

FCA News

May 2006

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEERS DINNER

On Saturday, May 6th we will again honor ALL volunteers with a luncheon at 2 pm, compliments of the Finnish Center. If you have worked at the Center or at home, in any capacity, at any time since we became the Finnish Center, you are invited to come and enjoy a meal with other co-workers. Please call the FCA to make your reservation.

Don't forget to bring a donation of non-perishable items or a cash donation for the Ronald McDonald House

DONATIONS FOR RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Bring canned goods, non-perishable items or a cash donation on May 6th.

FINNISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The FAHS annual meeting will be held in the FCA Lounge on Saturday, May 20th at 2 pm

In addition to routine business, we will elect officers and make plans for future meetings and the observance of Finnish Independence Day on December 3rd. All members are urged to attend. We welcome other interested persons.

There will be entertainment and a coffee table.

Ruth Kaarlela, Chair

MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Get your family party together for the traditional FCA Mother's Day Champagne Brunch on Sunday, May 14th from 12:30 to 3 pm. Armitage has planned an exceptional menu that is not to be missed! At 1:30 pm, a short program will be presented with readings and prizes. Mothers and grandmothers will receive carnations in honor of their day. Please reserve with FCA by May 10th and mail in your check.

MENU

Fresh Fruit and Yogurt Parfait
Bread Basket
Oven Baked Cheese Omelet
Bacon and Sausage
Honey Glazed Pecan French toast
Country Hash Browns
Baked Salmon Casserole
Vegetable
CARVERS STATION
Prime Rib
Honey Gazed Spiral Sliced Ham
Roasted Breast of Turkey
Garden Salad
Dessert Station
Champagne Fountain

\$19.95 per Adult
\$12.95 per Child

The Editorial Committee regrets that we were unable to insert Ads and Photographs in this, our first issue. Thanks for your understanding.

NOTES FROM THE NIKKARINTALO

Thanks to Fritz Putkela and the woodshop workers, steps and garden boxes have been added to the area near the sign. In addition, the recycling area behind the kitchen has been completed, a display box was built for the gift shop, and a frame has been made for our large map of Finland. Future projects include a bridge over the swale to the west lot and the refinishing of our audio-visual cabinet. Come out and take a hand in our woodworking projects.

MANAGER'S PARTY

On Sunday, May 21st you can show your appreciation to Hank Verleye for managing our Center and for a smooth transition.

You can also meet or re-acquaint yourself with the new manager, Lois Makee. She will be happy to hear your ideas for existing or new events for the Center.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Don't you love spring, seeing the daffodils and crocuses blooming? The Garden Club has been doing a great job of beautifying our exterior. If you have some time and would like to help out, even just weeding or watering, give David Sharpe a call at 248-477-5709 or email him at dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net

Speaking of emailing, did you get an email from me regarding the general meeting? If not, I either don't have your email address or there is a typo—I'm finding a lot of those. Please email me at kreinerk@charter.net with your correct email address so that I can add you to the list. It is our goal to start sending email notices of events, and eventually to send the newsletter electronically to those who want it that way, which will save us a great deal in postage. We have several people working to upgrade our website, and hope to also post the newsletter there. The Finnish Center is entering the 21st Century!

I'd like to put out a challenge to those of you in your first half-century. If you haven't joined one of the many clubs and groups at the Finnish Center, why not pick just one to join. Some groups meet monthly, some twice a month, some weekly. Check the calendar to see what would fit into your schedule. You might start by coming to a Friday night buffet, held the first and third Fridays of each month. Many activities meet after dinner.

Volunteering is another good way to get involved. There are pasty sales, gift shop workers, pulla making (Finnish coffee bread), woodshop workers, people to help out with building and grounds projects, and so on. Don't know what to do? Call the office—Lois will be glad to help you out!

Finally, we will be having a party for our outgoing and incoming managers on Sunday, May 21st before the Finnish American Singers concert. Please join us as we celebrate these two special people from 1pm to 3pm.

MANAGER'S CORNER

It has been quite an eventful month for me! I am sure you know that I need the support and assistance of everyone for us to proceed in this 21st Century.

