



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

January 2007

FINLANDIA FOUNDATION EVENT

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

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

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CHAIR

Happy New Year!

As we look forward into 2007 we have some great things happening. To start, Mr. Don Autio is working on a project with the Finnish Heritage Center in Hancock to archive our history. He will be working with other members of the FCA to gather digital recordings of your stories, particularly those relating to Finnish enclaves where many of you lived at one time or another. Please, if you would like to be a part of this project, either helping with the digital recording or sharing your memories, contact the office or email Don directly at don0408@hotmail.com. We really want to hear from our out-of-town members, too.

We've had some wonderful events this past year, and look forward to having some of them again this year. The cultural events have been fabulous, and are bringing in new people. What a blessing!

Our center is becoming more beautiful all the time. Others are noticing: we received an award for our lovely landscaping. Thanks to our energetic and committed garden club! As we get more exposure, our building is being utilized more and more. People appreciate the aesthetically pleasing entry and hall. I was talking to someone the other day that had been to the FCA for her niece's wedding. She had many nice things to say. Of course, all of this is a result of many long hours put in by so many people. I just want you all to know that the board and I greatly appreciate everything you do. You make the Finnish Center!

Don't forget the general meeting this month, and the Annual meeting next month. Please consider running for trustee or committee chairperson. If you're interested, please contact Dagmar Malstrom, Charlotte Lyytikainen, David Sharpe or Frank Gottberg. It's your Finnish Center, and this is an important way to get involved. See you at the meeting!

Onnellista Uutta Vuotta!
Kristen Kreiner

CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Crafts

Monday's 10 to 2pm

Finnish American Singers

Monday's 7 to 9pm

Library

Open Monday's 9 to 2pm

Nikkarintalo

Monday's 9am

Study Group

Thursday's 12 to 2pm

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Wednesday
11 am to 2pm

JANUARY

3	Wed	Joint Board Mtng 6:30pm
14	Sun	General Meeting 2:30pm
17	Wed	Sr. Lunch 11:30am Life Line Screening Info Medicare Info
19	Fri	Buffett 5-7 pm
21	Sun	New Member Pot Luck 2 – 4pm
24	Wed	Life Line Screening 8:30am-5pm
28	Sun	Film <i>Fire and Ice</i> 2pm

FEBRUARY

4	Sun	Paavola Natives
7	Wed	Board Meeting 6:30pm
10	Sat	Valentine Day Tea
11	Sun	Brunch 11:30-1pm "Death's Door" 1:30pm Steve Lehto Book Signing
18	Sun	Sr. Housing Meeting 1pm Annual Meeting 3pm
21	Wed	Senior Lunch 11:30 am
23	Fri	Buffet 5-7 pm Fish Fry

MEDICARE INFORMATION

As all of this Medicare stuff is very confusing, Judy Heikkinen will be at the Senior Luncheon on January 17 to review what is going on with Medicare and what programs are available.

After the luncheon, she will stay and answer questions or if preferred, you may schedule an individual appointment with her.

Judy is a Senior Specialist and is Medicare Certified. She represents many Insurance Carriers, and is CEO of the Insurance Agency Executive Benefit Planning located in Farmington.

If you would like to schedule an appointment or ask questions, call Judy at 248-202-2361.

Remember:

Open enrollment for Prescription coverage is November 15 to December 31, 2006.

Open enrollment to change your current Medicare Supplement is January 1 to March 31, 2007.

NEWYEAR GREETINGS

Neil Manley

Neil Manley, Jr.

Grace and Ruben Nayback

Cindy Siira

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

In November, Herb Piilo and Gary Darke lead our celebration of Veteran's Day at the Senior Luncheon. Almost 20 veterans attended, spoke, and were honored.

Scandinavian Holiday was a rewarding evening. Nancy Sannar prepared the appetizers and donated the materials for the cranberry and evergreen centerpieces she made. Armitage's dinner was exceptional, again! Women's Club made gingerbread, teaspoon and almond butter cookies to accompany Ruth Mannisto's tasty rice pudding. Who got the almond? None other than Fritz Putkela. Good luck in your 90th year, Fritz! Soittoniekat's folk music was very much enjoyed. Kristen Kreiner played the national anthems of the five Scandinavian countries. The Danish and Norwegian consuls gave their greetings, as well as Maria Hill, Lena Los, and Ilene Yanke. The men of Trinity Church of the Brethren received a standing ovation for their Christmas music. A group from the Finnish-American Singers sang a lively song about Lutfisk.

