



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

May 2008

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH BUFFET

NEW TIME

On Sunday, May 11 from **noon-2 pm** the FCA will honor mothers on their special day at our annual Mother's Day Brunch Buffet.

The various stations will again have a large selection of foods, including a carvers station.

Adults: \$19.95
Children: \$12.95

As this is a well-attended event, reservations are required. Please contact the FCA by Wednesday, 5/3.

FINNISH ROTARIANS TO VISIT

On Wednesday, May 21, the FCA will be hosting Rotarians from Finland. They would like to meet and talk with members that have the same interests and/or jobs that they have in Finland. This would probably be about 4 or 5pm, details are being worked out.

A brief listing of their interests include: architecture history, Art Deco, Frank Lloyd Wright, impressionism painters, graphic art, handicraft, computer science, math, teaching, Infantry Reserve, National Guard, ice hockey, consultancy, financing, publishing and others.

Their hobbies include hiking, drawing, dollhouses, gardening, books, theaters, concerts, fast cars, auto industry, historical and war museums.

Plan to come and help make our Finnish friends feel welcome at the FCA.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS & ART LOVERS

We are pleased to announce the first annual FCA Fall Art Fair on September 19 and 20. We will feature painters, sculptors, photographers, wood workers, jewelry makers, potters, mixed media artists, etc. This is a great opportunity for new artists to create interest in their work and for established artists to expand their customer base.

Booth rental is \$50 for a 10' x 10' space. Applications will be accepted from May 1 through July 1 and can be obtained by calling the FCA. Exhibitor space is limited and a completed application does not guarantee a booth. We will make every effort to present a varied group of artists. All artwork must be original pieces created and sold by the artist. Absolutely no retail merchandise allowed. Artwork will be exhibited and available for sale Friday evening from 4-10 pm and Saturday from noon-5 pm.

This free event is open to the public and is sure to be a big hit for the FCA. Both days will feature live music and a hands on art project table for children and adults making this a fun event for the whole family. Appetizers prepared by Armitage Catering and drinks will be available for purchase.

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CALENDAR

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Mondays 10 to 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 to 9pm

Library

Open Mondays 9 to 2pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9am

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Monday

11 am to 2pm

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop

2nd Monday 12:30pm

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 9-12

Camera Club

2nd Wednesday of month 12-2 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday of month 1-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

2nd Friday of month 10am

APRIL

- 20 Violinist from Finland
4:30pm see Article
Open House 1-4
- 27 FASM Concert 3 pm
- 30 Pulla/Nisu Bake 12-2pm

Rentals 1,4,5,6,8,9,12,13,15,16,20,22,23,25,
26,29

MAY

- 3 Vappu Celebration 6pm
- 7 Games 11-4
- 9 Finnish Conversation 10am
- 11 Mother's Day Brunch 12-2
Reservations by 5/3
- 16 FUND RAISER 5-7pm
Spaghetti Dinner
- 17 Cultural Workshop 9am-3pm
- 18 Historical Society Annual Mtg 2pm

- 18 Scholarship 2-6
Krun Mtg 2pm
- 25 Open House 1-4
Gift Shop and Garden Club
- 26 **CLOSED-MEMORIAL DAY**
- 28 Pulla/Nisu Bake 10am-2pm

Rentals 2,6,10,13,14,16,17,18,21,28,31

JUNE

- 4 Games 11-4
- 6 Novi Band
BBQ Dinner
- 12 Finnish Conversation 10am
- 8 Pancake Breakfast noon-1:30pm
- 20 Fish Fry 5-7

Rentals 1,7,8,11,13,14,15,26,27,28

SAVE THE DATE

Finnish Violinist to perform in Farmington Hills

Violinist Tapani Yrjola, accompanied by Organist David Troiano, will perform on April 20, 2008 at 4:30 pm at: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills. Admission is \$10 at the door.

Following the concert, we'll host an Afterglow at the FCA. This provides an opportunity for members and friends to meet the performers and showcase our Finnish Center.

These accomplished musicians will perform beautiful pieces by composers Bach and Correlli as well as Finnish composers Korhonen and Kuula.

We are fortunate to be involved in their U.S. and Finland concert series so please plan to attend this very special event.

