



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

March 2011

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at the FCA
lately?

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Volunteering
today.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I read a book called "The Butterfly Effect" written by Andy Andrews, a best selling novelist and corporate speaker for the worlds largest corporations. The theme of the book is "how YOUR life matters." The book relates how seemingly small personal actions lead to significant events. In 1963 it was postulated by a scientist named Edward Lorenz that the fluttering of a butterflies wings can set in motion molecules of air which could create a hurricane at the other end of the world. At first the postulate was ridiculed, however, thirty years later it was scientifically determined to be "authentic, accurate and viable." The inference is that the effect is applicable to personal decisions and actions as well.

Many years ago parents in Finland decided to have children. Years later a group of these children met in a foreign country and formed a cultural organization called The Finnish Center Association. The original parents could not have foretold the results of their action, however, they could know that their decisions and actions would not be in vain.

When we members of the FCA make decisions or actions we may anticipate immediate results, however, there will be long term effects that we cannot foretell. Nevertheless, we can know that our decisions and actions do matter and are not in vain..

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SPRING FLEA MARKET

April 8 & 9
10 A.M. to 4 P.M

Featuring:

Toys, Jewelry, House wares,
Hand Crafts, Finnish Pasty Sale,
Quilting Materials, Olde Tyme
Candy, Bake Sale, Concession

Public Welcome.

BAKE SALE

Fund raiser for the FCA

April 8 and 9, 2011
10 am to 4 pm

Need bakers & sellers
Sing up in the FCA Lobby
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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

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

last Monday of month, 1 pm

FEBRUARY

- 9 Rental - Danish Bros. Meeting
6:30 pm
- 10 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Brunch 12 noon - 1:30 pm
Finnish Rag Rug Lecture 2 pm
- 16 Rental - 101st Luncheon 11:30 am
- 19 Rental - Wedding Vow Renewal
& Reception 4 pm
- 20 ANNUAL MEETINGS
Senior Housing 1 pm
FCA 2 pm
- 23 Pulla/Nisu Bake 9:45 am
Senior Luncheon 12 noon
Rental - Danish Bros. Meeting
6:30 pm
- 27 Open House 1 pm - 4 pm

MARCH

- 5 Rental - FACD Pasty Sale
- 9 Rental - Danish Bros. Meeting
6:30 pm
- 10 Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Pasty Sale Preparation
Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
- 12 Pasty Sale
Finnish Language Class 10 am
- 13 Brunch 12 noon - 1:30 pm
Eero Saarinen: An Architects
Memoir 3 pm
- 16 Rental - 101st Luncheon 11:30 am
- 18 Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm

- 19 Finnish Language Class 10 am
- 23 Pulla/Nisu Bake 9:45 am
Rental - Danish Bros. Meeting
6:30 pm
- 25 Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
- 26 Finnish Language Class 10 am
- 27 Open House 1 pm - 4 pm
- 30 Senior Luncheon 12 noon

APRIL

- 1 Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
- 2 Finnish Language Class 10 am
- 7 Flea Market Set Up
12 noon - 4 pm
Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 8 Flea Market 10 am - 4 pm
Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
- 9 Flea Market 10 am - 4 pm
Finnish Language Class 10 am
- 10 Brunch 12 noon - 1:30 pm
FAHS Presentation 2 pm
Finnish Genealogy
- 13 Rental - Danish Bros.
Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
Poker Night
- 16 Finnish Language Class 10 am
Poker Night
- 17 Open House 1 pm - 4 pm
Poker Night
- 19 Rental - Business Conference
8 am
- 20 Rental - 101st Luncheon
11:30 am
- 23 Finnish Language Class 10 am
- 24 EASTER
- 27 Rental - Danish Bros.
Meeting 6:30 pm
- 30 Finnish Language Class 10 am

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NOTES FROM FINNISH CONSUL

If you haven't made your summer vacation plans yet Turku, Finland should be your destination!

"Finland in Our Hearts", is a summer Festival taking place this July, 2011 in Turku, Finland, and will coincide with the selection of Turku as the 2011 European Capital of Culture.

The festival program includes:

- Lectures and mini-seminars (from North America, Sweden and Ingria, among others, and by Sotalapset – the war children)
- Genealogy
- Music and dance
- Exhibitions
- Pesäpallo and golf tournaments
- Film festival
- Folk dance festival
- Inauguration of the Migration Square and the Migration Monument
- Tori -
- and much more!

