



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

March 2007

FINLAND ELECTIONS

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

FINNISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Finnish language classes at the intermediate level, will be offered at the FCA on Saturdays at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, beginning March 17 through May 19.

Instructor: Kaisa Mikkola
Text book: "Teach Yourself Finnish" by Terttu Leney
Fee \$35.00. Register at the first session. Questions? Phone Maria Hill (248) 478-9638 or Ruth Kaarlela (248) 437-1205

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CHAIR

Spring should be arriving any day now! With new faces on our board, new challenges to meet, and new members to bring fresh insights and ideas (not to mention energy), spring is truly a time of renewal. As we look to the future, we have some great visionaries to help us. One of our visions is to use the "business" of the FCA, in other words, the rentals, to fund the "culture" of the FCA, enabling us fulfill our mission to promote the culture and history of Finland here in the Detroit area. We have worked with this idea in mind to create a visually appealing banquet space and have contracted with award-winning caterers. The word has gone out, and we are getting many high-end rentals.

On the other side of the equation, our cultural events are flourishing. The multi-cultural jamboree last year was a big success, and this year's promises to be a great follow-up. (Please make note of the fact that it will take place on the 2nd weekend in June instead of the 1st this year.) Our annual Cultural Days have drawn people from all over the area, not just Finns. Concerts by the Finnish American Singers have been broadcast on local cable TV. Members of the Soitoniekat bring the name of the Finnish Center to many parts of the state. Book club, stamp club, the gift shop and the library are just some examples of the many cultural opportunities here.

As we watch the renewal of nature this spring, let's also be willing to jump in with both feet to the renewal of the Finnish Center. You can help by volunteering. Any one of the committees would be glad of new blood. Areas of special need include the Mailing Committee and the kitchen crew that offers us the wonderful Sunday Brunches once a month. Want to help and don't know where? Give a call to Margaret in the office and she'll be glad to help you find a niche.

Happy Spring!
Kristen Kreiner

Congratulations to the newly elected
Finnish Center Association Board

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

Stamp Club

Last Sunday of Month 2-4pm

Study Group

Monday's 1 to 3pm

Weavers

2nd Saturday of the month 10-12

BI-WEEKLY EVENT

Blood Pressure Readings

2nd and 4th Wednesday

11 am to 2pm

MARCH

- 1 Thur Joint Board Mtg 6:30pm
 4 Sun *An Inconvenient Truth* 2pm
 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

APRIL

- 5 Thur Regular Board Mtg 6:30pm
 14 Sat Flea Market
 15 Sun Brunch 11:30 – 1:30pm
 General Meeting 2:30pm
 18 Wed Senior Luncheon 11:30pm
 Reserve by Sat 248-437-0350
 19 Thu Garden Club Lecture
 27 Fri Buffet 5-7 pm
 Reserve by Wed
 28 Sat Vappu Celebration

ANTEEKSI

In the December 20th Senior Luncheon report the following names were misspelled:

Martha Takala Ward, Elsa Erkkila, Tina Salminen Kaartonen, James Jumisko, June Stenwall, and Allie Keithly.

THANKS, PASTY WORKERS!

At the end of January, about 767 pasties were baked and sold on Saturday, with none being left over. Hearty thanks to Ruth Mannisto who again led the project. We had a fine number of workers on Friday night and Saturday, both from the FCA and the Finnish-American Singers. All of them are to be commended! Bill Gramzow, chorus accompanist, was again our top salesman, delivering a good number of pasties to Hartland. FCA pasties are gaining wider acclaim!

COMPUTER CLASS

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

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

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PAAVOLA REMINISCENCE

Twenty five hardy persons braved the zero temperature to attend a wide-ranging program regarding Paavola on Sunday afternoon, February 4. Irene Faulkner, granddaughter of John Paavola informed us, by telephone, that he had worked as a surveyor for the Canadian railroads before coming to the United States. He and his wife Kaisa platted Concord City in 1895 and in 1909 the name was changed to Paavola in his honor. Photographs of his descendents were provided by his great grandson, John Levanen.

