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# CALENDAR

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **Finnish American Singers**

Mondays 7 to 9 pm

### **Library**

Open Mondays 9 to 2 pm

### **NikkarinTalo**

Mondays 9 am

### **Finlandia Garden Club**

Mondays 9:00 am

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### **Gift Shop—Meeting**

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

## **APRIL**

- 23 Fish Fry 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 24 Finnish Language class  
 10:00 am  
 25 Open House 1:00 pm -  
 4:00 pm  
 FASM Concert 3:00 pm  
 28 Rental - Danish Bros. meet-  
 ing 6:30 pm  
 30 Scholarship Committee meet-  
 ing 11:00 am

## **MAY**

- 1 Finnish Language class  
 10:00 am  
 2 Scholarship reception  
 2:00 pm  
 8 Finnish Language class  
 10:00 am  
 9 Mother's Day dinner noon -  
 2:30 pm  
 10 Scholarship Committee meet-  
 ing 11:30 am  
 12 Rental - Danish Bros. meet-  
 ing 6:30 pm  
 13 Joint Board meeting 6:30 pm  
 14 FCA Pasty sale preparation  
 15 FCA Pasty sale

- Finnish Language class  
 10:00 am  
 16 Soup, Salad & Dessert  
 noon - 3:00 pm  
 19 Rental - 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon  
 11:00 am  
 21 Spaghetti dinner 5:00 pm -  
 8:00 pm  
 22 Finnish Language class  
 10:00 am  
 FAHS meeting 2:00 pm  
 23 KEVATJUHLA 3:00 pm -  
 5:00 pm  
 26 Pulla/Nisu bake 9:45 am  
 Rental - Danish Bros.  
 meeting 6:30 pm  
 29 CLOSED  
 30 Open House 1:00 pm -  
 4:00 pm  
 31 CLOSED - Memorial Day

## **JUNE**

- 4 BBQ dinner 5:00 pm -  
 7:00 pm  
 Novi Band concert  
 7:00 pm  
 9 Rental - Danish Bros.  
 meeting 6:30 pm  
 10 Board meeting 6:30 pm  
 13 Brunch noon - 1:30 pm  
 16 Rental - 101<sup>st</sup> luncheon  
 11:00 am  
 18 Juhannus dinner 7:00 pm  
 Juhannus bonfire 8:00  
 pm - 11:00 pm  
 19 Rental - Wedding 6:00 pm  
 23 Rental - Danish Bros.  
 meeting 6:30 pm  
 27 Open House 1:00 pm -  
 4:00 pm

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**ANONYMOUS: ALL DONATION LEVELS**

Thanks to over 20 donors!

Additional donors will be thanked in the next FCA News.

**THANKS to all for donating over \$6,000!**

**Shirley Brooks**

Shirley Brooks, our Membership Chairperson, passed away on March 14, 2010. She had been a member of the FCA since August of 1982.

In 2003 Shirley and Delores Moyle became co-chairpersons of the Membership Committee. Upon the death of Delores in 2006 Shirley continued to perform the membership duties by herself until her death this year.

Shirley had been battling cancer for a number of years but this past year it was sad to see her rapidly failing health. She was a dedicated member and worker. Her wry humor and pleasant personality is missed.

Norb Leppanen

**Shirley Brooks Memorial Service**

May 1, 2010, 1:00 pm

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church  
30650 Six Mile Road  
Livonia, MI 48152  
734-427-1414

Light refreshments will be served, at the church, following the service.

## GARDEN CLUB

April and May finds the Garden club members tooling about in the new blue garden cart which has proven to be a wonderful addition to the garden arsenal and approved by the Board in March. We now load up brush and other debris in tarps and load it onto the back of the cart and dispose of in the back, saving much wear and tear on our knees. Several of the raised beds in the Childrens' Garden are prepared and filled with compost and the fencing should be constructed soon. The base is down and level for the rain barrels and should be functional by the time the vegetable gardens are ready for occupancy in May. Construction will be starting soon on the greenhouse too, so it's been a busy few months.

