



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

February 2007

FINLAND ELECTIONS

Finland Elections will be held in the Lounge on Friday, March 9 from 10am to 6pm.

ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, February 11 at 1:30 pm, author Steve Lehto will make a presentation about his newly published book, **“Death’s Door”** that explains the tragedy at a Calumet Michigan 1913 Children’s Christmas Eve Party where 74 children and adults were killed.

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CHAIR

Well, winter seems to have finally arrived. As I listen to branches crashing to the ground under the weight of the ice, I am struck by the beauty of the landscape. Interesting that something so beautiful can be so dangerous.

We have an opportunity this month to meet to plan the future of the Finnish Center. Please mark your calendars and plan on being at the Annual Meeting on the 18th. The Senior Housing will have their meeting at 1:00, and the FCA will follow at 3:00. We have several people vying for positions on the board, and of course, nominations from the floor are welcome.

We will also be passing the 2007 budget, and we have important bylaw amendments to vote upon. The first regards adding a "young adult" category at a reduced dues rate, and a "business" category at a higher rate, enabling the business to have their name listed in the newsletter, but not allowing a vote. The second is a change in Life Membership, lowering the dues rate, raising the age to 65, and removing wording regarding credit for prior years of dues paid.

All of these amendments are designed to make sure that the Finnish Center keeps a base of dues-paying members in order to continue operations, and would take effect, if passed, January 1, 2008.

Are you aware that the Finnish Center was the recipient of two local awards this past year? You've no doubt seen the signs showing recognition by Farmington leaders for our beautiful landscaping. Did you know we also received an award from Livonia as one of the top three eating establishments in the area, coming out ahead of many local restaurants? What amazes me is that this is the result of the hard work of Armitage Caterers, Linda and Laura, who both work as full-time social workers as well as feeding the FCA at the various weddings, dinners and luncheons.

In addition to all of that, they also do much of the cleaning jobs we used to have to hire out for in the kitchen, as well as the training of members (free of charge) in sanitation regulations put out by the Oakland County Department of Health. These two hard working ladies (both of whom are FCA members) and their equally hard-working staff are really making a difference in our reputation in the community.

One more note on that: Please, if you are working in the kitchen, abide by all the rules set up by the Health Department, including wearing the appropriate headgear and gloves. Failure to comply could shut down our kitchen if the Health Department were to pay a surprise visit. Armitage has gotten several different types of headgear to ensure that hairdos are not mussed. If you have not taken the training yet, please let the office know and a time will be scheduled. Remember, if you have not been trained, you cannot work in the kitchen.

That's it for this month. See you at the Annual Meeting!

Kristen Lehto 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

FEBRUARY

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| 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
Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350 |
| 23 | Fri | Buffet 5-7 pm Fish Fry
Reserve by Wed |

MARCH

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| 4 | Sun | <i>An Inconvenient Truth</i> 2pm |
| 7 | Wed | Joint Board Mtg 6:30pm |
| 9 | Fri | Finland Elections 10-6pm |
| 11 | Sun | Brunch 11:30-1:30pm |
| 16 | Fri | Buffet 5-7 pm
Reserve by Wed |
| 21 | Wed | Senior Lunch 11:30 am
Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350 |

SENIOR LUNCHEON

On December 20th the Senior Luncheon emceed by Delores Aebersold opened with a prayer by the Rev. Neilson of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Delores' granddaughter, Rachel Lowrance, entertained us with a piano recitation including a composition of her own. She, also, was our pianist. Our song leaders were Delores Aebersold, Charlotte Lytikainen, and Melba Boike. Donna Brandt highlighted Life Line Screening's tests that can help save your life.

After singing Happy Birthday to everyone, we sang Happy 90th Birthday especially for Fritz Putkela, the Copper Country Cowboy. The caterers made a delicious birthday cake which was enjoyed by everyone. There were numerous prizes this month due to donations of cherished treasures (nisu, cookies, mugs, vases, candle holders, and candy). Donations will be accepted at any time for the next month's luncheon. For more information, call Margaret at 248-478-6939.