For additional information, please visit the homepage of the festival:

www.migrationinstitute.fi/usj/

and for more information:

http://www.siirtolaisuusinstituutti.fi/usj/Tiedotteet/Tiedote_englanti.pdf

Travel to other parts of Finland or the Nordic countries are also very convenient from Turku.

Paul N. Potti, Honorary Consul, Finland

GARDEN CLUB

News from the Finlandia Gardens

Winter has been a productive time for the garden Club. We have reorganized the wood shop, including the machines, hardware, and tools. We are learning the use of some machines and have established rules for the use of the wood shop.

Everyone must sign a waiver to protect the FCA. Additional projects include tool sharpening, garden bench restoration, and planning for our next garden season.

New projects for 2011 include completing the greenhouse, adding additional rain barrels, creating a new fountain garden, adding a garden at the the new evergreens, and moving shrubs and plants that have outgrown their current location. We hope to add an electrical line to the pergola later in the spring.

Our first wedding in the gardens occurred in late October and we anticipate many more in the future.

We have received a new gasoline blower from the Weingartz Company and we urge your support of this generous local business.

Your contributions to the garden fund have made our continued progress possible and we thank you for your support.

FINLAND TODAY

First, Finland's Raisio Group has acquired the British Big Bear Group. Big Bear produces cereals, mainly for children, but also health cereals, and health snack bars, and Fox brand confectionery.

According to Raisio's CEO Matti Rihko, "With the acquisition of Big Bear Group: Raisio will strengthen its footprint in the markets of Great Britain and Western Europe." Earlier Raisio had acquired Glisten snack bar foods in Britain. What is Raisio? First, Raisio is a small city of 24,400 in the South Western part of Finland near Turku. The company of Raisio, just like Nokia was named after the town where it is located. Raisio the company is the largest producer of grain products in Finland. Raisio's best known international brand is Benecol, the spread you can find in the butter/margarine section in grocery stores. Benecol has plant stanol esters that have proven to reduce cholesterol.

Other Raisio brands are Provena (breakfast cereal products, fruit muesli, oat meal, oat flakes, oat bran, oat flour); Dormen's Nuts (cashews, almonds, macadamia, peanuts, and pistachios), and rice crackers, and their motto is "Absurdly delicious nuts and snacks"; Elovena (energy bars, snack biscuits, oat meals), and their motto is "Products that combine healthiness and good taste"; Carlshamn (bakery goods, and dairy products such as yogurts, smoothies, and fruit soups); Sunnuntai (bakery products, flour, mixes, packaged baked goods); Nordic breakfast cereals which contain no artificial preservatives, flavors or colors (real popular in Russia); and Torino pasta products. Raisio also produces animal feeds, 40% of which are exported. Raisio Bio Oils are lubricants based on domestic vegetable oils which are biodegradable and non toxic. One of Raisio's biggest exports is malt, which is used by breweries and whiskey makers in the Nordic countries, Scotland, and Asian markets. 70% of Raisio's malt products are exported.

Did you know that Finland with a population of 5.35 million, has about 8.1 million mobile phone subscribers?

The top countries in the world for spending money for Research and Development as a percent of GDP (gross domestic product) are Israel, Sweden, Finland, Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Iceland, and the U.S.

Finland's recovery from the recession is continuing nicely. Last year the GDP increased by 7.5%.

The Finnish insurance company, Sampo, will increase its share of the Nordic countries' largest Bank, Nordea, to 21%. Sampo is buying 10% of the shares that the Swedish government owns of Nordea. It also has been proposed that Sampo's chairman, Bjorn Wahlross, become the new Chairman of Nordea.

Mika Koivuniemi has won the PBA Tournament of Champions in Los Vegas. Koivuniemi, who lives in Hartland, MI beat Tom Smallwood of Saginaw in the final game, 269-207. In the second round of the tournament, Mika was one pin away from a perfect game, winning 299-100 in the most lopsided PBA game ever televised. Koivuniemi, a native of Finland is the first foreign bowler to ever win the U.S. Open and the Masters, and now adds the PBA Tournament of Champions to his list of major wins.

Kiira Korpi of Finland won the bronze medal at the European Figure Skating Championships held in Bern, Switzerland. Korpi was in first place after the short program, but fell doing the triple loop during the free skate (long program). The event was won by Sarah Meier of Switzerland, who was in third place after the short program.

And finally, it was Hilma's day off from working as a waitress at the Finlandia Steak and Grub, when she received an unexpected call from Matti, the owner of Finlandia.

