



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

December 2006

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION EVENT

On Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 2:00 pm, the FCA will present Ben Strout, Director of "Fire and Ice": the Winter War of Finland and Russia. He will provide an introduction to this dramatic depiction of the Soviet invasion of Finland in 1939. The 78 minute film will be followed by a discussion lead by Mr. Strout. You will also have the opportunity to see an extensive display of artifacts from the Winter War provided by Vic Thomas.

Don't miss this unforgettable presentation of Finnish history and visually experience the spirit of this country's courageous people.

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CHAIR

Don't you love fall, with the beautiful leaves, the crisp air, and the teases of snow? I'm one who prefers a white winter, with enough snow to cross-country ski. I'm forever grateful to my Finnish-Swedish "uncle" who gave us our first skis, both downhill and cross country, and taught us to love winter sports.

Fall signifies change, and change is good, and often necessary. Going along with that theme, the Board has voted to recommend changes to the by-laws regarding membership categories and dues. These recommendations will have been formally introduced at the November general meeting and will be brought up again at the January general meeting. It will then be voted on by the general membership—you—at the annual meeting in February.

The proposed changes will add a category of "Young Adult", age 18-24, at a lower dues rate, and add a "Business" category, allowing area businesses to join without voting rights, but able to have their business name listed in the newsletter in a business list. In addition, we are recommending a change in life membership requirements, adding an age minimum of 65 years, and removing the credit for previous years' dues paid. Cost of life membership will also drop.

These changes are recommended to take effect as of January 1st, 2008. Those already having paid for life membership will remain life members, regardless of age. We are requesting these changes due to the fact that we have an aging membership, and with many people reaching age 65 and no longer paying dues, we have to use our savings reserves to pay operating costs. Printing and mailing the newsletter, which is sent to every member as part of their membership perks, is expensive. We want to be able to provide this service for all members, especially those living far away, so they can keep up with all the wonderful things going on here. Please consider these changes, and then come to the general meetings to discuss and vote on them.

The board is experimenting with a "Consent Agenda", a practice used by many other boards designed to streamline meetings and leave time for discussion of issues, rather than listening to reports. The minutes and reports of committees, manager, chair, vice chair, and treasurer are sent to the board members ahead of time to be read. Then at the meeting, we can go over any questions, and vote to accept the reports in one motion. Motions are also sent, along with supporting information, so that they can be quickly discussed and voted on.

We tried this at the November board meeting, and we were able to shorten the meeting quite a bit. Short reports will continue to occur at General Meetings.

As we look ahead, I hope that you will participate in the many wonderful events coming up, including Scandinavian Holiday, Finnish Independence Day, the Children's Christmas Party, Pikku Joului, buffets, brunches, Sr. Luncheons, clubs, and so much more.

Hauskaa Joulua!
Kristen Kreiner

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10 to 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2pm

Nikkarin Talo

Mondays 9am

Study Group

Mondays 1 to 3pm

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Wednesday
11 am to 2pm

DECEMBER

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| 2 | Sat | Scandinavian Holiday Dinner |
| 3 | Sun | Finnish Independence Day 2pm |
| 6 | Wed | Board Meeting 6:30pm |
| 9 | Sat | Weavers 9am
Children's Christmas Party
1 – 3pm |
| 10 | Sun | Pikku Joulu
Christmas with Kanteles
and Rice Pudding |
| 15 | Fri | Buffet 5–7pm
Reserve by <u>Tues</u> \$13.75
At the door \$15 |
| 17 | Sun | Finnish American Singers
Christmas Concert 3pm |
| 20 | Wed | Senior Luncheon
Reserve by <u>Sat</u> 248-437-0350 |
| 25 | Mon | MERRY CHRISTMAS |
| 31 | Sun | New Years Buffet 4pm |

JANUARY 2007

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| 3 | Wed | Joint Board Meeting 6:30pm |
| 14 | Sun | General Meeting 2:30pm |
| 21 | Sun | New Member Pot Luck
2 – 4pm |
| 24 | Wed | Life Line Screening
8:30am-5pm |
| 28 | Sun | “Fire and Ice” film 2 pm |

PIKKU JOULU RETURNING TO FCA

Date: Sunday December 10, 2006

Time: 1:30 pm

Donation: \$3.00

Enjoy the sounds of our national instrument, the Kantele, Finnish Christmas music and a sing along.