Would appreciate hearing from those of you that would like to see some different happenings at the Center for your age group. Call the FCA office.

Want to learn a craft? - our Craft Ladies are willing to teach you. If you can't make it when they meet on Monday mornings, they are willing to teach at another time - if we get enough interested parties. Perhaps your children or grandchildren would be interested!!

How about something in the summer?

Looking for artists in various mediums – can we have something for artists?

There are plans under way for a summer Finnish Camp for children, possibly in August.

There will be another Flea Market this fall – what about a Craft Show?

I looking for assistance in all aspects to perform the weekly duties of the Center, such as cashiers, dishwashers, servers, maintenance, answering the telephone, manage the bulletin board, etc., etc.

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MAY

- 1 Mon Crafters 9am
Garden Club 9 am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 2 Tue Joint Board Meeting
Garden Club 9 am
6:30 pm
- 5 Fri Buffet 5-7 pm
Book Club 7 pm
Film 7:30 pm
Amadeus
- 6 Sat Finnish Lessons
10 am-12 noon
Volunteer's Dinner 2 pm
- 8 Mon Crafters 9 am
Garden Club 9 am
Gift Shop Meeting
12:30 pm
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 9 Tue Garden Club 9 am
- 10 Wed Blood Pressure Readings
11 am-2 pm
- 12 Fri Soittoniekat Jam Session
6:30-9:30 pm
- 13 Sat Finnish Lessons
10 am-12 noon
Weavers 9am-12 noon
- 14 Sun MOTHER'S DAY
Champagne Brunch
12:30 pm
Reserve by Wednesday
- 15 Mon Crafters 9am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
Garden Club 9 am
- 16 Tue Camera Club 1 pm
Garden Club 9 am

- 17 Wed Senior Luncheon
12:30 pm
Dusty Diamond Dancers
Reserve 248-437-0350
- 18 Thu Garden Club
6:30-9:30 pm
- 19 Fri Buffet 5-7 pm
Reserve by Wednesday
Film *Letters from Karelia*
7:30 pm
- 20 Sat Finnish Lessons
10 am- 12 noon
FAHS Annual Meeting
2 pm
- 21 Sun Manager's Party
1-3 pm
FAS Spring Concert
3-5pm
- 22 Mon Crafters 9am
Garden Club 9 am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 23 Tue Garden Club 9 am
- 24 Wed Blood Pressure Readings
11am-2pm
- 25 Thu Women's Club 10 am
- 27 Sat Children's Day
10am-12 noon
- 28 Sun Stamp Club 2-4 pm
- 29 Mon MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE

- 2-3-4 SPRINGFEST and
MULTICULTURAL
JAMBOREE
- Fri Buffet 5-7 pm
Novi Concert Band 7 pm
- Sat Cultural Performers
and Dancing

- Sun Pancake
Breakfast
- 5 Mon Crafters 9am
Garden Club 9 am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 6 Tue Board Meeting
6:30 pm
Garden Club 9 am
- 12 Mon Crafters 9am
Garden Club
9 am
FAS Rehearsal
7 pm
- 13 Tue
Garden Club 9 am
- 14 Wed Blood Pressure
Readings
11am-2 pm
- 15 Thu Garden Club
6:30-9:30 pm
- 16 Fri Buffet 5-8 pm
- 19 Mon Crafters 9am
Garden Club 9 am
FAS Rehearsal
7 pm
- 20 Tue
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- 21 Wed Senior Luncheon
12:30 pm
- 26 Mon Crafters 9am
Garden Club 9 am
FAS Rehearsal 7 pm
- 27 Tue
Garden Club 9 am
- 28 Wed Blood Pressure
Readings
11am-2 pm

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FILMS FEATURED IN MAY

We are continuing our showing of films after the Friday night buffets in May. Our film for May 5 is "Amadeus." Based on the short life of Amadeus Mozart, this film is filled with music from beginning to end. You will find joy and wonder as you experience his genius and eccentricities. Our feature on May 19 will be the Finnish film, "Letters From Karelia." This film traces the journey of a Canadian/Finnish family to find a lost relative who disappeared into the Soviet gulag. Showings are at 7:30 PM in the lounge. All donations will be for the FCA Scholarship Fund.