Many questions have been raised about where the Garden Club gets their funds. Up until 3 years ago the Gardens received their funding from the Finnish Center, however, since then we have had to become creative. We have had some memorial funds although lately those have been minimal. Garden Club members pay dues, \$15 per year per person, \$25 per couple. We charge \$25 to rent a space in the vegetable gardens although most of this money goes for compost/soil for the vegetable garden itself. We ask for 'donations' for plants we divide and we trade with other gardens for some items. Some businesses have been extremely generous giving us items at discount or free. You will see those businesses listed as Friends of Finlandia Gardens on our website. We make these items in the woodshop or by hand that we sell at the flea market or even at other craft shows and in the gift shop. We ask for donations of money and items, and we ask for money for special items like the trees last year. However, our garden club members tend to have generous hearts giving not only much time, items from their home for the gardens or the flea market or open house raffles, and more often than not, directly purchasing much of what the gardens need including many of the plants and flowers that most of you enjoy. We do not have a separate bank account and all funds go through the Finnish Center. Typically David Sharpe or Gayle Gullen purchase items for the garden then turn in the receipts when sufficient funds are finally available in the Garden Club account to be reimbursed. We are not reimbursed for any food or beverage items that we purchase.

We have a limited number of vegetable gardens available this year. We meet every Monday morning at 9am, mid morning break at 10:30am, with other days as needed.

For more information about the Finlandia Garden Club or any of the above items call 734-546-5190 or e-mail me at [gaylegullen@hotmail.com](mailto:gaylegullen@hotmail.com)

Gayle Gullen, Garden Club Chairperson

## FINLAND TODAY

First, is the recession over in Finland? There are signs that the worst economic downturn in Finland in 90 years may be over. Last year, Finland's economy contracted by 7.8%. This was the largest drop since 1918.

The economic prediction for this year has been revised for the economy to grow by 1.6% over last year. Also, next year's growth is expected to rise by 2.1% over this year.

Leading the growth will be exports which are expected to increase by 5.5% this year.

A survey of Finnish banks showed that there is also an increase in demand for commercial and household loans.

The Valmet Automotive in Finland builds several products at its factory, including Porches, and, golf carts, \$52,000 golf carts. It is the most expensive luxury golf cart in production in the world. Oh, yes, the cart does have a built-in refrigerator, to keep your beer cold.

Nokia announced that it has signed agreements with the leading Chinese mobile device distributors. China PTAC and Telling Telecom Holdings each signed an over a billion dollar contract for Nokia mobile devices. Currently China accounts for about 16% of Nokia's total sales.

As of April 1st, a new cigarette law came into affect in Finland. Finland became the first European country to require that all cigarettes must be self extinguishing. Smoking is the most frequent cause of fatal fires in Finland.

Truck drivers at the Russian border at Vaalimaa, Finland, had unexpected delays the week before Easter. Russian officials had updated their computers, which caused the computers not to work properly. The result was a truck line-up which stretched for 42 km back to Kotka, Finland.

At the World Figure Skating Championships held in Turin, Italy, Mao Asada of Japan won the gold, Olympic gold medal winner, Kim Yu-na of South Korea won the silver. And for the first time ever, a Finn won a medal. Laura Lepisto won the bronze medal.

Osku Palermaa of Finland defeated Zulmazran Zulkifi of Malaysia for the Kuwait Open Bowling Championship. Palermaa, three time European champion, won \$25,000.

China's Vice- President, Xi Jinping, who is expected to become China's next President, had a three day trip to Finland recently. On his agenda were meetings with Finland's President and Prime Minister, the Finnish business community, and a trip to Rovaniemi to visit a reindeer farm, and, to meet SANTA CLAUS.

And finally, Hilma and her 40 year old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally it was agreed upon that they should meet at the Lake View restaurant because the waiters there had tight pants and nice buns.

10 years later at the age of 50, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed that they should meet at the Lake View restaurant because the food was good and they had an excellent wine list.

10 years later at the age of 60, the group again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed that they should meet at the Lake View restaurant because they could eat in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of Lake Superior.

10 years later at the age of 70, the group again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed that they should meet at the Lake View restaurant because the restaurant was wheel chair accessible and had an elevator.

20 years later at the age of 90, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed that they should meet at the Lake View restaurant because they had never been there before.