Learn about Finnish Christmas Traditions, how to make a himmeli (straw mobile), traditional string tontu, and paper hearts.

Refreshments include rice pudding with ginger bread cookies and non-alcoholic Glogg.

Joulu Pukki (Santa Claus) might stop by – have we been good?

There will be fun for the entire family, young and old

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION

Once again we will ring in the New Year at the same time Finland is celebrating. We start at 4pm with appetizers and beverages. At 5pm we ring in the New Year and then enjoy a dinner of prime rib, twice baked potato, salad, green beans and purple cabbage, with a dessert table. Entertainment is yet to be selected. Reserve by mailing your check of \$32.50 per person by December 21. Please write “New Year” on the envelope

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3 Year

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Sunday, January 21, 2007 is the day we'll welcome our new FCA members of 2006. We'll begin with a dinner at 2:00 p.m.

If you joined the FCA in 2006, you'll receive an invitation letter to this event. Veteran members are invited to attend to meet the new members. We ask that you veteran members bring a very ample dish to share. The FCA will provide meat and beverages.

A short program will follow the meal. FCA leaders will be introduced. We'll ask the new members to introduce themselves and tell some about their lives, if they care to. Hope to see many of you at this pleasant afternoon.

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

THE KARELIA ADVENTURE

The riveting film "THE SURVIVORS" held the attention of 50 persons at an FAHS program on Sunday afternoon October 15. The survivors included 20 Finnish American families who went to Russia to seek a better life during the "Karelian Fever" of the 1930's. They told their stories in the film.

We thank Charlotte Lytikainen and Joyce Keskitalo who organized the event, provided the film, and led the discussion, in which numerous members of the audience participated.

We also thank those who contributed to the coffee table-and thanks to Pearl Wanttaja and her helpers who set the table and cleaned up.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

On November 9, we made 30 loaves of Rieska and about 190 Christmas tarts for the Scandinavian Bazaar. We will bake pulla/nisu on November 16, but will use the month of December to celebrate Christmas.

All women of the FCA are invited to join us for lunch on Thursday, January 11 at Schoolcraft College. We have wanted to try the food of the culinary department there.

We need to be at the restaurant at 11:30 am. The luncheon costs about \$15. If you will accompany us, please call Edith Raski (248-437-1205) by January 7 so that we may call in the reservation. We are hoping to have a nice sized group at lunch that day!

Pulla/Nisu baking resumes on Thursday, January 25. Bakers come at 10 am, or a bit later. Pulla/Nisu customers may come by 1:30 pm for their warm loaves.

PASTIES IN JANUARY

Another pasty-making event has been set for January 26 and 27. Please mark the dates. If you are able to help, peelers are needed on Friday evening, January 26 and various workers are needed on Saturday to scoop filling, roll out crust, crimp crust, bake and wrap. The last pasty making event at the end of September produced a fine group of workers. Many thanks to all who helped!

Remember: lunch is provided on Saturday. Coming to help introduces you to more FCA members who can become friends. Proceeds are divided between the FCA and the Finnish-American Singers.

Also if you have not done so, you must take the Sanitation Class.

FINLAND TODAY

First, President Tarja Halonen will receive the International Silver Rose Award for her campaign to promote the human facet of globalization. President Halonen is the co-chair of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization, which is a UN agency established in 2002

This annual award is presented by Solidor, an independent international alliance of non-governmental organizations. The Silver Rose Award was created to acknowledge and encourage outstanding achievements by individuals and organizations in their fight for social justice.

I recently came across this "Finland List" published by the Washington Post.

---World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland ranks Finland as the most most competitive economy in the world.

---Statistics kept by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development shows that Finland invests more of its gross domestic product in research and development than any other country but Sweden.

---Finnish 15 year olds scored first in the industrial world on comparative tests of their academic abilities.