Matti: Say Hilma, could you come in today? Also could you wear that sexy outfit you have? And fix your hair real lovely, and wear your make-up real nice? And walk with the sexy walk that you do?

Hilma: Something special going on?

Matti: No, the beef is tough today.

Markku Ketolal, marketola@yahoo.com

SUNSHINE LADY

She sends Get Well, Thinking of You and words of encouragement cards to FCA members.

This little known function has been around for many years, and can only be accomplished when we are notified that someone needs a card. Send or call your card requests to the attention of the "Sunshine Lady" at the FCA.

THANK YOU for all the cards you have sent me - I now have a sufficient supply for a long time! THANKS AGAIN for your generosity.

FINNISH PROVERBS

Collected by Lillian Lehto

Ennen oon iltasen syömättä ennen kun saunan kylpemättä.

(I would rather be without my supper than without my sauna.)

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FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

The Winter Season is fully upon us. We are getting our share of cold weather and snow this year.

On Monday evenings the Finnish American Singers are busy practicing for our Annual Spring Concert. The concert will be presented Sunday, May 1st at 3 PM. There will be a variety of English and Finnish songs.

Our singers were invited to a Holiday Party at the home of our Director Henry and his wife Sandy Naasko. Their home was beautifully decorated inside and outside as usual. A good time was had by all.

Many thanks to all of the singers and friends who helped with the January 22nd

Joint pasty sale at the Finnish Center. It was a successful event.

Stay warm and start thinking about warmer weather and the Spring season!

Gerald Malstrom. Co- Publicity

SENIOR LUNCHEON

The January 26th Senior Luncheon was attended by 35 guests. We shared an Italian Lunch along with a fun sing along led by our own Gene Beltari. Gene always does a wonderful job. "Thanks" Gene for all your do for our Finnish Center. We had an 50-50 which was won by Charmaine Harma. Thanks Pearl for handling the 50-50 and prizes were won by Jerry Ball, Lillian Heikkinen, Norbert Leppanen, Ann Makila, and Dagmar Malstrom. Pearl Wanttaja and also Norbert Leppanen. Thanks to all who attended and help make our luncheon a fun day with laughter and fellowship together.

Olur next Luncheon will be on February 23rd and March 30th.

Respectfully yours, Lila and Jerry Ball.

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.

In memory of FCA life member Wilfred Manley (7-8-2010) a donation was made by Kathryn Simo.

In memory of FCA life member Neil Manley (5-2-2010) donations have been made by Kathryn Simo and Virginia & Richard Lopez..

In memory of Hulda LaCourt (7-22-2010) a donation was made by Kathryn Simo.

In memory of Aili Rimmi a donation was made by Irene Karna.

In memory of Clifford Koskela (7/7/2010) a donation was made by Lila & Wm. Hermanson.

In memory of Lillian S. Dunn (11/24/2010) a donation was made by Judith A. Ahrens.

In memory of Raymond Hocking (12/1/2010) a donation was made by Will & Delores Rajala.

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The Parliament was not new to her when she became president -- she had already served in Parliament for 21 years. She constantly gets letters from little girls who aspire to be president; little boys have also written asking "Can a boy become president also?"

The army had no problem with a woman as Commander-in-Chief as there had already been a woman Minister of Defense -- Elizabeth Rehn.

She does not favor Finland's membership in NATO. She says that if Finland should be attacked, they could take care of themselves as they did in the Winter and Continuation wars, and Finland would not commit to the defense of any other European country, for none came to their defense. Finland does, however, belong to the UN and has sent troops to fight with UN troops.

When she was asked whether she would run for a second term her answer was "I will run because I don't want anyone to think that I quit because the job was too difficult."

Besides politics, Halonen is interested in the arts, sports and the theater. She paints and draws, is an avid Nordic walker, a swimmer, and participates in women's exercise groups. She says her favorite attire is an athletic outfit and a baseball cap.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

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.

"Peace in the Valley" - Turkeyville Dinner Theatre - 1 day, Monday, February 28, \$70. Harmony Valley Church has fallen on difficult times but the congregation has come together with a spirit and drive they haven't felt for years. Many of our favorite hymns are included. Departs 9:00 am and returns about 6:45 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

Celtic Crossroads performing at Caesars in Windsor - 1 day, Thursday, March 24, \$15. Includes a \$10 cash coupon at the Casino. Celtic Crossroads is a brand new show from Ireland incorporating seven world-class musicians, playing over twenty instruments on stage, performing European Gypsy, American Bluegrass, Classical, Jazz and Celtic music. Departs 9:45 am and returns about 6:30 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

Niagara Falls at Seneca Casino - 2 days, October 15 & 16, \$135. Includes \$20 in coin and \$10 in food. This should be a beautiful color tour. More info later.