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FCA SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

This month's scholarship recipient student, Daniel Kaskinen, is a member of both the Finnish Center Association and Finlandia Foundation National. He has done research on his great-great-grandfather's immigration from Finland to the United States, including printing the manifest logs from Ellis Island.

Dan currently attends Northwood University in Midland, Michigan. He is a junior and plans to graduate in May, 2009, thus completing five years of college courses in four years.

Q: What is your major and what are your career plans?

A: I am a triple major – Automotive Marketing/Aftermarket Management/Business Management. As for my career plans, I would love to work for one of the automobile manufacturers. If not that, I would also love to work for an automotive aftermarket company that makes performance parts for cars and trucks.

Q: What classes do you have now and have you had?

A: I am currently taking Logistics, Statistics, Parts Management, and a Cultural Elective class. In the past, I have taken classes including Accounting I-III, Philosophy, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Aftermarket Retail/Wholesale Management, Finance and Insurance, Algebra, Statistics, Aftermarket Manufacturing Management, Dealership Advertising, Service and Body Management, Lean Distribution, and Business Law.

Q: What have been some of your favorite classes, and why were they significant to you?

A: Some of my favorite classes would be my Automotive Marketing and Aftermarket classes. What makes them my favorites is the fact that my professors have been in the business for years, and as a result, they have plenty of stories. It helps hearing these stories not only because they're usually pretty funny, but because it helps give me an idea of what I'll be getting myself into in a couple of years.

Q: What activities do you participate in, either in the community or the university?

A: I'm active in Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and serve as community service chair. We do everything from sponsoring blood drives to cleaning up our adopted street in Midland. I have been involved with Northwood University's Auto Show the past three years on three different teams. With Northwood, I have been on study abroad trips to London and Australia, I have been to Las Vegas for the SEMA show twice, and I will be going to San Francisco in the spring for the NADA convention where I will be doing moderator work.

Q: What work do you do, including paid and volunteer work?

A: I am a student tutor in my university's Timberwolf Learning Center while I am in school, and I work for my parents' business on breaks buying cars.

Q: Do you have a mentor who has helped you prepare for school and/or career? If so, how did this person help you?

A: I'm not too sure if I've had a mentor that prepared me for school, but I did have a high school teacher who said something that stuck with me. My teacher said something along the lines of "80% of success is just showing up." I realize that he didn't mean this literally, but I understood what he was trying to say. To me, I took that as "if you get off-track and quit going to your class/job/whatever, then things are going to snowball and you're going to wind up screwing yourself over." Simple enough, but definitely some important words.

Q: Describe one highlight of your university experience.

A: One highlight of my university experience was this past summer when I had the opportunity to study abroad in Australia. The whole trip was basically a highlight of my university experience. Two days stand out the most though: in back-to-back days, I went white water rafting and then bungee jumping. Needless to say, I had an incredible time, and that will definitely be something I'll never forget.

Q: How has the FCA scholarship helped you meet your educational goals?

A: The FCA scholarship has helped me meet my educational goals by helping me to pay for the trips such as my Australia study abroad trip. These trips are allowing me to graduate in four years instead of five, which was a pretty big goal of mine heading into my freshman year. As a result of those trips, I've been able to see amazing parts of the world that I've always dreamed of seeing. All in all, the FCA scholarship has helped my education be a great time instead of being stuck solely in a classroom.

Q: What advice would you give to high school students about how best to prepare for the university experience and for their career?

A: For preparing for the university experience, I think it's important to go in with an open-mind. It's important to try to get any negative stereotypes of people out of your head because you have more in common with the people you'll be going to school with than you think – after all, you did choose to go to the same school. As for career advice, have a good resume. If your resume is poor, there's a good chance you'll be passed over and barely even read.

Louise Hartung, for the FCA Scholarship Committee.

FINLAND TODAY

First, Finnish paper maker, UPM Kymmene Corp has opened a new label stock plant in Dixon, Illinois. The plant is part of UPM Kymmene's \$400 million global program to expand its label manufacturing.

The new \$100 million plant, run by the company's label division, UPM Raflatac, will produce pressure sensitive paper and film self adhesive products. The new plant is described as "the most innovative label stock production and distribution facility in the industry."

The UPM Raflatac division is a leading global maker of self-adhesive label materials and also develops radio frequency identification tags. It employs 2,700 people at 12 plants world wide.

UPM Kymmene is the world's largest magazine paper maker, employing 29,000 people world wide, with annual sales of \$14 billion in 2007.

