



# FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

May 2009

**THE FCA NEEDS YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:**

- Opening and Closing
- Cleaning
- Inventory
- General Office
- Bartending
- Hall/Lounge Set up
- Proofreading
- Sound
- Plumbers
- Electrical

**HELP - HELP - HELP**

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## CHAIRMANS CORNER

You should be aware by now that our financial situation at the FCA is very tenuous. Our projected loss for year 2009 based upon our 2008 operations would be \$97,000.00. Obviously something must be done to turn this around. On March 4, 2009 the Board reluctantly laid off Lois Makee and Margaret Laurila in order to reduce our expenses. As a consequence their duties are now being performed by volunteers. We thank those volunteers who have stepped forward to perform those duties. The arrangement so far is working satisfactorily.

There is a committee consisting of Cortland Book, Frank Gottberg, Maria Hill, Christine Johnson, Louise Hartung, Glenn Kujansuu, Paul Hendrickson and Norbert Leppanen working to try to secure a 501c3 classification. (Presently our classification is 501c4.) The advantage is it will allow persons to deduct donations from their income tax, and free us from our property tax burden. (\$27,000.00/year.) The process the committee felt best to proceed was to set up a new corporation (Finnish American Cultural Corporation) seeking 501c3 status and if successful transfer members and all FCA assets to the new corporation. It was felt we had a better and quicker chance of securing the new classification this way. The Board of Trustees has been advised of this and have given it their blessing, however, the full membership will have to vote on this issue if the new corporation is successful in securing the 501 c3 classification. We hope to be able to go for a vote later this year. Accompanying the ballot will be an explanation of the process. Additionally, the Board is working on reducing our telephone and insurance costs, and trying to increase our revenue by securing additional rentals.

Our efforts are directed to a large extent toward improving our financial status, however, we cannot ignore our cultural activities. They are what the FCA is all about.

With everyones help we expect the Finnish Center to continue as a successful and vibrant organization.

Norbert C. Leppanen Chairman

# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9 am

## BI-WEEKLY EVENT

### **Blood Pressure Readings**

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

11 am to 2 pm

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop—Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 1:00 pm

### **Stamp Club**

Last Sunday of month 2-4 pm

### **Weavers**

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

### **Card and Game Party**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 11-4 pm

### **Finnish Conversation**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month 10 am

### **Book Club**

Day of Fish Fry 3:30pm

## **MAY**

- 1 Pasty Preparation
- 2 Pasty Sale  
Finnish Language 10 am - noon
- 3 Scholarship Reception 2-4 pm
- 9 Finnish Language 10 am - noon  
Rental 4 pm - 7 pm
- 10 Mother's Day Brunch noon -  
1:30 pm
- 13 Dane Bros. Dinner 6:30 pm
- 14 Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 Fish Fry 5 pm - 8 pm
- 16 Finish Language 10 am - noon
- 17 Finnish Film 5 pm - 8 pm
- 20 101st Luncheon 11 am
- 24 Open House 1 pm - 4 pm
- 27 Dane Bros. Meeting 6:30 pm

## **JUNE**

- 5 Spaghetti Fry 5 - 8 pm  
Novi Band Concert 7 pm
- 6 Cultural Heritage Day 7
- 7 Rental
- 10 Dane Bros. Dinner 6:30 pm
- 11 Joint Board Meeting 6:30 pm  
Rental
- 14 Rental

- 17 1st 'Luncheon 11 am
- 19 Juhannus Celebration 5 - 8 pm
- 20 Rental
- 27 Rental
- 28 28 Open House Garden Club  
1 pm - 4 pm

## **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH ON SUNDAY, MAY 10**

Plan with your family to attend this lovely meal set up in stations with a large selection of food. We have non-member family groups come in and tell us how much they enjoyed it, great food, not too many people, the attractive room, and the homey atmosphere. Please reserve by calling the FCA by Wednesday, May 6. We'll decorate the tables, have carnations for the mothers, and offer a short program with several prizes to be awarded. Do join us.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## **Pasty Bake**

The FCA will be baking pasties again on Saturday, May 2.