Markku Ketola

## HAPPINESS IS

To honor my mother,  
Eunice Gould.

Marja Norris

## FINN FACTS



Finland is the leading  
book-publishing country  
in the world per capita:

17.1 titles are published  
per year for every 10,000  
inhabitants.

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the newsletter.

## FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS

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Spring has arrived and we are truly enjoying the warmer weather.

The FASM Singers are getting ready for their annual Spring Concert. The Concert will be on Sunday, April 25th at 3 :00 PM at the Finnish Cultural Center. Tickets are \$10. 00. We will be singing a variety of English and Finnish songs. Several of the selections will be For The Beauty Of The Earth, Lauantai-Ilta and songs from American Folk Rhapsody. A Coffee Social with many tasty Sandwiches and Desserts will follow the Concert.

We are looking forward to singing at Finn Grand Fest 2010 at Sault Saint Marie, Ontario. are on July 28th - August 1st, 2010. There are are many interesting activities for all ages to participate in while there.

As a Fund Raiser, the FASM Singers will be selling Pasties during the Spring Flea Market.

We hope to see you at our Spring Concert. Why not bring a friend to join you.

Gerald Malstrom, Co-Publicity

**Soup**  
**Salad**  
**Dessert**

**May 16, 2010**  
**12 noon to 3:00pm**

**Cost \$8:00**

**Call for**  
**Reservations**

# 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:

In memory of FCA life member Irma Alan (12-18-09) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of Sandra "Sandy" Hulme Wiik (3-11-10) of Pontiac, a donation has been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Shirley Brooks (3-15-10) donations have been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of FCA life member Martha Hakala Pudas (3-23-10) donations have been made by Pearl & Ray Wanttaja.

In memory of FCA life member Martha Luhti Wiitanen (3-25-10) donations have been made by Kay Simo.

In memory of FCA life member Vieno (Ketola) Wirkkala (2-6-10) a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila.

In memory of FCA life member Bernard "Ben" Heikkinen (5-30-04) a donation has been made by his wife Lillian.

In memory of FCA life member Bertha "Bea" Maattala (2-3-10) a donation has been made by Milda & Ralph Mattila.

In memory of Darlene Robinson (3/15/2010) donations were made by Francis/Eleanor Martin.

In memory of John Turunen (1/30/2010) donations were made by The Ron Burns Family, Richard & Geraldine Remus, Hachig & Susan Gopigian, Gerald & Linnea Nopola, Ethel H. Turunen, and Ellen Clisch.

In memory of Vieno Wirkkala (2/6/2010) a donation was made by R. Zubar

## 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:** The new requirements for proof of citizenship to cross the border to Canada are:

1. PASSPORT - Must be a valid passport.
2. PASSPORTCARD or the new PASSPORT DRIVERS LICENSE.
3. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION accompanied by a valid passport and valid U.S.. Re-Entry Permit.

Seneca - Niagara Falls - 2 days, Wednesday-Thursday, April 28 & 29, \$135. Includes \$20 in slot play and a \$5 food voucher at Seneca. Day 2 will be a free day in Niagara Falls, with a later return time than on previous trips. There will be a Duty Free stop en-route. Don't forget proper I.D.

"Double Fun" - The Carl Hurley & Jeanne Robertson Show - 1 day, Monday, June 14, \$83. This comedy will be at the Center Stage Theatre in Kalamazoo and lunch will be at Rykse's Restaurant. Departs at 9:15 am and returns about 6:45 pm. Combo with Nardineers.

Point Edward-Sarnia and Westview Orchards in Romeo - 1 day, Tuesday, June 29, \$31. We will have a tour of the orchards. More info later.

"The Ring of Fire" - Turkeyville Dinner Theatre - 1 day, Thursday, August 12, \$70. This wonderful show features 38 of Johnny Cash's best hits. And don't forget the wonderful turkey buffet. Be at FCA 9:15 am for 9:30 departure. Return about 6:30 pm. Please note the change of date.

Please call if you have questions. Pearl Wanttaja, 248-541-0054

## HOW DO YOU SERVE YOUR PASTY?

When I started on the pasty-making crew at the FCA, I thought the pasty was a meal in itself. I was aware of only four legitimate ways to serve it up: plain, with butter or margarine, with ketchup, or with gravy. I have since heard of a few other adornments and am convinced that there are probably many more out there.

