invite you to celebrate Finland's 91st Independence Day by participating in two activities. Our featured presenter, Dr. Carl Rahkonen, will jam at the Finnish Center with fellow musicians on Saturday, December 6 beginning at 7:30 pm. On Sunday, December 7, he will make an illustrated presentation at 2:00 pm in the main hall about the role of the kantele in the development of Finnish nationalism.

Some of you may already be familiar with Dr. Rahkonen through his many presentations at FinnFests over the years. He is a music librarian and a professor at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. As a member of the library faculty, he is responsible for reference, collection development, and cataloging. He teaches courses in Music Bibliography, Information Literacy in World Music, and Ethnic Music and Culture. Dr. Rahkonen specializes in studying many aspects of the Finnish national instrument, the kantele, and his dissertation, *The Role of the Kantele in the Development of the Finnish Nation*, may be read on his website: <http://www.people.iup.edu/rahkonen>. In addition, he is also a talented musician who plays the fiddle, mandolin, and string bass with local musician friends and with the Irish band, Aran.

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON

Veterans, you are cordially invited to bring family and friends to this luncheon on Wednesday, November 12, at 12:00 noon. Armitage will serve an appetizing meal. George Koskimaki, our member and author of many books about WWII, has agreed to present the program. We know that you will enjoy this.

We are hoping to secure a pianist and some of the Finnish-American Singers to sing and lead the sing-along.

As in previous years, veterans will be asked to say a few words, if they care to, about their military service. Please sign on the clipboard, or call the FCA if you will attend the luncheon. Hoping to see you with us.

Ilene Yanke
Social

FINLAND TODAY

First, I'm sure you have already heard about the shooting in Finland where a 22-year-old vocational school student shot nine students, one teacher, and finally himself.

Now the Finnish government is reviewing all their gun laws.

One of the changes is that all new applicants for handgun licenses will now have to show that they have been active members of a gun club for one year. Applicants will also be required to provide a note from a doctor about their mental health, and have an interview with at least two police officers. Also, the permits will have time limits.

In Finland there are 1.6 million registered weapons owned by about 650,000 people.

A Swiss based International Arms Survey estimates that there are 45 guns for every 100 citizens in Finland. That puts Finland in fourth place in terms of percentage of civilian firearms, behind the U.S., Yemen, and Switzerland.

Despite the large number of guns, Finland has not seen a high rate of gun crimes.

The end of summer has brought the highest inflation rate in Finland in 17 years. The inflation rate was 4.7%, the highest since February 1991 when it was 5%. Finland posted higher prices for food, phone calls, health care, and child day care. However, prices for cars and entertainment electronics declined.

Olvi, Finland's largest independent brewery, has bought a 51% share in Belorussia's Lidskoe Pivo Brewery. Lidskoe Pivo is the 4th largest brewery in Belorussia.

Olvi founded in 1878 in Iisalmi, has about 19% of the Finnish market. Besides brewing beer, Olvi also produces mixed drinks, mineral water, and soft drinks.

The company also has subsidiaries in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Nokia has purchased the Montreal based OZ company. OZ specializes in consumer mobile messaging. With its technology, the OZ team will help Nokia develop its consumer messaging market. OZ has been working with Nokia since 2003.

Finnish pizza chain, Kotipizza, is expanding to the Baltic countries. While modest in number of stores compared to U.S. companies, Kotipizza has 230 outlets in 130 towns in Finland. Kotipizza will expand to Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, with 26 outlets as a start.

What are the most "trusted" brand names in Finland? The top five are Fiskars, Arabia, Fazerin Sininen, Iittala, and Hackman. By the way, Fiskars also owns the Arabia, Iittala, and Hackman brands.

In previous surveys, Nokia had been at or near the top, but this year fell to 27th place.

The three largest political parties are essentially in a dead heat in the latest poll. The poll showed the Center Party with 22.1% support, The Conservative Party at 22%, and the Social Democratic Party with 21.7%.

In fourth place was the Green Party with 10.7% support, followed by the Leftist League with 8.7%. Support for the other parties such as the True Finns, Swedish Peoples Party, and the Christian-Democrats was lower.

