



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

August 2011

Have you
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lately?

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today.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Summer greetings to the members and friends of the FCA. This issue inaugurates a new appearance and format of the FCA Newsletter. Glenn Kujansuu has retired from his duties with the newsletter. Nancy Rajala has graciously agreed to accept the vacancy. Vice Chairman of the FCA Board Paul Rajala offered to do the editing. I am greatly indebted to both Nancy and Paul for stepping up to the challenge.

I would also like to thank Lois Makee for her years of service as editor of the newsletter. Glenn Kujansuu deserves a big "Thank You" for his long service to the FCA Newsletter. Not only did he spend hours assembling all the items that appeared, he selected photographs from his extensive portfolio of pictures that he had taken over the years as a professional photographer. His most recent contribution is the collage of photographs he assembled to illustrate the 45th anniversary of the FCA. If you have not viewed these photographs, please do so. You will undoubtedly see many of your dearest friends going way back to the beginning of the FCA. The displayed photographs are located on the wall of the hallway next to the gift shop.

Cortland R. Book



Finnish Center celebrates Juhannus around the May pole June 26, 2011

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CALENDAR

WEEKLY EVENTS

Finnish American Singers

Mondays 7 pm to 9 pm
(no rehearsal in August)

Library

Open Mondays 9 am to 2 pm

NikkarinTalo

Mondays 9 am

Finlandia Garden Club

Mondays 9 am

MONTHLY EVENTS

Gift Shop—Meeting

2nd Monday 1 pm

Card and Game Party

1st Wednesday 11 am-4 pm

Finnish Conversation

1st Friday of the month 10 am

Book Club

last Monday of month, 1 pm

JULY

31 Open House 1 pm – 4 pm

AUGUST

11 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
13 Private Rental – 6 pm
20 Private Rental - 6 pm
22-25 Poker Nights
27 Private Rental – 5 pm
28 Open House 1 pm – 4 pm

SEPTEMBER

2 Finnish Conversation Group 10 am
5 **Labor Day—Closed**
8 Board Meeting 6:30 pm
11 Brunch 12 noon—1:30 pm
11 FAHS Genealogy Workshop
2 pm—5 pm
12 FASM Rehearsal 6:30 pm
14 Danish Brotherhood 6:30 pm
16 Pasty Prep
17 Pasty Bake
21 101st Luncheon 11:00 am
24 Private Rental — 6: pm
25 Open House 1—4 pm
26 Book Club 6:30 pm
28 Danish Brotherhood 6:30 pm

NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Thank to the Board of Trustees for their confidence in asking me to create the FCA newsletters. All articles should be submitted by the 5th of the previous month to the FCA email address:

fcacenter@sbcglobal.net
attention Nancy Rajala. or
nrajala@comcast.net

Those of you who do not have access to email can drop off their articles to the FCA office. Thank you. Nancy Rajala

NOTICE

Conversation Group **does not** meet in July or August.

Changes have been initiated for September, October, November and December

Meetings will be held on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 am

MAY SENIOR LUNCHEON

Finally our warm weather has arrived. Not that long ago we were watching the news with snow.

The May luncheon was fun with the usual sing-along and the sharing of friendships. The table flowers brought a touch of summer and the raffle prizes were a hit for the winners: Clarabeth Dixon, Rigmor Cuolahan, Lois Makee and yours truly. Eunice Gould, Fritz Putkela and Shirley Belttari won the candy to satisfy that sweet tooth. More sweet treats of cookies were won by Charmaine Harma-Elias, Laura Hirvela, Milda Mattila and Dagmar Malstrom. Laura Hirvela took home the nisu, Nancy Sarnar the toast and Hannah Carlson won some coffee.

Thanks again to all those who attended the luncheon. We hope to see you again in September and have a safe summer.

Respectfully, Terry and Lila Ball.

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GARDEN CLUB



What a spring we had! Water, water everywhere and yet, a week or two later, some of our gardens were bone dry. Nesting killdeer kept us at bay for a number of weeks in the West Gardens. A Baltimore oriole was seen and red-winged blackbirds have dive bombed at least one gardener too close to a nest.

The vegetable gardens are growing rapidly and we have already harvested radishes and various kinds of lettuce.

Our water collection system is complete. We can store 1000 gallons of rainwater for our gardens. A new brick pad has been installed beneath the floating copper in front of the FCA building. The bricks were donated by Fendt Building Supply.