---According to a global survey by Transparency International, Finland is perceived as the least corrupt country in the world.

---Finns read newspapers and take books out of libraries at rates as high or higher than all other countries.

---Finland trains more musicians, per capita, than any other country.

---Yale and Columbia universities rank the nations of the world in a "sustainability index" that measures a country's ability to protect the natural environment over the next several decades. Finland ranks first.

---But counter to the last one, the WWF Living Planet Report says that Finland has the "third haviest" ecological footprint in the world, following only the United Arab Emirates and the U.S. What's going on with this report?

A 30 year study done at the University of Helsinki and at the University of Kuopio and published in the journal "Progress in Cardiovascular Diseases", shows that there is a strong relationship between salt intake and cardiovascular diseases and obesity.

In the 30 year study, a 30-35% reduction in salt intake re-

sulted in a 75% to 80% decrease in both stroke and coronary heart disease mortality in the population under 65 years. During the same period, the life expectancy of both male and female Finns increased by 6 to 7 years. The most powerful factor explaining the favorable changes was the more than 10mmHg decrease in the average blood pressure of the population.

Professor Karppanen of the University of Helsinki also noted that there has been a 50% increase in salt intake in the U.S. during the last 15 years. The increase use of salt in turn has increased the thirst for drinking sweet beverages, and increasing the intake of calories. The final result.....obesity.

As you know, the inside of an elevator is pretty drab. But, before you get your crayons and paint brushes out, Marimekko has the solution. Marimekko, the Finnish textile and clothing design company has joined forces with Kone, one of the world's leading elevator and escalator companies, to brighten up the inside of elevators. Marimekko will design decorative laminates to the internal walls of Kone elevators. These laminates could be changed several times a year, depending on the mood, season, or the event.

How do you keep trouble-some teens away from malls and parks? You play classical music for them. The Koskikeskus Shopping Center in Tampere has started to play classical music at its back entrance. The back entrance had attracted groups of teenagers who had come to hang-out and smoke. When the classical music started, the teens left.

A park in Lohja had also attracted groups of teens who did some mischief. This summer the park began to play early church music from mid-afternoon to 10pm. Business owners around the park say that vandalism and other problems have dropped since the music began.

And finally, Heikki was sitting in a bar when a pirate walks in and sits next him. The pirate had a wooden leg, a hook for a hand and a eye patch.

Heikki: Wow, you must have been through a lot of adventures, how did you get the wooden leg?

Pirate: Arrr, I was out at the sea and fell into the water and a shark bit off me leg.

Heikki: How did you get the hook?

Pirate: Arrr, I was in a nasty sword fight with Mean Old Salty Joe, and he cut off me hand.

Heikki: How about the eye patch?

Pirate: Arrr, a bird pooped in me eye.

Heikki: I don't understand?

Pirate: Arrr, it was the first day with the hook.

Markku Ketola
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Charlotte Lytikainen has presented the film to the library. It will be available for loan.

The next activity of the FAHS will be the celebration of Finnish Independence Day on December 3 at 2:00 P.M. Every one is most welcome.

Ruth Kaarlela FAHS

FCA HAS A NEW RECEPTIONIST

When you call the FCA, you will hear the voice of Margaret Laurila, our new receptionist. She has been a great help in answering the phones and taking care of visitors. It is a pleasure to have her taking care of many things that come up during the course of a day that do not require my attention. Just remember, if you call and get voice mail, it is because the phone is in use.

When you call or see Margaret, thank her for the fine job she is doing.

Lois

FINNISH FACTS



Santa Claus Village in Nappiiri will ship your purchases with a special Santa stamp. Santa's Park, a Christmas theme park with a Magic Sleigh Ride and Christmas Carousel, is also worth a visit.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

On December 17, 2006, the Finnish-American Singers of Michigan will be presenting once again their seasonal concert entitled "A Classic Christmas". The concert will commence at 3pm and be followed by the well-loved Finnish coffee table of sandwiches, desserts, coffee and tea. Tickets will be \$10.00 per person and children under 12 years of age will be admitted for free. After the concert, orders for the popular DVDs of this 2006 Holiday concert will be taken, as well as sales of media from last season's performances.