Finland's Wartsila Corp has signed a deal to produce two power plants for Brazilian companies. Both plants will produce 164 megawatts of power. Wartsila will build one plant for Borborema Energetica SA for \$157 million, and one for Termeletrica Viana SA for \$138 million. Both of the projects are turnkey projects. This brings the total to 18, the number of power plants that Wartsilla has built for Brazilian companies, with a total generating capacity of more than 1,100 megawatts of power.

The Finnish Patria Group, a defense and aerospace company, which is well known for its armored wheeled vehicles, is now also assembling helicopters. Patria has received a contract to assemble 50 helicopters for the European NHI Industries. Of these 50, 20 have been ordered by the Finnish Armed Forces. Sweden is another major customer of these NH90 helicopters.

Finland and Estonia have agreed to explore the possibility of linking the two capitals, Helsinki and Tallinn with a railway tunnel under the Baltic Sea. If built, it would be the world's longest, about 50 miles.

"We will start by applying for European Union financing for the study," says Helsinki Mayor Jussi Pajunen.

The study would be completed by the end of 2009, and the project would take more than 15 years to complete.

At the end of 2007, the official Finnish population was announced as 5,300,484. Of this, 2,546,787 were men and 2,703,697 were women.

During 2007, the population increased by 23,529. For the first time since Finland became independent, the increase in population was mainly because of people moving to Finland instead of natural growth.

The biggest age group was people who were born in 1948, of which there are 84,016. There were 458 people who were 100 years old or older. Of these, 60 were men and 398 were women. The biggest population growth was in the capital city area, with Helsinki increasing by 4,010, Espoo by 3,028 and Vantaa by 2,811.

The new President of Russia, Dmitri Medvedev, has ordered two luxury boats from Finland's Bella Oy boat manufacturer. Each of the Aquador model boats will cost about \$315,000. Medvedev will keep one boat in the Moscow area, and the other near St. Petersburg.

At the World Synchronized Skating Championship held in Budapest, Hungary, the Rockettes team from Helsinki got the gold medal. Another team from Helsinki, Mari-gold Ice Unity came in 4th. It is the 4th gold medal for a Finnish team at a World Championship.

Finnish bowler, Mika Koivuniemi, living in Hartland, Michigan, came in second at the U.S. Open Bowling Championship, held in North Brunswick, New Jersey. Norm Duke won his first U.S. Open. Koivuniemi won the U.S. Open in 2001 when he beat Patrick Healey.

And finally, a young couple, Heikki and Hilma, have been trying to have a baby, but no luck. They decide to see Pastor Makela and ask him to pray for them. "Well, next week I'm moving to Finland for awhile, but I'll pray and keep a candle on for you." Three years later, Pastor Makela returns to his parish and went to the young couple's house for a visit. He found Hilma to be pregnant and attending to two sets of twins. Pastor Makela felt very elated and asked Hilma where Heikki was so he could congratulate him. "Actually, Heikki took off this morning", said Hilma. "Where did he go?", asked Pastor Makela. "To Helsinki, to ask you to stop praying, and to blow out that #@*&% candle."

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CULTURAL

For those of you that signed on to be involved in Kruunuhaat, what happened to you? So far, the attendance at practice is very low and we need to be ready for our September performance.

Please consult the calendar on page 2 and take note! Our next practice is on April 27. Do come.

The next Cultural meeting is May 10 at 10 am.

Culturally,
Ruth Mannisto

CARD AND GAME PARTY

A new Card and Game Party will be held the first Wednesday of each month from 11 to 4 pm.

Men and women are welcome.

TABLES FOR SALE

We have several nine foot square tables available for sale at \$50 each. These sturdy tables are suitable for indoor use and would come in handy when entertaining for the holidays, hosting parties or having friends over to play cards. Call if interested.

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OVER ON FINN DRIVE

This reminds me of a picture puzzle.

As you drive around the Finn Center building you can view many separate pieces that make up the FCA. There are two separate flag poles in the front of the building, one for the USA, and one for Finland. Different trees were planted, and separate gardens have been developed. A large copper nugget has a meaning and memories for different members. As you get inside the building there are many items of interest to individual members and to their families which cover the last 40 years the building has been around.