Joyce Keskitalo and Helen Wuebben, both in the Copper Country, sent written messages of their experiences in Paavola. Arne Heikkila, with his wife Delores, drove 75 miles to provide a thorough description of life in Paavola through words, pictures and maps. James Milke also had photographs and winter scenes of the area. And Bill Seaman told of efforts to reach copper in the Acadian mine.

As always in our historical meetings, there was excitement among attendees as one heard of familiar names or saw pictures of former acquaintances.

We are most grateful to everyone who contributed meaningful information about this not-forgotten community---and to Pearl Wanttaja who set the coffee table and left the premises in good order.

Ruth Kaarlela
Finnish American Historical Society

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

Strange Things are Happening!

The warmest winter ever in Finland, a melting ice cap, polar bears in decline, glacial recession, water covering St Mark's Square in Venice...all evidence of global warming.

On Sunday, March 4, at 3 pm the FCA will present a screening of "An Inconvenient Truth," a film by Al Gore, who has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for his work on global warming.

There is no charge and a dessert table will complement the presentation.

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

First, we thank Kirsti Koivunen, 15 yr. old granddaughter of Erkki and Helvi Koivunen for helping us with the December Children's Christmas Party. It was nice of you to volunteer, Kirsti.

Everyone enjoyed the New Member Welcome Potluck. Nine of our new members and twenty-eight veteran members attended. The potluck meal was delicious, prompting one lady to say we should have potlucks more often. It's a pleasure to hear where our new members are from and how they became interested in the Finnish Center. We encourage them to come right in and join some of our groups.

Nancy Sannar did a terrific job in planning the menu for the Valentine's Tea. She donated so much, and led Dagnie Carlson, Hannah Carlson, Lillian Heikkinen, Rigmor Cuolahan, and Ilene Yanke in the preparation of five kinds of sandwiches, lemon curd tarts, chocolate-dipped strawberries and apricots, and more. These, combined with cakes, cookies, and Pulla/Nisu baked by the same ladies, plus Lillian Niemi and Ruth Kaarlela, made for a beautiful tea not to be missed!

Two ladies from an area church took the roles of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, wearing the dress of their time and telling their life stories. This was enjoyed by all!

On March 16, from 5-7 p.m., Armitage will serve an Irish buffet meal. At around 6 pm, we'll begin celebrating St. Urho's Day. Soittoniekat members have been invited to play, so we're confident that a number of them will come for that. Frank Gottberg and others will assist with the humorous readings, games, grapevine step, selection of a new St. Urho, and the St. Urho parade.

Plan to come and participate in this fun evening.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

FINLAND TODAY

First, what do Finns think about global warming? 90% of them believe that there is global warming going on. 70% of Finns believe that the warming is caused by humans. 67% believe that it is the most serious of all the environmental problems facing mankind. Almost all the people say that they are ready to change their lifestyles to protect the environment and are waiting for their political leaders to make the necessary decisions.

After a record warm December, the temperatures have plunged in Finland. On February 6th, the temperatures went down to -40F in parts of Finland. But, its still far from the record of -61F in Kittila, in western Lapland in 1999.

The cold weather also caused record electricity consumption in Finland. The Finnish national electricity transmission grid operator, Fingrid, had to bring some reserve power on line when the consumption reached 15,000MW per hour.

Finland's Metso Paper has received a large paper making machinery order from the Japanese Oji Paper Co., Ltd. The new machinery will produce 350,000 tons of light coated paper per year. The Japanese paper and cardboard industry, ranked 3rd in the world, has ordered four major paper making production lines the past year, three of them from Metso. Metso is a global engineering and technology corporation in the pulp and paper industry, with 25,000 employees in 50 countries. Last year Metso had sales worth \$7.43 billion and with profits of \$595.3 million.