**PHILOSOPHY
STUDY CIRCLE
MEETS**

Persons interested in a study of the film, "What in the Bleep do we Know," have formed a study circle to explore the many ideas presented in the film. As a follow up, the book, "A Short History of Nearly Everything," by Bill Bryson is being studied and discussed. These sources present ideas to stimulate thinking about the great questions of life. We meet on Thursdays at noon.

**GARDEN GROWS
GUARANTEEING
GREAT GIFTS**

The gifts of beauty, solace, and renewal can be found in the emerging environment surrounding the FCA. These gifts can be yours by participating in the evolution of our gardens, sitting in the Gathering Garden and reading, photographing and observing our wildlife, or just taking a walk around our center. You will be proud of all we have achieved at the FCA. The FCA Garden Club meets at 9AM on Tuesdays. You are also welcome to work in the gardens at your pleasure. For more info contact David Sharpe at (248) 477-5709.

CHILDREN'S GROUP

Bring your children to the Center on Saturday, May 27th to learn things about Finland. Watch for more information on a Children's Finn Camp to be held this summer, possibly in August.

SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON'S

On the third Wednesday of each month, members and friends gather to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Armitage Caterers, Linda and Laura. Our loyal Finnish Center volunteers do the serving.

Pearl Wanttaja leads us in a moment of silence to remember our deceased members, and reminds us of the upcoming trips.

January**PRAYER**

Rueben Peterson

Our Savior Apostolic

Lutheran Church, Northville

February

Pastor Bob Hedgal

St. John's Lutheran Church

March

Margaret Laurila

(last minute cancellation)

Redford

PIANIST

Miriam Kleven

St. John's Lutheran Church

Redford

Warren Gehrman

Miriam Kleven

ENTERTAINMENT

Jim Aittama

accordionist

Billy Rose

guitarist

Gary and Nancy Fischer

acappella singers

OUT OF TOWNERS

Rueben and Amelia Paterson

of Chelsea, formerly

Bootjack location

of Bootjack

Rueben and Amelia Paterson

Carolyn Ziemnick

FIRST TIMERS

Arlene Garry of Belleville

Elizabeth Murphy of Belleville

Eleanor Farrell

DECEASED MEMBERS**January**

Ina Jalkanen Huurto, Elli Junnola, Dorothy Pellosma, Eugene (Gene) Maki, Norman Johnson, Quentin Eathorne, Lenore Simonson, Valera "Val" Hambly, and Bill Zapoli.

February

Weldon Scheel, Marie Kauppila, Delores Moyle, Irma Kitchen, Hilda Pirkola, and Doris West

March

John Luoto, Teckla Pasanen, Lillie Isotalo, Carol Wantin, Dorothy Kangas, Norma Nakkula, Miriam Jarvi, Hubert Niemisto, Effie Squires, and Erma Manley

PRIZE WINNERS**January**

Tappy Kuivanen

Arthur Jouppi (twice)

February

Eileen Serarech

Blanche Maki

Melba Boiki

Rudy Aittama

March

Lillian Heikkinen

Dagnie Carlson

Emil Makila

Eleanor Farrell

Charlotte Lytikainen

In February ice cream and cake was provided by Edith Raaski in celebration of her sister Ruth Kaarlela's birthday. Amelia Peterson, Eva Miner and Katherine Stasevich helped Ruth blow out the candles.

Join us in May when the Dusty Diamond Dancers will entertain us. Hope to see you then.

Margaret Laurila

COMPUTER CLASS

The first Introductions to Computers classes were great. A morning and evening class was held and a total of ten members attended.

A second class will form if enough people sign up. The classes would be once a week for four weeks to be held in June.

If you are new to computers, just bought one or are planning to buy, this is the class for you. Call 248-478-6939 to sign up.

Glenn Kujansuu

CAMERA CLUB

The first meeting of the Camera Club will meet on Tuesday, May 16th at 1 pm. If you have signed up, PLEASE attend, if you have not signed up PLEASE attend.

