



FCA News

FOR MEMBERS OF THE FINNISH CENTER ASSOCIATION

August, 2006

Special points of interest:

**Kantele Workshop
October 7, 2006.**

Learn to play a five or ten string Kantele.

Three great instructors:

*Linda Horton
Harvey Horton
Laura Malkamaki*

The instructors are members of the "Kantele Players of Lake Erie" Ohio. They teach beginning and intermediate five and ten string Kantele, plucking, chording and block style. Their teachers have been Timo Vaananen Cathy Cushing, Merja Soria and Joyce Hakala. They have a CD and will be performing a concert on Sunday, October.

To purchase the Kantele call the FCA by September 15th.

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Finnish Culture, That's what we're all about, after all. If you check your Finlandia Foundation National Summer 2006 newsletter, you will notice us on page 15. To quote, "To stimulate interest in Finnishness among younger members, (FCA) have planned a kantele workshop and concert. The grant will assist members to bring their children (8-18) free of charge to these events". Be sure that I will bring my soon to be 9-year-old to this great opportunity. How about you?

Speaking of culture, I hope you had a chance to take in some of the MultiCultural Jamboree in June. Music filled the hall as we were entertained by Greeks, Slovenes, Hungarians, Japanese, Chinese, African-American, Finnish, and several others. Everyone who came remarked about how wonderful each group was. Don't forget we're doing it again next year--put it on your calendar for the first weekend in June, and invite your friends! Of course, the Novi Concert Band was wonderful. Did you notice the beautiful suite of Finnish folk tunes? I was singing along in the back (sorry to those around me, I can't help it). Then on Sunday Pastor Liimata gave a great sermon on wisdom. After that we all sat down to a wonderful pancake brunch, put together by the Puuri family. All in all, it was a wonderful weekend.

Did you get a chance to see Kaiku July 8th? A small crowd was entertained by this gifted group, the Finlandia Foundation's Performer of the Year. We are hoping to get them back. I hope you can make it then!

We are also planning another Cultural Day this fall. The first was such a great event. Please mark your calendars to attend the next one.

We are sorry to see Consul Waissi leave for other opportunities. He has been a storehouse of information, letting us know what's going on in Finland. We will also miss Hannele, his beautiful wife. It was primarily through her efforts that we were able to celebrate Vappun Paiva with the Ann Arbor Finns, to great success.

I have been meeting Finns all over the place, and whenever I do, I ask them if they are members or know about us. If not, I invite them to come out to a buffet or brunch, so they can get to know us and join. Can you do the same? It's easy. We have so much to offer, and would love to see this place filled to capacity for our events.

Finally, set October 1st aside as the Finnish Center celebrates 40 years! Great food and entertainment is planned, and as a special feature, Soittoniekat will be holding a jam session, as the group formed 10 years ago as the result of a jam session at the 30th Anniversary! Hard to believe we've been doing this for 10 years!

Don't forget our summer open houses, Sundays from 1-4. Come and meet the people who are making things happen around here!

Nakemin! Kristen

CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 3 Thu Children's Finn Camp 10am-3pm
 6 Sun Open House: Education, Book Club 1-4pm
 9 Wed Camera Club 2 pm
 13 Sun Open House: Soittoniekat 1-4 pm
 14 20 Sun Open House: Garden Club, Nikkarintalo, Computers, Camera Club 1-4pm

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Fri Scrapbooking Class 6pm
 Buffet 5-8 with Dancing
 Reserve by Wed \$12.75, at door \$14
 10 Sun Brunch 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
 General Membership Meeting 2pm
 11 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 17 Sun Cultural Day 2:00 pm
 18 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 20 Wed Senior Luncheon 11:30 pm
 Reservations 248-437-0350
 22 Fri Buffet 5-8 pm
 Reserve by Wed \$12.75, at door \$14
 23 Sat Flea Market 9am-3pm
 24 Sun Stamp Club 2-4pm
 25 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 28 Thu Women's Club 10am