Call your order in early to the  
Finnish Center at  
248-478-6939 or email to  
[fcacenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fcacenter@sbcglobal.net)

Be sure to include your name, phone number, and the number of pasties you are ordering. The cost is \$5 per pasty and the proceeds help support the mission of the Finnish Center.

Orders are to be picked up at the FCA between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with the pasty bake on both Friday and Saturday.

Call 248-478-6939.

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Farmington Hills, MI  
48335-5108  
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[fcacenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fcacenter@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.finnishcenter.org](http://www.finnishcenter.org)

## **OFFICERS**

Norbert Leppanen, Chairman  
Cortland Book, Vice Chairman  
, Secretary

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1 Year  
Maria Hill, Gerald Malstrom,  
Paul Rajala

## 2 Year

Cortland Book, Norbert Leppanen,  
George Koskimaki

## 3 Year

Christine Copeland, Tarija Virtanen,  
Christine Johnson

## **ALTERNATES**

Norman McCue

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Neil Manley, Jr., Dagmar Malstrom

## **TREASURER**

Christine Johnson

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

### Building & Grounds

Frank Gottberg

### Cultural

Ruth Mannisto

### Education

Ruth Kaarlela

### Finance

Hilkka Ketola

### Gift Shop

Margaret Laurila

### Mailing

George Koskimaki

### Membership

Shirley Brooks

### Publicity & Publications

Nancy Sannar

### Social

Ilene Yanke

### Sunshine Lady

Margaret Laurila

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### *Tapiola Village*

Laura Fultz, Manager  
248-471-3802

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Mary O'Brien, Manager  
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[Tapiola@maeritech.net](mailto:Tapiola@maeritech.net)

[www.fcaseniorhousing.org](http://www.fcaseniorhousing.org)

## OVER ON FINN DRIVE

It is Spring Time and it is time to drive over to the Finn Center. The gardens are shaping up and you can smell the flowers. The daylight hours of each day keeps getting longer and longer so Mother Nature has responded with another exciting show of designs and colors to enjoy.

The Finns celebrate the longest day of the year, Midsummer night and they call it "Juhannus". This year the Finnish Center is planning to have a gathering in the evening with food, music, sing along and maybe even an outside kokko (that is an outside bonfire). The date is June 19. It is a Friday night at 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy the food music and the gardens.

Campfires and outings are fun and can be a learning experience. Be it with the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts, the Indian Guides, etc. , or an event celebrating the Finnish Juhannus. Talking with the Finns around the Finn Center, many still remember what the event settings were like when the bonfire was lit. Everyone has some different memories of this event and that is good. In Finland the longer hours of daylight are a dramatic change from the long hours of darkness endured during the winter months. The North country becomes known as a land of the midnight sun with 24 hours of daylight.

I was lucky in my youth to attend a number of these Juhannus events in the Finger Lakes area of up state NY. They were all held out in the country, as they were all held on the farms of Finns. The news, and the bulletins about the main Finn events in the area traveled very well via the way of the local co op feed store and food market. If you needed information that was the place you could get it and it was in English or Finnish or a little bit of both. For a Juhannus event as I remember, the sauna was always hot and in use. A couple of times us boys would get to go to the sauna twice in one night. The only requirement was you had to refill the hot water tank, firebox and all the water basins and pails with water. The water came from a well with a pitcher pump, or a pond or a creek nearby and it was hauled by the hand pail. Keeping the Sauna stove hot and having plenty of water to use is still the proper etiquette for using the sauna. It should be re-stocked and ready for the next group to use. One time the weather was so bad, the Juhannus party was cancelled until the following weekend. I never remember seeing any tents being set up in case of rain. Everyone had to seek shelter, jammed into the house, garage, or the tool shed. A rain-storm was a positive thing needed for the corn crop. During WWII when the gas rationing was going on, it was discussed that it would be unpatriotic to travel very far for social events, but many traveled the 20 miles or so. The ones that showed up considered the sauna was important too, to keep healthy. These were the days out there in the country where the local volunteer fire departments could be called if needed. A couple times the kokko bonfire was so big that it

lit up the clouds in the sky to an orange glow. The town mayor 7 miles away, called and wanted to know if a barn or a house was on fire.

