



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

May 2007

## VOLUNTEERS DINNER

On Saturday, May 26 we will again honor ALL volunteers with a luncheon at 2:00 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

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## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

As you turn off of Eight Mile Road and come into the Finnish Center, you are welcomed with our spring display of flowers and blooming trees. The late freezing temperatures in April has limited the display of tulips and daffodils. As you travel down the entrance drive, we have some park benches for visitors to sit and relax. There is truth in the old axiom: "We should take the time along the way to smell the flowers." We have just celebrated Easter and have so much to be thankful for in God's creation.

Our front yard at the Finnish Center has the two flag poles. "Old Glory" for the USA and the white and blue for the Flag of Finland. Both flags are symbols of the personal freedoms we hold so dear. The display of a granite rock from the city of Hanko, Finland gives us a reminder of what many of our ancestors had experienced. Granite is displayed in Finland in such a grand scale because it is part of the landscape. The large Copper Nugget from the Upper Peninsula is a reminder that many of the Finns coming to the Copper Country found jobs in the mine shafts of Northern Michigan. Having these very fitting items on display has added to our center. Likewise, the inside of our Finnish Center has taken thousands of hands to formulate, combined with thousands of moments of joy, hope, inspiration, and perspiration to get it all together.

Many people have donated their time and energy, while others have lived too far away and donated with monetarily to keep the Finn Center moving ahead. The inside of the Finnish Center has been shaped by thousands of hands over the last forty years. They all contributed to the same goal: a Finnish Center we can be proud of.

Let us take a look around the Finnish Center and be positive in spirit, and joyful for what we have to enjoy. Opportunities are here to learn more about Finland, including language classes. We also offer computer classes as well as wood working and weaving, to name a few "goings on" at your Finnish Center. Oh yes, I better add the cooking and the baking of pulla/nisu or I will be in trouble.

Kiitos naapuri (thanks neighbor)—

Frank Gottberg, Chairman

# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Crafts**

Monday's 10 to 2 pm

### **Finnish American Singers**

Monday's 7 to 9 pm

### **Library**

Open Monday's 9 to 2 pm

### **Nikkarintalo**

Monday's 9 am

### **Study Group**

Monday's 1 to 3 pm

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### **Blood Pressure Readings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday

11 am to 2 pm

**NOTE DAY CHANGE**

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 12:30 pm

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

### **Weavers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10-12

## **MAY**

3	Thu	Joint Board Mtg 6:30 pm
5	Sat	Language Class 11-1 pm
12	Sat	Language Class 11-1 pm
13	Sun	Mother's Day Brunch Reserve by May 7
16	Wed	Senior Luncheon 11:30 am Reserve by Fri 248-478-6939
18	Fri	Buffet 5-7 pm Reserve by Wed
19	Sat	Language Class 11-1 pm
	Sat	FAHS Annual Mtg
20	Sun	FASM Spring Concert 3pm
26	Sat	Volunteer Dinner
27	Sun	CLOSED Memorial Weekend
28	Mon	CLOSED Memorial Weekend

## **JUNE**

7	Thu	Regular Board Meeting
8	Fri	Jamboree
9	Sat	Jamboree
10	Sun	Jamboree

## FCA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The FCA Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for an FCA scholarship for the school year of 2007-2008. Application forms are available from the Finnish Cultural Center 35200 W. 8 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48335 (248) 478-6939. The deadline for receipt of all information requested on the form is August 15, 2007.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- Armitage Caterers for providing entrees for Sunday brunch,
- All the faithful pasty workers,
- The women who serve during Senior Luncheons,
- Cashiers and kitchen volunteers for Bridge Tournaments,
- Flea Market cashiers, kitchen and relief helpers,
- Flea Market craft and rummage table workers,
- Brunch workers,
- Monday Lunch cooks
- Newsletter staff,
- and all other volunteers.

## BLOOD PRESSURE Day change

Starting in April, your blood pressure will now be taken on the second and fourth Monday of the month.

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### **OFFICERS**

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1 Year  
Gene Belttari, Kristen Kreiner  
Lari Korpela

### 2 Year

Frank Gottberg, Neil Lehto  
Fritz Putkela

### 3 Year

Maria Hill, Glenn Kujansuu, David Sharpe

### **ALTERNATES**

Rigmor Cuolahan, Jim Kettunen,  
Margaret Laurila

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Hilkka Ketola, Neil Manley, Jr.,  
Herb Piilo

Brenda Sinclair, Treasurer

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

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## WOMEN'S CLUB

Nine of our ladies braved the snow and ice to go to lunch at the Harvest Restaurant at Schoolcraft College on March 1st. The food was extremely tasty and well-served. The variety of beautiful desserts was something to behold, and to eat. We'd like to go again.