We remembered Valentina Marta, Kenneth (Mel) Wiitanen, Martha Takkala Ward, Elsa Errikila, Tina Salmo Kaartonen, James Junisko, Jane Stenwall, Warren Gehrman, James Kangas, Rudy Kilponen, and Aily Keithley with a moment of silence.

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COMPUTER CLASS

Computer classes will be offered in April. This class is for beginners and will meet on Wednesdays mornings for four weeks. There is a \$20 fee for this class.

Call the Manager's office to sign up (leave you full name and phone number) for the next set of computer classes.

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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

First, I want to tell you that we had two lovely young girls, April LaVier and Christina Kreiner, who donned Santa Lucia gowns and headpieces, graciously supplied by April's mom, Delores LaVier. They processed at Scandinavian Holiday to the song "Santa Lucia", played so well by Soit-toniekat. This added a traditional touch to the evening.

Coming up on Saturday, February 10, the Social Committee will combine with the FCA Women's Club for our 3rd annual Valentine Tea. Please arrive before 2:00 pm, as at that time we will begin a half hour program arranged by Nancy Sannar.

The program will include the acting talent of two women from a local church. Wearing period dress, they will depict the characters of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant at the time of the American Civil War.

After the program, we'll proceed with the three elegant courses of tea, fancy sandwiches, Pulla/Nisu and tasty desserts. Please bring your own pretty tea cups, if you have them. Husbands and friends are very welcome. Reservations can be made by mailing a check to the Finnish Center by Tuesday, February 6. The donation is \$10 per person. This is a very pleasant event.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

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

WOMEN'S CLUB

PULLA & DESSERT PANCAKES

On Thursday, February 25 at 10 am, we'll begin making Pulla/Nisu. It will be ready for pick-up by 1:30 pm if you care to come for some. What is not purchased then for \$3.50 per loaf will be frozen for later purchase.

While some are making Pulla, others of us will make Finnish Dessert Pancakes. We'll fill the cooled pancakes with berries and serve them with whipped cream. Stop by at noon for coffee and to taste these delicious pancakes. The donation is \$3.00.

FCA ladies, we'll need at least 10 of you to come that day to make these treats. See you then.

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Winter has finally arrived, but some hardy souls ventured to the FCA for the January Senior Luncheon. Lila Ball asked for God's blessings on our food. Carol Mielu was our pianist, our out of townner (Rockland), and our only first-timer. Judy Heikkinen explained the insurance programs and Medicare. For more information, call Judy at 248-202-2361. Then, we visited Finland via Lari Korpela's interesting video. Happy Birthday was sung to: Melba Boike, Irma Leppala, Blanche Maki, and Eilene Serresseque.

Pearl Wanttaja shared trip information and the passing of Mami DiFalco and Jane O'Brien.

Many people enjoyed winning cherished treasures. Please bring something next month.

Kiitos to all who volunteered their time, talents, and treasures to make the Senior Luncheon a success.

In February there will be musical entertainment. See you then. Call Eleanor by Sat. Feb. 17th at 248-437-0350.

Margaret Laurila, emcee

FINLAND TODAY

First, lets look at some end-of-the-year statistics. Last year a record number of people moved to Finland, a total of 22,700. It was estimated that a total of 12,100 people moved from Finland. A total of 59,100 children were born in Finland last year, the highest number in 13 years. 28,300 couples got married and 13,300 couples got divorced. At the end of the year, Finland's population was 5,277,300.

At the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nokia made a couple of important announcements. First, Nokia announced that it is teaming up with Skype, a world wide internet phone company, to provide wireless internet phone service using the Nokia N800. Through this service, it will be possible to make phone calls without using precious cell phone calling minutes. The service will begin in June. Nokia also introduced a new thin clamshell phone that features a 2 megapixel camera and also features a 2 gigabyte expandable memory.