The Finnish HR Ruokatalo Group has bought Swedish Meats AB for \$330 million. Swedish Meats became part of HR Ruokatalo's Swedish subsidiary, Scan AB. With this purchase, HR Ruokatalo became the leading meat processor in Sweden. HR Ruokatalo has operations in eight northern European countries with sales over \$2 billion a year.

Nokia had a banner year last year. Its sales were up by 20% to \$53.3 billion, which is \$600 million more than the entire Finnish government's budget. Profits before taxes were \$7.41 billion. Last year Nokia sold 347 million cell phones, with about a 36% of the world wide cell phone market. World-wide Nokia employs 68,000 workers, with about 24,000 in Finland. 60% of the people employed in Finland are in product development.

Finland is changing its TV broadcasting from analog to digital on August,2007. That means you have to buy a digital ready TV or purchase a "digibox" converter. These converters cost between \$130--\$600, depending on the bells and whistles.

Finnish pop/rock singer "Kirka" (Kirill Babitzin) has passed away. He was born to Russian immigrants in Helsinki in

1950. He began to play the accordion at the age of 5, and at 10, he won an accordion competition. But, his interest turned to pop/rock music and he formed the group called Creatures in 1964. His breakthrough occurred in 1967 when he joined the Islanders as their vocalist. In his career, he released 78 singles and 60 albums. His album, Surun Pyyhit Silmistani, released in 1985, is the 3rd best selling album in Finnish history. In 1981 and 2000, he received the "Emma" for being the best Finnish male singer. In 1991 he received the Lifetime Achievement Emma.

The 60th annual "Jussi" awards, Finland's version of the Oscar Awards, were held in Helsinki. The 'best picture of the year" went to Laitakaupungin Valot. Janne Virtanen received the Jussi for his leading male role in Valkoinen Kaupunki, and Susanna Antaro received the Jussi for the leading female in the same picture.

Finnish pop/rock groups continue to do well around the world. The group Sunrise Avenue has their single, Fairytale Gone Bad, in third place in the German and Austrian singles chart. The group Lordit, have their album, Arockalypse, in the 13th spot, in the first week out, in Japan.

The Fuji TV Network in Japan has asked the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra to come to Japan for a 10 concert tour, starting at the Suntory Hall in Tokyo. Fuji invites one internationally renowned symphony orchestra per year or a concert tour.

And finally,

Hilma: You know the young couple next door are so sweet. Every morning when he leaves the house, he kisses her goodbye, and every evening when he comes home, he brings her flowers. Now, why can't you do that?

Heikki: Well, I don't even know her.

Markku Ketola
marketola@yahoo.com

“DEATHS DOOR”

Over hone hundred people attended the engaging presentation and book singing of “Deaths Door” by Steve Lehto in February. We have an opportunity to present Me. Lehto again in the fall for member that missing this event. Call the office if you are interested.

GARY WAISSI AWARDED ORDER OF THE LION

Gary Waissi, dean of the School of Global Management and Leadership at Arizona State University's West campus, has earned recognition as Knight, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland.

It is based on civilian accomplishments while Waissi served as Honorary Consul of Finland in Michigan from 1998 to 2006.

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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



The Lahden Urheilukeskus, Lahti's sports center, is home to some of Finland's best winter sports facilities with over 150 km of ski tracks and numerous ski jumps that offer beautiful vistas of the town.

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Another alto, Karin Buchwald, a very pleasant young woman from Germany, has joined our chorus. Welcome, Karin!

The FAS has been invited to perform two times on July 26th and 27th at FinnFest 2007 in Ashtabula, OH. Most likely we will attend as it's only about a 4 hour drive from home.

An urgent need of the chorus is basses who will travel with us. If there's a way that any of you men, or your relatives or friends who sing bass can join us, it would be gratefully appreciated!

Join us from 7-9 p.m. on Mondays to learn the music. We are a friendly group.