To build the Center, and to get to where it is today, it took a lot of sweat equity and it became a labor of love to put it all together. Those members of the FCA that have been here a long time before I, tell me that there was fund raising in many forms: donations of "One Brick at a Time", donations for a set of dishes and silverware, a push for replacement ceiling tiles, wood timbers for the outside façade, etc, etc.

Well here is a story I have to tell you. It is different. Much of the equipment in the kitchen has had lots of experience and has been used for many years. Some problems develop from too much heat as around the ovens, and others develop from not enough cold. Well this time it's the deep freezer unit. It quit. So now the question is, what can we do?

Have you ever heard the common saying, "Your check is in the mail?" Many of you have heard about the government spending bill: the "2008 Economic Stimulus Package" is in the works and the checks are about to be mailed. The purpose of this Stimulus Package is to spend it and get it out into the broader economy. We have two board members that are doing just that. They said that their \$600 check will go to the Finnish Center to help pay for some freezer space in the kitchen. This is **cold cash** going into the **cold freezer space**. The timing is perfect. Isn't that different? Talk about enthusiasm!!

Kiitos paljon!

Frank Gottberg, Chairman

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. Do not send cash through the mail. Deadline is the first 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 me at 248-541-0054.

Thank you, Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

NOTE: All memorial donations must be at my home, not at the Finnish Center, by the 1st of the month.

MEMORIAL FUND

Donations received since the April newsletter are as follows:

In memory of Saima Nuorala Fitzpatrick (3-22-08) of South Lyon, donations have been made by the Nuoralas, Popas, Strilichs, Mustonens and the FCA. Saima was the mother of member Len Nuorala.

In memory of FCA life member Marion Perttunen (4-3-08) donations have been made by Helen Perttunen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Marie Hakala (2-8-08) donations have been made by Dagnie Carlson and Ellen Clisch.

In memory of FCA life member Martha Hookana (2-22-08) donations have been made by Candice Richter and Jeanette Isenhour.

In memory of FCA member Shirley Wanhala Pennanen (1-17-08) a donation has been made by her cousin Ellen Clisch.

In memory of FCA life member Robert "Bob" Hyrkas (1-3-08) a donation has been made by Jack & Shirley Bennett.

In memory of FCA life member John "Archie" Kehus (1-26-08) donations have been made by Herman & Tina Theeke and Diane Serresseque.

In memory of FCA life member Saima Waisanen Palmer (1-31-08) a donation has been made by Ellen Clisch.

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 & Dave Elsila.

In memory of FCA life member Walter "Ed" Keskitalo (11-15-07) a donation has been made by Jack & Shirley Bennett.

In memory of FCA life member Herbert "Herb" Piilo (12-5-07) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member William "Bill" Perttunen (12-10-07) a donation has been made by Helen Perttunen.

The FCA has made a donation in memory of life member Eleanor Pelto Turovaara (3-4-08).

VOLUNTEER BARTENDERS NEEDED

As the number of events held at the FCA continues to increase, we are faced with staffing challenges. In particular, we need bartenders. If you are a member and are interested in becoming a certified bartender, please notify the FCA and plan to attend a class in May (date yet to be determined).

This is a fun way for members to volunteer some time and learn a new skill in the process.

We look forward to seeing you!

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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.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia - 1 day, Wednesday, May 28, \$10. Includes incentive package of \$10 in coin and a \$10 food voucher. Be at FCA by 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 7 to 7:30 pm.

Discover Detroit - 1 day, Tuesday, June 17, \$67. Includes tour of the Ren Cen, lunch at Andiamo's restaurant and a narrated cruise on the Diamond Jack. Be at FCA 8:15 am for 8:30 departure. Return about 5:30 pm.

Motor City Casino - 1 day, Wednesday, July 16, \$18. Includes \$20 incentive. Times later.

Church Basement Ladies" at Turkeyville - 1 day, Thursday, August 28, \$69. Includes Marjorie Cornwell's all-you-can-eat turkey buffet. Be at FCA at 9:15 am for 9:30 departure. We will return at about 6:15 pm.

Soaring Eagle featuring Charlie Prose - 1 day, Tuesday, October 21, \$34. Includes incentive package of \$15 coin and \$5 food voucher. Be at FCA 9 am for 9:15 departure. Return about 9 pm.

