



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

October 2009

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

HELP - HELP - HELP

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

A couple of weeks ago I was watching a program on TV dealing with businesses and the nation's economic condition during this period of recession. The subject of discussion was "Why are some companies flourishing while so many are struggling to succeed". A study was made of ten of the flourishing companies to determine what factors were common to them, but lacking in others. The conclusion was that in all of the flourishing companies the single most prominent common factor was that the employees in the successful companies were kind to each other and to their clients. Is there a message here for us at the Finnish Center? Do we make unkind remarks about members, if not to their face then behind their backs? I must admit I am a guilty party. It is so easy to be kind to a person who is kind to you but so difficult to be kind to a person who is unkind to you.

Was this study an over simplification of the issue? I don't think so, I believe it is critical to success. We all want the FCA to be a successful organization. Let's all work at it. Be kind to each other.

Norbert C. Leppanen
Chairman

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KALEVALA – LAND OF HEROES

On Saturday August 22, 2009 the Peninsula Arts Appreciation Council from the Vista Theater in Negaunee, MI performed the play "Kalevala – Land of Heroes" at the Loon Lake Finn Camp in Wixom, MI. The amateur cast of 21 performers did a wonderful job of representing the characters of the Kaleva. Approximately 90 persons attended each of the matinee and evening performances. The performance was hosted by the Loon Lake Finn Camp, the Kaleva Association, Finnish Center Association, and members of the Finnish American Cultural Corporation. Pasties provided for sale by the FCA were very well received. It was a wonderful day for socializing, and viewing the performance in a rustic warm environment.

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop—Meeting

2nd Monday 1:00 pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of month 2-4 pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 10-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

OCTOBER

- 3 Rental - shower
 8 Flea Market set-up 12 noon - 4:00 pm
 Board meeting 6:30 pm
 9 Flea Market 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 10 Flea Market 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
 11 Finnish Breakfast 12 noon - 2:00 pm
 14 Danish Bros. dinner 6:30 pm
 15 Livonia Exchange Club
 16 Rental FACD pasty sale preparation
 Fish Fry 5:00 pm 8:00 pm
 17 Rental FACD pasty sale
 21 101st' luncheon 11:00 am
 24 Rental - SK events
 25 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
 28 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
 Danish Bros. meeting 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time ends
 6 Pasty preparation
 7 Pasty sale
 8 Brunch 12 - 2:00 pm
 11 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am
 Danish Bros. dinner 6:30 pm
 12 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
 13 Bazaar set-up 12 noon - 5:00 pm
 14 Scandinavian Bazaar 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

- 18 101 S' 1 uncheon 11:00 am
 Veterans Day luncheon
 20 Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 22 FCA General Meeting 2:00 pm
 26 CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day
 27 C LOSED
 28 CLOSED
 29 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

DECEMBER

- 4 Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
 5 Finnish Independence Day Gala
 Ball 6:30 pm
 9 Danish Bros. dinner 6:30 pm
 10 Board meeting 6:30 pm
 11 FCA Christmas Potluck 3:00 pm
 12 Swedish Club Lucia 2:00 pm- 6:00 pm
 15 Senior Danes 12 noon
 16 101 S' luncheon 11:00 am
 19 Nordic Fellows
 Rental - wedding 6:00 pm
 20 FASM Concert
 24 CLOSED - Christmas Eve
 25 CLOSED - Christmas Day
 26 CLOSED
 27 CLOSED
 31 New Year's Eve Party 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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The Finnish Center Association
 35200 W. Eight Mile Rd.
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Presents a

Scandinavian Bazaar

Saturday

November 14, 2009

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

\$1 donation @ the door
 Public Welcome

Featuring:
 Imports,
 Ethnic Foods,
 Music,
 Cooking demonstration

OVER ON FINN DRIVE

The buildings and grounds committee thanks the following volunteers for their time in fixing, painting and cleaning on the interior of the FCA this summer: Hilikka Ketola, Jerry Munro, Irving Garcia, and Norbert Leppanen. Most of all, we acknowledge the many hours spent by Carl Aebersold in assisting the workers. Thank you all.

If you have the appropriate skills and would like to volunteer to help, contact Paul Rajala, who will be scheduling additional Saturdays during the remainder of the year in our ongoing effort to maintain the center's appearance.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Wednesday, September 30, 2009
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

\$8.00

Please make reservations no later than Monday, September 28th.

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 9:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. will be baking day again for Pulla/Nisu. This is our 4th year for this baking that makes purchasers happy and benefits the FCA. If you've not ever come to help, please try to arrange to be there. Faithful bakers, we want you to come, too.