A generous donation of nursery supplies has been received from Betty Anglin and we continue to receive garden materials from FCA members and friends. New garden helpers from the apartments are keeping us moving forward in our garden maintenance.

A visit from the Dearborn Heights Garden Club provided an opportunity to clean up our gardens and woodshop. The tour of Finlandia Gardens and the Finnish Center was successful. Our guests were treated to refreshments at the completion of their tour.

A self-guided tour pamphlet of Finlandia Gardens is available outside the front door and in the foyer of the center. Come by and enjoy Finlandia Gardens, you won't be disappointed.

David Sharpe

Photo Descriptions:

Right top: Michigan Cactus in bloom

Right middle: Dearborn Heights Garden Club tours Finlandia Gardens

Right bottom: FCA Garden Club enjoys a picnic



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SUNSHINE LADY

I want to thank those who have given names of people needing "Thinking of You", "Get Well" and "Comfort" cards.

To date, nearly 300 cards have been sent, and we welcome any requests that you may have. Contact the FCA office know at (248) 478-6939 and the requests will be forwarded to me.

As a charter member I believe that members of the Finnish Center should re-think the meaning of SISU. We need to make a commitment for the future of our FCA.

Eunice Potti Gould



FINNISH PROVERB

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Heart Healthy Recipe Wins First Place

FCA member Jonene Eliasson entered her Italian Salad recipe at a contest sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. The contest was held at Neiman's Market in St. Clair Shores in June. Pictured is Jonene with Brian Neiman who sponsors the weekly cooking show "At The Market" that airs on local cable TV. Enjoy this easy to put together recipe this summer at your house.

Italian Salad

4 sweet peppers
(red, orange, yellow & green)
1/4 cup red onion, diced.
1/4 cup feta cheese, crumbled
2 T. light Italian dressing+
Remove stems & seeds from peppers and dice.
Mix peppers & onions in bowl. Toss with Italian dressing and sprinkle with feta cheese.
Serve chilled.

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: FCA, 35200 West Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48335.

Donations received by the 5th of each month will be published in the next month's newsletter.

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.**

Correction: March Memorial donation for Laina (Kehus) Lampi (3/20/11) was given by David and Sandy Scheel, Jackie Sheel, Paul Lampi and Kyle Lampi.

In memory of Laina Lampi (3/20/11) a donation was made by Rosemary Ross.

In memory of FCA life member Wilho (Bill) Lehtinen (5/28/11) donations were made by Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, the FCA, Elaine Loeschner and Neil Manley.

In memory of FCA life member Calvin Niemi (6/14/11) donations have been made by Connie Fosness, Nina Ranta, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Betty and Leonard Holmbo and the FCA.

The FCA has made donations in memory of Pirkko Koppelo (5/18/11) and Genevieve Pelto Snearly (5/13/11).

**Attention:
FCA Annual reports
and FCA Senior Housing
reports are available
in the FCA main office.**

FINNISH AMERICAN SINGERS



Summer is officially here now with plenty of warm weather.

The Finnish American Singers presented their annual Spring concert on Sunday, May 1st. It was a successful event and well received by those attending. Charlotte Lytikainen sang a solo part in the song "Send Down the Rain". Our director, Henry Naasko referred to Charlotte as our Peggy Lee. Special guest performers William E. Steele on trumpet and Joseph Willard on string bass accompanied the chorus on "Love is a Song" which added a special treat to the program. The concert was well attended and videotaped by Robert and Brandon Tubek. Of Timberland Productions.

Thanks to Margaret Laurila and Betty Taipalus for preparing and serving the delicious sandwiches and desserts.

SA contingent of singers were to be traveling to Aura, Michigan to sing at the Aura Jamboree on July 16th. The FCA Soittoneakat musicians were scheduled to perform in addition to accompanying the singers.

Many thanks to all who support the Finnish American Singers of Michigan.

Gerald Malstrom

GOING PLACES



Wisconsin Dells featuring “House on the Rock” - 4 days, September 13-16, 2011. \$599. Includes 7 meals. See flyer for details of all included attractions. Combo with Nardineers.

Point Edward—Sarnia—1 day, Tuesday, September 27, 2011. \$22. Includes \$15 in slot play. Be at FCA at 8:30 am for 8:45 departure. Return about 5:30 pm.