The Finns in this area between the lakes really turned out for those Juhannus celebrations and with the Finnish names you can understand why, names like Niemi, Rantamaki, Maki, Uitos, Utti, Westerberg, Koski, Koskinen, Kaupinen, Vesa, Wirta, Salonen, Salo, Walterimaki, Erickson, Huttinen, Hill, Kauma, Loumanen, Makela, Aho, Alto, Ara, Kosella, Saari, Kinne, Hack, Nicander, Maatta, Harkonen.

I also can remember there was plenty of food, of all kinds. Every family brought some kind of dish for the table and a desert. Of course hot coffee, lump sugar and pulla was served. Popular in those days was the vanilla flavored Junket made with a tablet. Remember those? Then there was the strawberry flavored J E L L O with the ole fashion whipped cream on the top. From these parties it had to be the first place I ever heard of KOOL Aid.

Enjoy your Kesakuu ( The Month of June )  
Frank Gottberg

## FCA SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

### *SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION TO HONOR NINE YOUNG PEOPLE*

You are cordially invited to attend the Scholarship Reception on Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 P.M., which will take place at the Finnish Center. The Scholarship Committee will honor nine young people by awarding them \$500 scholarships. Each student will be introduced through a brief description of their scholastic talents, personal accomplishments, work experience, and community service. Each student in turn will inform us as to which college or university they will attend and their major area of study, and will introduce their family. Light refreshments will follow the program. Many thanks to those who have made these scholarships possible by donating to the Scholarship Fund, either directly or through Memorials.

Louise Hartung, for the Scholarship Committee

## FINLAND TODAY

First, Finland's population is getting older. For the first time in Finnish history, there are more people who are 65 years old or older, than there are people under 15 years of age.

There are more people living in Finland who were born in 1948 than any other year.

Finland has 8 cities with a population of at least 100,000.

Last year, the Finnish population grew by 26,000 to 5,326,000.

The sightless able to read LCD touch screens? Researchers at the University of Tampere in Finland have developed a system where sightless people can read a Nokia touch-screen phone. In the braille alphabet, each letter has two columns of 3 dots that are raised or not raised that are read by finger tips. The Tampere system uses a vibration pulse in place of the raised dot.

Did you know that Blancco Ltd, headquartered in Joensuu, Finland is the global leader in data erasure software? Its data erasure products are used by millions of customers in banking, industrial, governments, defense, and by companies that refurbish or destroy computer harddrives.

The Finnish government has proposed a ten percent increase in alcohol taxes. The tax increase will be higher on the higher alcohol spirits and lower on milder beverages.

This is the second time Finland has raised alcohol taxes since it lower them by 33 percent in 2004. The increase will take affect in October of this year.

Over 100 municipalities in Finland took part in the Earth Hour event. On Saturday night, March 28th, between 8:30 and 9:30pm, lights were shut off in houses, businesses, shopping centers, churches and town centers. The event was arranged by the WWF all around the world.

Wartsila Power has signed a contract with the Liberty Power Tech to build a 200 megawatt power plant in Pakistan. With this new order, the total capacity of Wartsila built power plants in Pakistan will be 1700 megawatts.

Did you know that at the NCAA Final Four and championship basketball games, the scissors used to cut down the nets were Fiskars 9.5 titanium scissors.

Probably the most famous Fiskars product is the orange plastic handle scissors. Fiskars has manufactured close to billion orange handle scissors since first introduced in 1967.

Among the many other brands that Fiskars owns are Iittala (glassware, kitchenware), Arabia (ceramics, kitchenware), Hackman (cookware, cutlery).

Fiskars also makes the small trenching shovels used by the U.S. Marine Corp.

Fiskars is Finland's oldest company, founded in 1649.

With the Barbie doll turning 50 this year, even researchers at the University of Helsinki Central Hospital have had something to say about her.

