



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

November 2009

THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

A newsletter layout person is needed. Must be available on or about the 5th of each month. The skills needed are:

- Well versed in the use of a computer
- Be familiar with Microsoft's Publisher.
- Able to convert e-mail text to Word documents.
- Able to scan (OCR) and convert printed documents.

Also an editor is needed.

HELP - HELP - HELP

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FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

This year Finnish Center, Finnish American Historical Society, and Knights and Ladies of Kaleva are combining their resources and organizing a different kind of Independence Day Celebration, Gala Ball on December 5th, 2009.

Attached in this newsletter you can find an invitation to this special event, which we hope will become a new tradition at the Finnish Center and with this large group of Finns located in the area.

We have planned a full night of great entertainment for this event. The night will begin with a presentation of flags and few words of welcome from the representatives of the sponsoring organizations as well as from Paul Potti, Honorary Council of Finland for Southern Michigan. Together with Armitage Catering we have planned an excellent dinner inspired by traditional Finnish foods. Finlandia Foundation's speaker of the year, Professor Arnold Alanen will be a guest speaker. Paul Finkbeiner Band will provide entertainment after Professor Alanen's talk. Malla Sandberg, a member of the FCA has agreed to perform poetry by Finnish authors about Finland's Independence. "From Finland to North America: Buildings, Landscapes, and Cultural Change" is the title of his lecture..

Paul Finkbeiner, Jazz Program Director, at Ann Arbor School for Performing arts has invited few of his friends to join him and entertain us with great music. Even though he was the fourth Jazz Major to graduate from Western Michigan University he and his group plays all kinds of music. According to the School's website he has performed in various jazz groups all over the world, including cruise ships, the Orange County Jazz Festival in Los Angeles, the Evergreen Jazz Festival in Colorado, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and the symphonic hall of the Auditorio Nacional de Música in Madrid, Spain. He has also appeared on several CD's with Paul Keller, Jan Krist, Bess Bonnier, Glenn Tucker, Steve Fentriss and Phil Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings.

Finlandia Foundation's website describes Professor Alanen as follows.

Arnold Alanen, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, will be the third Finlandia Foundation Lecturer of the Year (LOY).

He is at the height of his career as a distinguished cultural landscape historian. He has written extensively on vernacular architecture, settlement patterns of Finnish immigrants throughout North America, and cultural resource preservation.

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

Finlandia Garden Club

Mondays 9:00 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

NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time ends
- 6 Pasty preparation
- 7 Pasty sale
- 8 Brunch 12 - 2:00 pm
- 9 Poker Night - Northville
- 10 Poker Night - Northville
- 11 Poker Night - Northville
- 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 101st luncheon 11:00 am
- Veterans Day luncheon
- 20 Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- 22 FCA General Meeting 2:00 pm
- 25 Senior Luncheon 11 am
- Veteran's Day Celebration
- 26 CLOSED - Thanksgiving Day 27
- CLOSED
- 28 CLOSED
- 29 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

DECEMBER

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

Christmas Greetings
\$10.00
Due by November 2, 2009

Finnish Center Association
General Meeting
November 22, 2009 2:00 pm

The Finnish Center Association
35200 W. Eight Mile Rd.
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Saturday
November 14, 2009
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

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A third-generation Finnish American, he speaks and reads Finnish and has been a Fulbright Fellow in Finland as well as Visiting Professor at the University of Helsinki. He is well known in Finnish-American circles through his numerous, popular, and well-illustrated presentations at FinnFests.

His lecture will pull together the insights of a long career into the Finnish immigrant story and the world the immigrants built in North America. How did the sauna change when it crossed the Atlantic Ocean? What ideas about wilderness, clearings, farmsteads, trees and wetlands did the immigrants bring with them? What did they discover about making places in North America? Wherever possible, Professor Alanen will arrive early to research and include actual local Finnish buildings into his lecture.

We have only limited number of tickets available and the invitation has been sent to people around the area so please get your tickets early and join us to start a new tradition at the Finnish Center.

Sincerely,

The Independence Day Planning Group

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

In Oct., Dagnie Carlson, Betty Taipalus, and Ilene Yanke began the baking for the Oct. Finnish Breakfast and were later joined by Nina Ranta and Margaret Laurila. We made 25 loaves and many cinnamon rolls.

Try to join our group on Fri., Nov. 13 between 9:45a.m.-2:00 p.m. when we will be baking Pulla/Nisu and Christmas Tarts for the Scandinavian Bazaar the next day. With a good crew, so much more can be done.