Sneak Peak - December 1, Niagara Falls to see Randy Travis. A Caribbean Cruise in the fall is still hopefully in the works.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Our Annual Spring Concert at the FCA will be Sunday, April 27 at 3 pm. This promises to be a pleasant way to welcome Spring. Donation is \$10 for adults. There will be a coffee table with many fine sandwiches and desserts. We encourage all to attend.

The singers are looking forward to FinnFest, 2008 in Duluth, MN. We'll leave the FCA by bus on July 22 returning home on July 27. Two concerts will be performed at FinnFest.

FCA members and friends are invited to travel with us. The bus ride is \$260 plus five nights of lodging plus meals to pay for. FinnFest registration is \$65.

If interested, please contact Ilene Yanke as soon as possible at 248.887.3538.

Thank you, Gerald Malstrom, Publicity

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

The March New Member Welcome Potluck brought a good number of our FCA leaders to come to speak about our Center. Seventeen new members were present to introduce themselves to us. We enjoyed their comments very much. As usual, the food was very good. New members, you are encouraged to begin participating right away in our activities. We need you.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 11 is Mother's Day. A quality menu set up in stations will be presented by Armitage. Please reserve by calling the FCA. There will be attractive table decorations, carnations for the mothers and a short program with several prizes to be awarded. Hope to see your family groups with us.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

St. Croix Avenue was Duluth's Finntown when Finnish immigration was at its height. One of the tours being offered during FinnFest is a St. Croix Avenue Walking Tour to see the sights of that district. I thought I would remind you that in the June/July issue of the FCA Newsletter I wrote a review of one of the books in our library entitled ST. CROIX AVENUE by Lauri Lemberg. It's the story of immigrants in that very area in the early 1900's. Now that we can make the connection, I thought perhaps the book would interest some of you. You'll find the book in fiction, F Le.

We also have some new additions to our collection:

A DAY IN OSTROBOTHNIA by Antti Tuuri, translated from the Finnish by Anselm Hollo. This is the fictional story of the Hakala family who on July 18, 1978 have gathered to divide the possessions left to them by their grandfather, who deserted their grandmother and lived in the U.S. for fifty years. A lot of reminiscing takes place, some of it interesting historical fact and some an interesting peek into the lifestyle of that era. Tuuri received the Nordic Prize in Literature for this work in 1985. Some have compared this work to Aleksis Kivi's SEVEN BROTHERS or Väinö Linna's trilogy UNDER THE NORTH STAR. Reviewers who have read the original Finnish edition say that Anselm Hollo did an excellent job of translating. You'll find this in fiction, F Tu.

HEATH COBBLERS (NUMMISUUTARIT) and KULLERVO (one of the characters in the KALEVALA) by Aleksis Kivi, translated by Douglas Robinson. Like SEVEN BROTHERS, these are also Finnish classics. This is the first English translation of Kivi's two most popular plays. Douglas Robinson has been translating Finnish to English since 1975. He is a member of both the American Translators Association and the Finnish-American Translators Association. Those who do not read Finnish are fortunate to have these made available to them. This can be found in 894 Ki.

FINNISHNESS IN FINLAND AND NORTH AMERICA consists of six articles on the subject, edited by Pauliina Raento. These authors examine Finnish identity in, among other things, the realms of food culture, contemporary photography and Finnish national landscape, Finland-Swedish identity, and so on. This is the kind of book from which you can choose to read only the chapters that interest you, and leave the rest, if you wish. I found it interesting. Find the book in 301.29 Fi.

A HISTORY OF FINNISH LITERATURE by Jaakko Ahokas. Here you will find exactly what the title suggests. We have shelved it in 894 Ah.

For the children we have acquired:

A LITTLE PEOPLE'S BEGINNING ON MICHIGAN by Lois Parker, David McConnell and Theresa Deeter. Dewey number J 977.4 Pa

MIINAN JA MANUN LIIKENNE AAPINEN by one who calls himself only Teutori. This is a VERY easy reader. There's no law against adults reading it also, if you want some beginning reading practice. The book is in J 494 Te.

MIINAN JA MANUN SEIKKAILU LAPISSA, also by Teutori, with Petri Merta. The recommendation from above applies to this book also. It's in J 494 Me.

HOW TO DRAW INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS by John Meiczinger. The title is self-explanatory. The book is in J 740 Me.

