



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

June/July 2010

Dear FCA Members

Have you visited or attended a function at the Center lately?

You have been missed.

Remember you Finnish heritage and help to pass on the traditions to the youth of the community

## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

At the March 11, 2010 Joint Board meeting I recommended that the pictures of the Chairpersons presently displayed in the hallway next to the Gift Shop be removed and instead be placed in a binder. I have a few reasons for this recommendation. First of all having the pictures displayed is intended to honor that person, but we have other persons in the FCA who deserve honor as well and even more so, yet we do not display their pictures.

Secondly, the pictures of Kristen Kreiner and Frank Gottberg are missing. We apparently have difficulty updating the pictures.

Third, we are running out of space on the wall. As a result a motion was made and passed that the picture of Noah Potti, our first Chairman, be displayed as well as a picture of the Chairman in office that particular year and that the other pictures be placed in a binder to be available in a designated location.

The change will take place at the beginning of next year, when a new Chairman will be elected.

Norb Leppanen Chairman

## SIX HONORED AT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

By Louise Hartung, Scholarship Committee Chair

Five college/university students and one Finnish Center adult volunteer were honored at the FCA's annual Scholarship Reception on Sunday, May 2. The celebration began with thanks to the 135-plus generous donors who gave more than \$7,000 to the Scholarship Fund Drive. First on the program was a presentation by 2008 scholarship recipient Erin Keranen, who had used her award to study for a semester at Finland's University of Jyväskylä. Erin is now a senior at Central Michigan University, majoring in therapeutic recreation and minoring in gerontology. She showed slides of her experiences in Finland, and described many cultural differences between the Finnish and American cultures.

Scholarship Committee members introduced the five college/university students, who were each awarded \$1,000. Kathleen Carlson, Megan Hella, and Kristina Rikkonen all had received scholarships in previous years. Kathleen, daughter of Kim and Dan Carlson and granddaughter of Hannah and the late Edsel Carlson, is finishing her freshman year at Grand Valley State University, majoring in Biomedical Sciences, with the intention of becoming a pediatrician. Kristina, daughter of Mark and Beth Rikkonen, is also completing her first year. She is at Hope College, studying political science, psychology, and French, with the goal of becoming an international lawyer.

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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

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:00 pm

### Card and Game Party

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11-4 pm

### Finnish Conversation

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 10 am

### Book Club

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

## MAY

- 8 Finnish Language class 10:00 am  
Rental - Memorial luncheon  
12 noon
- 9 Mother's Day Open House 1:00 pm
- 12 Rental - Danish Bros. meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 FCA Pasty Sale preparation
- 15 FCA Pasty Sale  
Finnish Language class 10:00 am
- 16 Soup, Salad & Dessert 12 noon -  
3:00 pm
- 19 Rental - 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon 11:00 am
- 21 Spaghetti dinner 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
5-Finn Consortium meeting  
7:00 pm
- 22 Finnish Language class 10:00 am  
FAHS meeting 2:00 pm
- 23 General Meeting 1:00 pm  
KEVATJUHLA 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- 26 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am  
Senior luncheon 12 noon  
Rental - Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 29 CLOSED
- 30 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 31 CLOSED - Memorial Day

## JUNE

- 4 SPRINGFEST  
BBQ dinner 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Novi Band concert 7:00 pm

- 5 Rental - Shower 12 noon  
Rental - Birthday party 12 noon
- 9 Rental - Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 10 Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Brunch 12 noon - 1:30 pm
- 16 Rental - 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon  
11:00 am
- 18 Juhannus dinner 7:00 pm  
Juhannus bonfire  
8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
- 19 Rental - Wedding 6:00 pm
- 23 Rental - Danish Bros. meeting  
6:30 pm
- 27 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- 28 Rental - Lifeline 8:15 am -  
5:00 pm

## JULY

- 3 CLOSED
- 4 CLOSED
- 5 CLOSED
- 10 Rental - Graduation party 12  
noon
- Rental - Wedding 6:00 pm
- 25 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## AUGUST

- 12 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 Rental - Wedding 6:00 pm
- 18 Rental - Lifeline 8:15 am - 4:00  
pm
- 21 Rental - Wedding 6:00 pm
- 28 Rental - Wedding
- 29 Open House 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## Poker Night

May 10, 11, 12, 13

June 11, 12, 13

4:00 pm to 2:00 am

## Garden Lanes

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#3 Katja Jablonski

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Megan, daughter of Coleen and Roger Hella and granddaughter of Rosemary and Ronald Hella, is completing her sophomore year at Central Michigan University, majoring in Elementary Special Education, and plans to become a special education teacher.