"If brought up to human proportions, Barbie would be over six feet tall, weigh a mere 100 pounds, but with a chest like Dolly Parton." The researchers also noted that the likelihood of a woman having Barbie's body shape is less than one in 100,000.

And finally, Heikki, age 92, and Hilma, age 90, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding. Along the way they pass a drugstore and Heikki suggests that they stop in.

Heikki addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the pharماسist?"

Pharmacist: "Yes I am."

Heikki: "Hilma and I are about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Heikki: "How about medicine for circulation, rheumatism and arthritis?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds..."

Heikki: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, and heartburn pills?"

Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Heikki: "Do you sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Heikki: Good, we'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry.

Markku Ketola, marketola@yahoo.com

## GIFT SHOP

**Needs  
volunteer  
salespeople.**

Please call  
248-478-6939

## FINN FACTS



Sent me your Finn facts. They can be from Finland or from America, but must be about Finnish people and their ways.

Sent then to:  
fcacenter@sbcglobal.net  
Attn: Glenn - Finn Facts.

## Armitage Catering

**Located at the FCA, we cater any event, big or small:**

**Weddings/Showers  
Anniversaries  
Memorial Services  
Business Events  
Graduation Parties**

**Off site catering is also available  
248-921-7561**

**This could be a space for your ad.**

Call the Finnish Center to advertise in the newsletter.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

Notes from the Singers for May

Spring has sprung! We can really appreciate the warmer weather after our long cold Winter.

As of this writing, the singers are busy practicing for their Annual Spring Concert.

The title of our concert is Americana featuring songs from Finland, traditional American Folk Songs and Popular American Show Tunes. The date will be Sunday, April 26th. The price will be \$10.00.

The TIME will be 2:00 PM. A delicious luncheon will follow the Concert with a nice array of tasty sandwiches and desserts.

What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon enjoying a special selection of music and socializing with friends.

Hope to see You at our Spring Concert!

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

On March 8th, we again hosted a traditional Finnish Breakfast. The weather may have affected our turn-out, but our succeeding sales of special baked goods added much to the FCA's profit. Sincere thanks to our Women's Club Bakers who not only baked and prepared the breakfast items, but served and cleaned up that day. We owe many thanks to Pearl Wanttaja for getting so many of her regular brunch workers to help us. Neil Manley was kind to wash the dishes, with Norb Leppanen's assistance. I enjoyed watching Neil enjoy one of our big frosted cinnamon rolls.

At our St. Urho's celebration, Armitage not only had fish, but corned beef which was very tasty and attractively presented. We had readings by Frank Gottberg, Jerry Malstrom, Margaret Laurila, and Ilene Yanke explaining the St. Urho legend. Frank Gottberg made viili for us to taste to see how St. Urho got so strong. The grape stomping game was hilarious, and "Pass the Pasty" was fun. Jim Fostey was selected as St. Urho for 2009 and played his part with enthusiasm, leading all of us in his parade. We drank a grape juice toast to him and repeated his famous words which banished the grasshoppers from Finland. Finnish-American singers led us in singing silly songs about St. Urho as a closing. Many thanks to the members of Soitoniekat who came to play as their music helped to make the evening extra special.

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

# 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: the FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Deadline is the last day of every month.**

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then your check must be made out to FCA Senior Housing Corp.

Please include full name (with middle initial), address, dates of death and birth of the deceased; also the name and address of the next of kin to whom the acknowledgement card is to be mailed.

If you know of a member, parent or child of a member who has passed away, **please call the FCA at (248) 478-6939.**

**NOTE: Effective immediately, all memorial donations MUST BE MAILED TO THE FINNISH CENTER by the last day of the month.**

Donations to the Memorial Fund since the last newsletter are as follows:

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In memory of FCA life member Marjorie "Marge" Hella Thorpe, (3-26-09) donations have been made by her cousin Ray & Pearl Wanttaja.

In memory of Paul Turunen (10-1-06) of Arcadia, CA, a donation has been made by Juliann Boushelle.

In memory of FCA life member Norman Paulson (2-18-09) donations have been made by Hannah Carlson, Lovern Aittama and Norma & Rudy Aittama.