Tell me your unique or unusual ways to serve pasties. What are your side dishes, toppings, companion foods, and garnishes? Email me at [FCA-pasties@comcast.net](mailto:FCA-pasties@comcast.net) Please, all suggestions should be tried and true. I will compile the results and include them in the September issue of the FCA Newsletter.

**NEXT PASTY BAKE: SATURDAY, MAY 15. Pick up your warm and fresh pasties between noon and 4:00 p.m. Email your orders to [FCA-pasties@comcast.net](mailto:FCA-pasties@comcast.net) or call the FCA during normal business hours. Leave your name, phone number and email address.**

Volunteers needed on Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15. Please contact me or sign up in the FCA lobby. *Paul Rajala*

## FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have added the following books to our library:

**REMEMBRANCES OF TIMES PAST IN TOIVOLA AND MISERY BAY** by Gordon J. Mattila. We already have Mattila's family story in our library, but now, thanks to a generous donor, we have three more of his books, this and the following two, small books but interesting reading. They are all in 977.4, the Michigan history section.

**ISLE ROYALE TOWERS** by Gordon J. Mattila. The Mattila Construction Company worked on building fire towers in Isle Royale. This is Mattila's third published book.

**SAILING DAYS ON THE MAGNA** by Gordon J. Mattila. Among his many jobs, Mattila worked as a Great Lakes sailor.

**SUOMI CONFERENCE YEARBOOK 1990**. This will be of interest to any former member of the late Suomi Synod. Many former Suomi Synod members still remain active in an offshoot, the Suomi Conference. This and the following book can be found in 284.1 Su.

**SUOMI CONFERENCE YEARBOOK 1994**. This and the above are reference books and may not be checked out, but you are welcome to peruse them in the library.

**IRAN: HUNTU JA HAASTE (IRAN: THE VEIL AND THE CHALLENGE or INTERVIEW (?))** by Liisa Liimatainen. This was donated to us by the author, who has studied Iran since 1997 as a radio reporter and conducted countless interviews. She says it is possible to understand Iran. Perhaps those of you who still read Finnish will want to tackle this. You'll find it in 955 Li.

**FINNISH-NORTH AMERICAN LITERATURE IN ENGLISH**, edited by Beth L. Virtanen. How we have been waiting for this, which was advertised months ago in **THE FINNISH AMERICAN RE-**

**PORTER!** It is a compilation of the works of 20 Finnish-North American authors, writings dating from 1915 to 1962. It is in 810.8 Fi.

**SAULT STE. MARIE: NATURALLY GIFTED**. This large hardback, beautifully illustrated, was donated to us by the board of FinnGrandFest 2010, probably to inspire us to come and join them for the program this summer July 28-August 1. 977.4 Sa.

**WINTER ON THE FINNISH TAIGA** by Hannu Hautala. This book of magnificent color photographs pictures northern Finland in all its glory. 914.7 Ha.

**FINN HERITAGE: THE THIRD TWELVE ISSUES, BOOK THREE** by Reino Hannula. This is a compilation of articles from the periodical which the late Reino Hannula published for many years. You'll find dozens of most interesting articles here. It's great for browsing. 325 Ha.

**GRANNY ELOPED** by Elizabeth Bardziditis Lewis. In this small paperback, Lewis weaves a fascinating fictional account of an elderly woman who returns to visit her childhood home in Central Mine, Michigan. During the course of her trip she relates to her granddaughter the story of how she and her husband were forced to elope when her father strictly forbade her to marry the man she dearly loved, who, her father believed, was below her station in life. This makes an interesting evening's reading. F Le

One of our members had an interesting experience recently: when removing some old linoleum from his floor, underneath he discovered some old newspapers dating to 1941. Incredibly, they were in fairly good shape. He lent us one page, an illustration showing the land which Russia had taken over from Finland during the war. We had this item laminated and it is now on the bulletin board in the hallway. Have a look.

The book **ICE MOON** is still missing! Will the person who took it please return it!