For border crossing; you will need proof of citizenship in one of the following forms:

1. Valid passport.
2. Passport card or new enhanced driver’s license.
3. Certificate of naturalization accompanied by a valid passport and valid U.S. re-entry permit.

Niagara Falls and Seneca Casino—2 days, October 15—16, 2011. \$135. Includes \$20 slot play and \$5 food voucher. This should be a beautiful color tour.

Branson—6 days, November 3-8, 2011, \$929. Includes 2 nights at Harrah’s Casino Hotel in St. Louis and 3 nights in Branson. Three breakfasts and 3 dinners included, and \$10 cash back at Harrah’s. Also included are 4 shows, a ride on the Showboat Branson Belle and several other interesting stops. See flyer for more details.

Let me know if there is a special trip you would like and I will try to see if it is available. It is getting harder to coordinate the trips we would like to have because most have 4 or more groups combined and the pick-up locations become complicated. I will try my best.

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30—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.

Pearl Wanttaja (248) 541-0054.



ANNUAL FALL FLEA MARKET

**October 7th and 8th.
10 am to 4 pm**

Featuring art, crafts, concession area, bake sale, old tyme candy, glassware and other slightly used items.
Something for everyone.



BAKERS NEEDED

Fund raiser for the FCA
October 7th & 8th, 2011
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bakers and sellers are needed.
Sign up in the FCA Lobby or
Call Luise Leppanen at
(248) 474-3907



FROM THE FCA LIBRARY



We have added the following books to our library:

KIRKOLLINEN KALENTERI. We have added to our collection volumes for years 1908, 1911, 1915, 1919, 1920, 1928, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1943, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1968. Among other things, these contain articles by various church members and pastors, a list of Suomi synod pastors for that year, and numerous obituaries. These are reference books only, but you are free to peruse them in our library. They are in 284.1 Su.

LAPIN RUOKA edited by Riitta Suomalainen. If you read Finnish, are interested in Lapland and want to know all about their food and its preparation, this book will interest you. Included are foods for special holidays and occasions, traditional foods of all kinds, and even a glossary of dialect words pertaining to food. We have shelved it in 641.509 La.

SHORTCUT: THE SEEBERVILLE MURDERS AND THE DARK SIDE OF THE AMERICAN DREAM by Steve Lehto. This is a sequel to **DEATH'S DOOR**. Before the tragedy at the Italian Hall in December 1913, the strike was already getting violent. Two striking miners, non-English-speaking Croatians, were shot and killed in Seeberville, near Painesdale, in broad daylight. The subsequent events, the investigation and trial, make one wonder whether we are really dealing with events in the Wild, Wild West. In this book the author also divulges the name of the person who shouted "Fire" causing the Christmas Eve disaster. A reviewer In Amazon gives this five of five stars, and writes that it "deserves the highest of compliments". The book is in 977.4 Le.

CHRYSLER'S TURBINE CAR, THE RISE AND FALL OF DETROIT'S COOLEST CREATION by Steve Lehto; Foreword by Jay Leno. In the early 1960's Chrysler brought out a car on which it had been working for about ten years -- a car with a jet engine. It would run on any flammable liquid -- diesel, heating oil, kerosene, tequila, even

Chanel No. 5! Just think -- if it had lived to be produced, we might have no gas price problems today! Chrysler lent the cars to over 200 people to try out free of charge for a period of three months each. Everyone was enthused by the car. Due to (then) recent federal regulations on tail pipe emissions and CAFE standards, the car was deemed too expensive to produce. All but about 6 of the cars were destroyed and the program was scrapped. Of the existing cars, some are in museums and some in private hands, one of them now belonging to Jay Leno. The author of this book interviewed most of the surviving original engineers who worked on the project, plus many of those who were chosen to "sample" the car. This book has received favorable reviews in various media, including the **WALL STREET JOURNAL** and the **NEW YORK TIMES**. It was also chosen a **MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOK** for the year 2010. You will find it in our library in 629.22 Le.

PILGRIMAGE TO AMERICA by Arvi Henry Saarissu. This is a fascinating collection of poems by an obviously gifted Finnish immigrant of the 20th century and a minister in the Finnish Lutheran Suomi Synod. Many of the poems are historical, including scenes from the Copper Country. Very interesting! Find it in 808.81 Sa.