The February and March Pulla/Nisu sales were very good, with persons sitting in the Lounge waiting to buy it. Most of it sells on the day it is baked. In March, we enjoyed Finnish Pancakes prepared by Dagnie Carlson served with strawberries and whipped topping. Only four ladies: Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Hannah Carlson, and Ilene Yanke made the 53 loaves of Pulla/Nisu. Good work!

In March we had seven ladies baking over 50 loaves of Pulla/Nisu. Thursday, May 24th will be our last baking day of the season, to be resumed in September. We begin at 10:00 am but the freshly baked loaves are not ready until 1:30 pm. That's when you can arrive to purchase some warm Pulla/Nisu. See you then.

We're happy you come for our delicious products!

We're pleased that Rigmor Cuolahan consented to be Chairman of the Women's Club. She will focus on obtaining speakers for you to come to hear.

Ilene Yanke

## \$100 BOARD

Remember the \$100 Boards? They are on the wall leading into the Main Hall. Now is the time to fill the second board. For a donation of \$100 you will get a name on a plaque. The size of the plaque will only accommodate one name. Be sure to print your name the way you want it engraved.

There are a few places left on the \$500 Board, if you prefer.

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

A good number of members and guests really enjoyed our St. Urho's Day party. Armitage's buffet was superb. We thank Soittoniekat for coming again to play their fine Finnish folk music, as well as other music, and for accompanying the St. Urho's parade and sing-along. Frank Gottberg read the "Ode to St. Urho" and, again, brought viili to share. Geraldine Owens helped with games and the grape juice toast to the new St. Urho. St. Urho of 2007 was a clever boy of seven or eight years, David Perozek. When asked, he showed us how a grasshopper hops. Then, he put his name written on paper so that he could see it in the hat containing the names of Saints Urho hopefuls. Next, he volunteered to draw a name from the hat. So, now you know how he became the new St. Urho! But, an enthusiastic St. Urho he was, and we appreciate him.

Kiitos,

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## TROLL EXHIBITION

We are planning to have a Troll Exhibition here prior to the Scandinavian Bazaar and continuing through the holiday season. This is being planned in conjunction with the Bazaar participants. Each nationality will bring forth their trolls for this exhibition and hopefully get into the Guinness Book of Records. As we understand the largest display had 300 Trolls.

Please contact the office if you have any trolls that you would like to see displayed and help us into the record books.

## FINLAND TODAY

First, March 20, 2007 was the 100th anniversary of the birth of Viljo "Ville" Vesterinen. Vesterinen was one of the foremost Finnish accordion instrumentalists. In his lifetime he recorded 139 pieces. His first recording was in 1929 and his last in 1953.

Among his most popular recordings were Metsakukkia, Hilpea Hanuri, and Valssi Menneilta Ajoilta. But, his signature recording was Sakkijarven Polkka recorded in 1939.

Sakkijarven Polkka also belongs in Finland's war history. In 1941, Finnish armed forces were in position to regain control of the Karelian city of Viipuri, when they discovered that the Russians had booby trapped the bridges with radio controlled mines. The Finns discovered the frequency of the radio controlled mines, and blocked the frequency by playing the Sakkijarven Polkka over and over for 5 straight days, for a total of 2,880 times, until they were able to defuse the mines.

Vesterinen passed away in 1961.

Suomen Posti (Finland's Mail) is changing its name to reflect the fact that it does business in eight other Northern European countries. In Finland it will still be known as Suomen Posti, but in the other countries it will be known as Itella Oyj. At the same time, Suomen Posti and Marimekko have signed an agreement where Marimekko will design packaging and other works for Posti.

The World Economic Forum posted its annual rankings of 122 countries in the use of information and communication technology.

Number one on the list was Denmark, followed by Sweden and Singapore. Finland was 4th on the list, followed by Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, U.S., Iceland, Britain, and Norway.

Aker Yards in Turku has received an order from the Royal Caribbean Cruises for another in the series of the "largest cruise ship in the world", the Genesis class. The ship will be 360 meters long, and 47 meters wide. There will be room for 8,400 passengers. The ship will cost about \$1.2 billion.

The second Genesis class ship, "Liberty of the Seas", was recently released from the Aker Yards in Turku.

The Finnish rock group, H.I.M. has reached a couple of new milestones. First, it was announced that H.I.M. is joining the internationally famous rock group, Metallica, for a European tour this summer.