Last year a record 8.8 million passengers flew on Finnair. The largest growth was on the routes to Asia, up by 27.3%. The European traffic was up by 7.4%. The only route that showed a downturn was to North America, which was down by 11%. Finnair was founded in 1923, and is one of the oldest airlines in the world. Finnair flies to 50 destinations on its 67 aircraft. Starting in 2007, Finnair is adding 12 new wide bodied Airbus aircraft.

The Finnish Health Library, Terveyskirjasto, is now available to the public. From the web site, you can search for all kinds of health issues, studies, remedies, documents, first aid, compare drug prices, treatments, etc. Until now, the site was only available to health professionals. If you can read Finnish, check out the site at www.terveyskirjasto.fi

In a reverse of what has been happening, the Finnish jewelry company, Kalevala Koru is pulling its silver jewelry production from China and bringing it back to the Helsinki area, and expanding its facility there. Now all of Kalevala Koru designers are Finns.

In 2005, Kalevala Koru bought another famous Finnish jewelry company, Lapponia Jewelry.

Ever since I was a kid in the U.P., all the way to the end of 2006, I listened to the Finnish YLE radio on the shortwave. But all that stopped at the end of the year. YLE has eliminated all its shortwave and mediumwave broadcasts around the world.

But you can still listen to YLE on the internet on www.yle.fi By the way, from this site you can even watch YLE TV news.

Even in Finland there are illegal workers. Estimates say that there about 20,000 of them in Finland. Most of them work in construction, hotels, restaurants, and transportation. Sounds like it is the same as here.

When we, or, our kids were young, it seems like everybody had a Lego set. Now the Danish Lego company is expanding into children's furniture business. And who and where will this furniture be made? In Finland by the Incap Furniture Oy.

Finland's Sports Personality of 2006 has been named. He is distance runner Jukka Keskisalo. He was a surprise winner in the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the European Track Championship last summer. Remember what the steeplechase race is? Its the one with hurdles followed by the pools of water.

Who was the best bowler in the world during the year 2006. According to the World Bowling Writers, it is Finland's Osku Palermaa. During 2006, Palermaa bowled eight perfect 300 games.

The most popular name for boys born in Finland last year was Juhani, and for girls it was Maria. But things are changing in Finland. Among the most popular names for boys was also Mohammed, ahead of such classic names as Timo, Jari, Jukka, Seppo, etc.

One euro is worth about \$1.30.

And finally, Heikki was in a taxi when he leaned over to ask the driver a question and tapped him on the shoulder. The driver screamed, lost control of the cab, nearly hit a truck, drove up over the curb, and stopped just inches from a large store front window.

For a moment, everything was silent in the cab, and then the still shaking cab driver said, "I'm sorry, but you scared the daylight out of me."

Heikki apologized to the driver and said he didn't realize that a mere tap on the shoulder could frighten him so much

The driver replied, "No, no, I'm sorry, it's all my fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for the Mattila Funeral Home for the last 25 years."

Markku Ketola
marketola@yahoo.com

HAPPINESS

Happiness is wishing Fritz Putkela many more healthy years. Congratulations on your 90th birthday, Fritz!

From Betty & Leonard Holmbo

Send your Happiness greetings and donations to:

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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



Finns manufacture products made from the birch tree. Benecol margarine lowers cholesterol while xylitol, a natural sweetener from the tree, is used in chewing gum and toothpaste to prevent tooth decay.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Happy Valentine's Day!

The Finnish-American Singers had a busy, fun-filled holiday season. Rehearsals now are beginning for our annual Spring Concert on May 20. We are always looking for new singers, especially needing men at this time. No need for auditions. All that is required is that you enjoy singing. We continue to practice on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm.

Special thanks to Dagnie Carlson, Lillian Heikkinen, and Christine Jurgensen for making the delicious sandwiches that were truly enjoyed by all at our Christmas Concert. Thanks, also, to Frank Gottberg and everyone who helped set up risers and tables for the day.

Enjoy the Winter Season!