OCTOBER

- 1 Sun Jam Session 12-2pm
 FCA 40th Anniversary
 Celebration 2:00 pm
 2 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 7 Sat Kantele Workshop
 8 Sun Brunch
 Lake Erie Kantele Players
 Concert 2pm
 9 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 13 Fri Buffet 5-8 with Dancing
 Reserve by Wed \$12.75, at door \$14
 15 Sun Finnish American Historical

- 16 Mon Society 2pm
 Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 18 Wed Senior Luncheon
 Reservations 248-437-0350
 22 Sun Scholarship Reception 2pm
 23 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm
 26 Thu Women's Club
 27 Fri Buffet 5-8 pm
 Reserve by Wed \$12.75, at door \$14
 28 Sat Vegas Night
 30 Mon Finnish American Singers 7-9pm

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FCA

Norbert Leppanen, Kristen Kreiner, David Sharpe, and Maria Hill attended our last meeting to swell our committee to nine members.

Armitage will serve a sit-down dinner at 2:00 p.m. Cantate, an excellent acapella singing group of about 16 members directed by our member, Gene Branstrom, will entertain.

Markku Ketola is seeking a speaker for the day, as well as congratulatory letters from dignitaries. We are pleased that Norbert Leppanen has agreed to edit a booklet about our history. Glen Kujansuu will do the photographs for the booklet, to be financed by donations from our membership.

Since the Soittoniekat began 10 yrs. ago at the time of the 30th anniversary, they may present a commemorative jam session from noon to 1 p.m. that day, and go on to play during the Social Hour from 1-2 p.m.

We expect to show photos from our beginning until the present time on a screen, illustrating our rich history.

Most importantly, plan to attend this celebration of our 40 years.

Ilene Maki Yanke, Anniversary Chairman
Markku Ketola, Co-Chairman

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 Norbert Leppanen, Pearl Wanttaja
 David Sharpe

2 Year

Gene Belttari, Kristen Kreiner
 Lari Korpela

3 Year

Frank Gottberg, Neil Lehto
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SOCIALLY SPEAKING

Our FCA Mother's Day Brunch was very special. Armitage's menu was exceptionally good and set up in stations for guests to serve themselves. Our appreciation to Ray Benson and Carl Aebersold who set up the Main Hall; Jonene Hewlett who helped me decorate; Kristen Kreiner, Roger Hewlett, and Ron Karvonen of the Soittoniekat who played for us; and Sarah Potti who performed classical music on the piano.

Social and Women's Club helped host the July 9th Open house. Desserts were baked by Hannah Carlson, Dagnie Carlson, and Ilene Yanke.

October 1st, the 40th Anniversary of the FCA will be our first Fall event. Please refer to the featured article on this celebration.

Kiitos,
Ilene Maki Yanke, Social

WOMEN'S CLUB

The regular pulla/nisu making day will be on Thursday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. We are hearing much about how our product is enjoyed. If you want some pulla/nisu, stop by at 1:15 p.m. You may call for some to be marked with your name and frozen until you can pick it up. It is \$3 loaf. It does go fast!

Ilene Maki Yanke

40TH ANNIVERSERY BOOKLETS

Donations are being accepted at this time. Mail your donation in any amount to the FCA.

CULTURAL

We were fortunate to have *Kaiku* perform a concert here on July 8th. It was a last minute opportunity for us, because of a mix-up elsewhere. They were GREAT and we hope to have them back this winter, for those of you that were unable to make it. Their CD's are now available in the Gift Shop for \$18.00.

CULTURAL DAY

Sunday, September 16th is Cultural Day. This is a good time to learn more about your Finnish heritage. Displays of Finnish artifacts, demonstrations and some Finnish foods, Bring the children, teens, grandparents, friends and neighbors. Come and enjoy the Voyleipäpöytä (smorgasbord). Be sure to wear your costume.

On October 7th we will have a kantele workshop. This is a great opportunity to learn to play the instrument of Finland. Registration cost is \$50, which includes the instruction, and lunch. The 5 and 10 string kanteles will be available to purchase in the gift shop. Please see en-

closed flyer for detailed information. Our teachers, the Lake Erie Kantele Players will perform a concert on Sunday at 2pm.