That's all for now!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

FINNISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

All members and friends: mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting to be held in the FCA lounge on Saturday, May 17 at 2:00 pm. We will elect officers and hear from the Independence Day planning committee regarding the progress on an exciting program which will take place in December. There will be a coffee table. Do come.

Ruth Kaarlela

RECEPTION FOR 2008 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On Sunday afternoon, May 18, at 2:00 pm a reception will be held to honor five scholarship recipients and their families and friends in the FCA lounge.

A former recipient may join us to tell of his experiences since having received his award. Every one is welcome to attend this annual event.

Ruth Kaarlela, Scholarship Committee

GARDENS

We can only hope that May will start out better than April. The April 1 meeting had 14 of us excited about getting out into the gardens. However, Mother Nature had an April Fool's joke for all of us. The balmy 57 degree weather we saw at 8 am had cooled down to the 30's at the start of the meeting with blustery 30 mile an hour winds. Needless to say we huddled together in the garage to meet and keep warm.

We did make a bang up start on cleaning and organizing the garage finding many lost garden items in the process. Unfortunately an assessment of the main building found that it does not have any gutters to support rain barrels so we find we are in desperate need of garden hoses to water the gardens. If you have any to donate, please contact any member of the Garden Club. We will try to install a short gutter section on the back of the garage to support rain barrels for the vegetable gardens.

Keep on the lookout for several new signs in the gardens. Three gardens will have memorial tribute signs installed. The cost of these memorial tributes are \$75.00 for one year. Continuing costs are \$50.00 after the first year. If you do not wish to continue the support after this first year, the sign is yours to keep.

We will be expanding the vegetable garden area with plots available on a first come basis. Plots are about 8' x 5' with a cost of \$25.00 plus a \$10.00 first year membership fee. Additional plots are \$20.00. If you know any scout troops, high school students, church or school groups, who would like a plot; they may either contact Gayle Gullen or you or they may pick up a flyer at the FCA.

Anyone with an interest in gardening irregardless of their abilities or age is encouraged to become involved in the gardens. Once warm weather arrives you will see many of us at various times and days working outside around the FCA. We hope to have at least one evening per week (likely Monday) for those members who work days and have a few hours one evening to help out. Many hands will lessen the workload of maintaining the numerous gardens which enhance the façade of the FCA.

The next club meeting will be May 5 at 10 am with a second short meeting at 5 pm at the garage. The Garden Club is also sponsoring the Open House on May 25 from 1-4. We will have plants and seeds as well as edgers available at the Open House.

Call 734-453-1379 or 734-546-5190 for more information about the FCA Garden Club or any of the above items or email me at gaylegullen@hotmail.com

Gayle Gullen

GIFT SHOP NEWS

The gift shop has new items for sale:

- Finnish mild mustard
- Cute children's T-shirts
- Sisu sweatshirts & pens
- Mugs
- Finnish/English Dictionaries
- Juniper knives
- Bibs
- Danish greeting cards

On Sale while supplies last:

- Silver chains of various lengths - 1/2 off
- Ball candles
- Blue baseball caps & visors

Note: Due to the increased cost of flour, the price of Trenary toast has been raised to \$4.25/bag.

Coming Soon:

- Sauna soap and scents
- Strong mustard
- Fazer milk chocolate bars
- Aarikka items
- Iittala

Gift Shop Hours:

10 am - 4 pm Wednesdays

11 am - 3 pm Saturdays

The Gift Shop will also be open during FCA events. Refer to the calendar for dates and times.

Support your Finnish Center and shop here the next time you need a unique gift for a shower, wedding, birthday, graduation or any special event!

FCA EVENT PHOTOS

If you want to see or order photos of events that have taken place at the Finnish Center, Look at the following web site:

www.drysteam.smugmug.com/Events/359615.

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ATTENTION PRESENT & FORMER FCA MEMBERS

Come and join your fellow FCA members and friends at the Kaleva Café on Quincy Street in Hancock on Sunday, July 6 from 3 pm - 8 pm. Food will be available off the menu, including pasties and lots of bakery (tarts and nisu) made fresh at the Kaleva.

All members, former members and friends are invited to come and reminisce about the good times we've had at the Finnish Center.

For more information, please call Roy Jurva at 906.288.3733, Betty Holmbo at 906.482.5299 or let Lois Makee know you're planning to come. No reservations necessary.

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