GARDEN CLUB

The Finlandia Garden Club had a very successful October, winning a new award in Farmington Hills that was designed specifically for the Gardens and its volunteers. You should see it hanging in the entrance way by the beginning of November. Several volunteers also traveled to Mount Pleasant to attend the Keep Michigan Beautiful Meeting and Awards Program where the gardens were also honored. Another first.

Birdhouses and feeders and lighted bottles and glass blocks are still available as all of those made for the flea market and craft show in October were not sold. If you would like to purchase one of these wonderful gifts please contact Gayle Gullen at 734 546-5190 or gaylegullen@hotmail.com or see Gayle on Monday mornings.

We have planted several trees in the West Lot but our fund raising for additional trees is still ongoing. If you would like to donate to plant a tree there is still time. Please consider helping to 'green up' the West Lot.

Gayle Gullen
Garden Club Chairperson

FLEA MARKET

Thank you to all the following committee heads and all the volunteers who will be working with them on the Flea Market

- Advertising : Christine Johnson, Nancy Sannar, Paul and Nancy Rajala.
- Bake sale : Lillian Heikkinen
- FCA table : Dagnie Carlson, Hanna Carlson. Lounge :
- Linda and Laura for preparing and selling food
- Tickets at front door : Dagmar Malstrom

Sincerly, Denise Book.

FINLAND TODAY

First, official Finnish "Flag Days" will increase by two. In Finland, Finnish flags are not normally flown except on special flag days. Currently there are six official flag days, when Finnish flags are flown throughout Finland. They are: Kalevala Day, Vappu or May day, Mothers' Day, Armed Forces Day, Juhannus or Midsummer, and Independence Day. But by 2011, there will be two more, Sibelius Day (Dec. 8th) and Europe Day (May 9th)

Government buildings fly Finnish flags on three additional days, Parliament election day, European Union election day, and Presidential election day.

Osmo Vanska will continue to be conductor of the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra .

According to the Minneapolis Star Tribune, Vanska's contract will be extended by 4 years. Vanska's current contract is to 2011, but the new agreement will extend it to 2015.

Vanska has also brought the Sinfonia Lahti Orchestra in Finland to international acclaim.

Remember the days when the Olympics were "strictly amateur?" Now-a-days, the winners receive "bonus" money from their governments and sponsors. For example, at the coming up Vancouver Winter Olympics, each Finnish gold medal winner will receive \$29,400, silver medal winner \$14,700, and bronze medalists will receive \$7,350 in bonus money. If Finland's hockey team wins gold, each team member would receive \$73,500. At the Catalunya Rally in Spain, France's Sebastien Loeb won the race for the 5th time in a row, with Finland's Mikko Hirvonen coming in 3rd. That leaves Hirvonen with a one point lead over Loeb in the Championship points total. The World Rally Championship between Loeb and Hirvonen will be decided at the next, and last race of the season at Rally of Britain at the end of October.

When the NHL season began with two games played at the Hartwall Arena in Helsinki, two Finnish hockey players played prominent roles.

First, on Friday it was a memorable night for Florida Panther's Ville Koistinen. Koistinen, a defenceman, was moved to forward for the game. He responded by scoring the tying goal in the 3rd period, and then delighted his home town fans in Helsinki, by scoring the winning goal in a overtime shoot-out against the Chi-

cago Blackhawks.

Than on Saturday, Antti Niemi replaced Christobal Huet in Chicago. Niemi responded with a 4--0 shutout victory over the Panthers, as Niemi stopped all 23 shots fired at him.

And finally, every year Hilma and Heikki would go to the county fair, and every year Heikki would say, "Hilma I'd sure like to ride in that helicopter."

And every year Hilma would reply, "I know Heikki, but the helicopter ride is 50 bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks."

This would go on year after year until one year Heikki said, "Hilma, I'm 85 years old, if I don't ride that helicopter now, I might never have another chance."

To this Hilma replied, "Heikki, that helicopter ride is 50 bucks, and 50 bucks is 50 bucks."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make a deal. I'll take you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word, I won't charge a penny, but, if you say one word, it's 50 bucks." Hilma and Heikki agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. After they landed, the pilot turned to Heikki said, "I'm impressed, you didn't say a word."

Heikki replied, "Well, to tell the truth, I almost said something when Hilma fell out, but you know, fifty bucks is 50 bucks."

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

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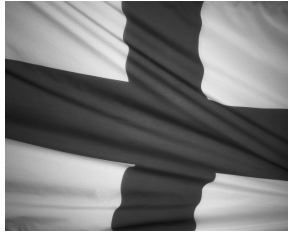
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HAPPINESS FUND

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.