WEAVERS

Meet on the second Saturday of the month from 9 am to noon. We have an antique Barn Loom warped to weave Rag Rugs. Also have a table loom warped and ready to weave Karelian Red Pick placemats or table runners. You may weave on either, please make arrangements with the Weavers. Don't know how? NO problem, we can show you.

The STAMP CLUB meets the last Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 pm. You are welcome to come and learn about stamps with us.

Ruth Mannisto

FINLAND TODAY

First, according to a study by Italy's Environmental Research Institute, Helsinki is the most environmentally friendly city in Europe. In second place was Berlin, and in third was Barcelona. At the bottom of the list were Naples and Milan. According to the study, Helsinki has 2 km of bicycle paths for every inhabitant, excellent water treatment plants, lots of parks, and an acceptable level of smog.

A team of researchers at Finland's Turku University suggest that women who raise a family later in life tend to live longer. The study suggest that, atleast in certain populations, having babies later in life may be a sign of physical robustness. The results were unexpected, because it has long been thought that women who have children later in life are less equipped to survive the traumas of children and raising a young family. However, the results fit earlier studies that showed the later a woman goes through the menopause, the longer she is likely to live. The results were published in the British "Royal Society Proceedings".

At the annual Mobile Entertainment Awards, or the "Meffys", held in London, the Nokia N70 multimedia computer was awarded the "Best Mobile Entertainment Handset" award. With the Nokia N70, the user can take high quality photos with its 2 megapixel camera, listen to music on the intergrated digital music player, and stream video over the 3G system.

As you know, this year's Eurovision Song Contest, which the Finnish group Lordi won, was held in Athens, Greece. Next year's contest should be interesting also, because it will be held at the Helsinki Areena. The Areena seats 15,000 spectators. It is expected that about 100 million people in 40 countries will be watching. For more information about this year's contest, next year's contest, and even more about this year's winner, Lordi, go to: www.yle.fi/uutiset/viisuvoitto
Scroll down to Eurovision Song Contest, and click.

By the way, the song that Lordi won this year's Eurovision with, is number one on the British "rocksingle" list.

TV isn't free in Finland. To watch TV, any TV, it costs

you 17.95 euros per month, or about 200 euros per year. But, beginning next year, the price will increased to 208.15 euros, which is about \$264.

Now here is something interesting to people who like to read about the Finnish epic, the Kalevala. A graphic art book, 148 pages, of the Kalevala, in English, has been released in Canada by the Aspasia Books. The graphics are by Kristian Huitula, and the text is the Eino Friberg translation of the Kalevala. Check out the website at : www.aspasiabooks.com

Just in case you didn't know yet, the Finnish goal tender, Miikka Kiprusoff, who plays for the Calgary Flames, won two post season awards. One is the Vezina Trophy, for the best goal tender in the NHL, and also the Jennings Trophy, for the least goals allowed per game (2.03). Teemu Selanne of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks won the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy for the most determined, hard work in playing the game of hockey. You could say that it's the "Sisu" Trophy.

For the 6th time the "Wife Carrying World Championship " went to the Estonian, Margo Uusorg and his "wife" Sandra Kullas. In second place was Margo's brother Magis Uusorg and his partner Inge Klauson. In third place were the Finns Taisto Miettinen and his "wife" Eija Stenberg. The championship was held for the 11th time in Sonkajarvi.

Give a cheer for the Finns! They sure were very "cheerful" in Oslo, Norway. At the European Cheer Championships held in Oslo, the Finns loaded up with the medals. As I counted them, they received a total of 14 medals, 5 of them gold. Check-out the results on: www.ecc2006oslo.com

And finally, it was one of those quiet late afternoons. Toivo and Heikki were sitting on a park bench watching the boats on the Portage Canal, when finally Toivo says to Heikki: Hilma did one of those crazy things last night. We were sitting in the living room watching one of those medical shows on the TV. I said to Hilma, "I never want to live in a vegetative state, dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug." "Know what she did next?" "She got up, unplugged the TV, and then threw out my beer."