Branson - 6 days, November 3 to 8. This should also be a beautiful color tour. More info later.

Let me know if you have a special trip you would like and I will try to see if it is available. Pearl Wanttaja, 248-541-0054.

FINNISH LANGUAGE CLASS

The Finnish language class starts on March 12th and runs through May 14th. We'll meet on Saturday mornings at 10am to 11:30am at the lounge. Depending on the demand, we'll either have a beginning class or a continuing class. Or possibly both!

Text materials are provided for the beginning class. The continuing class is required to purchase the text book "Teach Yourself Finnish" by Terttu Leney.

The cost for the 10 week class is \$100. If you are an active volunteer at the FCA, there is a possibility to apply for a \$50 grant towards the tuition. Please contact Louise Hartung or the Scholarship Committee for further information.

If you have any questions, please contact the instructor Katja Jablonski at katja.tuuli@gmail.com or (734) 717-9426.

FCA GIFT SHOP

AVAILABLE IN GIFT SHOP

Arabia Dishware (Anemone pattern)

6 place setting:
Dinner plates, salad plates,
bowls, cups and saucers,
sugar, creamer
and 32 oz. pitcher.

Dishwasher safe and
oven-proof.

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

In the last newsletter, I promised to give you a summary of our book *Tarja Halonen: Yksi Meistä* (*Tarja Halonen: One of Us*), by Hannu Lehtilä, c 2005, for the benefit of those who do not read Finnish.

Tarja Halonen was born on Christmas Eve, 1943 in the Kallio district of Helsinki (the working class district, the north-eastern part of Helsinki). Her father, Vieno Olavi Halonen, had fought in the Winter War in the front lines. When Tarja was 2-years-old, he left to buy a newspaper and never returned. Later it was determined that he suffered from what we probably now would call PTSD. He just couldn't handle civilian and family life. Her mother initiated a divorce in 1948.

In 1950 her mother married a man named Thure Herman Forss. Tarja regarded him as her dad and holds him in very high regard. Her mother had suffered poverty and wanted her own child to be well-cared-for. But Tarja also suffered from the post-wartime scarceness the rest of the country was going through.

Her mother was very strict, and impressed upon her daughter that she had to do well in school, and behave properly. She was tall for her age and able to hold her own with the neighborhood kids both physically and with her clever, sharp tongue. Paul Anka came to Linnanmäki amusement park in 1959 and she joined the screaming girls, to her mother's horror. She wanted to keep up with the current styles so she bought a pair of used blue jeans. Her mother gave them to a clothing drive for charity.

Tarja was a good student and well-liked and remembered by her teachers although the school was crowded with over 40 students per class. She was the first member in her family line to get a "white cap" (to graduate) --- in 1952. After that she got a law degree from the University of Helsinki. Besides that, she now has 16 honorary degrees, from foreign countries as well as her own country. She speaks Finnish, English and Swedish, and is studying Estonian.

Halonen was Social Affairs Secretary and General Secretary of the National Union of Finnish Students in 1969-70.

Her first position as an attorney was with the central organization of Finnish trade unions 1970-74 and 1975-79. Then she was parliamentary secretary to Prime Minister Kalevi Sorsa 1974-75. This inspired her to run for Parliament. She served six terms in Parliament 1979-2000. She belongs to the Social Democratic Party.

While in Parliament she was also Minister of Social Affairs and Health 1987-90, Minister for the Nordic Corporation 1989-91, Minister of Justice 1990-91 and Minister for Foreign Affairs 1995-2000. It appears that the last especially

was a very important and influential position. It took her all over Europe. She left this to run for president, becoming president in 2000.

Back to her personal life. In 1977 Karl Pekkanen moved in with her and they established an "avoliitto" ("open marriage"). They had a daughter Anna in 1978. Then Tarja suffered the same fate as her mother: Karl left her for another woman. When Tarja became a member of Parliament she took the child with her, breastfed her in a small private room. And so she took care of both her job and her child.