Finnish hockey player, Teemu Selanne, has signed a new two year contract with the Anaheim Ducks, worth \$5.25 million per year. Selanne, 36, will start his 16th NHL season. Selanne says that he would like to continue his career to 2010, through the Vancouver Olympics.

And finally, Heikki and Hilma were at Heikki's 20th college reunion party. Heikki kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

Hilma: Do you know her?

Heikki: Yes, she's my old girlfriend from my college days. I understand that she started drinking right after we broke up, and I hear that she hasn't been sober since.

Hilma: Oh my gosh, who would think that a person could go on celebrating that long?

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

ARTWORK ON LOAN AT THE FCA

Stop by the Manager's office and see the painting "A Finnish Girl" on loan from the family of John Potti. John is available for portraits or custom paintings. Please call the FCA if interested in commissioning this talented artist.

TABLES FOR SALE

We have several 3 ft by 3 ft square tables available for sale at \$50 each. Used previously in the lounge, these tables are suitable for indoor use when entertaining for the holidays, hosting parties or having friends over to play cards. Call if interested.

FINN FACTS



The Rock Church in Helsinki, designed in 1969, is built into a hill of rock with only the roof visible from the outside symbolizing modern Finnish religious architecture.

Armitage Catering

Located at the FCA, we cater any event, big or small:

Weddings/Showers
Anniversaries
Memorial Services
Business Events
Graduation Parties

Off site catering is also available
248-921-7561

This could be a space for your ad.

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Autumn Greetings to everyone!

The Finnish American Singers are enjoying their second month of practicing for their annual Holiday Concert which will be presented on Sunday, December 21st. We will be singing a selection of Christmas Carols and other holiday favorites. Some Alfred Burt carols will be included. This promises to be a pleasant way to enjoy the season. There will be a coffee table with various tasty sandwiches and deserts to enjoy. We are also planning to have a special batch of Holiday Pulla/Nisu for sale at the concert.

We welcome our new singers, including two altos and three basses to our group.

The singers will be selling fresh holiday wreaths and other greens. This will be a fund raiser. Please contact any singer to place your order. Many thanks to everyone who supports our group activities.

Thanks You,
Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

KIITOS TO ALL OUR FLEA MARKET WORKERS

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the fall Flea Market on October 3 and 4, especially those who worked two days. Volunteers served as greeters, cashiers, kitchen workers, bakers and relief people. Over 45 tables were filled with a variety of items for sale making this a very successful flea market. Of course, it takes many helpers to accomplish this. If you are able to assist in any way this spring, please call 248-478-6939. The spring Flea Market is scheduled for April 18 & 19, another 2-day event.



The FCA's craft ladies had a beautiful display of handmade items at the Flea Market which are still available for sale. Come do some holiday shopping!

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, Finn Weavers, 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: the FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Deadline is the last day of every month.

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

NOTE: Effective immediately, all memorial donations MUST BE MAILED TO THE FINNISH CENTER by the 1st of the month.

Donations received since the October newsletter are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Allie Tuomaala Lindstrom (9-8-08) donations have been made by Irene Karna, Millie Harju, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Rafael & Elvi Saviniemi, Norm Kolehmainen, her sister Helen & Ed Gilbert, Fred & Marion Lindstrom and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Ida Miilu Tomberg (10-2-08) donations have been made by Erma Ahola and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Eleanor Marttila Heinonen (8-6-08) a donation has been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Harold Fosness (8-9-08) donations have been made by George Koskimaki, Tem & Virginia Ahonen and Elna Reinholm.

In memory of Marvin Saari (8-24-08) of Tucson, AZ, a donation has been made by his cousin Elmer Hanninen. Marvin was the brother of member Delores Aebersold.

In memory of FCA life member Siiri Narhi Edwards Bjerkness (8-29-08) donations have been made by her husband Ruben and by Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member Eilene Laturi Serresseque (8-31-08) donations have been made by her niece Shirley & Mike Howard, David Laturi, Robert Maki, Gerald Maki, David & Laurice Maki, Stuart & Leona Delene, Dennis & Judy Trim, Ellen Kleczynski, Cheryl & George Kapitanec and Elna Reinholm.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Walt" Haveri (7-30-08) a donation has been made by Etna Reinholm.