Two high school seniors received scholarships this year. Bridget Ranta, daughter of Rochelle and Mark Ranta, and granddaughter of Nina and John Ranta, will attend Grand Valley State University to study nursing, with the goal of specializing later as a nurse anesthetist. Martin Hella, son of Coleen and Roger Hella, and grandson of Rosemary and Ronald Hella, has been accepted to several universities, but has not made the decision yet about which one to attend. He also plans to study nursing.

A new category of scholarship was offered this year: \$50 toward the cost of attending the Finnish Center's Finnish language class. The requirement for this award is that the person be an active volunteer at the Finnish Center, and Margaret Laurila is certainly highly qualified for this award.

Beginning in January, 2010, Mr. Jim Kurtti, editor of The Finnish American Reporter, decided that all students who receive scholarships from Finnish-American organizations will receive a one-year complimentary subscription to the publication. This was an unexpected gift to our Finnish Center scholarship recipients, and will enable them to learn more about Finland, and about Finnish and Finnish-American cultural activities.

After the ceremony the students and their families enjoyed delicious baked goods and other coffee table treats which had been donated by Scholarship Committee members and parents.

### THANK YOU

To everyone who helped make  
a successful FLEA MARKET  
we would like to acknowledge  
your participation and a job well done.

Sincerely,

Denise Book, Co-Chairperson  
Nancy Rajala, Co-Chairperson

## GARDEN CLUB

The last few months have been exciting for the Garden Club. David Sharpe and Gayle Gullen gave a presentation in April to over 200 members of the Michigan Garden Club discussing the founding of the Finlandia Gardens and extolling the virtues of the Finnish Center. We have had several visitors to both the center and the gardens as a result of the presentation. In addition to our new human visitors we've been blessed by a wild turkey walking through the gardens!

Please join us on Sunday, June 6th at 1pm in the Childrens' Garden as members of Beach View Elementary School help us dedicate the new Children's Garden. These children have been growing their vegetables from seeds and will be planting them in three of the six raised garden beds. At 2pm we three raised beds will be available to children and grand children of the Finnish Center and the general public for \$2.00 a plot. A responsible adult must be present to supervise each child. We hope to have our eight rain barrels operational by then and you should be able to see our vermiculture [worm composting] in action too! There will be a limited number of small hand tools in the garden, but we encourage you to bring your own tools to insure that you can keep your garden weeded. In the main vegetable garden we still have a few garden plots for rent for \$25 for adults.

Regarding the rain barrels – if anyone has talent installing gutters so that we do not have to hire that out the Garden Club would appreciate that assistance. Also we are in dire need of additional gardeners as we are far behind in our general garden work. All hands have been working hard in the vegetable and Childrens Gardens building barricades against deer, rabbits, and groundhogs.

For questions, comments, or vegetable gardens contact Gayle Gullen at 734-546-5190 or [gaylegullen@comcast.net](mailto:gaylegullen@comcast.net) or [gaylegullen@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylegullen@hotmail.com).

Gayle Gullen  
Garden Club President

## FINLAND TODAY

The Finnish government has proposed the construction of two more nuclear power plants in Finland. Permission has been granted to the Finnish utility TVO and Fennovoimo, to draw up plans for the new nuclear plants. Fennovoima is a consortium with a German company, E. On AG. The reactors are scheduled to be built by the year 2020.

Finland has four nuclear power plants in operation, and is currently building one of Europe's most advanced pressurized reactors.

The government plans for the nuclear reactors need parliamentary approval, which they will seek this summer, but, the Green Party says it will oppose the plans.

Around the world there are 438 nuclear power plants in operation. Also, there are 52 nuclear power plants under construction, mostly in China.

Finland is the European Union's biggest power consumer per capita, double that of Germany.

Finland imports about 15% of its electricity from Russia. Last year it cost Finland about \$500 million for the Russian electricity.

Remember the Icelandic volcano disrupting airplane travel to Europe? One of the casualties of the air travel ban was the the scheduled trip of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to Finland. It is not known if the trip has been rescheduled.