Markku Ketola
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Book Club

This fall the Book Club will review the novel, *Juha*, by Juhani Aho. When first published in 1911, it helped Aho earn international recognition. Although *Juha* takes place on the edge of Karelia, he intended it to portray the universal quest for happiness in the modern world. *Juha* has inspired two operas and four film versions. Aho was a journalist, translator, and writer of novels and short stories, some of which reveal him as a humorist. He was a contemporary of Sibelius and in fact a rival for the hand of Aino Jamefelt, the future wife of Sibelius. You're invited to join our

discussions of the Finnish classic, *Juha*, with the Book Club and to learn more about the life and times of Juhani Aho as well as his impact on the musical, literary and cinematic heritage of Finland. The Book Club will resume its monthly meetings September 15 at 7 PM with further scheduling to be decided upon by the members. Copies of *Juha* will be available in the gift shop.

Submitted by Donald Autio

Craft Show

We need a chairperson for the Craft Show at FCA on Saturday, November 18, 2006.

Please call Lois at 248-478-6939 as someone is needed to assign the tables.

Gift Shop News

We have CD's available of *Kaiku* at \$18 each. They cross cultures and generations and embody the fun and beauty of being Finn.

We will soon be ordering for the holidays so that we are well stocked by Fall for Christmas shopping.

If you have any ideas for the gift shop, please let us know!

Livonia Spree

When the Armitage caterers represented us at Taste of Livonia in May, they were invited to participate in the Livonia Spree.

They again represented the FCA in June and received the Peoples Choice Award for second place! Congratulations to the FCA workers that made the small pasties and to Armitage for presenting them at the Spree.

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The Housing Corporation will not make investments and capital expenditures to benefit for-profit participants. Of course, the Housing Corporation must continue being cognizant of making expenditures which relate to the purpose of the Corporation.

The Housing Corporation has provided that "something more" for the members. The organizations are not merely providing a social/ethnic club. It demonstrates to the city and the surrounding communities that there is a greater purpose for the organization's existence. This is readily acknowledged in the city hall.

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, FinnWeavers, Garden Club and Soittoniekat Folk Musicians.

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. Please do not send cash through the mail.

You may also direct your donation toward the Elders' Housing but then you 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 July 10 donations to the Memorial Fund are as follows:

In memory of **Mary Johnson** (8-18-05) of Greenland, donations have been made by her daughter Barbara Kempainen and the FCA. Mary was also the mother of member Ernest Johnson.

In memory of FCA life member **Robert "Bob" Johnson** (5-25-06) donations have been made by Pearl and Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Niilo Waisanen** (5-27-06) donations have been made by his wife Hilja and family, Helen Lampi, Jeff and Arlene Bidigare, Perkioniemi Family, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Charlotte Lytikainen and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Edna Kuopus Palo** (5-30-06) donations have been made by Dorothy Bays, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Pauline Pullin** (6-3-06) donations have been made by Randy Wanttaja, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Ruth and Ralph Mannisto and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Joseph "Joe" Pullin** (6-10-06) donations have been made by Randy Wanttaja, Pearl and Ray Wanttaja, Ruth and Ralph Mannisto and the FCA.

In memory of FCA life member **Francis Keskinen** (6-24-06) donations have been made by Gladys Saari, Elmer Hanninen, Arne and Mary Ann Hanninen, Barbara Kempainen and the FCA. Francis was the brother of member Evelyn Hanninen and father of member Curtis Keskinen.

In memory of FCA life member **Martha Kauranen Tuorin** (6-25-06) donations have been made by Toivo Strang, Victor Williams and the FCA. Martha was the sister of member Dorothy Olsen.

In memory of FCA life member **Francis Dahl** (12-29-05) donations have been made by Jake and Doris

Hayrynen and Gladys Saari.

In memory of FCA life member **James H. Hill** (3-20-06) donations have been made by Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi, David and Susan Rockwell and Trudy Koski.

In memory of **James Mayry** (12-19-05) of Dearborn, a donation has been made by Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi.

In memory of FCA member **Harley Gould** (3-9-06) donations have been made by Fred and Dee Aebersold, Laina lampi, Sandy, Dave and Jackie Scheel and Marianne, Paul and Kyle Lampi.

In memory of FCA life member **Hubert Niemisto** (3-11-06) donations have been made by Will and Dolores Rajala, Fred and Dee Aebersold, Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member **Erma Jolmsen Manley** (3-15-06) donations have been made by Eric and Maggie Siira and Helvi Wertheimer.