"A Classic Christmas" will feature two contrasting themes of traditional music, the lyrics and melodies of Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic gems interspersed with our traditional Finnish hymns such as "Terve oi Joulu" and "Joulun kellot soi", as well as those favorites from Christmas musicals such as "Holiday Inn" and "Meet Me in St. Louis". "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" will undoubtedly stir the childlike soul in all of you as you listen and anticipate. Trios, duets and solos will also be directed by our Henry Naasko. Beautiful piano accompaniment for the chorus by our William Gramzow, IV will nicely accent the singing.

Hope to see you there to spend a festive and delightful Sunday afternoon together in song and celebration of the Holidays!

Vickie Kimler
Gerald Malstrom

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: Pearl Wanttaja, 28235 Townley, Madison Heights, MI 48071**. Please do not send cash through the mail.

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, please call me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you,
Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

Since the last newsletter and up to November 8, donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of FCA life member Ray Makela (10-27-06) donations have been made by Emil Makila, Rena Koskela, Floyd & Margaret Warczak, Mrs. Norbert Kubiak and the FCA.

In memory of Donald Cadeau (10-29-06) of Southfield, a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Helen Gunnari Gehrman (11-03-06) donations have been made by Vivian & George Kane, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Siiri & Ruben Bjerkness, Ralph & Milda Mattila, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Arthur Autio (09-20-06) a donation has been made by Emil Makila.

In memory of life member Frances Simo (08-15-06) donations have been made by Laina Lampi, John Hanna and her granddaughter Tricia & Patrick Kush.

In memory of FCA member Ralph Mannisto (08-10-06) donations have been made by Laina Lampi, Milda & Ralph Mattila, Sandy, Dave & Jackie Scheel and Paul, Marianne & Kyle Lampi.

In memory of FCA life member Doug O'Brien (04-12-06) donations have been made by Laina Lampi and Ralph & Milda Mattila.

In memory of life member Fannie Kujala (10-28-06) a donation has been made by Donald Seppanen.

In memory of FCA life member Margaret Sopsich (09-12-06) a donation has been made by John & Anelma Ford.

In memory of FCA life member Alma Erickson Lewis (09-06-06) a donation has been made by Laina Lampi.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life member Esther Heikkinen Olson (10-27-06) and member Eunice Wissi Rautio (10-23-06).

Please Note: Deadline Change

The deadline for memorials is the 6th of every month **sent directly to me AT MY HOME ADDRESS**. Please DO NOT mail them to the FCA as they will not be included.

COMPUTER CLASS

Computer classes will be offered in January. This class is for beginners and will meet on Wednesdays for 4 weeks. There is \$20 fee for the class.

Call the Manager's office to sign up (leave your full name, and phone number) for the next set of Computer Classes.

40TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET

Special Donations for the 40th Anniversary Celebration

Delores and Fred Aebersold

Ruth and Dante Balagna
Clarabeth Dixon

Finnish American Club of Detroit

Kathryn and Ken Galazin

Viona Hakala
Mildred Harju
Vienna and Leslie Harju
Linda and Walter Hart
Louise Hartung & Jim Fostey
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Betty and Leonard Holmbo

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Verna Niemi

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Herbert Piilo
Anita Pirslin
Dorothy Pohto

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Evelyn and James Rosenthal
Eleanor Tauriainen
Barbara and Mary Tiura
Betty and John Tregembo