Second, H.I.M. has become the first Finnish group to have their recording go gold in the U.S. Their album, Dark Light has reached gold standard of 500,000 recordings sold. World wide H.I.M. has sold more than 4.4 million copies of their albums.

The 2007 Eurovision Song Contest will take place in Helsinki on May 10th and 12th. For more information about this go to: [www.yle.fi/eurovision/main.php](http://www.yle.fi/eurovision/main.php) Click on "In English" in the upper right hand corner.

Last year's Eurovision winner, Lordi, was on a tour of Asia, than to North America, but will return to Finland for the Eurovision. Later in the summer they will continue their North American tour.

The 2007 Pori Jazz Festival, to be held in July in Pori, isn't all jazz. Here are just a few of the groups appearing there: Sly and the Family Stone, Steely Dan, Elvis Costello, Ziggy Marley, Tower of Power, Natalie Cole, and Blood Sweat and Tears.

The winner of the Portugese Auto Rally was Sebastien Loeb of France. Second was Finland's Marcus Gronholm, with Mikko Hirvonen 3rd and Jari-Matti Latvala 6th. In the points total for the year, Granholm is leading, with Loeb second, and Hirvonen 3rd.

And finally, the kindergarten teacher is teaching the class about the various greetings.

Teacher: When we come to school in the morning, we all say, "Hello", "Good morning". What do we say to each other when we are leaving school to go back home?

Nobody raises their hand, so the teacher finally asks little Heikki, "What did your mother say to your dad when he left for work this morning?"

Heikki: Come straight home, don't stop at the bar.

Markku Ketola  
[marketola@yahoo.com](mailto:marketola@yahoo.com)

## MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH BUFFET

On Sunday, May 13, from Noon to 2 pm we will honor Mothers.

The various stations will again have a large variety of foods, including a Carvers Station. Adults \$19.95 & Children \$12.95. Reservations required by Wednesday, May 9. We will have a short program at the mid-point of the brunch, with readings and the awarding of four prizes. Carnations for mothers will be passed out by Paul Potti and table decorations will be crafted by ladies of the Women's Club.

## HAPPINESS

The year 1927 was very special indeed as three lovely ladies were born. Happy Birthday to Connie, Grace and Leila from Betty & Leonard.

Send your Happiness greetings and donations to:  
Pearl Wanttaja  
28235 Townley  
Madison Heights, MI. 48071

## FINNISH FACTS



The Tornio Golf Club in Lapland, situated at the Finnish-Swedish border, has midnight golf. The first nine holes are in Finland and the next are in Sweden.

## FINNISH AMERICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The FAHS annual meeting will be held on Saturday May 19 at 2:00 pm in the FCA lounge. In addition to the usual business agenda, Donald Autio will tell us about his project of collecting historical material (documents, photos, personal histories, etc.) to share with the Finnish-American Historical Archives in the Heritage Center at Hancock, where they will be preserved.

We urge all members, and others to attend the meeting. There will be a coffee table.

Ruth Kaarlela, Chair

## CULTURAL

Weavers meet the 2nd Saturday of the month, May 12, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. A new warp is measured and hopefully we'll be able to put it on our barn loom on May 12. Next it is carpet weaving. Who would like to do the first one? Come to learn and do! We are still into weaving necklaces, a fun, creative thing to do.

Stamp Club meets the last Sunday of the month May 27 from 2 - 4 pm. It is Memorial Day weekend, so call first. Thanks to all who contribute stamps. Our Finnish and U.S. albums are shaping up.

Ruth Mannisto

# 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 6th 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

Correction from April newsletter: A donation has been made in memory of four fabulous Brunch coffee servers — Ted, Ben, John and Clarence.

Since the last newsletter and up to April 10, donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of Aune (Harkonen) Polkas (3-28-07) of Beverly Hills, donations have been made by her daughter Raili Diels and the FCA. Aune would have been 101 years young in May.

In memory of FCA life member Bernard "Bozo" Sheehan (4-1-07) donations have been made by his brother-in-law Jake & Doris Hayrynen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member Jack Grant (4-5-07) donations have been made by Rigmor Cuolahan, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Kay Simo, Harold & Connie Fosness and the FCA. Jack was the father of our former chef Michael Grant .

In memory of FCA life member. Warren Gehrman (11-30-06) a donation has been made by Helen Lampi.

In memory of FCA life member. Evelyn Keskinen Hanninen (1-23-07) donations have been made by Neil Manley Jr., Laina Lampi, Norm & Mary Lou Laurila, William & Lila Hermanson and by her godchild Sharon & Arvo Parkila.