Gerald Malstrom, Publicity Co-Chair

CULTURAL

We're planning to do the Crown Wedding (Kruunuhaat) on October 27, 2007. Please volunteer to dance, act or help in other ways.

Keep April 28, 2007 open for our Vappu Celebration. Hopefully the Ann Arbor Finns will help with plans.

Laura Malkamaki and Harvey Horton gave a fun, informative Kantele workshop in November 2006. It was great.

In December at the Pikku Joulu, a few of the Kantele students played a mini concert. We hope the students continue to practice and will play for us in the future.

Weavers continue to meet the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 am until noon. We're contemplating doing a fund raiser quilt.

Stamp club has not met in November or December during the holiday season. No stamp meeting in January due to the presentation of the movie "Fire and Ice".

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

Since the last newsletter and up to January 9 donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of Charlie Kauppi (12-7-06) of Livonia, a donation has been made by Bob Usitalo.

In memory of FCA life member Allie Hemmila Keithly (12-20-06) donations have been made by Fritz Putkela, Charlotte Lytikainen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Jane O'Brien (1-2-07) donations have been made Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Fritz Putkela, Kay Simo, Rigmor Cuolahan, Betty & Leonard Holmbo and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Helen Gunneri Gehrman (11-3-06) donations have been made by Carol Bocskay, Waino & Carolyn Aukee and Betty Modin.

In memory of FCA life member Ray Makela (10-27-06) a donation has been made by David & Katy Koskela.

In memory of FCA member Tina Salminen Kaartonen (11-17-06) a donation has been made by Marilyn Taipale.

In memory of FCA life member James Jumisko (11-23-06) a donation has been made by Norm & Jen Juntunen.

In memory of FCA life member June Stenwall (11-28-06) a donation has been made by the Finnish American Club of Detroit.

In memory of FCA life member Warren Gehrman (11-30-06) donations have been made by Carol Bocskay, Waino & Carolyn Aukee, and Betty Modin.

In memory of FCA life member Delores Hella Moyle (1-24-06) a donation has been made by her brother Ron & Rosemary Hella.

In memory of FCA life member Frances Simo (8-15-06) a donation has been made by Harold & Connie Fosness.

In memory of FCA life member Rudy Kilponen (12-7-06) donations have been made by Norbert & Luise Leppanen, Marilyn Taipale, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Michael & Barbara Seltz and Donald & Valerie Larson.

In memory of FCA life member Wayne Jackola (2-3-05) donations have been made by Ray Benson, George Koskimaki and Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members Mamie Hill DiFalco (11-13-05) and Paula Nepponen (12-5-06); and in memory of Karl Lovala (12-18-06) of Holly, son of member Minerva Kovala.

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

“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 Casino Niagara and \$10 package the second day at Fort Eire Raceway (slots). Includes overnight at the Sheraton. Don't forget proper ID.

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SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW

In this issue of the Newsletter, the Scholarship Committee presents an interview with Marissa Kilkka, another one of our seven college scholarship recipients. Over the coming months, the remaining five students will be interviewed.

Marissa attends Kalamazoo College, in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She is a sophomore, and expects to graduate one trimester early, in March, 2009. Marissa has a double major: Economics with a Concentration in Business; and German Language and Literature. Next year she will be studying abroad for six months, in Germany, at the University of Erlangen.

Q: What is your favorite class, and why?

A: My favorite class was environmental science because it focused on issues that the world is facing/will be facing in my own lifetime. I felt that it gave me a better understanding of the issues that I often hear about through the media. Also, I believe that it is becoming more and more important that business people understand the environmental issues facing us, because in future years the burden is going to fall upon them to come up with solutions. If business people don't come up with their own solutions, I believe that there will be extensive consequences inflicted upon high polluting businesses. Environmental science was my favorite class because it helped me to better understand the environment's effects on the business world.