If you want Pulla/Nisu, please place your order for Braids and/or Cinnamon-Brown Sugar loaves by calling the FCA. They are \$5. each and we make them bigger now with more cardamom.

GARDEN CLUB

I can't believe it isn't even Labor Day and I sit here writing for the October issue. Where did the summer go? In fact, did we even have a summer?

The Garden Club is busy dividing perennials and moving a few bushes and trees to fill in the new gardens that have been newly developed in the West area. Speaking of the West area many of you have mentioned that we need trees between the pergola and the apartments. Well now is the time to step up and help do just that. For every \$50 donated to the cause, the Garden Club will plant a tree. We plan on planting a mixture of evergreen and large deciduous shade trees in the strip between the West gardens [across the bridge] and the apartments. Rather than planting one type of tree and having the species succumb to the next strange bug invasion [like the ash with the emerald ash borer] we plan on several varieties so that no devastating disease or bug will wipe out all the trees. If you are interested in planting a tree, please make a donation of \$50 [or any amount if \$50 is too much] in the accounting office or see David Sharpe or Gayle Gullen. If you want your name mentioned in a future article as having donated to the tree cause, please let us know. So far we have three people who have committed to the cause!

You will also find the Garden Club with various crafts at the flea market on October 8th and 9th so please stop by and see what we have to offer. As always, all donations go towards the operations of the gardens.

If you have any questions please contact me at either gaylegullen@hotmail.com or 734-546-5190.

Gayle Gullen
Garden Club Chairperson

FINLAND TODAY

First, from a study done in Finland, it seems to confirm that marriage is good for you. It has already been known for some time that married people live longer. But, now a study among 1400 people in Finland, suggests that marriage is also good for your brain. It was found that people who were single, divorced, or widowed at midlife, and remained so, were at a greater risk for Alzheimer's disease. It was suggested that having a partner might provide additional mental and social challenges that somehow stimulates the brain and delays the onset of dementia. The article appeared in Parade magazine.

Here in the U.S. we have, for the most part, a two party political system. In Finland it's a multi-party system, with no party with a majority. Usually the party with the most votes after an election forms a partnership with other parties to form a majority. According to the latest YLE Gallup poll, the Finnish political party support is as following: Conservatives 23.1%, Social Democrats 20.5%, Center Party 19.4%, Green Party 11%, Finnish Fundamental Party 8.8%, Leftist League 7.5%, Christian Democrats 4%, and the Swedish Peoples Party 3.8%. There also is a registration going on for another party, "Muutos", or "Change". The new party hopes to get registered, need 5,000 signatures, and elect 2 or 3 members to the Parliament at the 2011 election. The current poll (57.3%) thinks that the present administration is on the right track, and 78% think that President Halonen is doing a good job.

Unemployment is on the rise in Finland. At the end of July the unemployment rate was 7.7%, which was 2.5% higher than last year in July. A year ago in July, the unemployment of 5.2% was the lowest in 17 years. The rate for people 15--24 years of age was 15%. The unemployment rate for men was 7.6%, for women it was 7.9%. Lowest rate was for people in southern Finland with 6.2% and the highest was in Lapland with 12%. It is predicted that the unemployment rate will rise to over 10% next year before it will start to lower.

New car registration continues to slump in Finland. In August, registrations were down by 35.5% as compared to a year ago. New car registration from January to August of this year were down by 40.2%. The most popular cars registered so far this year were Toyota, Volkswagen, and Ford.

In Formula One auto racing, Finland's Kimi Raikkonen won the Belgium Grand Prix.

At the annual Finland--Sweden track meet, Swedes were the winners. The Swedish men won 208--200 and the Swedish women won 213--197.

One European Euro is worth \$1.44.

And finally, after closing time at the Half Way House Bar, Heikki decided to show his friends Matti, Toivo, and Eino his new apartment. When they enter the apartment, they see a huge brass gong with big mallet in the middle of the living room.

"What's with the big gong?", asked Matti.

"It's not gong, it's a talking clock."

"A talking clock? Are you serious?", asks Toivo.

"You betcha", says Heikki.

"How does it work?", asks Eino.

"Watch", says Heikki.

Heikki picked up the mallet and gave the gong an ear shattering wack.

The four friends stood looking at each other for a moment.....

Than, suddenly, someone on the other side of the wall screamed, "You idiot, it's three-fifteen in the morning."

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.

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RETIREMENT LIVING FOR LESS

HAPPINESS FUND

Happiness is wishing our mother, and grandmother, Laina Lampi a happy 95th birthday.

Sandy and Dave Scheel
Jackie Scheel
Paul Lampi
Kyle Lampi

(Correction to the September report.)