In memory of FCA life member **Clarence Peterson** (4-2-06) donations have been made by Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi and Will and Dolores Rajala.

In memory of FCA life member **Douglas "Doug" O'Brien** (4-12-06) donations have been made by Bob and Marge Salo, Randy Wanttaja, John Saetta, Helen Lampi, Rafael and Elvi Saviniemi and Signe Hogg.

In memory of FCA life member **Marie Leskila Kauppila** (1-19-06) a donation has been made by her husband Walter.

In memory of FCA life member **Walfred "Wally" Saari** (6-4-93) a donation has been made by his wife Gladys.

In memory of FCA life member **Lillie Pantsari Isotalo** (2-18-06) donations have been made by Fred and Dee Aebersold and Laina Lampi.

In memory of FCA life member **Carol Wantin** (2-19-06) a donation has been made by Laina Lampi.

Memorial Fund (cont'd)

In memory of **Lorna Jurva** (5-7-06) of Farmington Hills, donations have been made by Peggy Puuri, Irene Honkala and Jake and Doris Hayrynen. Lorna was the twin sister of member Annabelle Kyl-lonen and the sister of member Roy Jurva.

In memory of FCA member **Nicholas "Nick" Kangas** (4-11-06) a donation has been made by Will and Dolores Rajala.

The FCA has made a donation in memory of life member **Matthew "Matt" Oblak Sr.** (6-14-06).

Going Places

TRIP NOTES

Please be sure to get your deposits in! We need 30 to 36 deposits 30 days prior to the trip, or we lose the bus

If you leave your car at the Finnish Center 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 I/D., 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 I.D. card with photo.

GOING PLACES

Purple Rose Theatre

Featuring "Honus & Me" – 1 day, Wednesday, August 9, \$75. This play is about a little league player who finds the most valuable baseball card in the world while cleaning an elderly neighbor's attic. This charming tale is must-see summer fun for audiences of all ages.

Lunch is included at the Common Grill. Be at FCA 10:30am for 10:45 am departure. Return about 6pm. CALL ASAP.

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Missed Memorial Fund names from July

The Editorial Staff is sincerely sorry that the following were inadvertently omitted from the June newsletter. Please accept our apologies.

In memory of FCA life member **Douglas O'Brien** (4-12-06) donations have been made by Betty and Leonard Holmbo, Harold and Connie Fosness, Blanche Maki, Norb and Luise Leppanen, Emil Makila, Tappy and Mary Kuivinen, Walt and Betty Wilson, Tem and Virginia Ahonen, Ellen Clisch, Margaret Sopsich, Herb Piilo, Norma and Reuben Bjorn, Dorothy Bays and Millie Harju.

In memory of FCA life member **Quentin Eathorne** (1-3-06) donations have been made by Herb Piilo and Millie Harju.

In memory of FCA life member **Mary Huebner Korpela** (11-2-05) a donation has been made by George Koskimaki.

In memory of FCA life member **Ina Jal-kanen Huurto** (12-23-05) a donation has been made by Sylvia Saarinen.

In memory of **James Mayry** (12-19-05) of Dearborn, donations have been made by Lil Heikkinen and Claudia and John Keski. Jim was the brother of members Nancy Nurmi, Millie Aho and Willard Mayry.

In memory of **William Lindstrom** (10-8-05) of Marquette, brother of member Carl Lindstrom, a donation has been made by Allen and Linda Tuomaala.

In memory of FCA life member **Mayme Koponen** (11-22-05) a donation has been made by Sylvia Saarinen.

The FCA has made donations in memory of life member **Felix Ahola** (4-2-06) and member **Nicholas "Nick" Kangas** (4-11-06).

Pearl Wanttaja, Chair

FROM THE FCA LIBRARY

We have observed that several of you have designated the library as the recipient of a memorial gift. We thank you very much!

We will be adding quite a few new acquisitions to our collection in September. Among them will be findings while shopping at the Academic Bookstore in Helsinki, and the North Wind Bookstore in Hancock. We are endeavoring to acquire books about Finland and American Finns written in English, including topics such as biographies, translations of Finnish novels, books about Finnish culture and books presenting Finnish cities. We will also add children's books in Finnish either for children or for grownups studying Finnish to use as beginning readers.