Lillian Lehto, Librarian



## GIFT SHOP

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10 am - 4 pm Mondays, Wednesday, & Friday

10 am - 2 pm Saturdays

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## SPRINGFEST

Novi Community Concert Band  
will present their 25th Annual Concert at the  
Finnish Center at 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 4th,

A Buffet Dinner will be served from 5-8 p.m.  
Call the FCA at 248.478.6939 for dinner reservations.

Walk-ins are welcome.

Dinner and Concert is \$10. Concert, only, is \$5.

Hope to see you for this highly enjoyable program!

### Seeking Employment

Duties as a companion/caregiver. To  
include errands, light housekeeping,  
Non medical needs provided.  
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## SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Our St. Urho's Celebration was a great deal of fun. Some guests who had never celebrated this Finnish saint with us before left laughing! We appreciate Carl Aebersold's set-up of both St. Urho's and the Finn Hall event. Soittoniekat's music helped promote the fun. One of their own, Ron Karvonen, was chosen as St. Urho of 2010 and did a great job leading the parade in his honor.

Frank Gottberg again blew up the purple balloons, read "Ode to St. Urho", and provided villi, the source of St. Urho's strength. Jonene Hewlett, Dagmar & Jerry Malstrom, and Ilene Yanke decorated the Main Hall. Elina Simonen came on Mar. 27 to teach us an easier way to make Piirakka. using a pasta machine. We especially appreciate her knowledge of how to glaze them in a simple way. Learning and helping were Lillian Heikkinen, Char Lytikainen, Betty Taipalus, Lillian Niemi, Clarabeth Dixon, Dee Aebersold, Tarja Virtanen, Lorraine Hannah, Ilene Yanke, and Barbara. With a large crew like this, much was accomplished.

After the concert we seved coffee, 100 Piirakat with egg butter, and 9 or 10 loaves of Pulla. Later we served pasties and Scandinavian Beet and Cucumber salads, plus donated home-made desserts. Tarja Virtanen and Ilene started the day's effort, assisted later by Hannah Carlson, Char Lytikainen, and Norm McCue. These volunteers were among those vital to the day's success.

We will celebrate Juhannus at the FCA on Friday, June 18, with dinner, music, possibly games, and the kokko (bonfire). We asked Soittoniekat to again play for us. Mark it on your calendar and we'll tell you more next month.

Kiitos,  
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

## FINN HALL'S PERFORMANCE DELIGHTS AUDIENCE

The Main Hall was filled with enthusiastic listeners, singers, dancers, musicians, and music-appreciators who had come to hear the Minnesota-based group Finn Hall on Sunday, March 28. This group of musicians was chosen as Finlandia Foundation National's Performer of the Year for 2010. They certainly lived up to the expectation of preserving the feel and sounds of historic Finnish-American dance halls of the last century!

Session 1 of the program began with Finn Hall's concert, during which the musicians provided information about each of the pieces they played and sang. Their instruments included mandolin, fiddle, two accordions, nyckleharppa, and harmonica. A lively sing-along of requested tunes was accompanied by the Finnish American Singers of Michigan and Soittoniekat. The audience was riveted to Don Reinholm's solo accordion rendition of the Sibelius symphonic poem, "Finlandia." Finn Hall's Ralph Tuttila gave lessons in Finnish dances: the easy-to-

learn yenka, the Finnish tango, and the humppa, which were followed by open dancing. Soittoniekat's Joe Kylman and Steve Niemi joined the band for the dance instruction and open dancing. Delicious baked goods from Finnish Center volunteer bakers were offered as the audience visited over coffee. During Session 2, folks enjoyed a pasty dinner prepared by FCA volunteers, a jam session with Finn Hall musicians, and more dancing.

This program was sponsored by a consortium of five local Finnish heritage organizations: Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association (Finn Camp), Finnish American Historical Society, Finnish American Cultural Corporation, Finnish Center Association, and the Knights and Ladies of Kaleva.

Not only the audience had a great time during the program—the Finn Hall musicians did also! You may visit their website [www.finnhall.com](http://www.finnhall.com) to learn more about the group, and buy their two CD's in the Gift Shop.

Louise Hartung, for the Finn Hall Planning Committee

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