In memory of FCA life member Jacob "Jake" Hayrynen (2-3-09) a donation has been made by Ronald & Rosemary Hella.

Donations have been made in memory of FCA life members Edward Elsila (5-24-86), Sylvia Elsila (1-21-96) and Esther Elsila (6-18-00) by daughter/niece Sandra & Charles Blackwell; Also in memory of Neil Elsila (5-20-08) of Florida, by sister Sandra & Charles Blackwell.

In memory of FCA life member Edsel Carlson (5-6-08) a donation has been made by Helvi Wertheimer.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life members Amelia Tapani Rutila (2-10-09), Verna Froncala Makie (2-27-09) and Edward Saarinen (3-22-09),

In memory of Arthur Niemi (12/6 /2007) a donation was made by Paul/Lillian Lehto

In memory of Edward Elsila (5 /24/1986) a donation was made by Kathlyn/David Elsila

In memory of Esther Elsila (6 /18/2000) donations were made by Kathlyn and David Elsila

In memory of Eveline Mikko

(10/31/2008) a donation was made by Eva J. Bessonen

In memory of Harold Fosness (8 /9 /2008) a donation was made by Eva J. Bessonen

In memory of Jacob Hayrynen (1 /27/2009) donations were made by Eva J. Bessonen, Arne/Mary-Ann Hanninen, and Elmer E. Hanninen

In memory of Nora Lahti (2 /5 /2009) donations were made by Evelyn Keskinen, James & Enid Larson Ernest/Marlene Johnson, Wayne/Pauline Malila, and Arne/Mary-Ann Hanninen

In memory of Norman Paulson (2 /18/2009) a donation was made by Virginia/Melvin Ahonen

In memory of Shirley Alameddine () a donation was made by Paul/Lillian Lehto

In memory of Steven Neal (1 /3 /2009) a donation was made by Helvi Wertheimer

In memory of Sylvia Elsila (1 /21/1996) a donation was made by Kathlyn/David Elsila

In memory of Walter Haveri (7 /30/2008) a donation was made by Paul/Lillian Lehto



St. Urho (Jme Fostey) reigns at the Finnish Center.

## 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 - 2 days, Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & 3, \$135. Includes overnight at the Sheraton-on-the-Falls and \$30 in incentives.

"Blue Champayne" at the Huron Country Playhouse in Ontario - 1 day, Thursday, June 25, \$99. Lunch will be at Oakwood Inn. Pick-up is from Narden Park Methodist Church on 11 Mile Road. Be there at 8:15 am for 8:30 departure. Return about 7:45 pm.

Point Edward featuring Westview Orchards in Romeo - 1 day, Tuesday, August 25, \$31. We will have a tour of the orchards and you can pick yourself some peaches. On our return we will be served cider and a peach donut. At the casino \$15 in slot play is included. Be at FCA 8 am for 8:15 departure. Return about 6:15 pm.

**IMPORTANT:** Beginning June 1, you will need a passport or a passport card. Call me if you have any questions.

Pearl Wanttaja, 248-541-0054

## PUBLICITY

Events have been publicized in newspapers and on Bright House Community news. Articles have been sent to the Gazette, Observer, and some also to the Detroit News and Free Press. Articles that will be published at no cost are sent as there is no specific budget for this.

I have attended most Livonia Chamber of Commerce events to talk about the Finnish Center.

I pursued the possibility of the Center taking part in a Brides-to-Be show to publicize the facilities. It was brought before the board as there was a cost and the need for participation of members. It was tabled as a future consideration.

I welcome any specific information about places to publicize Finnish Center events.

Publicity is the task of all concerned members. Even a positive remark and an invitation to an event at the Center will help to make the Center a profitable venue.

Nancy Sannar

## JUHANNUS (MIDSUMMER'S DAY) CELEBRATION FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH

Frank Gottberg has celebrated this day in upstate New York, Ilene Yanke in Finland with relatives in 1996, Char Lytikainen in the Finnish towns of Ohio, and Jerry Malstrom at the Detroit area's Kaleva Park. So, we need to celebrate this day at the FCA!