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers skilled in electrical, carpentry, and painting are needed to help maintain the Finnish Center. Contact Frank Gottberg or Paul Rajala from the buildings and ground committee.

FINN FACTS



Send me your Finn facts. They can be from Finland or from America, but must be about Finnish people and their ways.

Send them to:
fcacenter@sbcglobal.net
Attn: Glenn - Finn Facts.

Armitage Catering

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

Weddings/Showers
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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

Notes from the Singers for October

Autumn is fast approaching. The Finnish American Singers will start rehearsing on September 14th for the new Season. We are always looking for new Singers to join our group. Vickie Kimler has been helping by placing Articles in various Newspapers regarding the Singers.

As of this writing, seventeen persons, ten of whom are Singers, will be traveling to Ithaca, New York to attend the Finn Fun Weekend which will be held October 1 -4. We will be traveling via Bianco Motorcoach. This Event is sponsored by the Finger Lakes Finns. There will be many Cultural Sessions and other Activities to enjoy. It promises to be a fun filled Weekend. We plan to visit Niagara Falls on our return Home.

The FASM Singers will now begin practicing for their Annual Holiday Concert which will be held in December. If you enjoy Singing, why not join us. After each rehearsal, we enjoy tasty Refreshments and Socializing.

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

SAVE THE DATE

The Gala Ball

A Celebration of the
92nd year of Finnish Independence

Dec 5, 2009

Speaker: Professor Arnold Alanen
Finlandia Foundation lecturer of the Year

Music: Paul Finkbeiner's band.

More information to follow in the next
Newsletter

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 the FCA at (248) 478-6939.**

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

Donations to the Memorial Fund since the August newsletter are as follows:

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In memory of FCA life member Dante Balagna (8-9-09) donations have been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo. .

In memory of FCA member Daniel Haveri (8-25-09) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Henry Brandell (8-30-09) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja..

The FCA remembers life members Gretta Anderson (8-12-09) and member Eugene "Gene" Paasinen (8-28-09).

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I was able to spend a week in Inari, Finland, in Lapland. During this week of an average of negative thirty-five degrees I went: ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, igloo and fire building, swimming in the Arctic Ocean, on a husky safari, to a reindeer farm, to the Kemi snow castle, to Santa's Village on the Arctic Circle line, to a Sami village, ate reindeer and saw the Northern Lights twice.

I also traveled to Helsinki, Turku, Joensuu, Oulu, Tampere, Rovaniemi and Nuorgam (Finland's northern most point).

I was enrolled in a Survival Finnish language course for my first six weeks. I learned how to count, how to tell time, names of foods, greetings, directions, etc. Although, I was able to pick up a lot from hearing people speak the language everywhere I went. The language is difficult; the words are very long and every letter is pronounced.

My schooling was very different from what I have been used to at CMU. My classes were only a month or two long and I was always starting and ending new ones. Also, the times and location of classes changed each meeting time. I studied Management and Gerontology, and it was interesting to see the difference in theories from the US to Europe.

I really enjoyed my time in Finland and becoming part of their culture. As of right now, I do not have plans to return to Finland for an extended period of time, but I do hope to return sooner than later.

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: The new requirements for proof of citizenship to cross the border to Canada are:

1. PASSPORT - Must be a valid passport.
2. PASSPORTCARD or the new PASSPORT DRIVERS LICENSE.
3. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION accompanied by a valid passport and valid US. Re-Entry Permit.

Soaring Eagle's Landing Casino in Standish - 1 day, Thursday, September 24, \$36. This is a brand-new, recently opened casino. Included is \$20 in premium play. Be at FCA at 8:00 am for 8:15 departure. Return about 6:45 pm. Coupon on flyer must be included with payment.

Frankenmuth & Color Tour - 1 day, Tuesday, October 20, \$55. Trip includes a city tour of Frankenmuth, lunch at Bavarian

Inn, Pretzel dipping and shopping at Bronners. If Mother Nature cooperates the fall colors should be beautiful!! Be at FCA 8:30 am for 8:45 departure. Return about 5:00 pm.

Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek - 1 day, Thursday, November 12, \$32. This is also a brand new casino. Included is \$20 slot credit and \$5 for food, slot play or gift shop. Be at FCA 8:45 for 9:00 am departure. Return about 4:45 pm. Coupon on flyer must be included with payment.

Turkeyville Dinner Theater - 1 day, Friday, December 4, \$69. Includes the funny musical "Grandma Cancels Christmas?" and Marjorie Cornwell's wonderful turkey buffet. Be at FCA 9:15 for 9:30 departure. Return about 6:30 pm.