Pearl and Ray Wanttaja

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Gloria Albrecht

Eva Bessonon

Hannah and Edsel Carlson

Rigmor Cuolahan

Charmaine Elias

FCA Garden Club

Marjorie and Dewey Frye

Viona Hakala

Linda and Walter Hart

*Louise Hartung and
Jim Fostey*

*Doris and
Jacob Hayrynen*

Maria Hill

Laura Hirvela

Betty and Leonard Holmbo

Dorothy Jarvela

Christine Jurgenson

Ruth and Roy Jurva

*Walfred and Rudolph
Jurvelin*

Ruth Kaarlela

Sylvia Kannisto

*Ron, Ethel and Hulda
LaCourt*

Helen Lampi

Dianne and Dale Larson

Luise and Norbert Leppanen

Lena and Bernie Los

Charlotte Lytikainen

Lois Makee

Blanche Maki

Ann Makila

Emil Makila

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Leila and Bob Malmstrom

Eleanor and Francis Martin

John Saetta

Arlene Moilanen

Jeannette and David Sharpe

Len Nuorala

Kay Simo

Nancy and Paavo Nurmi

*Eleanore and Eugene
Tauriainen*

Charlotte Opie

Barbara Tiura

William Parkila

Mary Tiura

Lynn and Michael Pietila

Betty and John Tregembo

Doris and Justin Piper

Robert E. Turnenen

Anita Pirslin

Pearl and Ray Wanttaja

Dorothy Pohto

Randy Wanttaja

Fritz Putkela

Roger Wanttaja

Peggy Puuri

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Raade

Edith Raski

Elna Reinholm

Marge and Bob Salo



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

75% OF STROKES MAY BE PREVENTED!

A simple test may save your life. For members and friends of the community who are interested, Life Line Screening will be at:

**Finnish Center Association,
35200 W. 8 Mile Road
on Wednesday, January 24,
2007.**

They will perform Ultrasound testing for stroke, abdominal aneurysms, and blockages in the leg arteries, an osteoporosis screening and simple finger-stick blood tests to identify risk factors for heart disease and diabetes.

***You must Pre-register at
1-800-324-1851.***

Please check your calendars for more information on these beneficial Health services.

NIKKARIN TALO

The Nikkarin Talo (carpenter shop) is looking for good wood material for future projects. Both framing material as well as milled stock can be used, but do not bring scrap (fire wood) lumber. Stop by the shop and see what can be done. Also being accepted are new paints, stains and sealers.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Seven happy young folks were recently the recipients of the 2006 FCA Scholarship Awards. The October 22 Scholarship Awards program was attended by an almost capacity crowd, swelled by the many family members of the winners.

The following very bright young students are the recipients of the awards:

MARA FOSTEY, Ferndale High School, Wayne State University since 2002. Will graduate, with honors from Wayne State University upon her return from advanced German studies in Munich. She has no mark lower than A- in her four (4) year college career.

CHRISTOPHER HELLA, Stevenson High School, Sterling Heights. Has attended Macomb Community College since 2005. He aspires to be a firefighter/paramedic. In high school he graduated Magna Cum Laude and is on the Dean's List in college.

KERRI METZKER, Vance High School in Charlotte, N. Carolina, has attended Wingate University since 2004. Has been on Dean's List consistently with a GPA of 3.38. Will pursue a career in a Business related field.

MATTHEW SEFCOVIC, Bishop Foley High School, 2006 graduate. Will attend Oakland Community College, in Criminal Justice Curriculum. He has a special talent of coaching kids in team sports.

SEAN SULLIVAN, graduated from Troy High School in 2006 with a PSAT 98/99 percentile. He had a 3.98 GPA in mostly honors classes. He is a University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship winner.

MICHAEL ZUREK, Novi High School 2006 graduate. He had a 3.97 GPA, graduating with only one "B" in four (4) years. He wants to be a Christian Counselor.

Our scholarship committee hopes that all of our bright young students will enjoy a great future. They have an excellent start.

Herb Piilo
Scholarship 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: You must have two pieces of valid ID—EITHER a passport (current or expired) OR a certified birth certificate (not a photocopy) OR a Certificate of Citizenship. AND YOU MUST ALSO have a valid driver's license or government ID card with photo.

TRIPS

“White Christmas” at the Fox

One day, Wednesday, December 6, \$99. This Irving Berlin classic is sure to get you in the holiday spirit. Lunch will be at the Dearborn Golf Course. By the way, this golf course is listed in the State Register of Historic Sites. Be at the FCA by 10:30 am for a 10:45 departure. Returning at about 6:00 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia

One day, Thursday, January 25, 2007, \$17. Includes a \$10 incentive package. Be at the FCA by 9:45 am for a 10:00 departure. Returning at about 6:15 pm. Don't forget proper ID.