One of the most memorable trips to Finland by U.S. officials was in 1997 when President Clinton made a stop when he was in a wheelchair after a knee injury and had to be lowered from Air Force One in a food catering truck.

In a recent study by Freedom House, the "Freedom of the Press" took a tumble around the world in 2009. The countries with the highest level of press freedom were led by Finland, Ice-

land, Norway, and Sweden. The U.S. ranked 24th. In last place was again North Korea (196th).

Usually fences are used to keep the animals confined at a zoo. But, at the Korkeasaari Zoo in Helsinki, the fence didn't keep the fox out. The fox climbed the fence and killed the whole flock of 16 flamingos at the zoo. Zoo director, Jukka Salo said that the birds were an important part of the zoo and they will be replaced.

Finland has won the four-nation Euro Hockey Tour title. Through-out the season there were a total of 12 games played in the competing four countries of Czech Republic, Finland, Sweden, and Russia. Finland and Russia finished with 21 points each, 18 points for the Czechs and 12 for Sweden. Finland was the winner over Russia on a tie breaker goals differential.

And finally, how the Mackinaw Bridge "really" got built.

More than 50 years ago, a young Heikki was walking along the shore of Lake Superior collecting rocks for his father's new sauna stove, when he came across an old unusual shaped bottle. He picked up the bottle. Suddenly a Genie appeared in front of him. The Genie said, "For freeing me, I will grant you one wish."

Heikki thought for awhile and finally said, "I wish that there was a bridge between the Upper Peninsula and the lower peninsula."

Genie: "I'm sorry I can't do that. For one, it would be impossible, and it would cause too much change, it would change too many peoples lives."

Again Heikki thought for a while, "I'm a proud Yooper and I'm sick and tired of people making fun and jokes of us Yoopers. So I wish that all Yoopers were smarter than anyone else in the world, or at least smarter than any other Michigander."

The Genie replied, "So, do you want two lanes or four lanes?"

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

## Additional Donors to the Scholarship Fund Drive

MANY THANKS  
KIITOKSIA PALJON

To the following additional FCA members whose donations were received after April 1. Grand Patron/\$100 or more: Ron LaCourt. Patron/\$50 or more: Robert Erickson, and Kevin Nurmi. Sponsor/\$25 or more: Shirley Jean Long, and Helen Minichelli. These donations bring the fund-drive total to more than \$7,000!

by Louise Hartung, Scholarship Committee Chair

## FINN FACTS



Finland is the leading book-publishing country in the world per capita: 17.1 titles are published per year for every 10,000 inhabitants.

## Armitage Catering

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

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**Graduation Parties**

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This could be a space for your ad.

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Our beautiful Michigan Spring weather has arrived with flowers and trees in bloom.

The FASM Singers have had a busy schedule. Our Spring Concert on April 25th was well received. The Quartet, Quintet and Solo numbers were a special addition to the Concert. Thanks to Lillian Heikkinen and Dagnie Carlson for preparing and serving the tasty luncheon. Also, many thanks to Shirley Erickson and Millie Harju for selling tickets.

As a Fund Raiser, the Singers with the help of the Garden Club members, held a Pasty Sale at the FCA Spring Flea Market on April 16th and April 17th.

We have been invited once again to sing for the Scandinavian Club of Lansing at their program on May 16th. It is always an enjoyable event.

The Singers are beginning to rehearse for Finn Grand Fest 2010 at Sault Saint Marie, Ontario. We will perform two Concerts on Thursday, July 29th and Friday, July 30th, and we are looking forward to participating at Finn Grand Fest,

Many Thanks to everyone who support us by attending our Concerts and assisting our Singers in many other ways.

Gerald Malstrom, Co- Publicity

## CULTURAL GIFT RECEIVED

The FCA recently received a gift of art from a local artist. Guiliano Zuccato. Gary is a retired Ford Motor Company sculptor.

The artist has created a bas relief, entitled, "Finlandia."

The sculpture represents mother Finland, with the composer Sibelius, and an additional figure, conducting, representing other great composers. The work has a bronze finish and is located in the seating area of the foyer.

We wish to thank the artist for his kindness in creating this work for the Finnish Center.

# 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 member Hjalmer Sunni (4-2-10) donations have been made by his niece Kay Simo.