"Boeing-Boeing" at Meadow Brook Theatre - 1 day, Wednesday, January 27, \$72.

This is a comedy about a Parisian Lothario that has three fiancées who are stewardesses on different airlines. This play received the 2008 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play. Lunch will be at Kruse & Muer followed by the play at 2:00 pm.

Please call if you have questions. Pearl Wanttaja 248-541-0054

ERIN KERANEN: STUDENT IN FINLAND

FCA Scholarship recipient Erin Keranen has begun her senior year at Central Michigan University this fall. She used her scholarship to help pay for the expenses of studying at the University of Jyväskylä during the 2009 winter semester. You may read Erin's Scholarship interview in the February, 2009, *FCA News*. The following are her comments about her experiences while a student in Finland. Louise Hartung, Scholarship Committee Chair.

Prior to leaving for Finland, I knew a few things about Finland and Finnish culture but I was able to learn a lot more during my five months there. The first and most surprising thing I learned was that Finnish people are extremely shy and do not talk to people they don't know or make eye contact with anyone they walk by. However, they are very nice, courteous and extremely helpful. Finnish people are very involved with their friends and families and a lot of time is spent with recreational and leisure activities. I also noticed that Finns are very environmental and have separate waste baskets for everything; similarly, they always finish everything on their plates along with drinking a lot of milk, which comes in cardboard cartons. Finally, it is extremely rude to be late anywhere. I was able to learn how to make various dishes and desserts and take part in a sauna nearly every night. I also experienced jumping into a hole cut in a frozen lake in between saunas.

When I arrived in Finland the sun came up around 10:00 AM and set around 3:00 PM, although it was always very cloudy, so it was always dark. There were only two or three sunny days in my first two months. That all turned around come May when the sun came up at 3:00 AM and set at 11:30 PM, but it never got completely dark. There were rarely any cloudy days which meant it was always sunny.

Finland in the winter and Finland in the summer is like two different countries; from everything covered in white to all the blue lakes and bright green trees and grass. Nonetheless, Finland does have very beautiful scenery.

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Where can you find a library shaped like a bird, a church shaped like a fish, and a nude tax collector? The answer is Tampere (pronounced "dumb-bear-eh"), second largest city in Finland, also known as Finland's "Manchester," after England's factory town of the same name. But unlike its English namesake, Tampere has no smog, grit or grime. Although Tampere is Finland's leading industrial town, its many factories have been situated according to a carefully prepared plan so as to avoid spoiling the town's beautiful setting. Tampere is a well-laid-out town, embellished with many parks and works of art, museums, art galleries, theaters and statues, one of them being a nude tax collector on the main bridge, one of the four famous Wäinö Aaltonen works.

Tampere is about 108 miles northwest of Helsinki, on a narrow isthmus between two lakes, Näsijärvi and Pyhäjärvi (järvi = lake). It lies on both sides of the Tammerkoski Rapids, a series of rapids 1000 yards long with a drop of 590 feet between Näsijärvi and Pyhäjärvi. Hämeenkatu is the main artery through the city; Hämeensilta ("silta" = "bridge") divides the street in two. Its beautiful surroundings make it a popular tourist spot.

Tampere had its beginnings in three estates established around 1600; at that time the surrounding land was inhabited by tenant farmers. The town made little progress until 1819, when it was visited by Czar Alexander I of Russia, when Finland was a Grand Duchy of the Russian Empire. He was so impressed with the potential of Tampere that he granted it the privilege of a free city, meaning that they could import whatever was needed to develop industry: machinery and raw materials for factories. The first industrial plant, a cotton textiles factory, was established by a Scot, James Finlayson, in 1820. There are now some 400 industrial establishments of various sizes. In spite of this, it remains one of the cleanest, brightest cities in Scandinavia.

Tampere is sometimes spoken of as a city of writers; its schools have educated many famous Finns, including Väinö Linna, author of *Tuntematon Sotilas* (The Unknown Soldier.) It is also known as a city of theaters and a showcase of Finnish architecture; in fact, the whole cultural spectrum is represented. It has an unusually large number of cultural events and functions.

Tampere prides itself on its theatrical energy and achievements. In addition to the two main theaters, Tampere Workers' Theater and Tampere Theater Company, and the internationally known Tampere Theater Summer festival, there is the extremely popular outdoor Pyynikki Summer Theater with its revolving auditorium.

Nor is music neglected. Its city orchestra and Tampere opera are among the oldest in Finland. There are dozens of choirs: the Händel choir, among others, regularly performs major choral works with the city orchestra.