Marissa is a very active young woman, and participates in many activities! Twice a week she goes to a local elementary school to tutor and mentor two little girls in the Math PALS program. She also participated in the Habitat for Humanity home building program. Marissa is a member of the Kalamazoo College junior varsity basketball team, and says it has been fun to get out onto the court and be competitive again. She helped the women's volleyball team by taking statistics at the team's home games.

Q: Tell us one highlight of this school year.

A: I took a special rock-climbing gym class in downtown Kalamazoo. I have always been afraid of heights, so taking up rock climbing was a difficult decision for me, but I don't regret it for a second! It was an unbelievable feeling to be so high above the ground with only a single rope and a friend holding me up; that's a lot of trust and responsibility! It was just an experience that forces you to overcome your fears and grow. My personal growth from week one when I couldn't even get both feet on the wall without falling, to week ten when I climbed to the tops of many of the routes was amazing. I never thought I could or would do something like that, but sometimes proving one's self wrong is the most satisfying thrill there is.

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

In spite of this unusual weather, one can't quite get out into the yard for gardening so you might as well settle down with a good book. Here are some choices:

NO HOME FOR US HERE by Jukka Rislakki and Ella Lahti-Argutina, translated from the original Finnish by Richard Impola. The Depression of the 1930's did not spare Finland. Tens of thousands of the unemployed were lured to Soviet Russia by radio announcements they heard from across the border promising a "Workers' Paradise". What they found when they got there was anything but that. Living conditions were deplorable, the food was hardly suitable for pigs, and wages were in the starvation category. Thousands of them were accused of being spies, which, of course, they were not. But this did not save them from being shot. Attempts to return to Finland were usually unsuccessful. The Soviets were afraid that the returnees would spread the news about the actual conditions in the USSR. The Finns, on the other hand, were reluctant to readmit them for fear that they had turned Communist and would spread Communist propaganda. Some, of course, did succeed in returning, hence the memoirs that provided the material for this book. You will find it in the non-fiction section, call number 920 Ri.

THE DANCING FINN by Ruth Jutila Chamberlain. The parents of Mercy Katherine Halonen (or Kik, as she is known) have been killed in a car accident in Florida and she and her sister are brought to live with their grandparents in Minnesota. The silence in the Halonen household was abnormal even by Finnish standards. For the two orphans this was not only puzzling but a heavy burden.

When Kik receives a fellowship for a summer's study in Finland, she meets relatives who bare secrets which explain to her Minnesota relatives' si-

lence regarding family history. Things do finally unravel and the family eventually becomes a whole unit again, much to Kik's relief.

Portions of this book are semi-autobiographical as well as historically accurate. Kik's (the author) reactions when she first arrives in Helsinki will be a *deja vu* experience for anyone who has visited there, or an interesting glimpse of "the old country" to those who have yet to visit.

This is a well-written book, worthy of your time. You'll find it in fiction.

JUHA by Juhani Aho. Juhani Aho was among the circle of famous Finnish artists and writers at the turn of the 20th century. This group included the artist Gallen-Kallela as well as Jean Sibelius. His novels have become classics. Although they were translated into many languages and were very popular in Europe, unfortunately none were translated into English until Richard Impola tackled **JUHA**, which has been so popular that not less than three movies have been made of it.

The story takes place somewhere in the northern border regions between Finland and Russian Karelia, probably during the time of Swedish rule of Finland. The sharp contrast between the Karelian and Finnish cultures and character is interesting, making the love triangle all the more captivating. This is a brief story, only 172 pages, but it will hold your interest, I'm sure. You'll find it in fiction.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

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Q: What are your career plans?

A: I want to be a business woman of some sort. I'm not sure what type yet, as I still have many more classes to take to see what I enjoy and am good at. I hope to be able to incorporate my German language skills in some way, if possible. I also plan to narrow it down through internships and job experience. I have an internship lined up with American Electrical power in Columbus, Ohio this summer so I can try my hand at a few different aspects of business.