Thanks to Ray Benson and Carl Aebersold for setting up for Scandinavian Holiday and the Children's Christmas Party. They can always be depended upon. Margaret Laurila assisted at both events, too.

The Children's Christmas Party was the largest in 6 years. About 28 children and the same number of adults attended. We had four Finnish families from Ann Arbor as a result of our hosting the Vappu Party! Clown Jannie Annie was much fun, and her balloon reindeer, candy cane and heart hats, and snowmen were enjoyed. Special thanks to Blanche Maki who had hand-made slippers for all of the children. Some of them thanked her personally. Their parents were amazed that the slippers were gifts. Lari Korpela was again the charming Old World Joulu Pukki.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

WOMEN'S CLUB

Call Edith Raski at 248-437-1205 by January 7 if you will accompany us to lunch at the Culinary Department at Schoolcraft College. Meet at the restaurant there at 11:30 a.m.

Edith has been doing an excellent job as Secretary of Women's Club. She deserves our hearty thanks.

Women's Club's Bake Sale at the Scandinavian Bazaar brought in \$326. We thank Ilene Yanke for set-up, and Dagnie Carlson and Lillian Heikkinen for sales of the Christmas tarts, Rieska, and Pulla. These ladies, plus Ruth Kaarlela, Edith Raski, Lillian Niemi, and Char Lytikainen made all of these goodies.

On Thursday, January 25, we'll bake Pulla/Nisu beginning at 10 a.m. If you want to get warm loaves, come about 1:30 p.m. and they should be ready.

On Saturday, February 10, Women's Club will present their 3rd Annual Valentine's Tea. We are seeking entertainment for the event. Sandwiches, pulla, and desserts will be special. Donation will probably be \$10. Bring your own tea cups, if you have them. Friends welcome.

PAAVOLA NATIVES

Calling all persons who have ties to, knowledge of, or interest in the community of Paavola (in Houghton County in the U.P.) to participate in an FAHS program on Sunday afternoon, February 4, at 2:00 pm at the FCA.

Edith Raski and Ruth Kaarlela will present what they found as they explored Paavola last summer. Does anyone have information about John Paavola, after whom the community was named?

Every one is most welcome. Mark your calendars. There will be a coffee table.

Ruth Kaarlela,
Finnish American Historical Society

FINLAND TODAY

First, Finland's Parliament voted to ratify the proposed European Constitution. Finland will become the 16th country to ratify the Constitution. But, President Tarja Halonen must also sign, which she is expected to do. The vote in the Parliament was 125--39 in favor. In order for the Constitution to take effect, all the EU countries must ratify it. But so far two countries, France and the Netherlands have rejected it and several other countries have not yet voted. It is hoped that France and the Netherlands change their voted without any major changes in the proposed Constitution.

The Finnish Parliament also voted to approve Finnish Armed Forces to take part in EU mandated operations. Finland would serve with German and Dutch forces.

Finnish Armed Forces have also reached a milestone. It's been 50 years since it first took part in a peace keeping operation. In 1956--57, Finnish forces took part in the Sinai peace keeping operations.

The most beautiful train station in the world? The United Kingdom's Guardian newspaper has named the 6 most beautiful train stations in the world, and one of them is in Finland. In no particular order, the six are the Grand Central Terminal, New York; Lahore Railway Station, Paksitan; Union Station, Washington DC; Union Station, Los Angeles; Atocha Train Station, Madrid; and the Helsinki Central in Finland.

The Guardian description of the Helsinki Central: "The principal entrance arch leads into a concourse, and with rooms as imaginatively detailed, perfectly maintained and calm as a Lutheran cathedral."

The Helsinki station opened in 1919, and was mainly designed by Eliel Saarinen. About 200,000 people use the station daily. On week days, there are over a hundred long distance trains departing and arriving, and 850 arriving and departing commuter trains.