In memory of FCA life member Tony Burcar (4-27-10) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, and Jim & Sally Fetter.

The FCA remmebers member Elinor Tromblay Kokko (4-12-10).

In memory of Aili Mattson (2/1/2010) a donation was made by Evelyn Keskinen.

In memory of Anne Teppo (4/1/2010) a donation was made by Violet Carlson.

In memory of Bertha Maattala (2/3/2010) donations were made by Sophia Lindgren, and Ruth Kaarlela.

In memory of Darlene Robinson (3/15/2010) a donation was made by Evelyn Keskinen.

In memory of Lydia Rode (1/2/2010) donations were made by Doulas & Colleen Herberg, Bette Ruskanen, Lydia Rode's Friends & Neighbors, Dennis Halme, and Bernice Swanberg.

In memory of Roger Jewett (3/6/2010) a donation was made by Will & Delores Rajala.

In memory of Shirley Brooks (3/15/2010) donations were made by Dorothy Bays, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Charlotte Lytikainen, and Leon & Christine McLaughlin.

The following memorials were missed in December 2009 and January 2010.

In memory of Elthea Luoma (11/16/2009) donations were made by Rick & Deb Davis, Arlene Martin, Gail Withrow, and R. Gary & Tracy Turnbull, Jr.

In memory of Erkki Koivunen (4/10/2007) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of Helen Lampi (5/4/2009) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of William Seaman (8/27/2009) a donation was made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of Anna Salmonson (12/18/2009) a donation was made by Sarah Banks Middle School – Wixom.

## 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 U.S.. Re-Entry Permit.

"Double Fun" - The Carl Hurley & Jeanne Robertson Show - 1 day, Monday, June 14, \$83. This comedy will be at the Center Stage Theatre in Kalamazoo and lunch will be at Rykse's Restaurant. Departs at 9:15 am and returns about 6:45 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

Point Edward-Sarnia and Westview Orchards in Romeo - 1 day, Tuesday, June 29, \$31. We will have a tour and goodies at the orchards. Be at FCA 8:00 am for 8:15 departure. Return about 6:30 pm. Don't forget proper I.D.

City by the Bay featuring the Tall Ships - 1 day, Friday, July 16, \$66. Includes a luncheon cruise past the Tall Ships in Saginaw Bay, a city tour of Bay City with a step-on-guide narrating its rich history, plus some shopping time. Departs at 8:15 am and returns about 5:45 pm. Combo with Nardineers. Comerica Park - 1 day, Thursday, August 5, \$49. Senior Day includes coupon for a hotdog and soft drink. Departs 10:45 am and returns about 5:45 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

"The Ring of Fire" - Turkeyville Dinner Theatre - 1 day, Thursday, August 12, \$70. This wonderful show features 38 of Johnny Cash's best hits. And don't forget the wonderful turkey buffet. Be at FCA 9:15 am for 9:30 departure. Return about 6:30 pm. Please note the change of date. Please call if you have questions.