This first meeting will be used to plan the next meetings and talk about cameras and photographs.

The world is waiting to be photographed.

Glenn Kujansuu

WOMEN'S CLUB

Our appreciation to Hannah Carlson, Dagnie Carlson, Rigmor Cuolahan, and Lillian Heikkinen for their skill and patience in making the sugar cookies for the Hoedown, which added nicely to the theme.

Baking eight batches, or about fifty loaves of Pulla/Nisu were Maire Vint, Lillian Niemi, Margaret Laurila, Clarabeth Dixon, Geraldine Owens, and Ilene Yanke. They were all sold within two days of their baking. A member wrote us a thank-you note saying our pulla/nisu was like the kind she remembered from home.

We'll start Pulla/Nisu again at 10 am on Thursday, May 25th. Come at 2 pm if you care to get some. We probably

won't bake in June, July and August. Let us know what you think.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The WEAVERS meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9 am to noon. We're learning to make tapestry/bead woven necklaces. These are individual and unique creations and you don't have to buy an expensive loom. A rug carpet is being woven on our antique barn loom and the table loom is warped and ready for someone to weave Karelian Red Pick table runners or place mats. Everyone is welcome to come see what we're doing and join us for a cup of coffee.

The STAMP CLUB meets the last Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 pm. We put the coffee pot on and you are welcome. We exchange stamps and talk about various aspects of collecting stamps, such as how to tell if a stamp is a forgery, different colors of a stamp and unusual cancellations.

Get out your dancing shoes. FOLK DANCING will be the first and third Friday after the Friday buffet. Come – teach one foot to be left and the other to be right. Dancing is good for your health. It exercises your muscles plus keeps your mind functioning because you have to think! What foot do I start with? Do I turn clockwise? How do I hold my partner? What's his/her name?

The cultural committee is still working on the KANTELE WORKSHOP. More info will be in future newsletters.

A cultural day is being planned in the fall with Finnish artifacts, food, info and music.

Ruth Mannisto

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

ST. URHO'S was a fun time. Kristen Kreiner was chosen as St. Urho of 2006, our first female saint! We thank the Soittoniekat for their fine music during dinner as we paraded, and for dancing. Special thanks to Frank

Gottberg, Margaret Laurila, and Karen Tracy. Frank helped with the games and prepared viili for us to share and take home. Margaret helped with decorating, the grape juice toast to St. Urho, and in other ways. Karen aptly led us in the lively grapevine step. Finnish-American Singers and others guided us in the amusing sing-along.

The HOEDOWN was a festive evening. Armitage's barbecue buffet was savored. The cowboy boot, cowboy hat, and cactus sugar cookies were from the Women's Club. The root beer floats, were a special dessert. Eddy Richey is an excellent caller who adjusted the dancing to the skill level of the dancers. Two squares of eight (8) dancers danced three sets, with 20-24 people participating. We'd like to have Eddie come again. Special thanks to new members Gail and Dick Burkholder - they brought seven guests to be a part of the buffet and dancing.

Ilene Maki Yanke

GOING PLACES

Victories Casino – Petosky

Two (2) days, Sunday, May 7- Monday, May 8, \$123. On first day \$20 buys \$40. On second day \$15 buys \$30. Shuttle available for downtown shopping.

“Norma and Wanda” at Gem Theater

Date change to Sunday, May 7, \$85 A full brunch will be included at Sinbad's. Be at the Finnish Center at 9:45am for 10 am departure. Return about 5:30pm/. This latest play by Jeff Daniels is another hilarious situational comedy about two very different sisters and the scrapes they get into.

Daniel O'Donnell

One (1) day Tuesday, June 6, \$149, includes show at Orchestra Hall and dinner. Performance at 7 pm seats in first 15 rows. There will be two pick-up points and we must know ahead of time, which one you prefer. Departure times will be either 3:15 or 3:45 pm.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia

One (1) day, Thursday, June 22, \$17 includes a \$10 incentive package. Be at the FCA by 9:45 am for a 10 am departure. Return about 6:15 pm. Don't forget proper ID.