SUKUTUTKIJAN TIETOKIRJA (A REFERENCE BOOK FOR GENEALOGISTS) by Sirkka Karskela. This would be a tremendous help for anyone who reads Finnish and is doing genealogy. In 929 Ka.

SUKUTUTKIMUKSEN KÄSIKIRJA (A HANDBOOK FOR STUDYING GENEALOGY) by Rauno Luttinen and Marjo Hypponen. Ditto for above. Also in 929 Lu.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

P.S. My faithful library assistant, Ruth Kaarlela, is retiring due to health concerns. She is being replaced by another Ruth, Ruth Ojala. Stop in to welcome her to our group of volunteers.

FCA GIFT SHOP



Christmas in August

One-of-a-kind items.

New discounts on select items.

Come in to see the selections.

****We now have Thimbleberry Jam****

Hours of Operation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
and during FCA functions

FCA BAKERS

In May, Charlotte Lytikainen, Betty Taipalus, Hannah Carlson and I began the baking for the May Finnish breakfast. It looked like an insurmountable task until Margaret Laurila and Christine Jurgensen began phoning to find helpers. Seija Usitalo and Ruth Ojala answered the call, and we were able to make the pulla and piirakka.

Two helpers are needed early at the next pulla and piirakka baking date on Wednesday, September 28th at 9:30 am. Later in the day both men and women volunteers are invited to help shape the loaves or piirakkat, bake them, package them and clean up.

Volunteers are sorely needed if we are to continue. See you there and better yet, let me know you are coming.

Ilene Maki Yanke (248) 887-3358

SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Juhannus was a special day with the weather being just right! Many thanks to David Sharpe for getting the ribbons onto the Maypole, and Frank Gottberg for getting the permit and building the kokko, (fire). We thank Carl Aebersold for his set-up and clean-up work. Soittoniekat members Louise Hartung, Roger Hewlett, and Karin Arneson played mealtime and sing-along music.

Pearl Wanttaja, assisted by Jerry and Dagmar Malstrom, made the sloppy joes, and I made the coleslaw and purchased all of the buns. Hilka Ketola made the wonderful strawberry shortcake! Lois Makee got the hot dogs. Lois also worked with Glenn Kujansuu to put together the six composite posters of the FCA's 45-year history. Well done, Glenn and Lois!

Tarja Virtanen is chairing the entire 45th anniversary celebration. She worked along side Katja Jabonski and Hanna Hall in the kitchen and helped them serve the food. Paljon kiitoksia!

Tarja is also planning a concert to be held in the fall as part of the continuing anniversary celebration.

And most of all, thanks to the many of you who came to enjoy the day.

Kiitos,

Ilene Maki Yanke, Social Committee Chairperson



Finnish American Cultural in the News

A new corporation known as the Finnish American Cultural Corporation was formed in Michigan two years ago and is a non-profit corporation. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation was organized are to organize for charitable causes and to educate about, support, preserve, cultivate and perpetuate Finnish and Finnish American culture and heritage. After the proper papers were prepared and filed, the corporation developed a set of by-laws for the group which govern the future direction in making plans and setting goals.

The Finnish American Cultural Corporation has received its designation as a non-profit public charity, a 501 c3 entity by Internal Revenue Service. This designation will allow Finnish American Cultural Corp. to receive federal, state, and corporate grants. The contributions that are made from members and from the general public are now federal tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Finnish American Cultural group will offer support for education, educational scholarships and heritage interest programs of Nordic countries. Persons interested in learning more about their heritage and their culture, are welcome to join. Membership application forms are available by email: frrankk@att.net, or by calling (248) 549-4056.

Membership in the FACC is available at \$25.00 per member per year. Gifts presented to the corporation are federal tax deductible.



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PERFORMER OF THE YEAR 2012

Finlandia Foundation National welcomes nominations for the 2012 Performer of the Year. The deadline for nominations and submission of all materials is **September 30, 2011.**

The POY 2012 term is a full calendar year starting on January 1, 2012. The POY Guideline Summary and instructions for the applications are listed on the FFN web site **www.finlandiafoundation.org**

The POY Travel Grant is \$5,000 and is awarded by FFN to cover the POY's travel expenses as stated in the POY Guidelines Summary for performances within the United States. For any further information, contact Satu Mikkola, POY Coordinator, at **satum@aol.com**

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