Ilene Maki Yanke, Chorus President

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.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help plan the following events:

Vappu party on Saturday, April 28 and the Kruunuhaat (Crown Wedding) on October 27.

Call the FCA at 248-478-6939 to volunteer your time and talents.

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 February 9 donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of Cleo Vuolle Anderson (1-4-07) of Naperville, IL, donations have been made by Hannah & Edsel Carison, Adolph & Lovern Aittama and Betty & Leonard Holmbo. Cleo was the sister of member Norma Aittama.

In memory of Bertha Fosness Larkin (1-14-07) of Howell, donations have been made by her brother Harold & Connie Fosness, Hannah & Edsel Carison and Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

In memory of Nancy Riis (1-17-07) of Georgetown, TX, donations have been made by her mother Helvi Wertheimer, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Martha Kanninen Koski (1-19-07) donations have been made by Eva Bessonon and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Roy Parvi (1-19-07) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Betty & Leonard Holmbo and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Evelyn Keskinen Hanninen (1-23-07) donations have been made by Maria Hill, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Phyllis Johnson, Arne & Mary Ann Hanninen, Frances & Eleanor Martin, Ed & Nancy Kangas, Kay Simo, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Gladys Saari and the FCA.

In memory of FCA member Elizabeth "Betty" Esku (1-24-07) donations have been made by Erick Kyro and the FCA.

In memory of Ellen Huusko Lahti (1-27-07) of Rock, donations have been made by her son-in-law Bob Usitalo and granddaughter Kath, Tom, Graham & Paige Kozak.

In memory of FCA life member Sulo Nummela (2-6-07) donations have been made by Harold & Connie Fosness, Pearl & Ray Wanttaja, Betty & Leonard Holmbo, Tappy & Mary Kuivinen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member Jane O'Brien (1-2-07) donations have been made by Neil Manley, Jr., Blanche Maki, Roger Wanttaja, Toini Kesti, Hannah & Edsel Carlson, Randy Wanttaja, John Saetta, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela, Maria Hill, Harold & Connie Fosness, Walter & Barbara Michelson, Bob & Marge Salo and Peggy Puuri.

In memory of FCA life member Tina Salminen Kaartonen (11-17-06) a donation has been made by Vernon & Mary Leinonen.

In memory of FCA life member James Junnisko (11-23-06) a donation has been made by Elma Hansen.

In memory of FCA life member Warren Gehrman (11-30-06) donations have been made by Vernon & Mary Leinonen, Laina Lampi and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member Elsie Lahti Usitalo (3-23-05) donations have been made by her husband Bob and her daughter Kath and Family, Tom, Graham & Paige Kozak.

In memory of FCA life member Doug O'Brien (4-12-06) donations have been made by Hannah & Edsel Carlson, Edith Raski, Ruth Kaarlela and Walter & Barbara Michelson.

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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.

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

FCA College Scholarship Interview: **Christopher Hella**

This month the Scholarship Committee is pleased to present an interview with Christopher Hella, the third of our seven college students to be profiled. You will meet the additional four students during the coming months. We invite you to keep the Scholarship program in mind when you make donations to the Memorial Fund, and also to make specific donations to the Scholarship program.

Christopher is in his second year at Macomb Community College in the Paramedic Academy. He has classes two days a week, and clinical rotations at local hospitals three days a week. He plans to graduate as a Firefighter/Paramedic in 2007, and is also considering taking a one-year Registered Nurse program.

Q: What is your favorite class, and why?

A: My favorite class was cardiology. I really enjoyed learning about the different areas and functions of the heart. There were many things I learned, that I had no idea even existed before. Also learning how to treat certain conditions and diseases within the heart was interesting. There are also many medications we had to learn that affect the heart.

Christopher is a busy young man! In the clinical rota-

tions, he helps the nurses care for patients. This includes giving medications, starting intravenous lines, and helping with whatever else is needed. In addition to the five days of classes and rotations, he works as an Emergency Medical Technician at Star EMS, an ambulance company in Oakland County.