Estlink, the underwater power cable link between Estonia and Finland is finally completed and is in the testing phase. This is the first joint project between the Baltic and Finnish energy companies and cost about 110 million euros. The cable link was built mainly to provide Finland and the other Nordic counties with about 350 megawatts of electricity produced in the Baltic States. The 75 kilometer long cable link is jointly owned by the Finnish Pohjolan Voima, Helsinki Energia, Eesti Energia, Latvian Latvenergo, and the Lithuanian Lietuvos Energija.

Finland's Metso Paper has constructed a new paper industry machinery manufacturing plant in Shanghai, China. At first the plant will make paper and carton manufacturing machinery for Metso's own use in China, but will eventually also export components.

Since the year 2000, about one half of all the large capacity paper manufacturing machinery has been ordered by Chinese companies, and Metso has supplied about 30% of that total.

According to the latest Eurobarometer poll, Finns are the most satisfied people in the European Union. The poll said that 90% of Finns are satisfied with their lives. Right behind the Finns were the Dutch. The least satisfied were the Ukrainians. 30% of Ukrainians said that they were satisfied with their lives.

Radio Suomi took a poll among its listeners for the "All time greatest Finnish hit songs."

Here's the top ten list, with the singer.:

1. Hopeinen Kuu -- Olavi Virta
2. Satuma -- Reijo Taipale
3. Paratiisi -- Rauli "Badding" Somerjoki
4. Yo Kerran Unhoa -- Olavi Virta
5. Satulinna -- Jari Sillanpaa
6. Sakkijarven Polkka -- Viljo Vesterinen & Dallape Orkesteri
7. Albatrossi -- Juha Vainio
8. Akselin ja Elinan Haavalsii -- Aaltoillan Orkesteri
9. Iltatuulen Viesti -- Aikamiehet
10. Taysikuu -- Olavi Virta

And finally, all his life Heikki had heard stories of an amazing family tradition. It seems that his father, grandfather, and great grandfather had all been able to walk on water on their 21st birthday. On that day, they would walk across Lake Gogebic and go to Mike's Bar for their first legal drink. So when Heikki turned 21, he took his pal Matti on a boat to the middle of the lake. Heikki stepped out of the boat and nearly drowned. Matti pulled him out just in time.

Furious and confused, Heikki went to see his grandmother Hilma. "Grandma Hilma, it's my 21st birthday, so why can't I walk across the lake like my father, his father, and his father before him?"

Grandma Hilma looked into Heikki's eyes and said; "Because they were born in February, and you dummy, were born in July."

Markku Ketola
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HAPPINESS

December Omission:

Happy Anniversary, November 2 to Lisa and Mike Sullivan.
With Love, Mom

Happy Birthday to Helen Lampi on her special birthday.
From Connie & Harold Fosness and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

Send your Happiness greetings and donations to:

Pearl Wanttaja
28235 Townley Avenue
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Phone: 248-541-0054.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Finnish Cultural Center needs volunteers to help with the newsletter mailing. We desperately need help getting the monthly newsletter out to members in a timely manner. It is usually mailed on Friday mornings.

If you want to get out of the house for a few hours once a month, then come and help with this project. This will enable us to finish early.

Lari Korpela

FINNISH FACTS



Kemi in Lapland is home to the icebreaker Sampo which offers a four-hour winter cruise that includes ice swimming in special dry-suits from December to April.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

On December 17, 2006, the Finnish-American Singers of Michigan (FASM) had their annual Holiday Concert entitled "A Classic Christmas" which was kindly advertised in the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers in a heartwarming article written by Linda Ann Chomin, one of the editors of the newspaper. Linda Chomin has been writing for us since the 2000 Christmas Season. The performance featured several soloists of various vocal ranges and a trio in both speaking and singing roles. The concert and the Finnish coffee table were well received by our kind and supportive audience!

In other news, Robert and Brandon Tubek, father and son videographers for the local cable TV station, channel 12 (S.W.O.C.C.), once again taped our concert's dress rehearsal for TV viewing during this January and February. If you live in Farmington or Farmington Hills, be sure to tune into TV-12 if you subscribe to cable television. You will also find two introduction clippings of Robert Tubek's work with the FASM on the Internet by visiting www.timberidgeproductions and clicking on "Sample Work". If you have some kind of media player on your computer, you will be able to listen to and view the sample. Windows '98 accommodates this media. Our Chorus is now on the World Wide Web!