Pearl Wanttaja, 248-541-0054

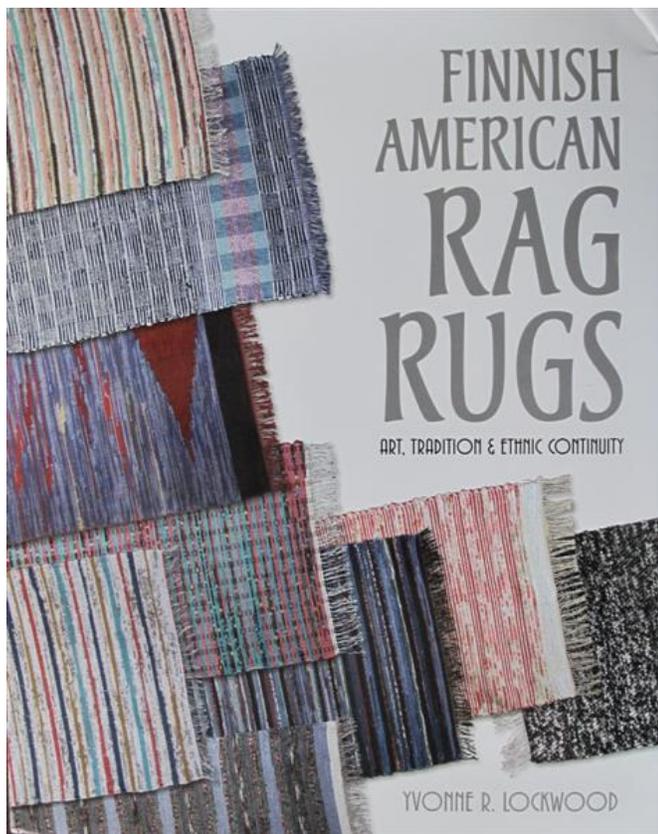
## HELP US FIND THE MISSING BOOK

The Writers' Workshop book that was created in 2006 by a group of dedicated FCA members working with David Sharpe has been missing for some time. This was a cultural asset of the FCA that was placed in the foyer for members to freely read. Please let someone in the office, Dave or myself know if you have information on the book's whereabouts or similar materials that might be shared with other FCA members or institutions such as the Heritage Center in Hancock. The book is a collection of the interesting experiences of some of our members who according to Dave had lived in the UP and had migrated to Detroit for employment. The original goal of the workshop expressed in 2006 by David Sharpe is also useful to the FCA Archive Project: "At our first meeting we set goals and agreed that we must archive as much historical information as possible. We have chosen as a mission to gather and preserve written and pictorial material about the history of the Finnish people in the US and particularly in Michigan. This, however, cannot be accomplished without your help, You, the members, children, and grandchildren of early immigrants to the United States have the information we need. Perhaps you have poems, stories, biographies or other written material which has been created by you, your loved ones, or others that you will share with us."

Donald Autio

## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have recently acquired two copies of **FINNISH AMERICAN RAG RUGS**, subtitled *Art, Tradition and Ethnic Continuity*, by Yvonne R. Lockwood and published by the Michigan State University Press. I can't begin to say enough good things about this beautiful hardback book by one of our own members! All of us are familiar with the rag rugs that covered the floors of our homes as children, but who could have imagined that the history of them and the rag rug culture could fill a 9 x 11 inch, 247 page book, including 200 color illustrations! Mrs. Lockwood did years of research and interviewed dozens of rag rug weavers both in the Upper as well as the Lower Peninsula for this work.



This is not a how-to book of rug-weaving, but a comprehensive history of the rag-rug-weaving culture, its practitioners (you will surely find at least a few familiar names here), and much about the weaving process.

Mrs. Lockwood devotes an entire chapter to “Finnish American Presence”, an interesting look at our Finnish forbears and their as well as our history, mostly that of us Michiganders. She provides keen insight into the

cultural history of the immigrants as well as their descendants -- us. She mentions that although the second generation of Finnish Americans tended to marry outside their ethnic group and forget their roots, since around the 1970's there has been a revitalization of interest in Finnish American culture in subsequent generations. This has prompted, among other things, a resurgence of interest in the rugs that “Gandma used to make”.

One entire chapter is devoted to biographies of contemporary weavers and their works, with many colored illustrations of actual rugs they have produced. Among them is a many-page article about our own Laina Lampi, who won first place and best of show at the Michigan State Fair for many years. Many of her lovely rugs are pictured in color, as are rugs of many of the other weavers. Laina and many of the other weavers have inspired and mentored many beginning weavers of the next generation.

An interesting surprise is that many of the rag rug weavers are men, many of whom have also built their own looms, either from instructions, or from memories of looms they had seen in Finland as young lads. The author devotes an entire chapter to the various types of looms, featuring their male owners and/or builders.

Marketing of rag rugs has been mostly done by the weavers themselves, for they can usually sell all they produce with no more advertising than word-of-mouth. The author does not overlook suggestions for caring for rag rugs, for they can last a long time with proper care, and often become family heirlooms.

Whether this book inspires you to try your hand at rug-weaving, or merely admire the craft from afar eschewing the time-consuming work involved, you will find it informative and fascinating. You will find it in our library in the crafts section, 746.7 Lo.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



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dates & times.**

## SPRINGFEST

The Novi Community Concert Band  
Present their 25th Annual Concert  
At the FCA 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 4th  
A Buffet Dinner will be served from 5-8 p.m.  
Call the FCA at 248.478.6939  
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Walk-ins are welcome

Dinner and Concert is \$10.00  
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Hope to see you for this highly enjoyable program!