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Attn: Glenn - Finn Facts.

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FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

We just returned from a great trip to the beautiful Finger Lakes area of NY. Ten singers, spouses, and guest riders for a total of 19 enjoyed the comfortable Bianco bus. The wine tour around Cayuga Lake took us to 5 wineries for tasting and shopping. We also viewed a deep canyon with a high waterfall.

Terhi Miikki, the Finlandia Foundation performer of the year for 2009 was our accompanist at our one hour concert in the Grand Ballroom of the Clarion University Hotel. She was a marvellous pianist who even sang some alto for us. The room held many listeners who stayed through the whole performance and rewarded us with a standing ovation!

On the way home, we enjoyed a visit to Niagara Falls.

Ilene Yanke
for Jerry Malstrom, FASM 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.

See page 11 of the newsletter for a more information.

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 Aino Katajamaki (6/25/2009) a donation was made by Fred/Dee Aebersold

In memory of Barbara Husa () a donation was made by Kathryn Simo

In memory of Dante Balagna (8/9/2009) donations were made by Paul & Judy Winquist, Ruth Tervo.

In memory of Helen Gilbert (6/11/2009) a donation was made by Lillian M. Heikkinen.

In memory of Helen Lampi (5/ 4/2009) a donation was made by Arlene R. Moilanen

In memory of Judy Setty (7/30/2009) a donation was made by Ronald and Rosemary Hella

In memory of Kenneth Hawkinson () donations were made by Charles Bykkonen, Kathryn Simo.

In memory of Kenneth Levoska () a donation was made by Fred/Dee Aebersold.

In memory of Marion Perttunen () a donation was made by Alfred and Shirley Burke.

In memory of Nora Lahti (2/ 5/2009) a donation was made by Alfred and Shirley Burke

In memory of William Perttunen () a donation was made by Alfred and Shirley Burke

In memory of Eva Koskimaki (10/28/2003) a donation was made by Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of Helen Gilbert (6/11/2009) a donation was made by Richard and Tove Bruning

NOTICE:

There will be no senior luncheon in October. We will be celebrating the veterans at the November 25th senior luncheon.

Please have money (\$8.00) and reservation in no later than Friday November 20th.

Thank you!

Can't wait to see and serve you!!!

Senior Luncheon Committee

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.

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

DEER HUNTERS

In the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, they create some of the finest foods known to man. Beef pasties and Trenary Toast are two that come to mind. Both are staples in the deer camps in the UP. For those of you that will be hunting down south here in the LP but still want the pleasure of eating these scrumptious foods, you 're in luck, don't ya' know.

The FCA will be baking UP-recipe pasties again on Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7. Call your order in early to the Finnish Center at 248-478-6939 or email to fca-pasties@comcast.net. Be sure to include your name, phone number, and the number of pasties you are ordering. The cost is \$5 per pasty and the proceeds help support the mission of the Finnish Center.

Orders are to be picked up at the FCA between noon and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 7.

As always, Trenary Toast is available in the FCA gift shop, which is open from 10:00 until 2:00 on Saturdays. [Pasties and Trenary Toast will also be available to non-hunters as well.]

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the pasty bake on both Friday and Saturday. Call the FCA at 248-478-6939 or sign up on the volunteer list in the lobby.

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

Those of us who have Finnish roots often assume that "of course" we know Finnish customs! Don't be too sure! It would behoove anyone either visiting Finland or entertaining Finnish relatives to research this subject so as to avoid embarrassment as well as misunderstanding.

A girl with whom I spoke in Helsinki commented that when she was in the U.S. as a foreign exchange student, she found many cultural differences and had to be careful to say the right things on the right occasion. She observed that Americans are much more prone to exaggeration and profuse thanks. Finns will mean the same thing, but not be so wordy about it. A Finn may regard Americans as insincere, whereas the American, receiving what to him appears "meager" thanks, may wonder whether his gift or deed went unappreciated.

Many have also observed another conversational difference: Americans will engage in casual talk with anyone and everyone, including strangers in a grocery line, at a bus stop, on public transportation, or whatever. Finns don't do this, and can be quite taken aback if a well-meaning American, ignorant of Finnish customs, attempts to initiate a conversation in such a situation.