Baked goods of our traditional and tasty Finnish treats, Christmas tree ornaments and handcrafted pinecone trees, designed and made by members of the chorus, were sold at the concert. DVD, VHS and/or CD combo orders can be taken for both the 2006 and 2005 Holiday Concerts by contacting Vickie Kimler, Publicity, at vkimler@twmi.rr.com. The 2006 Spring Concert is also for sale.

We continue to welcome new members to the chorus. Recently, Diana Haefelin, soprano, from Germany; Nancy Jacobs, soprano, a former student of Hank Naasko; and Irek Bak, tenor, from Poland, joined our musical ranks. We welcome high school students who enjoy singing. Rehearsals continue on Monday nights at 7 pm at the Finnish Cultural Center.

Have a safe and warm winter season.

Kiitos,
Vickie Kimler, Publicity Co-Chair

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 December:

In memory of FCA life member Fannie Kujala (10-28-90) a donation has been made by Donald Seppanen.

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

In memory of FCA life member Martha Takala Ward (11-7-06) donations have been made by her daughter Janet, Philip & Naida Taggart, by her great-grandchildren Jean-Clude Bamanayi-Taggart, Kongo Kanku Bamanayi-Taggart & Ronald Rodgers, David & Marcia Mahn and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Tina Salminen Kaartonen (11-17-06) donations have been made by Elsie Ahonen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member James Jumisko (11-23-06) donations have been made by his niece Judith & Dean Hahnenberg and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Warren Gehrman (11-30-06) donations have been made by Ruben & Siiri Bjerkness, George & Vivian Kane, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Betty & Leonard Holmbo and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member James Kangas (12-3-06) donations have been made by Anita Pirslin and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member Rudy Kilponen (12-7-06) donations have been made by Fritz Putkela, Ray & Pearl Wanttaja, Elsie Ahonen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Helen Gunnari Gehrman (11-3-06) donations have been made by Eilene Serresseque, Rick & Chris Nott and Justine Bykowski.

In memory of FCA member Arne Lagerkvist (9-30-06) a donation has been made by Neil Manley, Jr.

In memory of FCA life member Alma Erickson Lewis (9-6-06) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life members Patricia Aro (12-15-04) and Richard Aro (5-14-04) a donation has been made by Richard's sister, Irene Naasko.

In memory of FCA life member Ralph Mannisto (8-8-06) donations have been made by Gene & Mare Kramer and Anna Kumpu.

In memory of FCA life member Frances Simo (8-15-06) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members Valentina Marta (8-06), Kenneth "Mel" Wiitanen (9-26-06), Elsa Erkkila (11-15-06) and June Stenwall (11-28-06).

COMPUTER CLASS

The Computer Class (introduction) will begin on January 10th, Wednesday at 9:00 am.. The class will end on January 31st.

The class is now full. You will be called to remind you of the date and time. The charge for the class is \$20.00 for the 4 sessions.

GOING PLACES

TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits at least 30 days prior to the trip or we lose the bus. If you leave your car at the FCA while on a trip, please park at the north end of the property. If you park near the main or lounge entrances you are using spaces needed for other functions.

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

TRIPS

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia

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

“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” at the Stranahan Theatre

One day, Saturday, February 17, \$93. Be at the FCA by 10:00 am for a 10:15 departure. Return at 6:00 pm.

Niagara Falls Casino (NOTE Date Change)

Two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 15 & 16, 2007, \$99. Includes \$25 package the first day at the
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SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

Seven hard-working, bright, young people were awarded college scholarships this fall. Throughout the coming year, the Scholarship Committee will present an interview with one of them in each newsletter so that you will have the opportunity to discover why they were selected for a scholarship and how they are utilizing the funds that you have donated. First to be interviewed is Mara Fostey.

Mara has a double major at Wayne State University: German Language Studies, and Media Arts. She is completing the German requirements by attending a year-long exchange program at Ludwig Maximilian Universitat Munchens in Munich, Germany; and will need two more years to complete the Media Arts degree.