3 Men and A Tenor

At the Ford Community and Performing Arts, one (1) day Saturday, July 29. This is a matinee performance. More information to come.

Philadelphia and Atlantic City

Four (4) days, beginning Wednesday, August 16, \$599. Includes three (3) hour guided tour of Philadelphia, the new National Constitution Center, Light of Liberty show and QVC Studio Tour. This is a guided walking tour of this state-of-the-art broadcasting facility. We may get to see an actual show being broadcast. Trip also includes an afternoon at Atlantic City and two (2) dinners, one at the renowned City Tavern. Please

see flyer for more in-depth information. Deposit \$20 now to hold your space. Balance due July 14.

Stratford, Canada

One (1) day, Tuesday, September 26, \$103 includes ticket to “South Pacific” at the Avon Theatre and lunch at The Queen's Inn. Don't forget proper ID. Be at the FCA by 7 am for 7:15 am departure. Return approximately 8:30 pm.

Sneak Peak – Branson, Missouri

Six (6) days beginning November 1. More information later.

NOTES FROM THE SINGERS

Here we are into springtime and music is in the air.

The Finnish American Singers will have our Spring Concert on Sunday May 21, 2006 starting at 3:00 pm. We hope you can come and enjoy the program.

The members of the Singers want to thank all the FCA members who helped in the “Big Bake Date” to make it such a success. There were so many helpers it is hard to name them all in this short article. The chorus wants to give a special thank you to Ruth Mannisto for all her hard work. Ruth is the cook, the trainer, and the instructor. Like the conductor of the symphony, she puts all the pieces together and makes it happen. I never realized there were so many ingredients, steps, and processes to make to form one pastie pie. To repeat those steps to make hundreds of additional pies, becomes a task. A big thank you to all that participated.

Hope to see you at the concert.

Frank Gottberg

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

It's getting to be that time of year when the thoughts of many turn to summer travel in Finland, if not in actuality, at least the armchair variety. We have several items in our library which might help you in your planning, or your dreaming.

Frommer's Scandinavia.. 21st edition, by Darwin Porter c2005 (latest edition). Includes Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and FINLAND. Contains an introduction to each country, planning your trip, what to see, where to stay, where to eat, entertainment and an in-depth section on Helsinki.

Finland (a "Lonely Planet" book), by Paul Harding, c2003 (latest edition). 325 pages, all devoted to travel in Finland, including a section on important words and phrases to know.

Fodor's Scandinavia c2004 (latest edition). Includes Denmark, FINLAND, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. Described as "where to stay and eat for all budgets, must-see sights and local secrets, ratings you can trust". An interesting section entitled "Understanding Scandinavia" includes sections on fairy tales and fjords, chronology, books and movies and vocabulary.

The Rough Guide to Scandinavia by Phil Lee and others, c2003 (latest edition). Includes Denmark, Norway, Sweden and FINLAND. Has an interesting "Introduction to Scandinavia" as well as "32 things not to miss".

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FCA 2006 Springfest & Cultural Jamboree

Weekend--- June 2, 3 and 4

Friday June 2 Supper from 5:00- 8:00 PM

Friday June 2- 7:00- Novi Concert Band opens Spring Season

Saturday from noon to 7:00 PM- Musical and dance performers of many Cultures:

Prices:

Friday Supper	\$10.00
Friday Chef Salad	\$6.00
Friday Concert only	\$4.00
Saturday Entry Fee-	\$5.00

- Irish Dance and Song
- Polish Children Dance
- Hungarian "Szirka" (Zither)
- African American
- Finnish Chorus by FASM
- Slovenes- with Eddie Adamic
- American Bluegrass by Oakland Ramblers
- Greek by Kyklos Dancers
- Hungarian Dancers
- Japanese
- Chinese
- Finnish and American Instrumental by "Soittonieket"

Saturday from 7; 30 to 10:00 ballroom style Dancing to music by Jammin' Salmon Band on our newly re-finished dance floor.