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SENIOR LUNCHEON

October's Senior Luncheon opened with beautiful dinner music played by Miriam Kleven. Calvin Niemi first said a few words about the Finns who went to Russia, and then he gave the blessing.

Our entertainment was provided by Ramon Juntunen Hewlett who played an assortment of American, Finn, and Finn-Sloven songs and a hymn on his accordion. Two songs “Kesa Paivaa Kangasala Twkki Poika” in memory of Ralph Mannisto and “Blue Skirt Waltz” in memory of Delores Moyle were also played. Ramon concluded with his own composition, “Alaska Twilight.”

Pearl Wanttaja informed us of the upcoming trips. A moment of silence was given for Arthur Autio and Arne Lagerkvist.. Prizes went to Melba Boike, Elsie Zapoile, and Vivian Kane.

Sally Banwarth was a first-timer and also shared the

birthday song with Delores Winquist and Reuben Peterson. And, to Charlotte Lytikainen(our song leader), our servers, our caterers, and all who worked today, kiitos .

FOR SALE

As we have new chairs in our newly decorated Hall, we are offering our old BLUE stacking chairs at \$10 each, great for use in your home or patio.

There are a number of 4' by 8' sections of stained fencing sections available for \$15 each.

Our old risers are still looking for a good home. Let us know of a chorus, school, church, etc. that may be interested.

We have two (2) poker tables available for the best offer.

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

November 30 will mark 67 years since the Russian attack on Finland and the outbreak of the Winter War. That history still makes fascinating reading. Here are a couple of suggestions.

MOLOTOV COCKTAIL by John Virtanen (subtitled *The Winter War, Finland's Pearl Harbor.*) The author was born in Finland and was conscripted into the military at 21 years of age. He served as an ordnance officer in Karelia during the Russo-Finnish War of 1939-40. He has woven his own experiences into a fascinating novel, even making his hero, Otto Arola, a student of the violin as he himself was. This is not as gory as Väinö Linna's "The Unknown Soldier", but a look at the heroic actions of Finnish soldiers who, at first resenting having been called into service, buckle down and fight courageously when they realize that the freedom of their country is at stake. The first use of the "Molotov Cocktail", a kerosene-filled bottle with a rag for a wick, is depicted.

The author met his wife while he was recuperating from war wounds. In 1946 they immigrated to the United States. Although Virtanen's first language was Finnish, he learned English upon arrival to this country and wrote his novel in English. He did a fine job! You'll find the book in fiction.

THE WINTER WAR by Eloise Engle and Lauri Paananen. The authors have carefully researched hundreds of sources and their findings make fascinating reading. When Russia attacked Finland on November 30, 1959, they expected to take it in "between ten and twelve days", hence their summer uniforms, which they ended up wearing into the coldest winter Finland had seen since 1828. Because

Mannerheim's request for military equipment had fallen on deaf ears in government circles, the Finns had to face 3,000 Soviet bombers with 162 antiquated planes. They had no tanks and faced Soviet tanks with no anti-tank weapons, and Soviet planes with no anti-aircraft guns. In the north, where the Soviets were trying to reach Rovaniemi, the Finns were outnumbered 42 to one. Their artillery consisted of 4 ceremonial cannons dating to 1887. Only about half of the shells exploded. But the Finns totally amazed the Soviets with their fierce, determined, almost fanatic fighting.

The Soviets quickly learned that Finns would rather die than lose their land. And they learned that the Finns had no desire to be "liberated", as they had been led to believe.

Although the Soviets are regarded as having won the war, many in Finland feel otherwise. As the bus driver on our Fennophile Tour '85 said, "You will notice that we are free, unlike Poland, Estonia, Lithuania or Latvia."

This book is worth your time. You'll find it in non-fiction, call number 947.1 En, or look in the card catalog under "Russo-Finnish War 1939-40" for this and other books on the subject.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

Of Special Note

Book Signing of "Death's Door" by Steve Lehto on February 11, 2007.