We'll begin at 6:30 p.m. with Armitage serving an inside buffet of vodka punch first, and then the traditional Juhannus foods at 7:00 p.m.---charcoal grilled meat, Finnish potato dish and salads, bread and butter, plus a strawberry dessert. Then, we'll go outside to circle the Maypole. We are inviting available Finnish-American Singers to lead us in singing Finnish songs, and Soittoniekat members to accompany the songs and otherwise entertain. We're hoping that David Sharpe can decorate the FCA entrance with potted White Birches, or White Birch branches as they do in Finland.

Frank has gone to Farmington Hills to apply for a permit for a bonfire, or kokko, to be burned outside. If we can have it, we'll be more authentic, but if we cannot, we'll still have fun as they do in Finland, socializing and "hanging out" with our FCA friends and guests. Plan to come!

# FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have added the following items to our library:

**ENGLISH AND FINNISH DICTIONARY** compiled by K.V. Arminen, Dewey # 494 Ar.

**FINNISH MAGIC** by Robert Nelson. The author claims to be a descendant of a Finnish witch! He claims that witchcraft and shamanism still exist in Finland; in fact, he explains how one can still participate in such. It's kind of creepy! Dewey # 133.4 Ne.

**URUSLA, UNDER** by Ingrid Hill. This modern fictional story begins when little 2-year-old Ursula falls into a mine cave-in in the Keweenaw Peninsula. It will hold your attention to the very last page. Dewey # F Hi.

**LUKEMISTA LAPSILLE** by Z.Topelius. This Finnish classic, a donation, was one we couldn't pass up even though few of you read Finnish anymore. If you do, check it out. It's in the Juvenile section, F To.

**HAUSKA TUTUSTUA** by Pertti Virtaranta. The author, with an assistant, has made several trips to the U. S. to study Finnish American dialect, which interests Finnish linguists because of its mixture of old Finnish and borrowed terms from English. These stories are from his trips. Dewey # 494 Vi.

**1956-1957 DIRECTORY OF SUOMI SYNOD**, compiled by Raymond W. Wargelin. Those of us with a Suomi Synod background should not forget our roots. This has interesting statistics, articles and photos from this era. Dewey # Ref 284.1 Su.

**JUHLA-ALBUMI SUOMI SYNOODIN 25-VUOTISJUHLAN MUISTOKSI 1890-1915.** (A SUOVENIR ALBUM CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUOMI SYNOD 1890-1915). Even if you don't read Finnish you can still appreciate the many photos. Interesting. Dewey # Ref 284.1 Su.

**SUOMI SYNOODIN VIISIKYMMENTA-VUOTISMUISTO 1890-1940.** (A SOUVENIR ALBUM CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUOMI SYNOD 1890-1940. Ditto. Dewey # Ref 284.1 Su.

**KANSAKOULUN LAULUKIRJAN SÄESTYKSET (ACCOMPANIMENT FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SONGS)** compiled by Paavo Halme and Väinö Halme. You might find just the song you're looking for in here. I found the music for one of my favorites, "Mun kanteleeni kauniimmin". Dewey # 748.7 Ha.

**KUVA-AAPINEN**, c 1918. This is a real treasure! Our parents and grandparents probably learned to read from this in Sunday School. I know my mother did, because she quoted some of the material I found here. This will be in the adult section, Dewey number Ref 494 Ku. It is in rather fragile condition so we can't let you check it out, but you are welcome to come in and look at it.

**VIIPURI** by Börje Sanberg. This is an old book, c 1936, before the Winter War, when Finland lost Viipuri. Therefore it is worth a look to learn what pre-Soviet Viipuri, a city beloved by the Finns, was like. Profusely illustrated, it has text in Finnish and English. Dewey # 914.71 Sa.

**WOOD AS THE BUILDING MATERIAL OF FINNS**, prepared by the League of Finnish American Societies to show that Finns contributed to the building of the new America. It's a slender volume, but worth a look. Dewey # 721 Le.