- All Saturday afternoon musicians and music fans are encouraged to join in to enjoy continuous "Jam Sessions", in the tent.
- There will be food and beverages available all day.
- Stop in the gift shop for a wide selection of imported and domestic gifts.
- Stop and shop at the craft table in the lounge.
- Bring home some goodies from our bake sale.

9:00 AM Sunday Morning Church Services with Pastor Elmer Liimatta.

10:00 AM Sunday- Pancake Breakfast .

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Open House.

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MEMORIAL FUND

When making a memorial donation please direct the donation toward a specific fund.

The funds available are: FCA General fund, Library, Scholarship, Hoijakat Folk Dancers, Drama Club, FinnWeavers, Garden Club, Finnish -American Singers and Soittoniekat Folk Musicians.

If a donation is undesignated it goes to the general fund.

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 payable to the Finnish Center Association and send donation to:

Pearl Wanttaja

28235 Townley

Madison Heights, MI 48071

Please do not send any cash through the mail.

You may direct you donation toward the Elder's Housing, but 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 it 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 April 10 donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of **Norman John Halme** (3-18-05) and **Violet Holmstrom**

Halme (5-9-02) of Manchester, donations have been made by their son Norman D. Halme and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member **Marian Karpinen Karjala** (2-23-06) donations have been made by Gail Schultz and the FCA.

In memory of **Edna Hill Pesonen** (2-28-06) of Livonia, a donation has been made by Jim and Elaine Weiland.

In memory of FCA life member **Hubert Niemisto** (3-11-06) donations have been made by Toini Kesti, Helen Lampi, Neil Manley Jr., Cindy Siira, Jim and Elaine Weiland, George Koskimaki, Charlotte Lytikainen, Kenneth Kujala Family, Louis Lawitzke Family, Maria Hill, Harold and Connie Fosness, Betty and Leonard Holmbo, his niece Jean and Bob Lappala, Kay Simo, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Rudy and Vicki Perttunen, Ellen Clisch and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Erma Johnson Manley** (3-15-06) donations have been made by Evans and Mary Lucas, Harold and Connie Fosness, Randy Wanttaja, John Saetta, Ruth Baker, David and Kathy Engelhardt, Blanche Maki, Edie Sweetwine, Harry Goldberg, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, George Losonci, Mary Rose Coleman, Oscar and Carnation Andary, Edward and Marilyn Stewart, Betty and Leonard Holmbo, Hannah and Edsel Carlson, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Kay Simo, Toini Kesti, Elaine Lada, Alice Manley, Wilfred and Eleanor Manley, Gerald and Connie Szirtes, Ludwig Manilla, Mary Hill, Kathleen Manley Ford, Hank and Arliss Verleye, Marilyn and Eugene Jarvi, Saima Palmer, Paul and Sally Outinen, Chad and Brent, Ron Haka, Ellen Clisch and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Onerva "Jo" Juntunen** (3-19-06) donations have been made by Michelle

and David Henderson, Laurie Tikkanen, Nancy Tikkanen, Debra and Benjamin Farneth, Pearl Barney, Fern Malila and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Melba Nevala Riutta** (3-19-06) donations have been made by Emil Makila, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Betty and Leonard Holmbo and the FCA.

In memory of **Judith St. Andre** (3-21-06) of Mt. Pleasant, donations have been made by Hannah and Edsel Carlson and Lovern and Adolph Aittama. Judy was the sister of member Norma Aittama.

In memory of **Paul Kotaniemi** (3-22-06) of Kearsarge, a donation has been made by Irene Karna. Paul was the brother of members Nina Ranta and Helen Rickard.

In memory of FCA life member **Jeanne Laajala** (3-24-06) donations have been made by Shirley and Bob Erickson and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Clarence Peterson** (4-2-06) donations have been made by Betty and Leonard Holmbo, Kay Simo, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Carl and Allie Lindstrom, Hannah and Edsel Carlson, Calvin and Lillian Niemi, Al and Nancy Leszczynski, Kristen Leszczynski, Kris Sivertson, Lori and Bryan Heckman, Ed and Helen Gilbert, Harold and Margaret Bross, Peggy Puuri, Verna Niemi, Helen Rickard, Jay and Sue Hocking and the FCA.