Tampere has many historical, architecturally valuable buildings. Of recent construction is the cathedral, the work of Lars Sonck, 1907. It contains valuable paintings by Hugo Simberg, including "The Wounded Angel"; the altar fresco is by Magnus Enckel.

Of ultra-modern design is the Kaleva Church, the work of architects Reima and Raili Pietila. Viewed from the top, the outline forms that of a fish (an early Christian symbol). Viewed from any direction, its distinct features display an architecturally beautiful wholeness. The wall surface of grooved white brick is always alive with the reflections of changing light and shadows. The auditorium furnishings are made of Finnish pine, with a finish that leaves the grain visible.

Another unique Pietila design is the new library, completed in 1986. This building, when viewed from the top, resembles a capercaillie, a grouse found in Finland.

A visit to Särkänniemi, a tourist attraction owned by the city of Tampere, is a must. Clustered around the 550-foot high Nasineula tower, the tallest in Finland, are an amusement park with 23 different attractions, a dolphinarium, children's zoo, aquarium, planetarium as well as the Sara Hilden Art Museum. The tower provides a magnificent view of the surrounding area; it also has an elegant revolving dining room.

Tampere has dozens of dining establishments, from fast-food to elegant, and it is said that it is more comfortably supplied with hotels than any other city in Finland with the exception of Helsinki.

For more about Tampere, consult our card catalog and the various travel books in our library.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

P.S.

For those of you who viewed my pictures on Lapland at the Open House on August 30: I want you to know that the quality of the pictures you saw on the screen was not that of my original presentation. I worked hours and hours to get the colors, brightness, etc. to be "perfect" and when we had a trial run the previous Monday, the presentation was just the way I had prepared it. But on Sunday, a decision had been made to use a demo projector which did not accommodate my slides in the way that our own FCA projector did. I apologize, because I would have liked to have you see the true Lapland in all its glory, especially their brilliant fall colors. Perhaps sometime I will have an opportunity to present the work on our own FCA projector for your enjoyment.

Seeking Employment

Duties as a companion/caregiver. To include errands, light housekeeping, Non medical needs provided.

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GIFT SHOP

New items are: Thimbleberry Jam & Jelly SISU sweatshirts

At the Scandinavian Bazaar on November 14th all Gift Shop items will be discounted 5% and more.

This includes food and new items.

This is a one day sale.

Don't miss it.

Great gifts!

GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays, Wednesday, & Friday

10 am - 2 pm Saturdays

Refer to the calendar for additional dates & times.

AUGUST OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM

Attendees to the August 30 FCA Open House were treated to two fine educational slide shows. FCA and FACC board member Paul Rajala and Finlandia Garden Club coordinator David Sharpe presented "The Yoik Music of the Sámi People". Carl Aebersold provided Yoik music materials for this production from his extensive CD collection.

A slide show entitled "Lapland: Santa, Reindeer, and the Midnight Sun" by FCA Librarian Lillian Lehto followed. Captioned photographs from her personal trips to Lapland were presented on the screen accompanied by various recorded musical pieces from the region. There were some technical problems with the slide presentation. This presentation will be shown again at a later time to be announced.

Both slide shows have been made into DVDs and are available in the Library.

Submitted by Paul Rajala and Christine Johnson

Flea Market Donations

Any small items that you wish to donate to the FCA table, please bring to the FCA during regular business hours.

Your Flea Market Coordinator

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

ANOTHER TRADITIONAL FINNISH BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, OCT. 11

We'll have Puuro, Piiirakka, and Pulla on Sun., Oct. 11 from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. If you've not attended one previously, do come as we serve, like the people of Finland, healthful foods that start you off right in the morning, jump starting your metabolism. Our women will bake the Pulla and Piiirakka ahead of time. There will also be open faced Breakfast Sandwiches made on freshly baked Rieska, juice, coffee, and tea. As before, monthly Brunch workers, we are asking you to come to help us as your assistance is very important to us. FCA members and friends, we're hoping to see a big turnout at the Finnish Breakfast!

I have not been able to reach George Koskimaki as he may be in the U.P. However, we're hoping to combine with his Airborne group to celebrate Veterans' Day on Wed., Nov. 18, with a luncheon and program. Next newsletter, we'll have final details.

Kiitos,

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

RAFFLE RESULTS

The winners of the raffle have been determined.

Winner of \$150 is Katy Smith of Westland. Winner of the \$250 prize is Marty Miller of St. Clair Shores, and winner of the \$500 prize is John Nivala of Garden City.

Eight hundred forty members were issued tickets to sell. Three hundred twenty-five responded. A profit of \$4,500 was realized.

A great big vote of thanks to all those persons who participated in this effort.

Norbert C. Leppanen

ROSTER CHANGES

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