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## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

JOIN US  
FOR  
**JUHANNUS (MIDSUMMER'S DAY)**  
**ON JUNE 18**

At this second Juhannus celebration we'll start with a vodka punch followed by a buffet of barbecued chicken and makkara, potatoes, vegetable salads, rieska and butter, and strawberry shortcake. Please call the Center by June 16 to reserve, or sign the clipboard. The donation is \$12.

Our excellent instrumentalists, Soittoniekat, will play during dinner and accompany the singing of a few Finnish songs.

We've asked a couple of persons who have celebrated Juhannus in Finland to tell us about it.

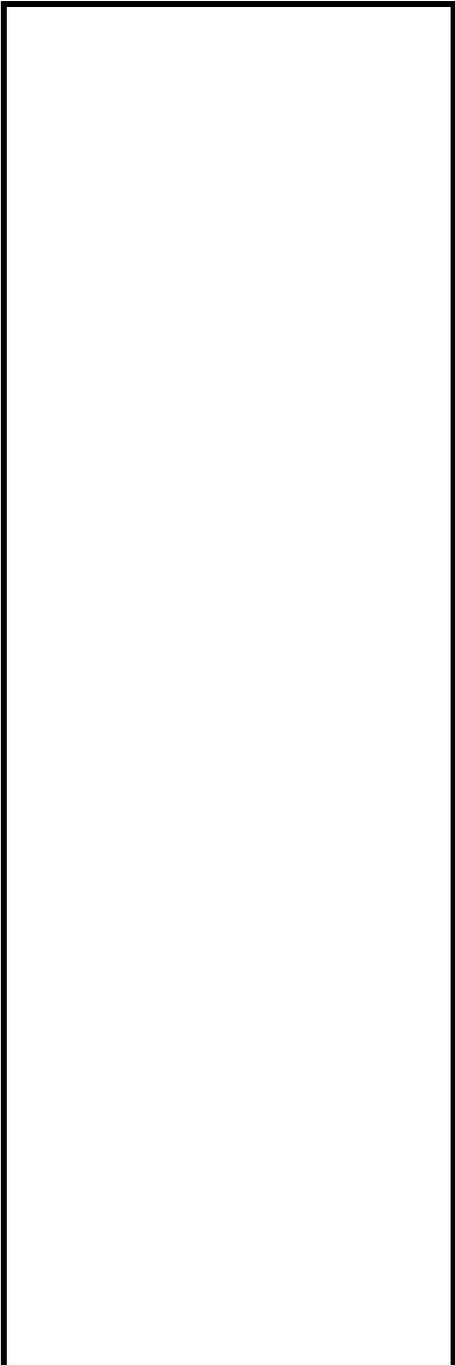
If weather permits, we'll circle the Maypole outside. Then, the kokko or bonfire, carefully planned by Frank Gottberg, will be ignited and enjoyed. Hoping for a good turn-out for this pleasant evening of socializing with friends!

On April 11 Social and Women's Club Bakers hosted another traditional Finnish Breakfast that was well received. We thank Pearl Wanttaja and the regular brunch workers for all of their help!

Pulla/Nisu bakers on April 14 were Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Charlotte Lytikainen, Lillian Heikkinen, Dagnie Carlson, Barb Whitty, Betty Taipulus, and Ilene Yanke. Many thanks to all of them.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

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Rates for a camera-ready, b&w ad, per three month period:

3 month rate .....1" ad - \$30.00. 1.5" - \$45.00 2" ad - \$60.00

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## FCA – SUOMIKOULU

September of 2009 FCA-Suomikoulu started to meet in Ann Arbor (not to take possible rental income from FCA) three Sunday's a month for two hours at the time. We submitted a financial support request to Suomi Seura (Finland Society) an organization that processes the applications on behalf of the Educational Ministry in October. End of November we received an e-mail informing us that our application had been accepted and that we would receive financial support towards our new school. This grant abled us to pay the teachers and order text and practice books for the students.

Three groups were established for different age groups. One for young children ( 0-3) Muskari, which concentrates on music and Finnish children songs. Second and largest group includes children the ages of 4-8 that learn the basics of reading and writing of Finnish language. Third group include children 9 and over that already know how to read and write in Finnish.

We are hoping to apply funding again this coming fall to continue to support the educational mission of FCA.

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