In memory of FCA life member Edsel Carlson (5-6-08) donations have been made by Fred & Dee Aebersold and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life members Connie Ahonen (8-1-05) and Homer Ahonen (5-26-08) a donation has been made by Tem & Virginia Ahonen.

The FCA has made a donation in memory of Douglas "Carl" Miilu (6-28-08) of Rockland. Carl was the father of members Kamela Torvinen, Karlyn Miilu-Maxon and Karen Miilu.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Come ring in the new year at the FCA. We'll start the celebration at 4:30 pm and get our noise makers ready for 5:00 (which is midnight in Finland). Dinner will be prepared by Armitage Catering and follows at 5:30.

We're still working on some of the details, but the night should wrap up about 9:00 pm. That way, those of you who like to go home early can do so. And, for those of you who have other parties to attend, the night is still young!

We look forward to seeing you.

GOING PLACES

TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits at least 30 days prior to the trip or we lose the bus. If you leave your car at the FCA 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 ID—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 ID card with photo.

Randy Travis at Fallsview Casino - Niagara Falls - 2 days, Monday-Tuesday, December 1 & 2, \$275. Breakfast and \$10 in coin are included. Also included is a stop at Duty Free. Don't forget proper I.D. This trip is filling up!

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" at the Fox - 1 day, Wednesday, December 10, \$83. Includes lunch at the Traffic Jam & Snug. Be at FCA 10:15 am for 10:30 departure. Return about 5:45 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia - 1 day, Thursday, January 29, \$22. Slot play of \$20 included. Be at FCA 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 7 pm. Don't forget proper I.D.

"Escanaba in Love" at the Crowell Opera House - 1 day, Sunday, March 1, \$76. This is the latest "yooper" comedy by Jeff Daniels. This one takes place during World War II. Lunch will be at the Hathaway House. Be at FCA 10:45 for an 11 am departure. Return about 6:45 pm.

We are still hoping for the Caribbean Cruise in the spring.

Also, don't forget the FinnFest 2009 Alaskan Cruise May 17 to 24, 2009. Available space is going fast.



For those of you that come to visit the FCA during our Flea Markets, Bazaars or in between functions; here is what the hall looks like when transformed for a formal event.

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

We were busy on September 24 and October 1 baking Pulla/Nisu and Piirakka for the Finnish Breakfast and the Flea Market. Many thanks to these very willing workers: Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Char Lytikainen, Lila Ball, Lillian Heikkinen, Liz and Norm McCue, Nina Ranta, and Ilene Yanke. We were very happy to have these first time bakers on the second baking day: Christine Jurgensen, Martean Mikkola, and Betty Taipulus! Our thanks to Margaret Laurila for contacting potential bakers.

With Thanksgiving coming up this month, we'll move Pulla/Nisu Day up to Wednesday, November 19. Please call in you orders and try to pick up your loaves around 2 pm that same day.

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

While browsing through the DAILY MINING GAZETTES in our library, I ran across an article too interesting not to share with anyone interested in Finns and Finland. In the weekly "Happenings" supplement of September 4, Joe Kirkish writes about an article he culled from "a weekly New York magazine". It tells about a Finnish professor, Kari Heliovaara, University of Helsinki's head of Forest Entomology, who helped the Chinese to host the Olympics in a beautiful, green Beijing.

It seems that a many-year blight had affected the trees in Beijing. The Chinese were understandably worried about the barren sight the leafless trees would present to their Olympic guests. The scientists at the city's Forest University and the Chinese Academy of Forestry were consulted. Some of them remembered having studied under a Professor Heliovaara in Finland and he was called upon to help. With his assistance the team soon discovered the reason for the blight: the trees were infested with the larvae of certain moths and sawflies.

A project dubbed "Green Beijing" was launched. Since chemical control was deemed ecologically unsound, Professor Heliovaara came up with an ingenious solution. He proposed a larva attack. He explained that "the larval stage takes one month, after which a larva pupates and makes a cocoon. The pupal stage takes another month, and if it could be infected, only parasites would emerge from the cocoon. Then they would attack and kill the larvae you're trying to get rid of."