Suggestions for topics you would like to have covered are always welcome. If you would like some input, leave your suggestions in the library mail box, or send a note to or call the librarian (address and phone number are in the FCA directory.)

In the September newsletter we will print a list of the new books we have acquired during the summer.

In doing our inventory we have discovered that many of our books are missing. As is standard library procedure, we charge borrowers for lost books. Our charge is \$10 per lost book, or the price of the book if it is known. The latter applies to our

recent acquisitions. For those of you who have done so, thank you for responding to the "Overdue Books" notice in the June/July newsletter.

According to our newsletter, the Finnish Center will be open on Sundays during July and August. The library will be open during those times also. If no one is in attendance, you may still check out or return a book on your own following the instructions posted on the wall above the card catalog. Be sure to sign the card in the pocket at the back of the book and leave the card in the box designated for that purpose. When returning a book, leave it in the box marked "Return books here." **DO NOT RETURN THE BOOK TO THE SHELF.** You need not return the card to the book pocket. I would also like to remind you that books must not be taken from the "Return" box. They must first be processed by the library staff.

Have a nice summer, and keep a book on hand to curl up with on rainy days.

Lillian Lehto, Librarian

SCRAPBOOKING

Call the FCA office if you are interested in learning how to do scrapbooking. We will start on Friday September 8th at 6pm.

Poem

Thunderstorm in August

Cool breezes on the heavy air,
The sudden darkening of sky,
Rolling clouds of white and gray,
Make night o'er take the day.

Lightning separates the sky,
Rain pours out in glassy cool,
All is fresh and green again,
With plants bedecked in heavenly jewel.

Sunlight breaks the western sky,
Distant grumbles end at last,
The earth is peaceful once again
A thunderstorm has passed.

by David Sharpe

CHANGES

The \$100 Boards are now on the wall leading to our Hall.

Many locks have been changed.

Copy codes are being changed.

Members and activity photos on the Lounge wall are changed frequently.

Greetings from the FCA Senior Housing

Recently a trustee of the Finnish Center Association asked me why any FCA member should be concerned about the Housing Corporation. In other words the statement reflected the tone of what's in it for me?" I didn't get a chance to answer the question, since I had a meeting scheduled with Piper Realty Company personnel and they just entered the room at that time. I thought it was best to postpone the discussion for an other time and not delay our meeting.

Since the early days of the FCA, elder housing was part of the discussion of needs and desire. In fact the early pioneers of the FCA. discussed the issue of which they should try to do first - a community center or a housing project. Providing housing for the elderly was always an item in the by-laws and in the organizational documents.

The Elders Housing Committee was one of the committees identified in the original by-laws of the FCA. As described in my booklet regarding the Housing Corporation, we fulfilled this major objective.

The Housing Corporation through its three projects has and continues to provide affordable housing for FCA members. Many of the residents who were FCA members at the time they made application for a housing unit, usually found that they were on the fast track on the project waiting lists. Some of our member - residents were provided apartments requiring lower than market rents.

FCA members, who are also members of the FCA Senior Citizens Housing Corporation, should feel proud that they are

members of an organization that has fulfilled a major objective and one that continues to serve the needs of some of its members and the general public.

The Housing Corporation has been successful in acquiring all of the investment units of the for-profit limited partners in the Tapiola Village partnership, and has offered the FCA a limited partnership participation in project. This enables the limited partnership to maintain continuity as the owner/mortgagor entity. The non-profit entities will now be the full beneficiaries of the operations of Tapiola Village. The Housing Corporation can now effectively invest its capital into the project (and ancillary investments) without concern of enhancing the profitability of individuals.

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FCA Garden News

Have you visited our gardens lately? We have added a large number of perennials as well as hostas, roses, and other enhancements. Sit in the gardens and listen to the sounds of nature.

On Monday or Tuesday mornings or at other times appropriate to your schedule you are in-

vited to assist in the development and maintenance of our Finlandia Gardens. Currently we have twenty designated garden areas and we would like you to consider becoming a garden partner with all the accompanying benefits.