Q: What is your favorite class, and why? A: While all of my classes, and really all of my activities here, help my German language skills, German Poetry class helps me speak expressively in German. It also really helps with circumlocution. When one is still struggling with a poor vocabulary in their second language, it's crucial to be able to talk around the words you don't know.

Q: What is one highlight of this school year? A: Every time I talk to someone about the differences between Germany and the

U.S. Every time I learn a new word. Every time I meet someone interesting. Every time I go on a trip out side of Munich. This whole year is one big highlight!

Q: What advice would you give to high school students about how to best prepare for the college experience and for their career? A: Make connections. It's never too early to start. Even if you don't know what you'll want to do later, the more people you know the better off you will be when you need to get your foot in the door of the career world. I would also have to implore all students to seriously consider participating in a study abroad program while in college. There are always ways to finance it, and it is a life changing experience.

Q: How has the FCA scholarship helped you to meet your educational goals? A: The FCA has helped me immensely. Studying abroad for a year is more expensive than I'd like to think about. But there is a way to do it. With the help of student loans and wonderfully generous organizations like the FCA, anyone who tries hard can do what I'm doing.

The Scholarship Committee wishes Mara all the best in her year abroad in Germany, and congratulates her on her success in achieving her goal to study there.

For the Scholarship Committee: Louise Hartung

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have added more books to our shelves for your reading pleasure:

DEATH'S DOOR by Steve Lehto. Practically everyone who grew up in the Copper Country has heard of the Italian Hall Disaster of Christmas Eve 1913. The author of this new book on the subject is an attorney as well as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in Detroit. He has waded through old news reports, legal transcripts, interviewed countless people including one survivor and put together a fascinating read.

On Christmas Eve 1913, a Christmas party was in progress on the second floor of the Italian Hall in Calumet for children of miners who were on strike. Someone yelled "Fire!" although there was no fire. In the rush to get downstairs, someone fell and blocked the doorway and 73 people, most of them children, suffocated in the ensuing pileup. Legend has it that the doors opened inward, but in reality the doors opened outward. There are many in our midst whom this tragedy touched personally. You will find this book in non-fiction, call number 977.4 Le.

Of special note: The author will give a talk followed by a book signing on February 11 at the Finnish Center at 1:30 pm after the brunch.

OUR WORLD WAS IN BLACK AND WHITE by Jerry Harju. Harju has done it again! This is another collection of essays on "Growing Up North", as humorous as all his other books. You will find this in biography, call number B Ha.

THE U.P. GOES TO WAR: UPPER MICHIGAN AND ITS HEROES IN WORLD WAR II by Larry Chabot. This is a collection of stories about Yoopers during the period 1941 to

1945. The first several chapters detail the wartime experiences of civilians as well as the military. Then follow stories of individual servicemen, particularly those whose stories were a little out of the ordinary. Included is one about our own George Koskimaki. There is a list of fatalities from the Upper Peninsula -- more than anyone could have imagined! Several pages are devoted to families with four or more in service, some with as many as ten! This book is in nonfiction, call number 920 Ch.

We have just completed an inventory of our entire collection and find that 200 books are missing, of which 33 are from the juvenile section. These are books that were not checked out, but just "walked" out of the door. We would ask you to check your bookshelves to see whether there might be a book or two stamped with the Finnish Center Library stamp. If so, please return them to the book return box in the library, no questions asked. There's a lesson here: **DO NOT** take a book out of the library without checking it out. Instructions are posted in the library. We welcome your patronage, but ask that you follow the rules.

It has come to our attention that some of our library patrons have lent books that they have checked out to friends to read. We remind you that this is a "no, no"! This becomes a problem when the second party does not return the book on time. The person who checked out the book is responsible, even if the book is lost. 'Nuff said!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

Youth for Understanding USA is offering a number of scholarships for high school students to go to Finland for the summer of 2007 through its Finland-US Senate Exchange Program. Application deadline is January 9th (though they often delay the deadline). More details are available at www.yfu-usa.org or by calling the Admissions Department at 1-800-TEENAGE.

Contact Barb Kilkka at 248-932-0811 or toll free at 1-800-872-0200, ext. 242. Or e-mail at Kilkka@yfu.org.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

75% OF STROKES MAY BE PREVENTED!

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

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

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

You must pre-register at 1-800-324-1851.