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

In memory of FCA life member Martha Kannianern Koski (1-19-07) a donation has been made by Norm & Mary Lou Laurila.

In memory of FCA life member Doug O'Brien (4-12-06) a donation has been made by Laina Lampi.

In memory of FCA life member Jane O'Brien (1-2-07), donations have been made by Helen Lampi, Laina Lampi, Helvi Wertheimer and Charlotte Opie.

In memory of FCA member Mario Oliver (1-23-07), a donation has been made by Vernon & Mary Leinonen.

In memory of FCA life member. Mabel Wiinikka (2-10-07), donations have been made by her cousin Elsie Baron and Daniel & Nancy Lafferty.

In memory of FCA life member Francis Keskinen (6-24-06) a donation has been made by Norm & Mary Lou Laurila.

# 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.

### 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 Erie Raceway (slots). Includes overnight at the Sheraton. Don't forget proper ID.

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## SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

FCA College Scholarship Interview:  
**Matthew Sefcovic**

The Scholarship Committee's May interview is with Matthew Sefcovic, one of the seven students who received a scholarship this year. To continue and to expand the Scholarship program, donations may be made to the Scholarship Fund directly, or through the Memorial Fund.

Matthew currently attends Oakland Community College, at the Auburn Hills campus. He is completing his freshman year, and will graduate next year with an Associate's degree. His major is Exercise Physiology. He participates in a student organization that deals with exercise physiology education, careers, and opportunities. Matthew then hopes to attend Wayne State University to complete his Bachelor's degree. Beyond that, he would like to continue at WSU to earn a degree in Physical Therapy.

**Q: What is your favorite class, and why?** A: This semester I am studying Algebra, Political Science, Nutrition, and Psychology. My favorite class is Algebra. I've never been a fan of math, but this teacher makes it interesting. He is a very nice professor and helps each student understand and excel in every aspect of mathematics.

**Q: What are your career plans?** A: My career plans are to not only be a certified personal trainer, but also to practice physical therapy in a hospital or for a sports team.

**Q: Do you have a mentor who guides you in your studies and career planning?** A: I do not have a mentor, so to speak, but I do have an excellent counselor who has guided me with class choices and schedules.

**Q: In what way has the FCA Scholarship helped you meet your educational goals?** A: The FCA Scholarship has helped me pay for my textbooks, and also for gas getting to and from school.

**Q: What is one highlight of this school year?** A: The most important highlight of this year was to finally determine what I would like to do with my college career.

**Q: What advice would you give high school students?** A: I would tell high school students to find something that they enjoy doing and to stick to whatever they want to do.

Louise Hartung, for the Scholarship Committee

## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

This month I'd like to make you aware of two new books in our library as well as an "oldie" that is still worth looking at. They follow in the order mentioned.

**LOVE AFFAIR WITH THE U.P.** by Cully Gage. Dr. Charles Van Riper may have been a big name in the speech department at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, but his heart was always in the Upper Peninsula. Using the pen name Cully Gage, he wrote the **NORTHWOODS READERS**, a series of eight books on the Upper Peninsula, which were compilations of the stories he told his grandchildren. Finally in his eighties he decided to tell his own story, at the basis of which is his love for the land where he grew up and to which he returned whenever he could. You will laugh, and perhaps cry, as you read this very personal account of his life, how he overcame a terrible stuttering problem and became a professor. He always returned to his beloved North Country, first alone, then with a wife, and finally with a brood of grandchildren. You will find the book in biography, under B Ga.

**THE SEVEN SYMPHONIES** by Simon Boswell. This modern mystery story set in Helsinki will have you guessing "Who-done-it?" to the very end! Highly recommended! It's in the fiction section.

**DEAR UNCLE: LETTEPS BY J.K. NIKANDER AND OTHER PIONEER PASTORS**, Translated by Raymond W. Wargelin. In 1876 the Finnish Mission Society sent Pastor Elieser Bachman to Calumet, Michigan in response to a letter from Rev. Boe of the Norwegian Lutheran congregation, who stated that there was a great need for a Finnish pastor in the area. Pastor Bachman did not remain very long and in 1885, J.K. Nikander came to stay. These letters, written to a relative in Finland who was referred to as "Uncle", reveal the social conditions of that era, including the diffi-

culties encountered by immigrants in adjusting to America. Eventually Dr. Nikander became the first president of the Suomi Synod. I found this 106-page book tremendously interesting. You'll find it in 284.1 De.

**WANTED: A DONATION.** If you have a copy of **THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE FINNS** by John Wargelin, copyright 1924, that you no longer need, we would be very happy to accept it for the library.

We thank those of you who have recently donated books and/or provided financial help to the library.