Q: What are your career plans?

A: My career plans are to finish school and get a job as a Firefighter/Paramedic. My goals are to then become a fire officer and continue to advance in the field as much as I can. I also want to continue to advance my medical training. I may go through a one year Registered Nurse program as well.

Q: Do you have a mentor who has helped you in your career planning?

A: My uncle Raymond was the one who suggested looking into becoming a Firefighter/Paramedic. He helped me decide on what I wanted to do and helped me get into it. He helped me train for the Fire Academy, which I attended in March, 2006. He also supplied me with the appropriate equipment that I needed to attend.

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

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FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

More suggestions for something to cuddle up with during these blustery winter days:

BUSINESSMAN'S GUIDE TO THE FINNISH SAUNA by Arto Paasilinna. David Waterfield, a British businessman, is on his first trip to Finland. While being shown around, the subject of saunas comes up, and David learns that Finland has over a million saunas. Waterfield's preconceived notion of the sauna was quite unlike the real thing in Finland. When his host suggests that they take a break and go to the sauna, David is quite taken aback. He knew that in London there were quite a few of these establishments, which featured female masseuses, alcohol, "intimate" massages and worse. Could it really be that Finns had a million of such houses of ill repute?

Waterfield really gets an education about the Finnish sauna, both those in the city, out in the country, even a "smoke" sauna, and learns to love the experience. The author uses this narrative to introduce the reader to Finnish sauna culture, from history of the sauna to the modern sauna "kits" that can be purchased from manufacturers. It is an educational read, with a good deal of humor thrown in. You'll find it in non-fiction, call number 390 Pa.

To the children's literature section we have added

FINLAND, from the Enchantment of the World series. It is a hardcover book beautifully illustrated, dealing with modern Finland. Even adults would enjoy this book. You will find it in the children's literature section, call number 914.71 Hi.

To the adult section we have also added several books which concentrate on individual towns in Finland, for instance, Oulu, Pudasjärvi, Iitti, Paanajärvi and Turku, books on Lapland and one on the Finnish coast and archipelago, plus an excellent new book on Helsinki by Neil Kent. The card catalog will steer you to any of these.

Not into all that much reading just now? Then the beautifully illustrated **SUOMI: järvien ja metsien maa** (land, of lakes and forests) is worth considering. Text is in German, Swedish, Finnish and English. It covers Finland from Helsinki to Lapland, during all seasons of the year. It's worth a look! You'll find it in non-fiction, call number 914.71 Pi.

Don't forget that we also carry the L'Anse Sentinel, and the Daily Mining Gazette from Houghton. Come in and catch up on your old hometown news!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

OVERDUE BOOKS

Borrower	Title of Borrowed Book	Date Borrowed
Nancy Elliott	Tales of the Old UP: A Second Northwoods Reader	July 19, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	Lapinmaa	April 10, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	Lapponia	April 10, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	Reindeer Boy	April 10, 2003
Dorothy Olsen	The Way of the Four Winds	April 10, 2003
Ailie Ecko	The Kalevala, Epic of the Finnish People	Jan 30, 2004
Karen Tracy	Family Trails; Michigan's Finnish American Heritage	Oct 13, 2000
Gary McKee	Copper Country History, 3000 B. C. – 1980	March 5, 1998
Janet Kurin	The Sea King's Gift and Other Tales from Finland	March 14, 1998

If you have lost a book, please call the librarian at 248-642-1437.

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A: The FCA scholarship has helped pay for the Paramedic Academy. Having the scholarship helped me get into the class as soon as I could. Without the scholarship I may have not had enough money to attend the Paramedic Academy and may have had to wait a year until the next one. Being in it now, I can start my career much earlier than had I not been in this class. I would like to take the time and thank the FCA one more time for this opportunity. I am greatly appreciative of receiving this scholarship. Again, thank you to everyone at the FCA and everyone who made this scholarship possible.