A Memorial Day contribution to honor **Ed** (5-24-86), **Sylvia** (1-21-96) and **Esther** (6-18-00) **Elsila** has been made by Katie and Dave Elsila.

In memory of FCA life member **Carol Matero Hyrkas** (10-21-05) donations have been made by Rudy and Vicki Perttunen and Ellen Clisch.

In memory of FCA life member **Quentin Eathorne** (1-3-06) a donation has been made by Betty and Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Ina Jalkanen Huurto** (12-23-05) donations have been made by Eleanore Keranen and Wendell and Eria Hamrick.

In memory of FCA life member **Lillie Pantsari Isotalo** (2-18-06) donations have been made by Wilfred and Eleanor Manley, Margaret Black Elementary PTO, Helen Lampi and Ellen Clisch.

In memory of FCA life member **Mildred "Millie" Rantanen Hietikko** (7-30-05) a donation has been made by Wendell and Eria Hamrick.

In memory of FCA life member **Ellen Michaelson Maenpaa** (7-30-05) donations have been made by Rudy and Vicki Perttunen, Eleanore Keranen and Ellen Clisch.

In memory of **James Mayry** (12-19-05) of Dearborn, donations have been made by Anna Kumpu and Karl and Dorothy Sjogren. Jim was the brother of members Nancy Nurmi, Millie Aho and Willard Mayry.

In memory of FCA life member **Lila Oja Kangas** (9-10-05) a donation has been made by Eleanore Keranen.

In memory of Brunch Workers **Ted, Ben, John** and **Clarence** donations have been made by Peggy Puuri and Lil Heikkinen.

In memory of FCA life member **Waino "Wayne" Jackola** (2-3-05) a

donation has been made by Rudy and Vicki Perttunen.

In memory of FCA life member **Mayme Koponen** (11-22-05) a donation has been made by Eleanore Keranen.

In memory of FCA life member **Valera "Val" Hambly** (1-13-06) a donation has been made by Rudy and Vicki Perttunen.

In memory of FCA life member **Doris West** (2-12-06) a donation has been made by Wilfred and Eleanor Manley.

In memory of FCA life member **Delores Hella Moyle** (1-24-06) donations have been made by Peggy Puuri, Jim and Elaine Weiland, Eleanore Keranen, Charlotte Lytikainen, Rudy and Vicki Perttunen, Ellen Clisch and Wendell and Eria Hamrick.

In memory of FCA life member **William "Bill" Zapoli** (1-15-06) a donation has been made by Retirees Wives and Widows of Local #58 IBEW.

In memory of FCA life member **Carol Wantin** (2-19-06) a donation has been made by Betty and Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of FCA life member **Miriam Raitanen Jarvi** (3-9-06) donations have been made by Liane and Mark Jensen, Tem and Virginia Ahonen, Clara Hill, Betty Larsen, Linda Davanzo, Jeanette North, William and Christine Jahns, Jerry and Karen Boggs and Dolores Jarvi.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life member **Arnie Raisanen** of Commerce Twp. (6-19-05) and member **Harley Gould** (3-9-06).

In memory of FCA life member **Douglas O'Brien** (4-12-06) donations have been made by Kay Simo, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

KAIKU PERFORMING IN DETROIT AREA

Kaiku, the 2006 Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year, will be appearing at the *Detroit Institute of Arts* on Friday, June 2nd at 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. and at the *Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association* (DFCSCA) (aka the Finn Camp), in Wixom on Saturday, June 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Kaiku is a unique fusion of elements. Led by the voices of Jaana Kantola and Paula Jaakola, Kaiku's music draws from stories contained in the Finnish epics, but the beautiful vocals and modern sound reflects the trends that are taking place in Finland and in Europe as a whole today. Kaiku crosses cultures and generations and embodies the fun and beauty of being Finn.

Ticket information to the DFCSCA performance:
Tickets: \$15 in advance • \$17 at the door (no refunds) For more information contact Dale Aho:
daleaho@ameritech.net or call 248.478.3450. Tickets can be ordered by mail with a check payable to D.F.C.S.C.A.-Kaiku c/o Aho & Potti, 23629 Liberty, Farmington, MI, 48335. Enclose a note with your name, address, telephone number, and the number of tickets you are ordering.