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

A: I would tell high school students to just keep studying hard and to take AP classes if possible. Believe it or not, if you can get through several AP classes in high school, then academically, the university will be no problem for you. Also, work on having an open mind before you get to the university. There are lots of different types of people, experiences, and opportunities for those who are willing to accept and try them. In terms of preparing for their career, I should advise high school students to try to get an internship somewhere, if possible. In my job interviews, the three things that my interviewers emphasized most were job/internship experience, a demonstrated ability to learn through your academic career, and computer skills! A solid knowledge of Microsoft Excel is important for many careers.

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

A: The FCA scholarship has helped me meet my educational goals in several ways. It allowed me to spend the necessary time to search for an internship for the summer that would not only provide me with steady employment, but invaluable experience in my field of study. It also has allowed me to better concentrate on my studies and to continue being successful. I truly appreciate the Finnish Center Association's contribution to my education and growth as an individual, and would like to thank everyone that helped make it possible. It's hard to express how much of a difference it really has made for me and my education.

DID YOU KNOW?

The following is a bit of history of our beloved Finnish Center that just a handful of our members are aware of.

The death of Norman Moilane- (Moilanen) in California on November 3 prompted me to bring this to light. Several years ago I was visiting several cousins in California and I was at Norm's house in Canoga Park on a sunny Sunday. He asked if I would like to attend a board meeting of the Los Angeles chapter of the Finlandia Foundation. Norm, a past president of the Los Angeles chapter, was still on their board of directors at the time.

I concurred, of course, and soon found myself immersed in what proved to be a rather momentous meeting. At one stage of the meeting I was asked if the Detroit area was represented in the Finlandia Foundation, the umbrella of all the Finnish organizations in America. When they learned we were not a member, I was persuaded to take back some literature pertaining to their national organization.

Upon my return to Michigan, I gave the material to Sylvia Saarinen who was serving on the FCA board at the time. She in turn presented the idea of our joining this parent organization.

The rest is history. The board saw the advantages of belonging and subsequently approved of our becoming the newest (and largest) member of the Finlandia Foundation.

So, are you one of the handful of people who knew of this history? If you are, then you've probably heard me bragging about it!

Herb Piilo

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.

ROSTER CHANGES

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Announcement

On Sunday, February 11 at 1:30 pm, author Steve Lehto will make a presentation about his newly published book, **“Death’s Door”** that explains the tragedy at a Calumet Michigan 1913 Children’s Christmas Eve. Party where 74 children and adults were killed. In his book, 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.”

Books will be available to purchase.

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Windsor Casino

1 day, Thursday, March 15, \$12. Includes \$15 toward your choice of tokens, meal voucher or the All-You-Can-Eat buffet. Don’t forget proper ID. Be at FCA 11:30 a.m. for 11:45 departure. Return about 7 p.m.

Tulip Time in Holland

One day, Wednesday May 9. More information later.

Daniel O’Donnell

One day, Wednesday, June 6, \$113. Includes main floor seats at the Seagate Convention Center. More information later.

Turkeyville

One day, Monday July 23, \$67. Includes the show “Nunsense A-Men!” which has an all male cast. Think of it as ‘Mrs. Doubtfire enters the Convent’. Also included is Marjorie Cornwell’s wonderful turkey buffet. Be at FCA at 8:45 a.m. for 9:00 am departure. Return about 6:30 pm.

Hiawatha Slots in Sarnia

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GIFT SHOP

Sales were great over the holidays. Customers seemed to like the Bronner's ornaments and embroidered Christmas items. The sauna towels came in and the other sauna supplies are on order. Some of the vendors, however, have been slow to ship, so I have to stay on them.

The gift shop volunteers were busy on Thursday, January 11 doing the end of the year inventory. Thanks to all the ladies who came in to help. Now that inventory is complete, we would like to offer monthly specials on some items.

For the month of February, stop in the gift shop to see some new items for Valentine's Day. Also take advantage of our specials on mugs, trivets, and Mita Kuulu t-shirts. **These items are all 1/2 off throughout February.**

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