Q: What is one highlight of this school year?

A: The highlight of this school year has been the hospital clinical rotations. I have been given the opportunity, responsibility and honor to care for another human and there is no greater feeling than to be able to do that. I have really enjoyed going to the hospital and working closely with the nurses and doctors. I have experienced a lot and learned a lot from them.

Q: What advice would you give to high school students?

A: The advice that I would give a high school student to prepare for the university experience would be to stay ahead of the game. For their career the advice I would give would be to do what makes you happy. You should worry about what you want to do, not how much you'll make doing it. If doing your job every day makes you happy and gives you a feeling of accomplishment then you don't need to worry about money.

Louise Hartung, for the Scholarship Committee

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In memory of FCA life member Helen Gunnari Gehrman (11-3-06) donations have been made by Vernon & Mary Leinonen, Laina Lampi and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA member Rudy Kilponen (12-7-06) a donation has been made by Vernon & Mary Letnonen.

In memory of FCA life member Allie Hemmila Keithly (12-20-06) a donation has been made by Betty & Leonard Holmbo.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members Jack Smith (10-27-06), William Sibilsky (12-27-06) and Frank Gudan (1-22-07); and in memory of member Mario Oliver (1-23-07).

GARDEN CLUB

Have you noted the signs of Spring? More daylight is raising our spirits, daylight savings time is beginning early this year, and the birds are singing their songs of joy and love for the coming vernal events. The gardens are awakening and soon we will be able to see evidence of spring. Watch the garden beds for the many bulbs we planted last fall. Our swale will come alive with native plants and it will be time for the completion of our bridge. What a great time to be alive. Come and join us at the Finnish Center and become a garden associate.

David Sharpe

ATTENTION Garden Lovers

Save Thursday, April 19 at 7 pm for an evening of garden information that will inform and motivate. More to follow. Refreshments will be served.

Vegas Night !!!

**Finnish Cultural Center
On St Patrick's Day March 17th
7:00 PM to Midnight**

**"Black Jack", "Let it Ride" and
"Maverick Poker"
Total entry price only- \$6.00**

**Price includes light meal, dessert
and coffee**

Cash Bar Open

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“This is a real surprise, but also a great honor,” said Waissi, who joined ASU in June from the University of Michigan-Dearborn where he served as dean of the School of Management. “

The Order of the Lion of Finland was founded on Sept. 11, 1942. It was introduced to compliment the prestigious Order of the White Rose of Finland and to facilitate the awarding of honors for military and civilian merit. The President of Finland wears the Star of the Order of the Lion of Finland and is Grand Master of the order.

“Dr. Waissi has had a high and active profile representing Finland in Michigan and in the greater Detroit metropolitan area, and he has contributed greatly to the activities of one of the largest Finnish-American communities in the USA,” said Consul General Lipponen.

“We were able to make collaborative connections and increase the interest at many levels between Michigan and Finland and even between the United States and Finland,” said Waissi, who speaks five languages and earned his doctorate in engineering with an emphasis on operations research, from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

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Windsor Casino

One 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, \$78.00. Includes lunch, Dutch Marktplaats, Volksparade and Veldheer Tulip Gardens. Price and times 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.

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With the help of almost a dozen volunteers, the newsletter has been mailed eleven times in the past year. The July and August mailing was combined. We have had success in recruiting several new volunteers, but are always looking for more Finns with SISU to come and give us a hand in getting the Newsletters out to members.

I want to thank the volunteers that come out each month to help with the mailing. Even George Koskimaki comes to help us once in a while. He must miss his old job here at the Finn Center. All of the volunteers help is appreciated immensely. If there are members who would like to come to the Finn Center once a month for several hours to help with the mailing, we would certainly welcome them. Coffee and doughnuts are usually available. Again, thank you

Submitted by Lari Korpela

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