**FINLAND CREATES** by Jack Fields and David Moore. This is a picture book of Finnish design as seen through the eyes and lenses of two foreign photographers, an American and an Australian. They cover everything from the Tempeliakio ("Rock") church in Helsinki to designs inspired by Finnish nature, in color. It's beautiful! Dewey # 745.4 Fi.

**SAARINEN HOUSE AND GARDEN** edited by Gregory Wittkopp. The Saarinen house at Cranbrook has been described as "one of the most significant houses built in America during the 1920s". This is a beautifully illustrated publication of this "Total Work of Art", which is the subtitle given this work. Dewey # 728 Sa.

**THE WINTER WAR**, a video of this well-known but terrible time in Finnish history, told from a soldier's point of view. It's on our video and DVD shelf, Dewey number 947.1 Wi.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

## GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop also sells craft items, kanteles, song books and collector stamps.

The volunteers are here Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Stop in and keep us busy with your shopping.

Get your St. Urho cards, books and tee shirts. Gift certificates are always available.

### GIFT SHOP HOURS:

10 am - 4 pm Mondays

10 am - 4 pm Wednesdays

11 am - 3 pm Saturdays

**Refer to the calendar for additional dates & times.**

## NEW CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE FINNISH FOOD

Finland has recently started an initiative to promote Finnish food. Traditional Finnish food is known to be clean, uncomplicated and of the highest quality.

The health benefits are well known. In fact, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is conducting research with Finland to study weight management solutions based on healthy Finnish foods.

Typical dishes consist of fish, hearty stews, rye bread, root vegetables, berries, wild mushrooms, and dairy products.

Please take the time to visit the following web sites for more information, as well as numerous Finnish recipes:

<http://www.foodfromfinland.com/>

<http://www.ruokatieto.fi/tasteoffinland>

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Mmmmmmm- I can taste the pierakaas!

Article submitted by

Paul N. Potti, Honorary Consul, Finland.

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## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Cold weather has not dampened our spirits even though some of the spring flowers have been show to peak their heads up through the late spring snows. However, the garage is getting a long overdue cleanup and new birdhouses are being placed around the property.

There are still some birdhouses for sale for those who are interested. Also decorated, lighted wine and liquor bottled are available with the sale proceeds of the birdhouses and bottles helping to fund items needed for the gardens. See Gayle Gullen or Dave Sharpe if you are interested in any of these items.

Vegetable plots will again be avail-

able for rent. \$20 for garden club members and \$25 for non-members for an 8 x 6 foot section. Forms are available from Gayle or David. Both Gayle and David are available on Monday mornings and often other days if you call. We are investigating possible rain barrel drip irrigation of the gardens this year and as always these gardens are organic, pesticide free.

Discussions are proceeding on the possibility of adding electrical service to the pergola area. Quotes were received with the cost around \$1300. A discretionary fund may be requested at the next board meeting specifically for this application if it can be determined where best to terminate the boxes near the pergola without destroying the integrity of the pergola itself.

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SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 28: At the Open House the Garden Club will be showing a slide show of the Dave Chihuly exhibit of spectacular glass that is at the Desert Botanical Gardens in Phoenix Arizona. This is quite a feast for the eyes and you won't want to miss it!

If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Gullen, 734-546-5190 [gaylegullen@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylegullen@hotmail.com) or David Sharpe 248-477-5709 [dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net](mailto:dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net).

Gayle Gullen  
Garden Club Chairperson

## WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERS

We're proud of our group as we put on another successful Finnish Breakfast on Mar. 8, baking on Mar. 6. We again baked the usual 56 loaves on March 25. When you are at the Center, you may ask if Pulla's available for purchase from the freezer.

On Apr. 17, we'll bake Pulla/Nisu for the Flea Market on the next 2 days. On April 22, we'll bake again on our usual 4th Wed., beginning at 9:45 a.m. Place an order to pick up at 2:00 p.m., or another time.

Wed., May 27, will probably be the last Pulla/Nisu Baking day for the season. We like to take a break for summer and resume in September. So, join us, men and women, as many hands make light work. Also, place your orders and come by to pick them up.

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