Readership seems to be increasing, as well as use of the non-book media, videos and DVDs.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

### ELDERHOSTEL AT FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY

Session One, July 15-21, 2007

*Ninth Annual Sibelius Academy Music Festival*

From the internationally known Sibelius Academy of Helsinki, Finland, come some of today's most phenomenal students of classical music. In a series of three concerts at the historic Calumet Theater, these accomplished musicians will enrich your soul with compositions by Chopin, Bach, Greig, Sibelius, Kaukonen and more.

Session Two, July 29 – August 4, 2007

*Lake Superior Shoreline Excursion*

From waves crashing along ancient jagged lava-rock cliffs to soft, sandy beaches, the shoreline of Lake Superior will entice and calm you with its rhythms and ever-changing landscapes. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the park and browse the quaint gift shops of Copper Harbor. After a view of the Lake Superior coastline, enjoy a dinner at The Michigan House.

[Call Toll Free 1-877-326-8056](tel:1-877-326-8056)

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

On a rainy March day, FCA friends and members enjoyed watching Maria and Jerusha Taylor perform Scottish dances, while David B. Martin, Pipe Major of St. Andrew's Pipe Band played his bagpipe.

Shirley and Ted Taipalus drove here from Flint. Happy Birthday was sung to Bill Kultala, Charlotte Lytikainen, Richard Johnson, and Margaret Laurila. Shirley Taipalus, Elsie Zapoli, Lila Ball, and Tappy Kuivinen won prizes. Pearl Wanttaja shared trip information and a moment of silence was given for Edwin Anderson, Elsie Precobb, Toivo Huurto, and Dorothy Saari. **Kiitos** to Lila Ball who gave the blessing and Caryl Miilu who played the piano.

Don't miss our May luncheon. We will have Finnish entertainment. Two musicians will sing and provide music for listening and dancing. So, plan on coming with a friend or two.

## NOTE FROM THE SINGERS

Please set aside Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 pm for the Finnish-American Singers' annual Spring Concert as the warmer winds, sun, rain and flowers welcome the new season. We'll have our Finnish coffee table of sandwiches and desserts after the concert. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and young people 12 and up. Children under 12 are admitted free.

There is still time to join the group. We are in need of tenor and bass singers. Auditions are not required—just a love of music. We will phonetically teach you the Finnish language as applied to singing, if you do not already know how. Hope to see you there!

This spring we are performing some classical gems from Bach and Handel and some lighter fare including pieces entitled "Gypsy in my Soul" and "Another Op'nin, Another Show". From the Music Man, we will also be doing as a musical skit, "Pick A Little, Talk A Little". Finally, the show would not be complete without our traditional Finnish hymns and folk-songs!

In July 2007 we will take our entourage on the road to sing at the FinnFest in Ashtabula, Ohio. Please join us for this short and convenient summer trip.

Vickie Kimler, Publicity Co-Chair

## GARDEN CLUB

April showers have brought May flowers in abundance to the Finnish Center. Progress is being made on the Swale bridge and we have enhanced the West Garden at the building. Vegetable garden plots are available to members of the FCA. Donations of plants are being accepted and we have some of our own to make available to you. Four by eight foot sections of stained wooden fencing are available for \$15 a section. We still need assistants to help us with the maintenance and development of Finlandia Gardens. The Garden Club meets on Monday mornings at 9:00 am, or at your convenience. We need donations in order to complete the planting of trees at the back of the property to replace those lost during the parking lot development.

The following poem expresses feelings of spring:

### Spring Sounds

Listen to the sounds of Spring.  
The cardinal proclaims his territorial ambitions,  
While rodents nestle in the leaves.  
The pesty drone of springtime clean-up  
Combines with soft breezes  
To add a touch to the familiar vernal symphony.

David Sharpe

## F.Y.I.

### Rentals Include:

- Weddings
- Showers
- Anniversaries
- Reunions
- Birthdays
- Scrapbooking
- Yoga
- Communion Parties

Remember the Finnish Center for all or you parities.

## **ROSTER CHANGES**

### NEW MEMBERS

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### DECEASED

ANDERSON, EDWIN 2/22/07

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### Tulip Time in Holland

One day, Wednesday, May 9, \$78.00. Includes lunch, Dutch Marktplaats, Volksparade and Veldheer Tulip Gardens. Be at the FCA by 7:15 am for a 7:30 am departure. To return about 9:30 pm.

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One day, Thursday, June 21, \$17.00. Includes a \$10.00 incentive package. Be at FCA by 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 6:15 pm. Don't forget proper I.D.

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