While she was chairman of the Parliamentary Social Affairs Committee she got to know Pentti Arajävi, the secretary of the committee. He was the total opposite of Karl Pekkanen, an ambitious intellectual. In 1985 they became an "avopuoliso"; however they didn't exactly move in together. Tarja had bought a larger apartment and soon Arajärvi bought an apartment next door. Each apartment had a different name on the door but they were joined on the inside. He was known as her "neighbor man". When she became president, this title was not suitable and since the Finnish term "avopuoliso" is not known in other countries they solved the problem by getting married in August 2000. Her and his children from previous relationships were the witnesses. This was Tarja's first marriage, Arajärvi's third; their relationship had already lasted 15 years by that time.

Halonen admits that until she ran for president she had "just been at the right place at the right time" but now she had to take things into her own hands; however, all she spent of her own money on her campaign was 5,000 marks -- they went for two newspaper advertisements. She was busy in her position as foreign minister so she didn't have much time for campaigning.

In the first round of the presidential election her opponents were Elizabeth Rehn, Esko Aho and Riitta Uosikainen and a few other candidates of minor parties. None got a majority, so a run-off was held between Halonen and Esko Aho. She narrowly won the second round; this was quite a surprise, as it was said of her that "she has a slight speech defect, a long nose and carrot-colored hair. Also, she does not belong to the church, she had a child out of wedlock, and is not married to her partner." But soon her approval rating rose to 88% and has remained very high. The Finns take their presidential elections very seriously. The voter turnout for round 2 was 80.2 %. Finns have a high regard for their presidents as well.

President Halonen is a very independent person, thinks for herself.

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FCA GIFT SHOP

MARCH MADNESS SALE

10-50% Off Select Items

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Save the Date

Flea Markets

Spring
April 8 & 9

Fall
October 7 & 8

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

On Jan. 9 at the Finnish Breakfast, we to welcome 5 of our new members of 2010. They were Elina Simonen, Guiliano Zuccato Michael Gerich, Joan Daley, and Janne Potter. Some of them came to the microphone to speak, and really enjoyed the Finnish foods that they ere eating.

Looking ahead to March, we'll very likely celebrate St. Urho's Day on Friday, Mar. 18. If any of you have ideas for this fun party after the meal by Armitage, feel free to share them with me.

Mark Friday May 20, for a meal by the caterers and a dance by the Tom Wolverton Band. Tom lives in our area and plays at senior dances regularly. He was recommended to us by Irene Kazarosian who has sung with FASM for many years. Irene sees our fine dance floor and can picture a dance there. Tom will distribute flyers to his following, so we should have some people from the outside who enjoy these dances. Some may even reserve for dinner. We want our own FCA members to come out that night, too, to enjoy this evening, so please mark the date on your calendar. The dance only will be \$5. The delicious meal is an additional \$12.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social



The FCA lounge is available for rent.
Photo by Glenn Kujansuu

HOW CAN I LEARN ABOUT MY FAMILY TREE?

Did you know that immigrant Finns, after arriving in the United States, used to sell or share their passports with other hopeful immigrants still in Finland? And that some immigrants changed their names from Finnish to Swedish to avoid being drafted into the Russian army? Do you want to meet with other FCA members interested in doing genealogy? The Finnish American Historical Society invites you to save the date of Sunday, April 10, after the Finnish breakfast, to learn how Dr. Paul Lehto has been doing family genealogy since 1990. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Louise Hartung, FAHS Secretary

OUR 45'H ANNIVERSARY

There are plans to have a picnic and celebrate juhannus on June 25th in honor of Finnish Center's 45th Anniversary, a concert sometime in the fall, and end with a special Gala Event on December 31st. Please keep your eyes on the newsletter, website, and special announcement throughout the year.

We are also organizing a piirakka sale (Karelian pies) on April 2nd and other fundraising events to fund these special events.

Please keep your eyes open as we finalize plans.

Cultural and Social Committees

SAVE THE DATE

Professor Yvonne Lockwood lecture on her book of Finnish American Rag Rugs has been re-scheduled for Sunday, February 13, 2011 at 2pm

FCA BAKERS

In January., Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, and Char Lytikainen came to do some of the early part of the Pulla/Nisu baking, but had to leave. We appreciate very much what they did. Betty Taipalus, Barb Witte, and I were left to finish the 48 loaves, and do the clean-up. On months when there is a Senior Luncheon, we will not bake Pulla/Nisu unless FCA members can come that day and stay.

On Sunday., March. 13 we will have another Finnish Breakfast from 12-1:30 p.m. We may serve Finnish Pancakes with strawberries, Pulla, Piirakka, and the special oatmeal casserole that everyone likes. Hope to see you there.

Ilene

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