Hastily, 25 huge buildings were built in which thousands of larvae were raised. Then, finally last summer when the cocoons were ready, about a thousand Chinese students under careful supervision attached the cocoons to 200,000 trees around the city. According to Kirkish's article, "Within weeks, 20,000 parasites left their cocoons and swarmed through the trees, killing the moth and sawfly larvae before they could eat up the new foliage. The experiment was a total success."

Professor Heliovaara headed home to watch the Olympics on television. His reaction: "The trees look great -- Beijing is green." Finnish ingenuity triumphed behind the scenes!

Besides the MINING GAZETTE and other newspapers, we also get the RAIVAAJA. In spite of its Finnish name, most of the news is in English. While reading the current issue (September 17), I thought of many of you who have asked me about tours to Finland. I have usually recommended tours directed by Anita Smiley from Connecticut. This issue contains a full-page article about the trip she took this summer with 35 passengers. One of them was from Westland. They seemed to have had a very good time! Mrs. Smiley usually advertises in American Finnish magazines when she is planning her next trip. Information will be available at the FCA when she announces her next trip. Those who intend to travel with her should make reservations as soon as her announcement appears, for her trips fill up fast. This year was the 17th time she took a tour group to Finland.

In the August newsletter we reported that a very expensive book about Eero Saarinen by Jane Merkel had disappeared off our shelves. We are happy to report that the book has now as mysteriously reappeared!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

GARDEN CLUB

The big news for the Garden Club is that the pergola has been erected! The next big project is putting in the paver patio under the pergola. Fendt has graciously donated the pavers. Since none of us has ever installed a paver patio we are all hoping to get it right. If anyone has experience we would appreciate the advice and assistance. In addition, since we have exhausted our memorial funds we are in desperate need of financial support in order to purchase the gravel and sand. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. While you are thinking about a financial donation, we also are collecting newspapers as a deterrent to weeds under the wood chips. If you have any extra papers [please remove the glossy portions first], you can leave them outside the garage on the shelves if you cannot find any Garden Club members.

We have several new garden club members due in part to the presentation made to the new class of Master Gardeners in Wayne County. We are excited to have the extra hands!

The gardens are again receiving a Beautification Award from the City of Farmington Hills. The ceremony is Thursday, October 30, and several Garden Club members are expected to attend. We are working toward a dual award for next year; both the Beatification Award and one for environmental stewardship. In order to obtain the environmental stewardship we will be seeding the rear most portion of the property with native plants. We will install gutters on the garage and utilize the rain water next year in the vegetable gardens. We are also trying to go as organic as possible with the use of compost tea to enhance our plants so that they are more able to fight disease. The newspapers we collect will be utilized to smother weeds rather than utilizing weed killer.

So by donating the newspapers we need, all of you can have a hand in our environmental stewardship certification.

We have repainted three of the benches and right now you can find them in or around the pergola. We are hoping to find time to paint and/or stain a few of the other benches and chairs. If you would like to lend a hand in this or any other garden projects, we would love to have your help.

The first Monday of every month at 10 am is our meeting time. Right now we meet at the garage under the umbrella, however, in nice weather we may be under the pergola! In addition, every Monday is a general workday with members showing up between 8:30 and 9 am. If the urge to garden strikes you we would love to see you join us.

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

Gayle Gullen
Garden Club President

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Musicians who enjoy playing different types of music such as Finnish, country, folk, bluegrass, popular, jazz, for example, as well as those people who like to sing, dance, and just tap their feet, are invited to the Saturday night jam session in the lounge. There is no admission fee; instead a free-will offering will be collected to offset building expenses. Light refreshments will be served and the bar will be open. Dr. Rahkonen will join the music playing one or several of his instruments.

The Sunday afternoon celebration will feature Dr. Rahkonen's presentation on the role of the kantele in the development of Finnish nationalism. *Kalevala* rune singing will also be included so come prepared to participate in this ancient art. War veterans and exchange students will

be recognized and we will hear a few words about Finland from our honorary Finnish consul, Paul Potti. A special musical event will be Don Reinholm's accordion rendition of Sibelius' complete *Finlandia*. Admission is \$10. A coffee hour will follow the program with music by Soittoniekat.

TERVETULOJA to our Independence Day celebration! Bring friends and family to participate in this most important anniversary event of the Finnish nation.

Louise Hartung, for the Finnish American Historical Society of Michigan and Soittoniekat

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