Conversational topics also differ in our countries. Americans, upon meeting someone for the first time, will often inquire about whether he/she is married, has a family, etc. I am told that this is not to be done in Finland or when talking with Finns. This was brought home to me recently when a Finnish guest and I were in a large group where we shared a table with several others. One of the women in the group, attempting to be friendly, inquired regarding my guest's marital status and whether she had children. I thought nothing of the questions, it being a common American conversation-starter. However, my guest abruptly asked that we leave. When we were alone, she commented that she could not stand the inquisitiveness of the woman. It amazed me, as she had nothing to hide or be ashamed of. Lesson learned: avoid personal topics in conversations with Finns. It has been my observation that religion and politics should also be avoided.

Pursuing conversations further: "bad words" in our cultures differ. Whereas Finnish "bad words" consist of those having to do with the devil, American counterparts have to do with deity, sexual references and bathroom terms. Sometimes in learning the language of another, one inadvertently picks up these terms, not realizing they are unacceptable in polite conversation in the other culture. One would do well to learn what words are to be avoided in the other's culture, as well as what words are sanctioned, so one does not register shock upon hearing what in one's own culture might be inappropriate.

Americans are often initially surprised at the unabashed atti-

tude of Finns toward nudity, elimination, and mixed family bathing in the sauna. This is no doubt a healthy attitude, but we find it alarming, afraid that we will be embarrassed. Americans refer to bathroom functions via euphemisms, and a (false?) modesty governs display of the nude body. An American related this regarding her visit to Finland with her teenage son and daughter. The host family heated the sauna and then announced that it was her family's turn to take a bath. Her son and daughter both protested that they WOULD NOT enter the sauna together, nor with their mother. Each bathed alone. The hostess was baffled by such "foolish" modesty!

"Personal distance" in our two cultures also differs. Whereas Americans in an average stand-up conversation automatically place themselves about 2 to 2 1/2 feet apart, Finns increase this distance by about a foot. This phenomenon is often evident even in photos. Americans "huddle together" in a photo, whereas Finns place some distance between each other. I have found this to be true even of families who "sauna" together! This phenomenon of personal distance also applies to greetings. Whereas the American will often descend upon one with a bear hug, the Finn offers the hand in greeting. One of my cousins confided that she dreads a visit from her husband's American relatives, for they HUG her! The handshake is much more common in Finland than in the U.S. (Would that it were more common here also.)

Finns seem to be more prone to gift-giving, including hostess gifts, than are Americans. The custom of taking flowers when visiting a home is a charming one which Americans would do well to emulate. Finns, on the other hand, should be made aware of the fact that if an American arrives empty-handed, he is not a social clod, but simply has not learned the custom. The Finnish custom of gifting a (foreign) visitor is also very considerate. However, if a Finn visits in an American home and receives no gift, he should not be offended, for again, this is not our usual custom.

This is only a smattering of the differences in the customs of Americans, and Finns in the "Old Country". If you would like to read more about this subject, you can find much interesting material in the following books in our library:

CULTURE SMART by Terttu Leney
 FROM FINLAND WITH LOVE by Roman Schatz
 SAUNA, SISU AND SIBELIUS by Maija Dahlgren
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GIFT SHOP

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GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays, Wednesday, & Friday

10 am - 2 pm Saturdays

Refer to the calendar for additional dates & times.

NEW CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FINNISH FOOD

Finland has recently started an initiative to promote Finnish food. Traditional Finnish food is known to be clean, uncomplicated and of the highest quality.

The health benefits are well known. In fact, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting research with Finland to study weight management solutions based on healthy Finnish foods.

Typical dishes consist of fish, hearty stews, rye bread, root vegetables, berries, wild mushrooms, dairy products.

Please take the time to visit the following web sites for more information, as well as numerous Finnish recipes:

www.foodfromfinland.com

www.roukatieto.fi/tasteoffinland

www.nynordiskmad.org

Mmmmmmm – I can taste the pierakaas!

Article submitted by Paul N. Potti, Honorary Consul, Finland.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

VETERANS' DAY LUNCHEON

Lila Ball and Liz McCue will combine with Social to host this annual Veterans' Day luncheon on Wed., Nov. 25 at noon. Lila and Liz hosted a Senior Luncheon in Sept. and will do the same for us in Nov. The donation is \$8.

We'll have a short program and our veterans will be recognized and asked to say a few words, if they care to. We'll show a video about "Yoopers Going to War" and add some additional entertainment.

Veterans, please gather family and friends to attend this luncheon and program.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

On Fri., Dec. 11 you're invited to bring a dish to share for an afternoon Christmas meal at 3:00 p. m. This time has been set to accommodate some of our members who bowl.

The tables will be decorated for Christmas. We're hoping that many of you will respond and bring a food of your choice for our festive Christmas table. We can socialize and sing some Christmas carols. Hoping to see you with us.

Kiitos,

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

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