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

NIKKARINTALO

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

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Save the date. On Sunday, March 4, at 2 pm we will be screening Al Gore's Film, "An Inconvenient Truth", a must see film on global warming.

NOTE: This is the warmest winter ever in Finland.

FINNISH INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Finnish Independence Day celebration was an enriching experience. The program opened with the anthems played by the Soittoniekat and followed with the invocation by Calvin Niemi.

Markku Ketola, board member of the FAHS, read a letter of greetings from Finnish General Consul Osmo Lipponen. He then enumerated the wide range of areas in which Finland ranks among the top countries of the world, such as literacy, the arts, technology, sports, status of women, and more.

Mark Coir, the Director of Archives at Cranbrook, spoke of the life of Eero Saarinen, the son of Eliel Saarinen, who designed Cranbrook and lived there. Thus Eero was influenced by the multitude of architects and artists who were a part of the Cranbrook circle. After graduating from Yale University Eero quickly rose to a prominent position in his field as he designed the Dulles airport and the St. Louis Arch, among others. In his early 50's, Eero Saarinen died of a brain tumor and very soon his works were ignored.

During the last few years, interest in Eero's work has awakened. An exhibition of his work opened in Helsinki this fall and will come to Cranbrook next fall, accompanied by a Yale publication: "Eero Saarinen: Shaping the Future". Eventually the exhibition will be sent around the world. Mr. Coir's presentation included much about the contributions of other Saarinen family members and also much about architecture in our environs.

One exchange student from Tampere came with his American parents. And, a bountiful coffee table followed. While participants enjoyed the pastries, the Soittoniekat provided nostalgic music

We thank all who contributed to the program, all who provided refreshments and all who set and cleared the table.

Ruth Kaarela
Finnish American Historical Society

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Announcement

"Italian Hall Tragedy" Explained

On Sunday, February 11th at 1:30 pm, author, Steve Lehto, will make a presentation about his newly published book, "Death's Door". At a Calumet Michigan 1913 Children's Christmas Eve Party, 74 children and adults were killed. In "Death's Door", Steve Lehto takes us through all the events, surroundings, and the people involved leading up to the tragedy which is Michigan's largest mass murder. He thoroughly describes his findings about the tragic event and follows with the crime scene investigations and court trials.

A quote by Peter Werbe of WRIF FM radio probably best describes "Death's Door".

"Lehto puts events back together with the eye of a crime-scene investigator and first-class historian"

Why not come for Brunch and then stay for the book presentation? Books will be available to purchase.

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Casino Niagara and \$10 package the second day at Fort Eire Raceway (slots). Includes overnight at the Sheraton

Sneak Peeks

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

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

Tulip Time in Holland

One day (to be announced), May 2007.

Omission

Cliff Laho was omitted from the list of gifts for the 40th Anniversary booklet.

SENIOR CORNER

Are you thinking of making a move? Check with Senior Housing to see if vacancies exist.

The Board of Trustees of the FCA Senior Housing Corporation is providing a matching grant of up to \$1,000 for the building of the Swale Bridge across to the west lot. This bridge will provide easier access to that area, will add an interesting feature to our landscaping, and will be an area appropriate for picture-taking. Thanks to senior housing.

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SENIOR LUNCHEON

Eighty people honored the veterans at the November 15 Senior Luncheon. Ilene Yanke began with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed everyone. Gerald Malstrom gave a very fitting prayer, followed by a scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner prepared by our caterers. Servers were: Laila Ball, Lillian Heikkinen, Christine Jurgenson, and Verna Niemi. Noreen Jackson was a first-timer.

Gary Darke and Herb Piilo conducted the program. Gary read a letter from Ike Eisenhower titled, "Victory - Order of Day" and showed a video-"The Veteran's Historic Project". Sixteen veterans were invited to share their experiences.

Pearl Wanttaja led us in a moment of silence for Helen Gehrman, Ray Makela, Esther Olson, and Eunice Rautio. Prizes were won by Mildred Weeden, Dee Aebersold, Arne Usitalo, Karen Gilmur, Laila Ball, Eilene Serresseque, and Rosetta Maddick, who won twice.

A special kiitos to Miriam Kleven, pianist from St. John's Lutheran Church.

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