CULTURAL

Pikku Joulou returns to the FCA on **December 10** from 1:30-5:00 pm, \$3.00 donation Bring the whole family to enjoy the sounds of our national instrument, the Kantele, Finnish Christmas music and a sing along. Also includes traditional Finnish activities, crafts and holiday munchies. Joulou Pukki (Santa Claus) is coming and there is going to be a surprise!

Weavers will meet December 9 from 9 am until noon. Please come as we have some planning to do for 2007. Bring all of your ideas and suggestions.

NO Stamp Club meeting in December. We will resume meeting the last Sunday of the month in January 2007 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Do come to visit, to join and to learn about stamp collecting.

Ruth Mannisto, Chair

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“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat” at the Stranahan Theatre One day, Saturday, February 17, \$93. Be at the FCA by 10:00 am for a 10:15 departure. Return at 6:00 pm.

Niagara Falls Casino (NOTE Date Change) Two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 & 16, 2007, \$99. Includes \$25 package the first day at the Casino Niagara and \$10 package the second day at Fort Eire Raceway (slots). Includes overnight at the Sheraton. Don't forget proper ID.

Sneak Peeks

A trip to see Daniel O'Donnell is being planned for June, 2007.

“Nonsense A-Men” at Turkeyville will be in either June or July, 2007. If you have a preference as to the month, please call me ASAP.

Tulip Time in Holland, one day, May 2007.

FCA GARDEN NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the FCA has achieved official status with the National Wildlife Federation as a Certified Wildlife Habitat. Certification requires that a habitat provide four basic conditions: food-bearing plants and trees, cover for wildlife to be protected, places for wildlife to raise their young and a source of water. We offer all of these in Finlandia Gardens. An appropriate sign has been placed in the garden to show our designation. The certificate will be on display at the center. We've already spotted a blue heron in our natural area!

The City of Farmington Hills recognized the FCA for our landscape development and improvement. This award is given to organizations and businesses that make landscape and gardens a priority.

Construction of a bridge across the swale, west of the entrance, has begun. This will allow access to the west lot where some interesting things may be happening in the future. We want to express our sincere appreciation to DTE Corporation for their generosity in donating, delivering and placing three utility poles to support our bridge.

In addition, the garage has been reorganized to accommodate more activity in the woodshop and a patio has been constructed at the rear of the lot overlooking the natural area.

David Sharpe



Garden Club Accepting Award from the City

ROSTER CHANGES

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DRAMA CLUB

We remember Ralph Mannisto, one of our dearest members of the Drama Club.

Ralph was the "music man" of the Finnish Center!!! He was a most dedicated man who played many instruments, including accordion, violin, harmonica, guitar and the saw. With no remuneration he played willingly for a multitude of our FCA activities for our entertainment. His loving wife, Ruth, supported him in all of these activities and also taught folk dancing to children and adults.

Both Ralph and Ruth were members of our Drama Club, taking parts in the plays that we presented here in Michigan as well as Florida and Toronto, Canada. Ralph also played for the Center's afterglow dances. He will be missed by many here at the Finnish Center, but most dearly by our Drama Club.

Members:

Irja Connolly, Shirley Bowerman, Cathy and John Feilla, Sylvia Kanisto, Paavo Kurvi, Armas Suni, Dee Fred and Aebersold.

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GIFTSHOP

While Christmas shopping this season, be sure to remember the FCA gift shop. We have gifts for everyone on your list. An embroidered "Hauskaa Joulua" hand towel is a perfect gift for a Finnish hostess. A bright red "Joulu Pukki" sweatshirt would be great for your Finnish grandson or daughter. We still have many blown glass ornaments from Bronner's in Frankenmuth. There is still time to place special orders before Christmas.

We had a very exciting day at the Scandinavian Bazaar! Marge Haarala and Lillian Niemi were both busy in the gift shop. Maria Hill had a gift shop food table in the hall and almost sold out! I had gift shop items on a table in the hall. All the new jewelry was my best seller. All combined, our gift shop sales were about \$1500.00. We had some special order requests and great suggestions from the customers. I am busy placing orders to replenish our inventory. As always, we are happy to hear your suggestions.

Brenda Sinclair

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