FINLAND TODAY

First, Finland has ordered 5.2 million vaccines against the bird flu for the entire Finnish population. The Dutch company, Solvay Pharmaceuticals, will produce the vaccine against the H5N1 bird flu strain for about \$25 million. The vaccine will be developed in Finland and Solvay will start production in the autumn. The vaccines will be administered to the Finnish population if the current bird flu mutated where it will be passed from human to human. Solvay is also the company that Finland has previously signed an agreement to produce 5.5 million vaccines once the exact composition of the potential mutated virus is known.

The Automation Laboratory of the Helsinki University of Technology has developed a "paper battery". They have produced a battery with a printable layer structure which uses paper containing the electrolyte as the separator between the anode and cathode. This new flexible "SoftBattery" is intended as a power source in disposable microelectronic equipment such as sensors, smart cards, LED's on paper, greeting cards, and electronic paper. The SoftBattery will provide 1.5 volts and 2 milliwatts of power. The battery will be produced by Automation Laboratory's spin-off company, Enfucell Ltd.

New Russian customs regulations may significantly affect trade between Finland and Russia. Also the tourist trade may be reduced by up to 40%. Russia has passed legislation that limits the amount of goods Russian visitors may back. The previous 50 kilos of goods has been reduced to 30 kilos. The number of duty free shopping trips has also been reduced to one a month. Last year Russian visitors spent about \$485 million in Finland, but this may now be reduced by as much as 40%.

Finland's Neste Oil Corporation and Austrian oil and gas group, OMV, are jointly planning to build a large scale

plant to produce next-generation biodiesel fuel. The facility will be located at OMV's Schwechat refinery site in Austria. The plant production will be based on Neste Oil's proprietary NExBTL (Next Generation Biomass to Liquid) technology. The facility will be capable of producing high quality diesel fuel from a variety of renewable raw materials such as vegetable oil and animal fat.

Neste's NExBTL technology will make biodiesel with superior fuel properties and which outperforms conventional biodiesel and diesel grades currently on the market, according to tests by leading heavy duty engine manufacturers.

Neste is also launching its new biogasoline, Futura 98, this spring in the southern part of Finland. The new biogasoline can be used in all gasoline engines. And with the addition of the bio component, emissions of carbon dioxide will be lower.

Finnish bicycle and exercise equipment manufacturer, Tunturi, is closing its manufacturing in Finland. The bicycle manufacturing will be moved to Hungary and the exercise equipment to Estonia.

The Finnish synchronized skating team, Marigold IceUnity, took gold at the world championships held at Prague, Czech Republic. The Swedish team, Surprise, got the silver medal, while another Finnish team, Rockettes, received the bronze. This is the 3rd world championship for Marigold, they also won in 2002 and 2004.

Do you ever watch Spike TV on the cable or the dish? If you do, soon you will be able to see a Finnish reality show, called the Dudesons. It is about a group of best friends who dare each other to perform crazy and dangerous stunts. Spike has ordered at least eight episodes of the Finnish show. It has been running in Finland for four years.

And finally, Toivo and Heikki were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. Hilma walked by and asked what they were doing.

Toivo: We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole. Hilma took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her purse and measured the pole. Hilma announced, "Eighteen feet and six inches", and walked off. Heikki shook his head and laughed, "Ain't that just like woman? We asked for the height and she gives us the length".

Markku Ketola

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All of the above are in the 914.71 section, where books are arranged by author's last name, or look in the card catalog under "TRAVEL -- FINLAND".

Besides books, we have videos entitled "Come Home to Modern Finland", "Video Visits Finland", "A Year in Finland" and "Finland, a Song of Summer." A video entitled "Scandinavia" includes a section on Finland.

We are having a problem with borrowed books not being returned. Our new manager has suggested that each month we publish a list of missing books and the name of the borrower. This feature will begin next month. We hope it will serve as a reminder for those who might have our missing books.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

FCA Membership Form

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