We offer cold beverages in the

garden shed, friendly, knowledgeable assistance and an opportunity for you to add your creativity to our beautiful gardens.

David Sharpe

ROSTER CHANGES

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Senior Luncheon

In September, Lari Korpela will show a video.

In October, Roger Hewlett will play the accordion.

CHAIRS FOR SALE

As we have new chairs in our newly decorated Hall, we are offering our old BLUE chairs to you for use in your home or patio.

Folding chairs at \$5 each

Blue stacking chairs at \$10 each

KITCHEN SANITATION CLASSES

The Health Department has issued instructions on how we prepare foods in our kitchen. In order to be in compliance, our caterers conduct ONE-HOUR classes on "Food Safety". Anyone that uses our kitchen MUST take this course. The list of GRADUATES is posted in the kitchen. To enroll, call the FCA and let us know your availability so we can set another class time.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Classes are forming for September. Please call the FCA before August 20th if you are interested.

VETERAN'S HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

As most of you know, our Finnish Center Association is in partnership with the Library of Congress to promote, expand and secure the personal histories of our veterans. In the process, American Military History is detailed from the personal stories of individual veterans.

I haven't reported to you, our members, in what seems like quite awhile. Meanwhile, my work goes on. I specialize in World War II Veterans. While eighteen million served from the U.S. alone, as an age cohort, they are the most at risk.

In the last few months, I have video taped the personal World War II story of a combat engineer serving under Patton (who got yelled at by Patton); A submariner aboard the boat U.S.S. Haddo – the Haddo was responsible for sinking six Japanese warships and about as many transports. They were attacked and depth charged several times; A naval aviator who flew a reconnaissance float plane from a launch on board the battleship U.S.S.

Maryland. He was involved in the battle for Leyte Gulf in the Philippines and several other south Pacific conflicts; A 40mm gunner on board PT127, also in the Pacific. He saw much action on the night raids aboard the fast P.T. boats. This is a sample of some of my more current interviews.

To quote a piece from a VHP interview brochure – “This project, created by Congress, is building a lasting legacy of recorded interviews, memoirs, and other documents to date, since the project was approved unanimously by Congress in 2000, about 40,000 veteran's stories have been collected.

If you would like additional information, please call me at 248-375-7429.

Gary Darke

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Philadelphia and Atlantic City

Four (4) days, beginning Wednesday, August 16, \$599. Includes three (3) hour guided tour of Philadelphia, the new National Constitution Center, Lights of Liberty show and QVC Studio Tour. This is a guided walking tour of this state-of-the-art broadcasting facility. We may get to see an actual show being broadcast. Trip also includes an afternoon at Atlantic City and two (2) dinners, one at the renowned City Tavern. Please see flyer for more in-depth information. Deposit \$20 now to hold your space. Balance due July 14.

Point Edward Casino, Sarnia

1 day, Thursday, September 14, \$17. Includes a \$10 incentive package. Be at FCA by 9:45 am for 10 am departure. Return about 6 pm. Don't forget proper I.D.

Stratford, Canada

One (1) day, Tuesday, September 26, \$103 includes ticket to “South Pacific” at the Avon Theatre and lunch at The Queen's Inn. Don't forget proper ID. Be at the FCA by 7 am for 7:15 am departure. Return approximately 8:30 pm. Final deadline to sign up is August 25.

October fest, Kitchner – Waterloo, Ontario

2 days, Monday-Tuesday, October 9 & 10, \$239. This is North America's largest Bavarian festival, the second largest in the world – lots of Bavarian entertainment!! Includes 1 dinner and 1 luncheon with show. Deposit \$20 to hold your space. Balance due September 8. Don't forget proper I.D.

Branson, Missouri

Six (6) days beginning Wednesday, November 1, \$859. Includes five (5) shows including Shoji Tabuchi and Dick Clark's American Bandstand. Also includes five (5) breakfasts, four (4) dinners and sightseeing in the area. Deposit \$20 to hold your space. Balance due October 2.

“White Christmas” at the Fox

One (1) day, December 6, 2006. More info later.

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